

Competition Licence Notes - 2012

Road Race, Drag, Sprint & Hillclimb, Supermoto, Pocket Bike

A Competition Licence (or Registration in the case of Trials) is required by every rider and passenger participating in any competition held under the National Sporting Code of the ACU. It is the responsibility of the competitor, or in the case of minors the parent or legal guardian, to ensure that their licence is valid and issued for the correct class. The issuing of a licence does not guarantee an entry into, or acceptance into, any competition. All licences are valid from 1 January to 31 December. Licence fees are non-refundable.

Duplicate ACU licences can be obtained on request at a cost of £5.

Duplicate FIM licences can be obtained through the ACU at the appropriate fee.

Your photograph

You must send a passport sized photograph if:

- you are applying for your first licence.
- your appearance has changed significantly from the photo on your current licence

Please write your name and date of birth on the reverse of your photo.

Your details

You must complete this section in full, or amend clearly if already filled in.

Your address must be a UK Residential address.

Please ensure you include your postcode and date of birth.

Section 1 – Categories of licence you need

You must complete this section. Tick the boxes which apply to you.

If you are applying for licences of other disciplines, please complete the attached form and return.

Section 2 – Payment

You must complete your payment details. Please do not send cash. If you are paying by cheque, please write the full names of all the licence applicants you are paying for and their member numbers, if known, on the reverse of the cheque.

Our target is to process your licence application within 14 days or less from the date we receive it at the ACU office.

For urgent applications that require processing in 7 days or less, an additional fee of £15.00 will be payable.

Section 3 – Medical information

If there is a query about any aspect of your fitness you may be asked to have a medical examination and eyesight report at your own expense, which could include an exercise tolerance electrocardiogram (or 'stress ECG'). Please see section 5 below.

Section 4 – Eyesight Report

You must complete this section if you meet any of the criteria at the top of section 4

You must pay any fee charged for the eyesight report.

Section 5 – Medical Report

You must complete this section if you meet any of the criteria at the top of section 5.

If you are applying for an **International** licence and you are over 50 years of age, you must also have an exercise tolerance electrocardiogram (or 'stress ECG') and the results must be favourable. Please do not send the trace but only the results. You must pay any fee charged for the medical report and, if applicable, the 'stress ECG' test.

Further information can be found on the ACU website www.acu.org.uk under *Medical FAQs*.

Section 6 – Declaration and Acknowledgements

You must complete this section. Please read the statements very carefully and fully appreciate what you are signing.

You must be a current member of an ACU affiliated club, and your form must be signed by an authorised official of that club.

Please also remember to sign the form yourself.

If you are under 18 years old your form must also be signed by your parent or legal guardian.

The FIM Anti-Doping Code came into force on 1st July 2004. Regulatory bodies from all sports have a duty to ensure they comply with the FIM and WADA's aims of promoting all aspects of anti-doping. By signing the "**Acknowledgement and Agreement of the FIM Anti-Doping Code**" you agree to comply with, and be bound by, all parts of the FIM Anti-Doping Code. The Code can be viewed on the FIM website, www.fim.ch under publications - Rules and Codes.

If you have a medical condition, for which you are on any regular tablets or injections, then **you** must check that your medication is not within the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) prohibited classes of substances and prohibited methods. If in doubt, ask your own doctor or pharmacist or consult the Anti-Doping section of the UK Sport website on www.ukssport.gov.uk

If your medication is banned and you are applying for an **FIM World Championship or Prize Event** licence then you will need to submit a **Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE)** form with your licence application. A TUE form can be downloaded from the WADA website www.wada-ama.org or is available on request from the ACU. When completed, the TUE form needs to be forwarded to us for processing.

Any licence holder taking a banned substance will have to submit a TUE form at the time of testing, should that ever happen. Further information can be found on the ACU website www.acu.org.uk under *Medical FAQs*.

Road Race

First-time Applicants

All first-time Road Race applicants are required to complete a classroom based Competitor Training Course (CTC) and riders and sidecar drivers must also provide evidence of competence to ride a motorcycle before a Competition Licence can be issued. The competitor training course is classroom-based and designed to familiarise applicants with the basic safety and organisational requirements to participate in Road Racing. Please contact us to book a place on the course which is held at ACU House Rugby on alternate Mondays or check the calendar on the ACU website for details of alternative dates and venues around the country.

Novice

Entry level for all first time applicants. An Intermediate Novice licence will be issued to riders who hold a current Full Class "A" DVLA Licence. Novice and Intermediate Novice Licence holders are required to wear an Orange Vest obtainable from the ACU Licence Department.

Upgrading to Clubman

Novice/Intermediate Novice licence holders who have obtained Satisfactory signatures on their record card for a minimum of 10 separate Race Days at 3 different circuits during the current year and preceding 2 years may apply to upgrade to Clubman. To obtain a Satisfactory signature Competitors must appear in the official race results as a finisher of a race in accordance with Article 12.3.3 of the Road Race Standing Regulations. Only one signature per race day. The competitor record card together with copies of the official result sheets for the signatures should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department.

Upgrading to National

Clubman competitors who have obtained Upgrade signatures for a minimum of 10 separate Race Days at 3 different circuits during the current year and preceding 2 years may apply to be upgraded to a National Licence. To obtain an Upgrade signature Competitors must appear in the official result sheets as having finished the race within 110% of the winners time for the race and having completed the same number of laps as the winner. Only one signature per race day. The competitor record card together with copies of the official result sheets for the signatures should be submitted to the ACU Road Race Department.

Upgrading to International

National riders and passengers who have held their National licence for at least 12 months and who have competed at a minimum of 6 meetings in the previous 12 months may apply for an International licence. Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

Parade

A licence facilitating participation in non-competitive parades.

Lapsed Licences

Clubman licence holders who have allowed their licence to lapse for **three** years or more and have not competed at a Road Race event in this period, will be required to complete the competitor training course before resuming competition at Clubman level.

National and above licence holders who have allowed their licence to lapse for **three** years or more and have not competed at a Road Race event in this period, will be required to complete the competitor training course before resuming competition at Clubman level.

Capacity and Licence Restrictions

Solo Machines

Age	Licence	Machine
11 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter
12 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter Up to 80cc GP specification machine (treaded tyres) Up to 125cc Production based machine Up to 250cc single cylinder 4 stroke Production machines (restricted)
13 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to 125cc Automatic Production Scooter Up to 80cc GP specification machine Up to 125cc Production based machine Up to 250cc single or twin cylinder 4 stroke Production machines (restricted)
13 years	National	Up to 125cc GP specification machine Up to 250cc single cylinder Production based machine Up to 250cc 4-stroke single or twin cylinder machine (unrestricted)
14 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to 125cc GP specification machine Up to 250cc single cylinder Production based machine Up to 250cc 4-stroke single or twin cylinder machine (unrestricted)
14 years	National	Up to Formula 400 specification Production based machine Up to 500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke machine Up to 650cc twin cylinder 4-stroke Production based machine
15 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to Formula 400 specification Production based machine Up to 500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke machine Up to 650cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke Production based machine

16 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Up to Formula 400 specification Production based machine Up to 500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke machine Up to 650cc twin cylinder 4-stroke Production based machine
16 years	National	Any classic or Vintage machine over 650cc Up to Formula 600 or Supersport 600 specification machine 675cc 3 cylinder 4 stroke Production based machine Up to 250cc Grand Prix Machine
17 years	Novice or Clubman or National	Any classic or Vintage machine over 650cc Up to Formula 600 or Supersport 600 specification machine 675cc 3 cylinder 4 stroke Production based machine Up to 250cc Grand Prix Machine
17 years	National	Unlimited capacity machine
18 years	Novice	Any classic or Vintage machine over 650cc Up to Formula 600 or Supersport 600 specification machine 675cc 3 cylinder 4 stroke Production based machine Up to 250cc Grand Prix Machine
18 years	Int-Novice* Clubman or National	Unlimited capacity machine

**Intermediate Novice Licence holder with "A" validation for riders holding a Full Class "A" DVLA Licence*

Sidecar and Three-wheeler Machines

Driver	Licence	Machine
17 years	Novice or Clubman or National	F2, F350, Classic, Vintage, Morgan Three Wheeler Unlimited 4-stroke or 2-stroke machine
Passenger		
16 years	Novice or Clubman or National	F2, F350, Classic, Vintage, Morgan Three Wheeler Unlimited 4-stroke or 2-stroke machine
<u>Parade</u>		
14 - 70 years Single Grade	All Classes	

Note: Sidecar passengers must hold a valid passenger licence.

Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

Scooter Road Race

First-time Applicants

All first-time Scooter Road Race applicants are required to complete a classroom based Competitor Training Course (CTC) and must also provide evidence of competence to ride a motorcycle before a Competition Licence can be issued. The competitor training course is classroom-based and designed to familiarise applicants with the basic safety and organisational requirements to participate in Road Racing. Please contact us to book a place on the course which is held at ACU House Rugby on alternate Mondays or check the calendar on the ACU website for details of alternative dates and venues around the country.

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time Scooter Road Race applicants.

Upgrading to National

Clubman riders and passengers must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed satisfactorily at 10 separate race days at 3 different venues during the current year and preceding 3 years.

Lapsed Licences

Licence holders who have allowed their licence to lapse for 3 years or more and have not competed at a Road Race event in this period, will be required to complete the competitor training course before resuming competition at Clubman level.

Capacity and Licence Restrictions

Up to 125cc Production automatic scooter	11yrs	Clubman Licence
Up to 125cc Production based scooter	12yrs	Clubman Licence
Unrestricted Scooter	14yrs	National Licence
Unrestricted Scooter	15yrs	Clubman Licence

Drag

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time applicants.

Junior Competitors 8 years to 10 years of age restricted to maximum 12.9 ET, 50cc Automatic clutch.

Junior Competitors 11 years to 16 years of age restricted to maximum 8.9 ET 125cc Automatic or manual clutch.

Clubman Competitors over 16 years of age are restricted to the following Category 1 machines:

8.50 - and - 9.50

Super Twin Top Gas (STG)

Super Twin ET Bracket (SET)

Clubman Competitors can compete on a Category 1 machine once they have completed the following requirements to the satisfaction of an ACU Clerk of the Course.

Be conversant with the start & race procedure - Perform a Burnout and start correctly - Complete a Launch satisfactorily - Make a half pass (1/8 mile) under power to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Course - Make a full run (1/4 mile) representative of the performance expected within the category.

All tasks must be made as single runs during qualifying sessions at ACU recognised Drag Race meetings or under the control of an ACU licensed National or International Drag Race Clerk of the Course at RWB meetings. The Clerk of the Course may request the rider to repeat tasks until they are satisfied a satisfactorily safe standard has been achieved, which may take more than one race meeting and is at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

The 1/4 mile pass will count towards qualifying for Category 1 machines at ACU recognised events at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.

Upgrading to National (competitors must be 18 yrs of age or over)

Category 2 Machines :-

Super Twin Top Fuel (STF),

Super Street Bike,

Competition Bike,

Pro Stock Bike,

Funny Bike,

Top Fuel Bike

Clubman licence holders are not eligible to compete on Category 2 machines

They are ONLY permitted to ride a category 2 machine to complete the tasks required to upgrade to a National licence.

Be conversant with the start & race procedure - Perform a tyre burnout and start correctly - Complete a Launch satisfactorily - Make a half pass (1/8 mile) under power to the satisfaction of the Clerk of the Course - Make a full run (1/4 mile) representative of the performance expected within the category.

All tasks must be made as single runs during qualifying sessions at an ACU recognised drag race meeting or under the control of an ACU licenced National or International Drag Race Clerk of the Course at RWYB meetings.

The Clerk of the Course may request the rider to repeat tasks until they are satisfied a satisfactorily safe standard has been achieved, which may take more than one race meeting and is at the sole discretion of the Clerk of the Course. National licence holders are eligible to compete on Category 1 or Category 2 machines.

Upgrading to International

National licence holders who have held their National licence for at least 12 months may apply for an International licence. Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

Upgrading to International Championship

National licence holders who have held their National licence for at least 12 months may apply for an International FIM or UEM Championship licence. Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

Lapsed Licences

Licence holders of all grades who have allowed their licence to lapse for more than 3 years will be re-issued with a Clubman licence.

Sprint

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time applicants and for competitors not holding a Road Race Licence of any grade.

Capacity and Licence Restrictions

Minimum Age	Licence Grade	Capacity of Machine
11 yrs	Clubman	up to 125cc Production Scooter Automatic
12 yrs	Clubman	up to 125cc Production
13 yrs	National	up to 125cc GP Machine
14 yrs	Clubman	up to 125cc GP Machine
15 yrs	National	up to 500cc twin Cylinder, 4 Stroke Production Based Machine
16 yrs and over		No restrictions

Upgrading to National

Clubman riders and passengers must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed satisfactorily in 10 separate race days during the current year and preceding 3 years a Clubman Competitor may apply to be upgraded to a National licence.

Upgrading to International

National licence holders who have competed at 5 race days may apply for an FIM Non-Championship International Licence. A medical examination is required.

Upgrading to International Championship

National licence holders who have competed at 5 race days may apply for a UEM or FIM Championship licence as described in the appropriate Sporting Code. A medical examination is required.

Lapsed Licences

Licence holders of all grades who have allowed their licence to lapse for more than 3 years will be re-issued with a Clubman licence.

Hillclimb

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time applicants and for competitors not holding a Road Race Licence of any grade. Junior Competitors (aged 13 - 16 years) are restricted to machines of up to 125cc maximum capacity.

Upgrading to National

Clubman riders and passengers must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed satisfactorily in 10 separate race days during the current year and preceding 3 years a Clubman Competitor may apply to be upgraded to a National licence.

Upgrading to International

National licence holders who have completed at 5 race days may apply for an FIM Non-Championship International Licence. A medical examination is required.

Upgrading to International Championship

National licence holders who have competed at 5 race days may apply for a UEM or FIM Championship licence as described in the appropriate Sporting Code. A medical examination is required.

Lapsed Licences

Licence holders of all grades who have allowed their licence to lapse for more than 3 years will be re-issued with a Clubman licence.

Supermoto

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time applicants

Capacity and Licence Restrictions

Min Age	Grade	Capacity/ Machine
11 yrs	All	up to 125cc two stroke or 250 cc four stroke
14 yrs	All	up to 250cc two strokes and 450cc four strokes.
16 yrs	All	up to 750cc four strokes

Upgrading to National

Clubman licence holder must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of having competed in and finished in 10 races at 10 separate race days at 3 different venues during the current year and preceding 3 years Clubman Competitors may apply to be upgraded to a National licence.

Upgrading to International

National licence holders who have held their National licence for 12 months and who have competed at a minimum of 3 meetings in the previous 12 months may apply for an FIM Non-Championship International licence.

Upgrading to International Championship

National licence holders who have held their National licence for 12 months and who have competed at a minimum of 3 meetings in the previous 12 months may apply for a Championship licence as described in the appropriate Sporting Code of the UEM or FIM. Please also see "Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences" which appears at the end of this section.

Lapsed Licences

Licence holders of all grades who have allowed their licence to lapse for more than 3 years will be re-issued with a Clubman licence.

Pocket Bike

Clubman

Entry level for all first-time applicants and for competitors not holding a Road Race licence of any grade.

Upgrading to National

Clubman licence holders must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of competing in 10 Pocket Bike race days at a minimum of 3 different venues. Licences can be upgraded at any time during the life of the licence without additional charge.

Upgrading to International

National licence holders must supply evidence on their competitor record card(s) of competing in 10 National Pocket Bike meetings at a minimum of 3 different venues.

Capacity, Age and Weight Restrictions apply, please contact the Road Race Department for details.

Age Restrictions for FIM International Licences

Extract from the current FIM Medical Code: Licences for riders, drivers and passengers are issued for FIM World Championships and Prizes, as well as for International meetings, only when the minimum age has been attained as below:-

ROAD RACING World Championships	
FIM World Championship Grand Prix: 125cc	16 years
FIM World Championship Grand Prix – Moto2 class	16 years
FIM World Championship Grand Prix: MotoGP class	18 years
FIM Superbike World Championship	18 years
FIM Supersport World Championship	16 years
FIM Sidecar World Championship: drivers	18 years
FIM Sidecar World Championship: passengers	16 years
FIM Endurance World Championship	18 years
ROAD RACING FIM Prizes	
FIM Superstock 1000cc Cup	Riders born between 1st Jan 1985 and 25th March 1995
FIM International Rallies Championship	Holder of a valid driver's licence
FIM MotoGP Rookies Cup: 125cc	13 years
e-Power International Championship	16 years
ROAD RACING International Events	
International events: classes up to 125cc	13 years
International events: classes over 250cc	18 years
International Hillclimbs	18 years
International Drag Races	16 years

The **maximum age** in Road Racing Grand Prix and Superbike World Championships is **50** years.

The **maximum age** in Road Racing Endurance World Championships is **55** years.

Correct at the time of going to press, you are advised to confirm the above ages with the relevant FIM regulations.

Thank you for taking the time to read these notes and helping us to process your licence with the minimum of delay.



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