

STRAIGHTLINERS LIMITED

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OFFICIAL RULES & REGULATIONS

Straightliners Motorsport Events



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Membership and licences:

All memberships and full Competition licences run from 1st January to 31st December. Riders must produce their full/provisional driving licence when registering to race for the first time. All riders should hold an ACU Sprint & Hill climb licence before racing. One event competition race licences can be purchased on the day. All riders must have Straightliners membership - either a full or a one event membership. Points will only awarded to full Straightliners members holding a full ACU licence. A rider must compete in a minimum of three events for points to count towards the championship.

All mechanics wishing to access the start area must sign on and wear the wrist band issued to them to at signing on to enable marshals to identify signed-on mechanics.

Riders and mechanics must sign on at **EVERY** meeting.

Age Limits:

Riders may not normally compete beyond the end of the season in which they attain their 70th birthday. The ACU Road Race, Drag and Sprint Committee will review riders who reach the age of 70 for a licence on an annual basis, subject to terms and conditions.

However, full IOPD licences or One event IOPD licences are available for those aged over 70.

NOTE:- Foreign riders cannot sign on under ACU permits unless they have start permission from their own federation. Riders without start permission may sign on under our IOPD permit. This will allow them to race, but will only provide basic insurance cover. This cover does not provide repatriation cover for the rider should they sustain and incapacitating injury.

Registration / Signing on:

All riders must complete one registration form prior to or at the first event they attend each new season. The requested details must be provided prior to racing. This applies to both members and non-members and will be kept on the Straightliners computer.

A rider may only request a '**Demo number**' if their best time is within 0.3 of the class index at a cost of £5.

New members running with turbo or Nitrous must carry out an observed burn out, staging and run 1/8th mile run before they are allowed to compete over 1/4 mile.

Applicable to all Classes

ALL numbers must be clearly visible to the timekeeper. If the number is not visible a timed run will not be recorded. If a rider or bike has been entered in to more than one class the rider must remove or strike through numbers from other classes so that only one set of numbers are visible. This also applies during elimination rounds.

IMPORTANT: If more than one number is visible, i.e. D467 and 467, the class number will be used, i.e. 467.

Race numbers should be placed one on the front and one on the rear of the machine. Some tracks may require a number to the side of the machine. When this is required you will be notified at signing on and scrutineering. The front number must be in place to allow the technical official to record the machine has passed inspection, rear numbers should be mounted vertically or on the back of a riders crash helmet. Additional requirements will be notified during signing on.

A rider may change his/her bike at any time during the qualifying period. However, permission from the Clerk of the course / entries secretary must be sought and signing on must be notified to ensure records are updated to reflect the change. Any new machine must be submitted for scrutineering before it enters the track. The rider must re-qualify on the substitute machine for a place in the eliminations. A rider cannot swap bikes for or during the eliminations.

Times are recorded to two decimal places i.e. 10.10. For index classes if you hit the perfect index for that class a bonus point will be awarded. For non-index classes a bonus point will be awarded for breaking a class record for that track.

Break out rule for index classes

In the event that a rider breaks out of the index class they have entered all preceding times shall be forfeited and void. The rider may re-qualify for the class originally entered.

Lane Choice

Lane choice during qualifying is up to the individual racer, for the first round elimination lane choice goes to the best qualifier out of the pair. Subsequent elimination lane choice goes to the best performer in the previous round.

Noise Restrictions

Please note that some of the venues that Straightliners events take place at are NOISE RESTRICTED venues. ELVINGTON is the main track where strict noise monitoring will apply. (Other tracks may be added to this list if it becomes a requirement in order to keep events running).

The following noise levels apply:

The following classes up to **105dB**:

Pro extreme, 9.10, Racing up to 750cc, 751-1000cc, 1001-2000cc, Legends

The following classes up to **101dB**:

10.10, 11.10, Scooters.

The following classes up to **98dB**:

12.10 and Juniors

Noise testing will be carried out on all bikes at Elvington. Riders will not be allowed on track until this has been completed. Random test will take place at other tracks.

The test will be carried out at 500mm and 45 degrees from the end of the exhaust pipe with the engine running at 4500rpm.

A sticker recording the noise level will be placed on your machine if the machine passes the test.

If a machine is deemed to be too loud on the track it will be brought in and re-tested. If the re-test gives a different reading to the one recorded on the original test sticker, the rider will be asked to remedy the fault before a re-test, if the bike fails the re-test then the bike and rider will take no further part in the event.

Loud bangs on gear shifts will result in bikes not being allowed to run at that event until the noise is reduced to a level deemed acceptable by the clerk of the course

Riders creating a nuisance at any meeting will be given one warning prior to being banned.

Racing is **NOT** permitted after completing your run. Maximum return speed is 30mph at all events.

No wheelie bars (except Pro Extreme class) or traction compound.

Cut slicks are not permitted.

No racing tyres (except Pro Extreme class where a flat drag style slick may be used).

NO paddock racing; Offenders will be given one warning prior to being banned from the meeting.

Between the cut-off time and eliminations, riders may 'run for fun'. Qualification cut off is 3pm unless advised otherwise.

Riders can keep their normal numbers after this time, but the timekeeper will input the numbers prefixed with the letter D and the times will then appear in results for the Demo Class. There will be no more changes to class positions and riders will not be able to break out during the 'run for fun' period. No £5 charge for fun period as no demo number is required.

Rider Protection

Back protectors are highly recommended for all classes. Full leathers are highly recommended in Top bike/Competition Class although two piece leathers are permitted these must be of high quality. Each part of the zip must be securely attached to the jacket or the trousers (not stretch or lined panels) respectively and the suit must zip together over at least 75% of the waist band and jacket. Full leathers are compulsory for all riders competing on motorcycles capable of speeds above 100 mph for wheelie classes. All classes to wear leather motorcycle boots that offer above the ankle protection and are securely fitted, full leather gloves and an ACU approved helmet with a visible 2 ringed gold sticker. A visor or goggles must be used at all times when racing. All riding kit must be presented in good condition for inspection at scrutineering.

Cameras:

Mounting cameras to crash helmets is **strictly prohibited**. Cameras may be mounted securely to machines; it is advisable to also attach a safety lanyard should the camera become detached from its mounting.

Complaints and Disputes

If there is a complaint regarding an infringement of the class rules, then the complaint must be accompanied with a fee of £30 and passed to the Clerk of The Course. If the complaint is upheld then the fee will be returned, if the complaint is not upheld then the fee is forfeited and goes in to the prize fund for that year.

Any rider to have a dispute in this series must take his/her grievance to the Clerk of The Course on the day of the event prior to the final competition run of the day. In any dispute the decision of the Clerk of the Course and the Timekeeper is final.

Points Structure

Class Qualifying Points:

1 st place	10
2 nd place	9
3 rd place	8
4 th place	7
5 th place	6
6 th place	5
7 th place	4
8 th place	3
9 th place	2
10 th place	1

Elimination Points:

1 st place	8
2 nd place	7
3 rd place	6
4 th place	5
5 th place	4
6 th place	3
7 th place	2
8 th place	1

Bonus points are available for breaking a class record or hitting the perfect index time both in qualifying and Eliminations.

A minimum of 2 riders in a class required to run eliminations.

All classes are to count for overall championship.

Classes

Pro extreme, 9.10, 10.10, 11.10, 12.10 Juniors, Scooters, Wheelie, Heads up racing classes up to 750cc, 751cc to 1000cc and 1001cc to 2000cc and Sprint Legends.

Sprint Legends class will not run eliminations. All other above classes will have eliminations when possible.

European RWYB Class Pro-Stock at Santa Pod only

No eliminations will be run for the above classes.

Signing on points

4 points will be awarded to all members who have entered and/or signed on at the event.

Class rules

There are no specific class rules. The following classes must comply with the construction regulations found in the ACU handbook. Section 8 Technical specifications; In addition a chain guard covering the top run of the chain must be fitted to all machines.

Road race machines constructed without chain guards by the OEM are exempt from chain guard requirements. Only riders 70 years of age and above may enter the Legends class.

Junior riders

Capacity and licence restrictions.

For each category the table indicates the Class, ages and machine specifications.

Minimum Age	Licence	Grade of Capacity of Machine
8 yrs	Clubman	50cc automatic Machine
11 yrs	Clubman up to	125cc Production Scooter Automatic
12 yrs	Clubman up to	125cc Production up to 250 single cylinder 4 stroke production machine (restricted)
13 yrs	National up to	125cc GP Machine up to 250cc single cylinder 4 stroke machine (unrestricted)
14 yrs	Clubman up to	125cc GP Machine up to 350cc single cylinder 4 stroke machine (unrestricted)
15 yrs	National up to	500cc twin Cylinder, 4 Stroke Production Based Machine
16 yrs and over		No restrictions

Junior riders 16 yrs of age and under

1. Junior riders must satisfy the Clerk of the Course for the meeting that they can ride and control the machine they have entered before being permitted to race at that meeting.
2. Junior riders are restricted to a maximum Sprint of 1/4 mile.
3. When a rider reaches the maximum age limit for his class, he/she may continue to compete in that class until the end of the calendar year or upgrade on his/her birthday.
4. A junior rider may only compete in one class. Any junior rider being issued with an adult licence cannot revert back to junior status.
5. For Junior Classes superchargers and turbochargers are not permitted. For Junior classes rebore are permitted to a maximum increase in engine capacity of 3cc.

Straight line Sprint speed restrictions are applicable to all junior riders.

1. Riders are restricted to a minimum ET of 14.50 seconds
2. A rider recording an ET of 0.2 seconds or quicker below their class minimum will receive one warning.
3. A repetition of the offence at the same event will result in disqualification from the remainder of the event.
4. However, a rider recording a time of 0.4 seconds or quicker below their class ET or exceeding 80mph will be immediately disqualified from the event.

Junior eliminations shall be run when possible with a handicap tree system in place.

Important Notice

If a participant is under 18 years of age he/she must be accompanied to every meeting by their Parent or Legal Guardian. The Parent or Legal Guardian must attend signing on with the competitor and be available for the duration of the meeting.

Run what you bring – classes for road legal machines

The National Sporting Code of the ACU, these Standing Regulations and the Disciplinary Section of the Road Race Standing Regulations shall apply to all Hill Climb, Sprint and Twisty Sprint “Run what you Bring” events within a Hill Climb, Sprint, or Twisty Sprint Meeting together with the Supplementary Regulations and any final instructions.

RWYB competitor eligibility

Open to competitors who are holders of a full or provisional DVLA motorcycle licence. Riders who do not hold a current DVLA licence will require permission to register from the clerk of the course prior to signing on. They will be required to demonstrate machine competence and perform observed runs under the direction of the clerk of the course before full power passes are made. Failure to follow instruction will result in exclusion from the event – no refund of entry fee shall be given.

RWYB machine eligibility

All RWYB machines must be produced for Technical Control inspection. The machine must be in road legal condition to be eligible to take part in this type of event.
Noise limit of **103dB** applies to RWYB machines.
A chain guard covering the top run of the chain must be fitted.

STRAIGHTLINERS SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS 2019 FOR RESTRICTED SPRINTS AT

17 th March	Santa Pod	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No 054
13/14 th April	East Kirkby	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No 154
5 th May	East Kirkby	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No 154
16 th June	Honington *	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No
22 nd /23 rd June	Jurby, Isle of Man	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No
13/14 July	Llambedr	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No
27 th July	Elvington*	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No
10 th / 11 th August	East Kirkby	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No 154
7 th /8 th September	East Kirkby	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No 154
28 th /29 th September	Kirkbride	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No
31 st Aug/1 st Sept	Jurby, Isle of Man	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No
13 th October	Santa Pod	ACU Permit No ACU	Course licence No 054

***Pre-entry only.**

Announcement

Restricted competitions will be organised by the Straightliners Ltd to be held under the National Sporting Code and Standing Regulations of the Auto Cycle Union and these Supplementary Regulations, together with the Straightliners Championship Conditions and any other final Instructions subsequently issued or Official Announcements made.

Officials

Clerk of the Course(s): Trevor Duckworth, Phil Wood, Helen Greathead.

Incident Officer: Trevor Duckworth, Phil Wood

Chief Technical Officials: Michael Ellis, Phil Wood, Mark Patman.

Safety Officer: Trevor Duckworth, Phil Wood, Shaun Walker.

Timekeeper(s): Helen Greathead, Martyn Greathead.

ACU Steward: Helen Greathead, Martyn Greathead, Becci Ellis, Michael Ellis, Sarah Wood.

Secretary: Helen Greathead / Sarah Wood/Becci Ellis/Julia Patman

Straightliners: Child welfare: Helen Greathead

Straightliners Signing on: Helen Greathead, Sarah Wood, Becci Ellis, Julia Patman.

Straightliners Commentator: Paul Cumpstone.

Straightliners Track: Trevor Duckworth, Phil Wood

Eligibility

To be eligible to enter any event, all riders must hold a Clubman or National licence issued by the ACU or SACU for Sprinting. Licences must be produced when signing on. One event Straightliners membership and ACU licences will be available at all events. One event competition licences will be available to UK/Isle of Man residents only.

NOTE – A one event licence is not available to riders aged 70 or over.

A one event licence will be available to first time entrants for one event only, for subsequent events a full ACU licence will be required.

Entries

Sprint events may be entered on the day or in advance up to a cut off of 2 weeks prior to the event.

Entries can be made either via the Straightliners website :-

www.straightlinersonline.co.uk

Or via - The secretary of the meeting, Helen Greathead, 5 Carr Street, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, HD6 4AZ. Tel: 07921 712266 or 01724 347801

Cheques to be made payable to "Straightliners Ltd".

Credit/debit card payments also accepted.

The club reserves the right to refuse an entry.

Insurance

The club undertakes to insure each rider and passenger, indemnifying him/her against any third party claims made arising out of the sprints or official practice, excluding claims by other drivers or passengers, entrant, sponsor or mechanic.

Cancellation

Entry fees will only be returned if the meeting is cancelled more than 24 hours prior to the meeting. No refunds will be made in the event of poor weather conditions.

Rider/Machine changes

Subject to the approval of the Clerk of the Course/Scrutineer, the rider/passenger or machine, but not both, may be changed. Changes must be registered with the Secretary of the meeting / signing on.

Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the eliminations or class winners (providing there are 3 in the class) either at the current meeting or the meeting after for Straightliners Classes.

Classes

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(Pro-Stock at Santa Pod only)

All above classes apart from Pro-stock will have eliminations when possible.

ACU Rounds

ACU Championship dates to be confirmed. Classes are as per the ACU handbook.

Technical verification

Will take place from 8.30am onwards each day or as detailed in final instructions. Machines will be presented for technical inspection and the competitors must present themselves with their leathers, helmet, gloves and boots. It is the competitors responsibility to ensure that his/her machine complies with the regulations and is safe for competing and is maintained in a safe condition throughout the event. All old technical verification stickers must be removed.

Briefing

A rider's briefing will be held before racing begins, and is the rider's responsibility to attend the briefing . Engines may not be run before the rider's briefing.

Timed runs

Unlimited timed runs per competitor will be allowed, unless otherwise stated. Racing will commence from 9.30am or as detailed in the riders briefing.

Starting

All runs will be started by clocks activated when the front wheel passes a light beam. A demonstration of the starting procedure will be given at the rider's briefing to those riders requiring it. The timing system used is certified.

Finishing

At the completion of a run all competitors must leave the course in accordance with the instructions given at the rider's briefing.

Conduct

Any rider who fails to comply with instructions or is considered to be riding or behaving in a reckless or dangerous manner, or in a manner liable to cause a nuisance anywhere on the site of an event will be dealt with by the Clerk of the Course. Riders are responsible for the behaviour of all persons associated with them at an event, an infringement of the rules and regulations may exclude a team from the event. The use of paddock bikes is restricted to officials and team members retrieving machines from the braking area. Wheelies, burn outs and excessive speed in non racing areas are prohibited. Excessive noise for anyone will result in disqualification from the meeting. No noisy generators, loud music, etc after 11pm/as per venue requirements. We need to keep noise to a minimum. Random breath testing may be carried out at events.

Number plates

In addition to the ACU Standing Regulations each machine is required to carry a rear and front facing number identification issued at signing on showing the rider's number. The front number must be in place to allow the technical official to record the machine has passed inspection, rear numbers should be mounted vertically or on the back of a riders crash helmet. Additional requirements will be notified during signing on.

Rider personal protective equipment

Back protectors are highly recommended for all classes. Full leathers are highly recommended in Top bike and Competition Classes although two piece leathers are permitted these must be of high quality. Each part of the zip must be securely attached to the jacket or the trousers (not stretch panels) respectively and the suit must zip together over at least 75% of the waist band and jacket. Full leathers are compulsory for all riders competing on motorcycles capable of speeds above 100 mph for wheelie classes. All classes to wear leather motorcycle boots that offer above the ankle protection and are securely fitted, full leather gloves and an ACU approved helmet with a visible 2 ringed gold sticker. A visor or goggles must be used at all times when racing. All riding kit must be presented in good condition for inspection at scrutineering.

Foreign competitor helmets will be examined by the Clerk of the Course for their governing bodies approval sticker.

Cameras

Mounting cameras to crash helmets is **strictly prohibited**. Cameras may be mounted securely to machines; it is advisable to also attach a safety lanyard should the camera become detached from its mounting

Championship points

Only riders with **FULL** Straightliners Membership are eligible for championship points.

Machine safety

It is the responsibility of the rider to ensure a machine and equipment used in practice and competition is mechanically and structurally in a safe condition and fit for the intended purpose. (ACU National Sporting Code, appendix D)

Wet track / adverse conditions

In the event of rain or adverse conditions the Clerk of the Course shall carry out a track inspection, a decision to suspend racing or restrict classes that may access the track or to abandon the meeting will be that of the Clerk of the course and other race officials.