



CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF HUDDERSFIELD FALCON MOTORCYCLE CLUB

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DATE OF FORMATION: The Club was informally founded on the 1st. June 1952, initially as a motorcycle social club, and started to run competitive off-road trials some 10 years later.

OBJECTIVES

1. The Aim of the Club is to encourage and promote motorcycle trials in the Huddersfield area particularly, and by supporting other ACU Affiliated clubs in the Yorkshire Centre.
2. The Club will endeavour to organise and promote training days throughout the year.
3. The Club may through the committee promote other social events throughout the year.
4. The Club will organize a presentation evening which will be held annually.
5. The Club will keep the Membership informed through its website.
7. The Club may make representation to outside bodies with regard to any matter affecting motorcycling, whether it is at local, national or international level.
8. The Club may if appropriate and at the discretion of the Members, support any charitable cause through donations and organizing of events.
9. Club funds and investments are solely to be used in the pursuit of the above objectives, to the mutual benefit of all members.

ORGANISATION

The Club will consist of members who will elect a committee; the committee will be responsible for conducting Club business and are able to vote on any matter without a meeting being called

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M.)

1. The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting, which shall usually be held on a Wednesday in JANUARY each year.
2. The Committee will finalise the venue for the A.G.M.
3. The membership will be notified of the meeting, the venue and the agenda.
4. The A.G.M. will be held for the following purposes:
 - (a) To receive the report of the committee, together with the treasurers report.
 - (b) To elect a Chairman and other officers to form the Committee.
 - (c) To elect an Auditor.
 - (d) To review and set club membership and trial entry fees for the coming year*
* (including any premium for "entry on the day")
 - (e) To review and finalise ACU Observation Rules.
 - (f) To review Observer's expenses and "free ride" policy for members helping to organise events.
 - (g) If necessary to accept and approve the amended constitution and rules of the Club.
 - (h) To discuss any other business, which can be properly transacted at this meeting.

5. All paid-up members have one vote each.

GENERAL MEETINGS

1. The Committee shall meet on the first WEDNESDAY of each month unless there are reasons for changing the date.
2. Non-Committee club members are welcome to attend any of these meetings.
3. Club members will be notified of the venue, & time via the club website.
4. A Quorum of at least five members must be present at a meeting to pass any rule changes.



THE COMMITTEE

1. A Committee elected at the AGM shall govern the Club. This shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Trials Secretary, Trophy Secretary, Press & Public Relations Secretary and Website Editor.
2. Absentees - any committee member who is absent from three consecutive meetings without reasonable cause shall forfeit his/her membership of the committee.

AFFILIATIONS

1. The Club shall be affiliated to the Auto-Cycle Union, the fee being paid by the club.
2. The Committee may make recommendation regarding other individual affiliation fees; these will be discussed and approved at the next General Meeting as appropriate.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

The Committee shall decide on all Honorary Memberships.

This shall be for life on the proviso that the Member confirms annually his/her continuing interest and support of the Club.

SUBSCRIPTION FEES

1. Membership is free to Committee members.
2. Subscription and Trial Entry Fees will be discussed during the AGM. The membership will be advised of any proposed changes via the Club Website.
3. Subscriptions are payable to cover a period of at least ONE CALENDAR YEAR.
4. In the case of new members, they shall fill out the application form and forward it together with the subscriptions fee to the General or Trial Secretary. This Application Form is available from these Committee members but can be downloaded anytime off the website.
5. No rider shall participate in any event until he or she has paid the club membership fee and their ACU affiliation has been approved.

SPONSORSHIP OF LOYAL MEMBERS

Any rider who has been a member of the club for at least the preceding two years, as defined by Club Rules, qualifies to have their FULL entry fee refunded for their first-time entry on the Scott Time and Observation Trial, Scottish Six Days Trial, Scottish Pre-65 or Manx Two Day Trial; the refund in the case of the SSDT would also include the usual fuel surcharge (total £480 in 2018) but would be divided between any number of eligible riders.

Any requests for a refund must be made and approved prior to the event, and it is the rider's responsibility to pay the fee in the first instance.

A member planning to compete in other prestigious events (home or abroad) can apply to the club for financial assistance and their application will be considered on its merits. Again this will be limited to 1st. time entrants who have been Falcon members for at least two years and have entered club, group and centre events under the Falcon banner during that time.

YORKSHIRE CENTRE TEAM TRIAL

The Club will pay the entry fees for a maximum 6 teams over all Classes.



DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

The Committee or a Quorum of at least five long-term (minimum 5 year) members of the club can vote to wind up the club's affairs if there is insufficient interest in membership to make the club viable.

At this time it will be their responsibility to vote on the distribution of surplus funds on the basis of 50% to the ACU Benevolent Fund and 50% to a Local Charity of their choice.

GENERAL RULES

1. The members must respect the Landowners wishes regarding the use of his or her land and must conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times.
2. The Club reserves the right to prohibit members from riding bikes before and after the Trial has been completed.
3. Membership cards must be produced, if requested by any person acting on behalf of the club.
4. A BEGINNER shall become a NOVICE Rider after their 1st. season of competition and therefore will no longer be eligible to receive a Beginners Award; however they can still ride the Easy route if desired.
5. In order to finish a competition each rider must start and complete the event on the same machine.
6. A rider can take only one club award in a trial.
7. In the event of a tie in any club championship series the result will be decided by the position of the riders in the first club trial in which they were both entered.
8. Unless prior arrangements have been made, Trophy winners who do not collect their trophy at the annual dinner, will not hold the trophy for one year, it will be retained by the club.
9. A member must have paid their subscriptions 3 months prior to an Open-to-Centre or above trial to qualify for a club award.
10. The naming of new awards and trophies will be decided by the club.
11. Club members taking Clerk of Course responsibility in terms of course and section design must obtain (or renew as required) Clerk of the Course Licence from the ACU Yorkshire Centre; club to pay the seminar fees.

SAFETY RULES

1. A parent/guardian **MUST** accompany members (under 16 years) at all times whether practicing or competing.
2. To comply with Insurance requirements, a Crash Helmet, Boots, and Long-sleeved shirt/jacket **MUST BE WORN** at any Trials event. Gloves are also compulsory for youth riders, but it is also recommended that they should be worn by all riders

GUIDELINES FOR CLUB MEMBERS

The following are guidelines for the conduct of members when practicing or riding in Trials events.

1. Whatever type of event you are riding in, you should be fully aware of the A.C.U. National Sporting Code and current regulations, as published in the A.C.U. Handbook. You will sign a form saying that you are fully aware of both the above, every time you enter an event. If you have affiliated to the A.C.U. you will receive a copy of the ACU handbook.
2. You will also need to be aware of the Supplementary Regulations published for each event by the organizing Club. These form part of your Entry Form. It is your responsibility to read them.

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The following guidelines are often actual Supplementary Regulations, so it is good practice to follow these at all times.

3. When riding in a trial, you should not ride in a section or across a section without the express permission of the Observer of that section.
4. You should not ride at excessive speeds or endanger other riders/spectators whilst riding between sections.
5. You should not carry a passenger on your bike unless it has been adapted to do so – i.e. sidecars.
6. If riding is permitted in the Car Park, care must be taken not to endanger other people or property.

Be aware that such riding may not even be permitted. See the Supplementary Regulations.

7. Be aware that riding on the ground prior to the start of the event, may exclude you from the event.
8. No non-participants may ride unless they have signed on and paid the entry fee. Otherwise they will not be insured
9. Being abusive or argumentative to Observers or Officials is unacceptable behaviour, If you have a complaint about an Official or Observer (or score), please make a proper complaint to the Clerk of the Course (which is the proper procedure.) If this is unsuccessful you may follow this up through the formal appeals procedure.
10. Animals should be on Leads at all times.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Club takes the privacy and security of Member's personal information very seriously and is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy. The only data retained by the Club Secretary and/or Trial Secretary is that of a Member's name, address, date of birth, telephone number(s), e-mail address (if applicable) and ACU Trials Registration number. With your permission we may pass this information on to the ACU, but generally you do this yourselves direct when applying to renew your annual Registration.

If requested to pass this information on to other / third parties we will only do so with your express permission.