

TYKETRIAL LIMITED CLUB RULES 2009

Entries

- All members must apply by completing the application form and paying the £10.00 annual membership fee.
- All riders at any event must be club members.
- Where any new rider wishes to try a competition before joining the club, one day membership is permitted at a fee of £5.00. Full membership can then be applied for for a further £5.00 fee.

- No further “licences” are required to enter TykeTrial events.

- Entries should be received by the closing date stated on the entry form.
- Payment must be received with the entry application.
- Late entries received after the closing date may be accepted at the discretion of the Event Secretary; an additional entry fee of £5.00 will be due.
- Entries cancelled by telephone giving 24 hours notice will receive a full refund.

Classes / Routes

- The following routes / classes will be laid out:-

1.	White route	Primary
2.	Green route	Novice
3.	Blue route	Intermediate
4.	Black route	Cadet
5.	Red route	Expert
6.	Yellow route	Elite

- All riders may self-select their class according their perceived ability, including female riders.
- The rider’s age will be quoted on results with the riders name.
- Any rider winning his/her class in the Club Championship must move to the next category the following year. Exceptions may be allowed for special reasons, ie age, disability, where permission to remain in a class is requested in writing.

Time

- 2 minutes 30 seconds for each section.
- The observer should call at 30 second intervals, then “15, 10, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1”
- The time is completed at the first sound of the time clock completing the 2½ minutes.
- The duration of the event will be stated at the pre-trial briefing, based on the number of sections, the distance covered, and the number of riders.
- Sections will close at the given time.

General

- The bike is considered to be “in the section” when the front wheel spindle crosses the start line.
- The bike is considered to be “out of the section” when the front wheel spindle crosses the finish line.
- Neither front nor rear wheel may cross any boundary or dividing tape, whether under or over the tape.

Penalty points

- A scorecard will be provided to record each rider’s section scores.
- It is the rider’s responsibility to ensure the correct score has been punched at the time at each section; this cannot be changed later.
- The observer’s decision is final and will not be changed by the Clerk of Course or Event Secretary.
- Where it is believed that an observer has misunderstood a penalty point rule, the rider should notify the Clerk of Course so that this rule can be clarified with that observer for future events if appropriate.
- The observer must remain consistent throughout that event.

- Scorecards must be handed to control before leaving the event. Missing scorecards will gain 10 penalty points per section.

Penalty points all routes

Performing a clean section	0
1 dab	1
2 alternate dabs	2
2 dabs at the same time	5
3 alternate dabs	3
4 alternate dabs	4
5 or more dabs	5
After one dab, sliding the foot on the ground to gain advantage (pivoting on the toes without gaining distance is allowed)	3
Leaning with only the toes or heels on any surface (resting or touching the pedal is allowed except for Red and Yellow routes – see additional penalty points below)	1
Leaning one's hand on any part of the section, eg the ground, tree, wall etc	5
Leaning any part of the body on the ground, except feet	5
Brushing the handlebar on any part of the section, eg the ground, tree or wall etc	0
Leaning the handlebar on any part of the section, eg the ground, tree or wall etc	1
Recrossing the start line, or passing the vertical line of the tape with any part of the bike after entering the section (above or below tape)	5
The entire bike must pass between the route colour signs, the ribbon and the stakes. (ie, both the front and rear wheel axles and the bottom bracket)	5
If the front axle of the rider's bike crosses between colour signs which do not belong to his/her category	5
Knocking down colour signs	0
Breaking a ribbon, pulling up or knocking down a stake	5
With foot down, touching any part of bike with hand except handlebar	5
One dab on the ground and the other foot crossing the centre line of the bike frame	5
One foot on the pedal and the other foot crossing the centre line of the bike frame	0
Overpassing the time limit	5
Section not attempted	6
The sections cannot be modified by either the rider or any other person	10
Missed section when card handed to control	10
Any use of bad language directed at the observer or other event officials, the penalisation will be set through the Clerk of Course	0-50
Altering the scorecard in any way	Disqualified

Additional Penalty points for Red and Yellow routes (Expert and Elite Classes)

Touching of any part of the bike on the section (ie: bashguard, pedal, crankarm, handlebar, rim, frame etc)	1 each part
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Clothing

Riders are responsible for choosing their own riding clothing. Safety should be a priority and riders should take the following points into consideration:-

- Helmets must be worn at all times when riding your bike.
- Shoes with ankle protection are recommended.
- Long trousers and / or shin protection are recommended.
- Long sleeves are recommended.
- Gloves are recommended.

Minders

- One minder per rider
- White/Green/Blue/Black routes: Minders may assist their rider in advice, encouragement and safety capacities.
- Red/Yellow routes: The minder may enter the section at the request of the rider in circumstances where the rider may feel unsafe to give physical reassurance, not verbal advice or encouragement.
- Red and Yellow route riders are allowed no external advice or assistance

Sections – INCOMPLETE

- Where pre-entries are below 50 at the entry closing date, then 3 laps of 7 sections will be set out.
- Where over 50 pre-entries at the entry closing date, then 2 laps of 10 sections will be set.

Observers

- The observer will indicate the score to the riders by hand signals.
- Where an incorrect score has been punched, the observer will punch out all scores except the correct score.
- Where a “6” is to be given when the section is not attempted, punch out both the “5” and the section number.
- Where a “10” is to be given, punch out all numbers and the section number.
- In the case of a dispute between the observer and the rider, the observer will note it on the back of the penalisation card. Any final decision will be made by the Clerk of Course.

Agreed at the AGM
11/01/09