



The Restart of ACU Off Road Motorcycle Sport

General Principles

In planning for the ACU's restart to motorcycle sport activity, several considerations have been established after some exchange of views within the ACU community.

The ACU's approach needs to provide robust guidelines whilst allowing for some flexibility and adaptability of the general principles to suit each of our sport disciplines.

These guidelines have been established to align with the guidance / advice issued by the UK Government. It should be understood that the UK Government guidance can change quickly and is open to interpretation and, in the event of a second wave of the virus, or a dramatic change in the 'R' number the advice may need to be withdrawn or reconsidered.

Each sport discipline / Organiser should extract from these guidelines what they consider to be appropriate. Social distancing measures / car parking / washroom/toilet facilities (access/egress) / sanitisation of equipment etc are common throughout all disciplines.

GOVERNMENT LEGISLATION

The ACU and its' Centres/Organising Club/Recognised Promoters/Competitors/Officials/ Members will respect the law of government guidance/advice.

RESPECTING SOCIAL DISTANCING

Social distancing is crucial to reducing 'R' (the rate of infection) and is at the forefront of all restart planning. A major consideration that will possibly affect the duration of an event is the UK Government guidance / advice on overnight camping/accommodation.

GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

Positive public perception of motorcycle sport in all its' forms is important to ensure cooperation and future growth.

NEGATING HEALTHCARE BURDEN

Motorcycle Sport should not put an additional burden on public health resources in restarting our sport. Before the Covid-19 outbreak, because of the nature of motorcycle sport, there was always an additional burden on public health resources. However, in light of Covid-19, Organisers must contact local public health resources to inform them of an event planned to take place and cooperate with the public health resources accordingly.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Appropriate education and guidance will be provided to event organisers to safely execute events.

RESPECTFUL OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

This document is respectful that not all UK devolved territories are moving at the same pace

DISCIPLINES CANNOT ALL MOVE AT THE SAME PACE

It should be understood that the reintroduction of our sport disciplines will by their nature, not all commence at the same time.

SAFETY FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED

Safety is the central principle and at the forefront whilst putting this strategy in place.

Responsibilities

Government and healthcare guidelines have naturally been evolving over the past months', and it is a complex task to interpret these and apply them to each of our Sport disciplines from planning an event to successful implementation.

Below are outlined the roles and responsibilities of each of the Government, the ACU, event organisers and venue owners.

UK GOVERNMENT

- Set the timescales for the return of sport and leisure activities.
- Define social gatherings size / scale
- Set out hygiene measures and PPE
- Medical/emergency impact
- Human resource
- Equipment and facilities
- Limit exposure of vulnerable people

The ACU

- Regulatory framework
- Education and Training
- Technical Inspection
- Timing
- Marshalling
- Paddock/assembly areas
- Results/queries
- Medical requirements
- Incident management protocols
- Personnel numbers
- Entry numbers
- Media
- Judicial

VENUE / CIRCUIT OWNERS

- Application of ACU guidelines
- Facilitating social distancing for spectators
- Size of Areas
- Facilitating social distancing measures for Marshal points / locations
- Monitor and control number of event attendees
- Community engagement
- Guideline compliance

EVENT ORGANISERS

- Application of ACU guidelines
- Facilitating social distancing for the Paddock
- Marshalling arrangements
- Incident management on the ground
- Remote roles/actions
- Event equipment/hygiene
- Inform local Public Health Authorities
- Guideline compliance

Important Considerations

The UK is still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and it is the UK Governments requirement that we closely follow the advice and guidance issued by them in order that, as a nation, the UK can navigate our way through the current crisis situation.

Life should not feel normal at this time and it is unlikely that the ACU motorcycle sport community can return to how things were for a long period of time.

Notwithstanding that, with the appropriate checks and measures in place, motorcycle sport should be able to continue and it is important for the mental health and physical wellbeing of the community that life goes on as much as current UK Government guidance and advice will allow it.

The following are important considerations in getting various parts of the sport up and running at the earliest opportunity.

1.Vehicle Sharing. Vehicle sharing will not be permitted outside of the family unit until the UK Government deem otherwise. This is all part of the social distancing measures that have been put in place.

2.Variations to Documentation. Documents and processes will need to be modified in order to provide for social distancing with the implementation of some additional checklists and processes.

3.Communications. Flexible communication methods will be required, with an increased emphasis on digital engagement both pre and during the event, ie. no printed results.

4.Training & Briefings. New ways of working will be required, and appropriate awareness training will need to be undertaken for all involved.

5.Social Activities. The social aspect of motorcycle sport is an important part of the sense of community; however, it is necessary at these times that these be accommodated within the parameters of government restrictions.

Venue/ Organiser Guidance

The following guidance is applicable to Event Organisers and Venues.

Against the backdrop of the current UK Government guidance it is anticipated, that for the events to be able to be run safely, there will be significant changes required across many facets of the event organisation. However, it should be noted that not everything will change, for example, safety protocols that were in place before the Covid-19 pandemic, such as flag signals, racing conduct and observance of the Regulations will remain the same as before.

UK Government guidance can change quickly and is open to interpretation. Event Organisers and Venues should keep up to date and follow UK Government advice as well as instructions issued by the ACU which will always be in step with those guidelines issued by the UK Government.

The following guidance is not exhaustive, however, the ACU urges that event organisers and venues take a conservative approach towards their interpretation of the guidelines set out in order to protect competitors, teams, marshals, officials and volunteers.

It is important at this time that we do all we can to adopt appropriate and practical precautions to protect the NHS and save lives.

Additional questions can be asked by emailing; admin@acu.org.uk

EVENT ORGANISER	
Event Element	Guidance
Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variations to some standard documentation will be needed • Recommended use of online event administration systems. Such systems may be capable of utilising the ACU online system for licence validation • Ensure that the signing-on process emphasises attendance only if well, and NOT exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms. A reminder to marshals/officials of reduced staffing numbers. Marshal/officials non-attendance without prior notification may impact on the viability of the event. • No requirement for Licence Upgrade Cards to be signed for upgrade purposes, official results may be presented in place of signatures
Technical Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spacious, non-enclosed environment. Social distancing measures to be respected. • Noise checks to be carried out as per existing requirements. Social Distancing measures to be adhered to. • External checks of machine with rider at a sufficiently clear distance • Parc fermé locations to respect social distancing measures. • Paperwork should be digital where possible. Where this is not possible, all reasonable measures to reduce the risk of cross contamination should be taken. • Technical Inspection Stickers for Machines / Helmets can be issued as per current requirements taking into consideration, sanitisation / social distancing measures.
Marshals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE requirements in accordance with Government advice (to be used when dealing with an incident) • Hand sanitisers / hand gel to be made available. • Social Distancing measures to be emphasised. • Organisers always to ensure personnel are conscious of and satisfied with their own safety • All reports to be transferred by digital or telephonic means except where dealing with an incident subject to RIDDOR regulations. In such instances, all reasonable measures to reduce the risk of cross contamination should be taken. <p>PADDOCK & ASSEMBLY AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of 'dummy grids' where possible. • Social distancing measures to be respected. • Vehicles to be parked adhering to Social Distancing measures <p>MARSHAL POSTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marshals to respect social distancing measures • Start Line Marshals to respect social distancing measures <p>INCIDENT/MEDICAL INTERVENTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where it is considered advisable by the Sector Marshal or Clerk of the Course, marshals may assist riders who have fallen from their machines or are otherwise in a hazardous position. Riders should be advised to keep their visors closed and gloves on whilst being assisted and appropriate measures (hand sanitisers, gloves, face shields or masks) should be utilised dependent upon the proximity of the rider to the marshals, and the marshals to each other.

<p>Officials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE requirements in accordance with Government advice. Organisers to ensure personnel are conscious of and satisfied with their own safety. • A record to be maintained of personnel working in close proximity or enclosed areas. • All reports to be transferred by digital or telephonic means except where dealing with an incident subject to RIDDOR regulations. In such instances, all reasonable measures to reduce the risk of cross contamination should be taken. <p>PADDOCK / ASSEMBLY AREA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of 'dummy grids' where possible. • Social distancing measures to be respected. • Machines to be positioned adhering to Social Distancing measures <p>TRACK INSPECTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be undertaken by the Clerk of the Course. <p>INCIDENT/MEDICAL INTERVENTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where it is considered advisable by the Sector Marshal or Clerk of the Course marshals may assist riders who have fallen from their machines or are otherwise in a hazardous position. Riders should be advised to keep their visors closed and gloves on whilst being assisted and appropriate measures (hand sanitisers, gloves, face shields or masks) should be utilised dependent upon the proximity of the rider to the marshals, and the marshals to each other. • Emergency Response personnel only. Clerk of Course where absolutely necessary who may require attendance also by other Senior Officials. • Social distancing measures to be respected. <p>VEHICLE SHARING (Recovery Vehicles / FIV / Medical etc) :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE requirements in accordance with Government advice • No rotation of staff • A record of personnel sharing vehicles to be kept
<p>Venues</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams to be asked to limit team personnel numbers to ensure social distancing can be respected • Ensure and maintain social distancing between competitors in paddock, assembly and parc fermé areas and when travelling from paddock to assembly area, parc fermé and back to paddock • Competitors to remain with machine in assembly and parc fermé • Where walkways have a width below the minimum social distance, consider a One-way system. <p>MEDICAL CENTRES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce the potential for contamination of essential medical facilities, visits to Medical Centres should be avoided other than for serious injury/illness • Competitors/Teams are encouraged to bring and use their own first aid kits etc, in the first instance, in the event of minor injury/illness • Medical facilities to be restricted to medical personnel and patients only <p>PODIUM / TROPHY PRESENTATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Podiums to be set up according to social distancing criteria. • Presentation area to be setup outdoors, in advance, under sanitised conditions

Timing/Results/ Queries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PPE in line with Government advice • Continued ability for transponder hires under sanitised conditions • Results/times issued electronically • Queries submitted by electronic means / mobile phone if possible. Otherwise social distancing measures to be in place.
Incidents/ Medical Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical staff to use appropriate PPE and apply own medical practices/procedures. • Marshals do not remove helmets or gloves from fallen riders. Once a scene is assessed if Medical assistance is required it should be summoned in the normal fashion. Once Medical Services are on scene marshals should either retire to an appropriate distance, or if requested to assist Medical Staff, ensure they have the correct levels of PPE to protect them during helmet removal or medical procedures.
Communications and Media	<p>SIGNAGE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage to reflect Social Distancing, hygiene, PPE • Signage at Venue entrances • Appropriate control measures / social distancing measures for Event Secretariat / washrooms/toilets and spectator areas. <p>COMMUNICATING POLICIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emailed in advance of event with links • Guidance contained in footers of event information • No hard copies of comms materials • Regular PA announcements <p>LOCAL RESIDENT COMMUNICATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As appropriate to venue, highlighting adherence to guidelines • Customer liaison and press management: • Contact numbers for general enquiries, plus specific personnel on signage as appropriate, plus central URL to website section for policy information. <p>MEDIA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit numbers (venue/space dependent). • Specified locations only, single workers or household members only, interviews with social distancing respected. All materials shared electronically. <p>PODIUMS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Podiums to be set up according to social distancing criteria. <p>CLUB SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendation that there are no Club Social Activities until UK Government Guidance / Advice allows. • Once permitted, must comply with current government restrictions
Protests/ Judicial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisers can access digital forms for: • Protest • Judicial Action including technical • Appeals • Protests to be conducted with Social Distancing in place or if possible a digital process. • All Stewards Reports will be electronic only and emailed to ACU House in accordance with current ACU guidelines.

Briefings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended use of online event administration systems • Use of tannoy system / loudspeaker / social media / text messaging • Social Distancing measures to be strictly adhered to. • Written (and/ or video) briefings sent electronically
Race Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate PPE in line with Government advice to be used and hygiene observed • Documentation exchange or marshal messaging by electronic means. Verbal reports by telephone accepted without supportive written reports where appropriate • Personnel limited for social distancing, access only to necessary personnel • Venues to consider space available and utilising adjoining rooms as necessary and use of technology for uninterrupted engagement between Race Control officials • Hand sanitiser on entry/exit • Well ventilated
Equipment Provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All equipment to be sanitised at pick up point (particularly radios / headsets) • All equipment to be sanitised by marshal/official prior to drop-off • Equipment to be pre allocated to personnel to limit person to person contact • Remote (un-manned room) pick-up/drop-off of equipment (sanitisation provision provided at location)
Event Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to be provided appropriate PPE in line with Government advice and area regularly sanitised • Personnel limited for social distancing • No physical exchange of paperwork. Reports etc by digital means only • Competitor or official attendance to be restricted according to the needs of the facilities • Hand sanitiser on entry/exit • Well ventilated
Competitors (including Teams)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants must be conscious of and satisfied with their own safety and of the impact of their actions on other participants • Any queries to the officials/organisers must be, where possible, via electronic/digital means or to the admin desk where provisions can be made for social distancing and protection of staff <p>COMPETITOR CHANGES (ENDURANCE EVENTS):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For events requiring rider changes the time period for the change must allow for sanitisation of the contact areas on the machine. (+30 seconds) <p>COMPETITORS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any competitor involved in an incident must indicate that they are OK by signalling with a “thumbs up” at the earliest opportunity to the Marshals. • As soon as possible, the competitor should exit the circuit at the nearest point and stand in a suitable location and respect social distancing. • Competitors must not attend the event if they are unwell and if any competitor should become unwell during the event they must notify the Organiser, by electronic or telephonic means, and will be required to leave the venue

MEDICAL CENTRES:

- To reduce the potential for contamination of essential medical facilities, visits to Medical Centres should be avoided other than for serious injury/illness
- Competitors/Teams are encouraged to bring and use their own first aid kits etc, in the first instance, in the event of minor injury/illness

TEAM PERSONNEL:

- Team Personnel must not attend the event if they are unwell and if any member should become unwell during the event they must notify the organiser, by electronic or telephonic means, and will be required to leave the venue
- Social distancing, respect the government requirements including PPE
- Contact areas to be regularly sanitised
- Sharing of tools and equipment to be avoided where possible
- Team Managers to produce own Risk Assessments / Methodology statements and retain a record of personnel attending the Event