

ACU Eastern Motocross Championship Competition Conditions Solo Motocross 2023

2023 dates and venues

6 rounds to count

Round 1	26th March	Wakes Colne	Halstead & DMCC	CANCELLED
Round 2	30 th April	Blaxhall	Woodbridge & DMCC	
Round 3	7 th May	Wattisfield	Diss MCC	
Round 4	4 th June	Lyng	Norwich Viking MCC	
Round 5	3 rd September	Blaxhall	Woodbridge & DMCC	
Round 6	17 th September	Wakes Colne	Halstead & DMCC	
Round 7	8 th October	Lyng	Norwich Viking MCC	

The ACU Eastern Solo Motocross Championship will be held over 6 events as listed above. All rounds to count towards the ACU Eastern Motocross Championship.

By agreeing to organise a championship round, organising clubs accept the terms and conditions set out in these rules. The entry fee, issue of passes and prize money is mandatory. Organisers must include in the official programme advertisement for the title sponsors. Art work for adverts and programme covers will be provided prior to each event.

The ACU Eastern Motocross Championship must take precedence over any other events being staged at Championship Meetings.

2. PERMIT

ACU Eastern Motocross Championship meetings must be run under an **Open Permit**.

3. TITLE

Each Meeting shall be entitled 'ACU Eastern MX Championship 2023 Round No ... which for 2023 shall be 'sponsored by Stebbings Car Superstore & PP Sports Insurance
This title to appear on all documents and advertising.

4. ELECTRONIC TIMING

The timing of all ACU Eastern Championship meetings will be undertaken by the ACU Eastern Timing Team or an alternative ACU approved Timing Operator using My laps/AMB electronic timing systems.

** Should electronic timing not be available for any reason, see Para 13 for schedule.

5. TRANSPONDERS (Solo Championship)

All machines must have a MYLAPS/AMB Motocross Transponder. A limited number are available for hire, via the ACU Online System at the time of entry. Once these have been reserved, it is the rider's responsibility to source elsewhere a transponder or buy their own. A deposit of £20 cash will be required as security upon collection of the hired transponder. Failure to return the transponder at the end of the day, the deposit will be forfeited. Failure to return a transponder by registered post within 5 days of the event will incur a £350 charge for a replacement.

6. CLASSES

Total entry shall not exceed 200 riders.

The classes will be:

- (1) Premier Class: - Consisting of the Experts, & the fastest Juniors riders following the timed practice sessions to fill a 40 position start gate.
In circumstances where 31 or more Expert graded riders enter any championship round, the Premier Class will consist of Expert graded riders only.
- (2) Support Classes.
- (3) If the Premier class has 31 or more Expert graded riders, the Support A class will become the Junior Championship Race.

Capacities; as per ACU capacity and licence restrictions in the ACU Handbook MX regulations Para 2.2.

For the purposes of ACU Eastern Championship rounds, 2stroke machines of up to 250cc will be classed as MX2. 2Stroke Machines of 251cc and above will be classed as MX1.

Any change of machine from that declared on the entry form, either before or during the event, **MUST** be notified to the Secretary of the Meeting.

7. RACE NUMBER

Any rider taking part **MUST** have purchased a race number from the Reserved Number Scheme prior to having entry accepted. This race number must be clearly displayed on the machine. All monies will be donated equally to the Essex Air Ambulance, East Anglian Air Ambulance and the ACU Benevolent Fund.

The reserved number scheme can be accessed via the ACU Eastern website www.easternacu.org and follow the links.

8. ACU EASTERN MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Open to any solo rider (aged 15 years and over), who holds an ACU Competition Licence. Riders shall be eligible to score points for their nominated club, which shall be declared on their first entry of the Championships. Once a rider has declared himself/herself in this way to be a member of a particular club, points may not be scored for any other club during any one Championship year unless that former club shall have ceased to exist in the course of that period. The Club Championship shall only count the first expert and the first junior grade rider from each club contesting the Premier Class, or in the event of no junior competing in the Premier Class, the top junior in the Group A Support Class from each club will count.

Only Clubs affiliated to ACU Eastern will be eligible to score Club Championship points.

9. ENTRIES

Entries for all ACU Eastern Championship events will be via the ACU Online Entry System only.

Entries will close either when full or at 5pm on the Monday evening (6 days) prior to the event. Entries accepted after this time will incur a £10 surcharge.

Several Expert entries will be reserved for a period of 2 full weeks from when entries open; thereafter they will be released to all entrants regardless of status.

Entries will be reserved for a period of 2 full weeks for the top 10 Junior graded riders in the 2023 Junior Championship at the time entries open.

A reserve list may be held by organising clubs if desired.

The ENTRY FEE for each event to be £60 for Solos.

Clubs may state in their regulations: 'Balloting to provide a responsible Marshal may take place'

10. NON-PARTICIPATION IN A MEETING:

Riders who do not inform the organisers by 12 Noon on the Tuesday prior to the event of their inability to attend will not be considered for a refund of their entry fee.

However, a £10 administration fee will be applied to riders who withdraw from the event prior to the above ruling.

Please note that a surcharge will be deducted, by the ACU from all rider entries if an Event Permit is cancelled for any reason before all fees are refunded.

11. PASSES

Each rider will receive a vehicle pass that will admit the rider + one other person free of charge. Any other persons accompanying the rider or passenger must pay the appropriate admission charge.

12. NOISE TESTING

Random or spot checks may be made by ACU Sound Control Officials of the sound level of any machine taking part in the ACU Eastern Motocross Championship meetings in addition to any routine checks at technical control. Any machine tested which exceeds the maximum permitted sound level will be failed and the rider will be required to rectify the machine and present it to the Sound Control officials for retest before being allowed to continue.

The above are supplementary regulations for ACU Eastern Motocross Championship events; competitors are reminded that under ACU Motocross Standing Regulations, the Clerk of the Course may disqualify or penalise any rider of a machine which exceeds the maximum sound level, or which in his opinion is deemed to be excessively noisy.

The sound level of a Motocross machine is tested according to the FIM/ACU method. (For the precise method of testing, see the Sound Control Regulations in the ACU Handbook).

13. QUALIFICATION AND STARTING POSITIONS

All the riders present at the meeting must take part in the Timed Practice.

Expert graded riders will practice first in an Expert only Practice Session.

Junior practice to consist of a maximum of 48 riders per group. The number of junior riders will be split equally from the entry for practice sessions (as per race programme).

The fastest qualifier in the Premier Class, will have first choice of position on the start gate. The second fastest will have second choice and so on until the last place subject to the clause regarding Experts riders detailed below.

Should an Expert graded rider fail to set a time during timed practice, he/she will be placed in the Premier Group. Should an Expert Graded rider set a time outside the top 40, he/she will participate in the Premier Group.

Following the Premier Class riders being decided, the Group A Support will consist of the next fastest forty riders qualifying by timed practice. If the Premier class has 31 or more Expert graded riders, the Support A class will become the Junior Championship Race and will consist of the fastest 40 Junior Graded riders.

Group B will be determined by the next fastest forty decided by timed practice., The remaining support groups will be determined by the same method and split equally should a full entry not be reached.

Riders must take part in their designated qualification group as published in the race programme unless with permission received from The Clerk of the Course and must only compete in the group in which qualification is made.

** In the event of electronic timing not being available for any reason the following will apply:

Qualifying heats will be held as determined by the hosting Club.

14. RACES

Solos: There will be three premier class races of 18 minutes + 1 lap. There will be three Group A Support races of 15 minutes + 1 lap. There will be three Group B Support races of 12 minutes + 1 lap.

The remaining Support races will be determined by the entry number and will be split with three races in each group of 10 Minutes + 1 Lap.

Blue Flag Marshals may be deployed during each Premier Class race.

15. START

The start must be of a live engine clutch type.

16. FINISH OF A RACE:

The order of classification shall be based on the number of laps completed and order of finish. i.e., all riders finishing on the same lap as the winner will be classified in the order in which they cross the finish line, followed by riders with one less lap, then two laps and so on. Riders must complete 50% of the race to be classified as a finisher.

17. POINTS

Points will be awarded for each leg of the Premier Class on the following scale:

1 st	25 points	6 th	15 points
2 nd	22 points	Decreasing points will be awarded down to 1 point for 20 th place.	
3 rd	20 points		
4 th	18points		
5 th	16 points		

This shall be separate for both expert and junior status riders.

18. CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

The rider gaining the highest number of points from all point scoring races (legs) will be declared the ACU Eastern Motocross Expert/Junior Grade Champion. An Expert MX2 Champion, a Junior Grade MX2 Champion and Expert Rookie Champion will also be declared. An over 40's Champion will also be determined. The Champion Club shall be that whose riders have gained the highest number of points at the designated rounds by the designated riders. (see para 8)

19. TIES

In the event of a tie on the total number of points scored, the individual Champion will be decided in favour of the rider gaining the greater number of first places, failing which the greater number of second places and so on, if necessary.

20. RECORDING OF RESULT

All results will be published on the ACU Eastern website www.easternacu.org and on www.mylaps.com

Each organiser must include in the Programme the current position of the Championship classes, details of which will be supplied by the Centre Recorder.

21. CHANGE OF STATUS

For the purpose of these rules, a Junior Grade rider who is upgraded to Expert during the year may carry the status held at the first Championship round contested if he/she so wishes, unless he/she is a former expert grade rider downgraded at the beginning of the current season. In this circumstance, should the rider attain 15 grading points, they will be upgraded immediately and their right to contest the Junior Championship shall cease.

The Junior Champion will automatically be upgraded to Expert status the following year.

All grading issues are the remit of the ACU Eastern Moto Cross Committee.

22. AWARDS

The following ACU Eastern Motocross Championship Annual Trophies will be awarded for one year only and may not be won outright. Replicas will also be given.

Expert Solo Champion	A B Mullee Trophy
Expert MX2 Champion	The Woodbridge Trophy
Expert Rookie Champion	The HRM Boilers Trophy
Junior Solo Champion	R G Hadler Trophy
Junior MX2 Champion	Andy Crawford Trophy
Over 40 Champion	The Ralph Trophy
Champion Club	J Costain and Sons Challenge Trophy

23. PRIZE MONEY

As from March 2023:

Prize money to be paid to the first five experts and the first five juniors in each championship class race, whether within the Premier Class or if experts & juniors are run separately.

Experts 1st £50, 2nd £40 3rd £35, 4th £30, 5th £25.

Juniors 1st £30, 2nd £25, 3rd £20, 4th £15, 5th £10.

Total per round £840.00

24. PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

A Prize giving ceremony based on the provisional results **MAY** be held at each meeting, conditions and time permitting at the discretion of the organising club.

The top three positions in the overall standings in the Premier Class must take part in such prize giving.

A prize giving ceremony **MUST** take place at the final round of the Championship.

25. THE DECISION OF THE ACU EASTERN MOTOCROSS COMMITTEE ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO THIS CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE FINAL

26. PRACTICE AND RACE FORMAT

Under electronic timing conditions:

PRACTICE SESSIONS SHALL CONSIST OF:

5 Minutes free practice followed by 10 minutes timed practice.

Any rider found stopping on the circuit during free practice or timed qualification for any reason may be liable for a penalty from the Clerk of the Course.

Junior Riders practice shall consist of a maximum of 4 groups dependant on the number of entries with groups split equally with a maximum of 48 riders taking part in each session.

Expert Practice	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed
Practice Junior Group 1	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed
Practice Junior Group 2	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed
Practice Junior Group 3	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed
Practice Junior Group 4 (if required)	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed

Lunch Break A minimum of 30 minutes
FOLLOWED BY:

Race 1	Premier Class	18 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 2	Support A	15 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 3	Support B	12 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 4	Support C	10 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 5	Support D (if required)	10 minutes + 1 Lap

Race 6	Premier Class	18 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 7	Support A	15 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 8	Support B	12 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 9	Support C	10 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 10	Support D (if required)	10 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 11	Premier Class	18 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 12	Support A	15 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 13	Support B	12 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 14	Support C	10 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 15	Support D (if required)	10 minutes + 1 Lap

OR (in the event of there being separate Expert & Junior Championship Races)

Expert Practice	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed
Practice Junior Group 1	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed
Practice Junior Group 2	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed
Practice Junior Group 3	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed
Practice Junior Group 4 (if required)	5 minutes free + 10 minutes timed

10 minute break
FOLLOWED BY:

Race 1	Expert Championship	18 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 2	Junior Championship	15 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 3	Support B	12 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 4	Support C	10 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 5	Support D (if required)	10 minutes + 1 Lap

Lunch Break A minimum of 30 minutes

Race 6	Expert Championship	18 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 7	Junior Championship	15 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 8	Support B	12 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 9	Support C	10 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 10	Support D (if required)	10 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 11	Expert Championship	18 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 12	Junior Championship	15 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 13	Support B	12 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 14	Support C	10 minutes + 1 Lap
Race 15	Support D (if required)	10 minutes + 1 Lap

Prize giving presentation following final race at the organiser's discretion (see para 24)

In the event of time constraints, the Clerk of the Course may use his discretion to reduce the length of all races.

Notes

These rules have been approved by the ACU Eastern MX Committee and supersede any other published version