

**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR THE 'SPHINX' TRIAL**

**First Round of the ACU Trail Bike Championship 2012**

<b>Organizing Club</b>	Cheltenham Home Guard Motorcycle Club
<b>Event Name</b>	The 19 <sup>th</sup> running of the 'Sphinx' Long Distance Trial
<b>Date and start time</b>	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2012. First rider starts at 09:01
<b>Permit</b>	ACU National Permit No: ACU34588
<b>Description</b>	<p>A national long distance trial for solo motorcycles held under the National Sporting Codes of the ACU, the standing regulations for trials, the standing regulations for the ACU trail bike championship and the following regulations.</p> <p>The route will consist of a single lap of around 70 miles with around 30 observed sections. Petrol available at half distance. Sections will be marked under the 'no stop rules' as specified in TSR22B. The route will include a hill climb and a timed special that test will decide any ties.</p> <p>Route marking will be included for off-road sections only. Route instructions will be issued prior to the trial describing the road-based navigation. It is recommended that riders use a mapbook holder or roller for this.</p>
<b>Start location</b>	Hazleton village Hall, Hazleton Glos GL54 4DX. The start will be sign posted from the A40 approx 7 miles east of Cheltenham.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Riders must hold a current ACU trial registration card or SACU license. Riders from other countries must produce a license and start permission confirming insurance from their national federation. It is the responsibility of the riders to ensure that their bikes are road legal, taxed and insured.
<b>Entries</b>	To be made on the attached entry form along with the entry fee of £25 for CHG club members or £27 for non-members. The entry fee includes a drink and a snack at the beginning and at the end of the trial. Entries are limited to the first 120 received. The entry list closes on Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2012. Please include at least 1 self-addressed envelope to receive program and route instructions. Results will be on the western centre website <a href="http://www.acuwesterncentre.org.uk">www.acuwesterncentre.org.uk</a> or include 2 <sup>nd</sup> SAE.
<b>Starting times</b>	Riders will be grouped in order of receipt and will start 2 per minute from 09:01. A rider will be penalized 1 mark for each minute they are late for their start time and will be considered a non-starter if more than 20 minutes late. Riders will be given a 7 hour time limit to complete the trial.
<b>Section marking</b>	All sections can be walked by the riders before riding. Red and blue markers will be used for all standard route sections. 6 sections will include harder variations for the championship class only which will be indicated with white markers.
<b>Classes and Awards</b>	<p>Class A – Trail bikes on championship route.</p> <p>Class B – Trail bikes on standard route</p> <p>Class C – Enduro bikes on standard route</p> <p>Class D – Twinshock trials bikes on standard route</p> <p>Class E - P65 bikes on standard route</p> <p>Class F – Monoshock trials bikes on standard route (no awards)</p> <p>Awards to the winner and runner up for each class A to E, best lady rider on each route, best performance on a bike over 350cc on each route, best over 60 rider on each route and best team of 3 riders (any classes A to E). The Geoff Gibbons trophy is awarded to the best class A rider resident in the Western Centre. The Mark Kirby award goes to the best performance by a club official. To enter the championship class the bike must have been sold as a trail bike by the manufacturer with working lights, a pillion seat and pillion pegs.</p>
<b>Numbers &amp; Tyres</b>	Numbers will be issued to all competitors and should be fitted to the front of the machine and the back of helmets. All bikes must be fitted with trials tyres front and rear as per TSR 8.
<b>Insurance</b>	RTA insurance cover for the road sections of the trial is available from Doodson at £9.50p per rider. Please indicate if you need this on the entry form.
<b>Officials</b>	Clerk of Course: Steve Venn licence no: 10926 National steward: Club Steward: Steve Hancox
<b>Meeting Secretary</b>	David Eeles 6 Westfield Avenue, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Glos GL20 8QH. Tel: 01684 298098 Email: <a href="mailto:heathereeles@mac.com">heathereeles@mac.com</a>