



## **M-ECVC Bike Long Distance Trial (LDT)** **Saturday 13 March 2021**

### **Supplementary Regulations For Motorbikes and Combinations.**

**Website:** [www.mecvc.org.uk](http://www.mecvc.org.uk) **Organiser's Email:** [bernardpugh.mecvc@gmail.com](mailto:bernardpugh.mecvc@gmail.com)

Welcome to the M-ECVC Bike Long Distance Trial, giving competitors the opportunity to experience the wonderful Durham, Cumbrian & Northumberland Fells & Dales.

#### **EVENT ORGANISATION AND AUTHORITY**

Middle-England Classic Vehicle Club will organise a Permit for a Long Distance Trial to take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021. The event will be governed by the general regulations of the Auto Cycle Union (incorp. the provisions of the international sporting code of the FIM), by these Supplementary Regulations and by any other written instructions that the club may issue for the event.

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND LICENCE REQUIREMENTS**

The event is open to all holders of current ACU and SACU Trials Registrations. These can be obtained by members of ACU affiliated Clubs (or via the M-ECVC if not already a member of an ACU affiliated Club).

The public highway will be used: it is the rider's responsibility to ensure that both their machine and themselves are fully legal for the purpose.

This event will use the public highway to link various events on private land.

The onus will be on the competitor to find their own route.

There will be no time constraints or penalties used.

On the public highway, merit attaches to a competitors performance, only in relation to good road behaviour and compliance with the Highway Code, in accordance with the Motor Vehicles [Competitions and Trials] Regulations 1969 Reg 5 [C]. Anyone in breach of these regulations will be disqualified.

#### **CLASSES:-**

A	Any solo motorcycle with no rear suspension
B	Any solo motorcycle with twinshock rear suspension

C	Any solo motorcycle with monoshock rear suspension, dry weight above 95 kgs and wheelbase greater than 1345 mm
D	Any sidecar outfit
Guest	Any motorcycle that doesn't conform with class A-D. i.e. too short or light, or fitted with aggressive tyres (see tyre rule below).

### **MOTORCYCLE TYRE SPECIFICATIONS:**

All machines to have road legal tyres – some competition tyres are not road legal.

All machines in classes A-D to use trials type (or less aggressive) tyres, except sidecars that may have an enduro tyre on the front wheel to aid breaking. It is the entrant's responsibility to ensure the tyres are suitable for their safety to last the event.

Tyres with similar impact (in opinion of the Scrutineer) to trials tyres will be allowed on machines fitted with a 17" dia. rear rim as standard, Tyres Spec as per TSR8 for ACU Trail Bike Championship events. Tyres must be road legal and the tread pattern is to be at the discretion of the organisers and as stated.

If you have queries about eligibility of rider or machine, please contact Bernie Pugh or Graham Lampkin.

### **MANDATORY VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

All vehicles must comply with current legislation to use the public highway. This is the entrants responsibility. Any found not to do so, or to be unroadworthy in the Scrutineers opinion, will not be allowed in the event.

A noise check may be made. If in the opinion of the Clerk of the Course any vehicle exceeds acceptable noise levels then that vehicle will be excluded, and will not be allowed to start or proceed if detected after signing-on/scrutineering.

Riding numbers will be supplied by the organisers, they must be fitted to be clearly visible, one from the front and one from behind.

Vehicles which do not comply with class requirements will be moved to another class or excluded from the results.

### **START & FINISH**

The start and finish will be at the, **The Brown Horse Hotel, High Stoop, Tow Law, Bishop Auckland DL13 4HJ**

Hot food & drinks will be available at the venue and meals can be pre-ordered for after the finish. Fuel is available near the start of the event, Tow Law 2mls., and any availability along the route will be advised in the Route Instructions. Trailer & van parking will be available at the start.

Competitors must sign on and have bikes scrutineered, prior to starting at their official time. Details will be advised in the Final Instructions.

The following documents may be inspected at the start, ACU trials registration and Vehicle MOT Certificate, where applicable.

## **RUNNING TIME & ORDER**

The event running order will be announced in the Final Instructions.

The first competitor will depart from the start at 09:00 am and the remainder at 1 per minute in numerical order.

There is no time schedule for the event and no penalty will be awarded for late arrival at a section. However, any competitor passed by the official back marker will be deemed to have retired.

## **TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP STATUS**

All entrants will be eligible for the M-ECVC Bike Championship.

## **COURSE & SECTIONS**

The route will cover approximately 60 miles on public roads plus approximately 26 miles on byways and private tracks.

Approximately 16 observed sections will be run and 1 observed test.

Sections may not be inspected, a penalty of 5 marks applies if you go beyond the Section Begins board before riding the section.

You must start your attempt at a standstill in line with the section begins markers – to ride into a section moving is a 5.

Except for the observed special test, there is no penalty for striking markers. The boundary is a smooth flowing line between markers as judged by the observer.

The Observed test may count as a section and as a tie decider. They will be timed by hand-held stop watches to 0.1 seconds. A penalty of 5 points will be given for hitting a marker or for stopping except astride a line as required, and a time equal to the slowest time in the class plus 10 seconds will be given.

## **PENALTIES**

The sections will be scored on a 0,1,2,3,5 system.

Ride the section without footing or stopping	0
Put one foot down once	1
Put one foot down twice	2
Put feet down more than twice but keep going	3
If the front wheel ceases forward motion	5
Ride out of the section	5

If any part of the riders body (shoulder, knee etc) touches say a tree or wall its the same as a foot.

## ENTRIES

Entries must be made on the official entry form and the correct fee paid before they can be processed.

Entries to be sent to: [entries.mecvc@gmail.com](mailto:entries.mecvc@gmail.com) OR by post to Graham Knight, Folding Steads, Shield Hill, Haltwhistle, NE49 9NW.

A list of processed entries will be periodically posted on the M-ECVC website. They will also be acknowledged by dispatch of the Final Instructions by email, one week before the event. If you require final instructions by post include a stamped addressed envelope.

Entries will be selected in order of receipt of Entry Form and Payment.

The maximum number of entries for bikes will be 80 and the minimum 30. If there are less than 30 entries, M-ECVC reserves the right to cancel the event.

The minimum number of entries for each class is 5. If this is not reached the classes may be amalgamated.

The entry list opens on publication of these regulations and closes at 1800 Saturday 6th March 2021 or before, if fully subscribed.

The entry fee is £40.00. This includes a mid-route drink and snack. Payment details are at the bottom of the Entry Form.

Entry fees will be refunded (less an administrative fee of £5) provided that the entry is withdrawn on or before the Event is Closed.

## OFFICIALS

SECRETARY OF THE MEETING	Graham Knight	ACU No168476 Tel: 07985542554
ENTRIES SECRETARY	Graham Knight	
CLERK OF THE COURSE	Bernie Pugh	ACU No 148765 Tel: 07835407626
CHIEF SCRUTINEERS	Bernie Pugh	
CHIEF MARSHAL	Peter Phillips	
STEWARDS	Andy Egnar	

## RESULTS

Provisional results will be published on the website as soon as possible after the event. If you require results by post, please include an ADDITIONAL stamped addressed envelope.

Protests, which will be unwelcome, must be lodged in accordance with ACU regulations and made to the Clerk of the Course within 14 days.

## PLEASE NOTE

Competitors must exercise caution and reduce their speed accordingly near other path users. Be especially careful near horses - slow down, stop and switch off your engine.

On official public rights of way other users have priority.

Competitors are required to follow the 'Country Code'. Failure to observe this code may incur a 5 mark penalty and lead to disciplinary action. Special care must be exercised near livestock and gates MUST be closed after every competitor.

**FINALLY – ENJOY!.**

## **NEARBY ACCOMMODATION:-**

### **Brown Horse**

**High Stoop, Tow Law, Bishop Auckland DL13 4HJ. Tel-01388 730498**

Parkhead Station, Stanhope, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL13 2ES

Tel- 01388 526434 - Contact-Lorraine - £35.00 PP PN

[www.parkheadstation.co.uk](http://www.parkheadstation.co.uk)

Castlene UK Guest House. 18/20 Front Street, Castleside, Co Durham DH8 9AR

Tel - 01207 506634 – Contact Jan - 1 NIGHT £30 - 2 NIGHTS £25-PP

[www.castleneuk.co.uk](http://www.castleneuk.co.uk)

Deneview Guest House. 15 Front Street, Castleside, Consett, Co Durham DH8 9AR

Tel - 01207 502925 – Contact Catherine - 1 NIGHT £30 - 2 NIGHTS £25-PP

[www.deneview.co.uk](http://www.deneview.co.uk)

Country Manor House Motel. Carterway Heads, Shotley Bridge, Durham DH8 9LX

Tel 01207 255335 + 255269 – Contact Les

Rooms Double or Twin £40.00 PN

The Manor House Inn, Carterway Heads, Northumberland DH8 9LX

Tel 01207 255268 – Contact Chris

Single Room £55 PN, Double £75 PN inc Breakfast.

Best Western, Derwent Manor Hotel, Allensford, Northumberland, DH8 9BB

Tel: 01207 592000 [www.bestwestern.co.uk](http://www.bestwestern.co.uk)

Killhope, The North of England Lead Mining Museum

Near Cowshill Upper Weardale County Durham DL13 1AR

Yurts are available sleeping 6-15 people