

The Meteor Group Rules.

Championship scheme, December 2023.

1. Eleven separate championships will be run each year, commencing with the first event and concluding with the December event. These championships to be based solely on Meteor group events. The championships to be for:-
Experts, Intermediates, Novices, Clubman, Sportsman, British Bikes (Pre-65 Sportsmen), Youth A, B & C and Club and Club Team Championships.
2. Expert riders will ride the hardest route, Intermediates the 50/50 hard/middle route, Novices & Clubmen the middle route and Sportsmen & British Bike (Pre-65 Sportsmen) riders the easiest route. The Pre-65 Sportsmen`s championship will be open to riders riding pre65 style British machines, the other classes are open to riders on modern, twin-shock and British Bikes.
3. The Meteor group youth championship will cater for A, B and C class riders. A class riders will ride the hardest route, B class the middle route and C class the easiest route. Youth riders may choose their class based on ability and not age and will still score championship points whilst riding out of their (licence) age class, it is hoped that this may encourage more riders as they would be judged on ability rather than just age. Youth riders would still have to abide by the ACU`s rules on engine size and electric power for their age. Clubs should ask youths when they sign on which route they would like to ride. If at the end of a year a rider wins a YB or YC class when that is lower than their (licence) age class they will be excluded from contesting that class championship in future years.
4. Scoring for all the individual championships will be as in current rules in the ACU handbook, 20, 17, 15, 13, 11, 10 etc. down to 15th place. Novices will stay as Novices for the year (even after obtaining a higher status) but will be upgraded on January 1st of the following year as per South Midland rules.
5. The scoring in the Club Championship will be based on the ten best Adult riders` scores on each route (i.e. hard, 50/50, middle and easy). For the avoidance of doubt where there are two classes on a route their results will be combined when selecting the best ten scores. Ten marks will be awarded for the first on each route down to one mark for tenth place.
6. For the Club Team Championship, the team will be "selected" by the recorder as the club`s best expert, intermediate, novice, clubman, sportsman & best Pre-65 sportsman. Clubs will not score in their own designated event, but in the case that they run a second group event during the year those scores will be included. Ten marks will be allocated to the first in each class down to one mark for tenth place. Where clubs have more than one rider in a class only the points from highest scorer will awarded to their club but riders from other clubs below them will not be advanced to take their position and points.
7. Ties will be decided as per the current ACU handbook, most wins, most seconds etc. If the tie is still not resolved in any of the youth classes the youngest rider will be declared the winner.
8. Where a rider has been nominated to ride for the South Midland centre on a Meteor group date, they will be awarded an allowance of their average score for the season to count for the individual championship. The onus of claiming such marks from the championship recorder will rest with the rider.

9. In the event of a rider officiating at his own club's event, their average marks for the season will be allocated at the end of the season. The onus of claiming such marks from the championship recorder rests with their club. Marks can only be claimed for riders appearing on the championship recorder's list. The average, to the nearest whole number, for the individual championships will be based on the total remaining number of group events and not on the number of rider's appearances.
10. Riders may only score points in the group championships if they are entered under a Meteor group club however a club may choose to run under an open permit. Riders from non-Meteor Group clubs may ride and may be eligible for any non-Meteor Group awards for that event.
11. For all the individual championships the final championship result will be based on riders dropping their lowest score from all the qualifying events held in a championship year. For the avoidance of doubt, if a rider does not register a score in an event, that score will be taken as his lowest score.
12. Perpetual awards will be presented each year, together with replicas for the individual awards.
13. In all Meteor Group championship classes riders must ride in a minimum of three group events to qualify for championship awards.