



MOTOR CYCLE UNION OF IRELAND



Short Circuit Racing Commission

2008 Clubman Championship Rules for Short Circuit Racing

Eligibility: The Championships are open to MCUI, ACU, SACU and Euro A Licence holders.

Riders from outside the MCUI, must produce their FMN's start permission.

(1) Classes:

- (a) 125cc Aprilia Clubman's.
This Class is open to any age group. Minimum age limited 13 years on 1st January 2008.
- (b) 125cc GP. Newcomers - To run concurrently with the 125cc Aprilia class.
Split Groups. 125cc GP 1st. Group – 125cc Aprilia 2nd. Group.
- (c) 125cc GP Clubman's – To run concurrently with 125cc GP National at National rounds
- (d) Bridgestone SS 600cc Clubman's (Including 675cc 3cyl, 750cc twin machines) - note tyre rule
- (e) Bridgestone 701-1010 Senior Clubman's (Including 250cc GP & 1200cc Twin Machines) -note tyre rule
- (f) Where possible a minimum of 2 non clubman championship National races must be run

Non Championship race (Non –Qualifiers) One race must be run, Second race may be run subject to time permitting.

Note: Classes (d) & (e) may be run concurrently for non-qualifiers, dependant on entries

(2) Race distance per race:

All classes a minimum of 6 laps subject to conditions and time, Non qualifiers may be less

(3) Practice:

One timed session per class and where possible one un-timed session per class.

(4) Grid Positions:

All grid positions will be decided by timed practice. If timed practice is not available the first 10 in the current championship will fill the first 10 places on the grid. For the first round, the previous year's championship positions will count. For split practice sessions, where the track conditions in each session are comparable, the fastest riders overall will fill the grid. Where track conditions in each session are not comparable the grid will be filled by an equal number of riders from each session.

(5) Race Order: At the discretion of the promoting club

(6) Entry Fee:

Southern Centre (1 day meetings) €70 / £55 per class
Ulster Centre (1 day meetings) To be decided by promoting club

(7) Awards:

First three (3) places will receive a plaque. Each club who proposes to run a round must pay €600 / £400 into end of season prize fund.

(8) Entries:

If less than 10 entries are received for any class at the closing date for entries, the club may cancel that class. All entrants to be notified accordingly.

(9) Fuel:

As per MCUI Rules

(10) Wet Race:

In the event of wet weather the Clerk of Course to declare a "Wet Race" and allow riders to change tyres. This rule will apply to all classes.

NB for Bridgestone SS600 and Bridgestone 701-1010 senior control tyres must be used

(11) Personal Accident Insurance:

Personal Accident Insurance is recommended for all licence holders

(12) Pre 97 Class:

Eligible machines whose engine and frame has been produced prior to 1st January 1997 and whose engine must not exceed 600cc. For Southern centre rounds Bikes must be registered as pre 97 prior to entering first event.

(13) Tyres:

125cc Aprilia machines can use any make of tyre provided it is road legal

Bridgestone SS600 and Bridgestone 701-1010 senior must use **BRIDGESTONE** control tyres. Machines not fitted with the branded control tyres will not be allowed to compete. See end of year prize fund

Pre '97 can use any type of tyre.



(14) Championship Tie: A tie in the overall championship shall be resolved in favour of the rider who has the most wins followed by second place and soon. Failing this the championship will be decided by the position in the final race. All races to count for championship points.

(15) Rounds: All rounds to count for championship points.

(16) All Events: All machines must be made available for inspection by the appointed Technical Stewards at each meeting. Mandatory penalties will apply.

(17) Noise: All machines must be silenced as per MCUI Rules. Any machine which fails noise control checks may be excluded from competition.

(18) Guards: Fitting of a chain guard is compulsory to all machinery from the rear fork (swinging arm) in the front of the rear drive sprocket to beyond the lower chain run so that nothing can be caught between the chain and sprocket. Exclusion at Scrutineering if not fitted.

(19) Jump-starts: Penalty for Jump Starts **20 seconds**. This penalty once awarded by the COC - Cannot be appealed.

(20) Protest and Appeals Fee: **Protest Fee £55 / €70** **Appeal fee £55 / €70**

(21) Minimum Age for Type "B" Licence

Type "B" entitles the holder to take part in any open Short Circuit
The minimum age to be 18 years with the following exceptions:

- 13 years for events up to 125cc
- 15 years for sidecar passengers
- 16 years for events over 200cc to 600cc.

(22) Newcomers: All newcomers to short circuit racing must complete an approved training day before being allowed to enter their first race. Ulster Centre licence holders must complete such training in order to be issued with their competition licence. On race days, any rider posting excessively slow practice times or driving in an erratic manner may be excluded from racing at the discretion of the COC on safety grounds.

(23) Licences: Should any rider receive medical attention his/her licence shall be returned to the licence registrar within 10 days. Riders may submit their licences to race secretaries to have them returned. Such licences will be returned to the competitor on submission of a satisfactory licence certificate.

(24) Numbers: From 2008 all bikes must have a clearly visible number on the front of the machine and both sides (on the seat, fairing or on plates) Numbers and backgrounds shall be as per current Motor Cycle Union of Ireland Specifications.

(25) Fixed Penalties:

- (1) Failure to observe yellow flags – Penalties range from 20 second penalty to exclusion from event.
- (2) Wheelies / Burnouts / Practice Starts – From official warning to exclusion from event
- (3) Behaviour of family Pit crew – From official warning to exclusion from event
- (4) Ignoring Flags – Exclusion from event

Further sanctions may be requested from the riders centre if deemed necessary by the stewards of the meeting.

(26) Upgrading to National: Riders once upgraded to National, must remain in the National Classes for 1 year before applying to be downgraded. Any rider who wishes to be considered for downgrading must appeal in writing to the Short Circuit Commission before the start of the season (First Clubman Event).

If a rider is upgraded from the 125cc Aprilia, 125cc GP Newcomers or 125cc GP Clubman's class he/she remains eligible to contest the Bridgestone SS600 and / or Bridgestone 701-1010 senior Clubman classes. Once upgraded from either the Bridgestone SS600 or Bridgestone 701-1010 senior classes the competitor is not permitted to enter any other clubman class.

Rider upgrading will be undertaken by the Short Circuit Commission no later than the 1st December each year and each rider upgraded will receive written confirmation of same.