



Motor Cycle Union of Ireland (Ulster Centre) Ltd

GENERAL RULES

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MOTOR CYCLE UNION of IRELAND (ULSTER CENTRE) Ltd

GENERAL RULES

1. The Motor Cycle Union of Ireland (Ulster Centre) Limited, hereinafter termed “the Centre” or “Ulster Centre” and shall have jurisdiction in all questions relating to the sport of Tarmac motorcycling within Northern Ireland and the province of Ulster (nine county area).

2. THE OBJECTS OF THE CENTRE SHALL BE:

- (a) To act as Governing Body within the territory in all matters relating to motorcycle tarmac racing/competitions.
- (b) To foster and encourage the sport of motorcycling.
- (c) To secure a fair and equitable administration of justice as regards the rights of motorcyclists; and
- (d) To watch the course of any legislative measures affecting the interests of motorcyclists and to make such representations on the subject and take such action as occasion may demand.
- (e) To make and administer rules and regulations for the government of motorcycle competitions of any kind within the territory.

2.1 CODE OF ETHICS - the Centre agrees that sporting integrity is based on the acceptance of rules, fairness, equality, respect

for others, moral conduct and a sense of what is right. Violence, bullying, breaking the rules, abuse of drugs, lack of fair play and other unethical behaviours are unacceptable, and the Centre reserves the right to discipline any of its affiliated clubs and bodies, members, officials or competition licence holders involved in such activities.

The Centre agrees to:

- (a) always set a good example
- (b) sign and agree to relevant Codes of Conduct.
- (c) follow the spirit of policies as required e.g. Equal Opportunity Policy.
- (d) abide by and agree to international/national policies and guidelines e.g. anti-doping, Child Protection procedures.

2.2 EQUALITY STATEMENT- The centre aims to promote the sport of motorcycling for all present and potential competitors, officials, members, instructors, coaches, volunteers and employees and will be mindful of the need to carry out its functions in a manner which promotes equality of opportunity between ;

- (a)** persons of different religious belief, political group, racial group, age.
- (b)** persons regardless of marital status or sexual orientation.
- (c)** men and women generally.
- (d)** persons with a disability and persons without.
- (e)** persons with dependants and persons without.

The Centre.

- (f)** aims to make its services and training programmes accessible to all and may take special measures to ensure that certain groups are not unfairly disadvantaged, provided such action does not adversely affect the standard, quality and integrity of its services.
- (g)** reserves the right to discipline any of its affiliated clubs or bodies, members, officials and any licence holder who practices any form of discrimination in breach of this statement.
- (h)** encourages its affiliated clubs and bodies to adopt a similar policy.

2.3 CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT – the Centre and its affiliated clubs and bodies are committed to safeguarding the well-being of all competitors, officials, members, instructors, coaches, volunteers and employees, and as such comply fully with the up-to-date policy, practice and/or procedures as recommended by NSPCC and SportNI.

The term child protection has been expanded to Safeguarding as it reflects the wider responsibility for health, safety and prevention as well as just protection from abuse.

It may be defined as ‘Doing everything that is possible to minimise the risk of harm” to children, young people and vulnerable people, set out by Sport N.I., the NSPCC and Child Protection in Sports Unit.

We acknowledge the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and are committed to ensuring, safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with the requirements laid.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Centre shall consist of four classes of membership as follows: Honorary Officers, Affiliated Clubs, Affiliated Bodies and Honorary Life Members.

3.1 Honorary Officers –The Honorary Officers shall be those persons appointed to the office of.

- (1) Patron
- (2) President
- (3) Chairperson
- (4) Vice-Chairperson
- (5) Secretary
- (6) Assistant Secretary
- (7) Treasurer
- (8) Assistant Treasurer.

3.1 (A) The Honorary Officers appointed to the offices of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company and each shall have one vote.

3.1 (B) The President, Patron, Vice-Chairperson, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting however shall have no voting rights.

3.1 (C) Ex Officio Officers - The Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary will be the Ex officio members of the Centre. Ex officio members of the Centre have all the same rights, privileges, duties and obligations as any other centre committee member. They can participate in debates and vote on all matters. As with all other board/centre member, ex officio members must always act in the organisation’s best interest.

3.2 Affiliated Clubs - An Affiliated Club shall be entitled to appoint up to a maximum of three Delegates. Each Delegate shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting of the Company. For the avoidance of doubt, the Affiliated Club who the Delegates represent shall have one vote.

3.3 Affiliated Bodies - An Affiliated Body shall be entitled to appoint up to a maximum of one Authorised Representative. Affiliated Body shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting, however, shall have no voting rights.

3.4 Honorary Life Members - Honorary Life Members are appointed at an annual general meeting, Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to attend and speak at any general meeting, however, shall have no voting rights. The Centre may elect to the position of Honorary Life Member, either for life or such period as may be determined, any person who has rendered conspicuous service to the Centre. A person can only be elected to the position of Honorary Member at an Annual General Meeting and the name of the person must have been proposed for nomination at a Council meeting not less than three months prior to the Annual General Meeting at which the nomination is to be considered.

An individual member or a club is only entitled to make one nomination in any year

3.5 (1) Affiliated Clubs - a motorcycle club, on applying to join the Centre, must do so in writing, and shall forward with its application a statement of the number of its members, a copy of its rules, the name and address of its secretary, and the names of the persons whom it is proposed shall represent the club if affiliated. The application shall be considered at the next meeting of the Centre and, if supported by a clear majority of those present and voting, the club shall become affiliated to the Centre.

Every application for affiliation shall be deemed to imply the intent, on the part of the applicant club, of complying with the rules of the Centre. During the first twelve months following affiliation, no club may secure an "Open" date for the promotion of an "Open" competition.

3.5 (2) Affiliated Bodies - the Centre may accept any organisation approved by it as an Affiliated Body. An Affiliated Body shall be affiliated for such purposes and under such terms and conditions as shall be determined at the time of its affiliation. An Affiliated Body shall pay an affiliation fee to the Centre and, shall, if it promotes events, be liable for all permit and insurance fees associated with the promotion of the said events.

3.6 The Directors - May from time to time and for the time being determine:

- (1) That there shall be such further member or members or such categories of membership or other status as the Directors in their absolute discretion shall decide,
- (2) that as from such date as the Directors decide any category or categories of membership or other statuses shall cease to exist.
- (3) the annual subscription for membership of the Company in each category of membership or that No membership subscription shall be payable for one or more than one category of membership or other status;
- (4) and the terms, conditions, rights (including voting rights) and privileges of membership and of other status in each several categories.
- (5) Membership is not transferable.
- (6) The Directors must keep a register of names and addresses of all the members.
- (7) The Directors shall in their absolute discretion be entitled to cancel or refuse membership to the Company of any applicant, provided they set out their reasons for reaching such a decision in writing to the applicant.
- (8) Each club shall pay annually to the Centre an affiliation fee. The amount shall be recommended by the Directors or they may appoint the Finance Committee to set the fees for the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting, called for that purpose and shall be subject to the approval of that Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. The subscriptions are due upon affiliation and thereafter on the first day of November each year and should be paid promptly without application from the centre. Until these fees are paid no club shall be entitled to the benefits of affiliation.

A nominal roll of members in respect of whom fees are paid, giving their names and addresses shall be sent to the Centre Secretary at the same time as the affiliation fees are paid.

4. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP is if;

- (A) the member dies;
- (B) the member resigns by written notice to the Company unless, after the resignation, there would be less than two members;
- (C) any sum due from the member to the Company is not paid in full within six months of it falling due and the Directors resolve to terminate the membership of the Company;
- (D) the member is also a Director and ceases to hold such office pursuant to Articles 20.1.1, 20.1.2, 20.1.3, 20.1.7, 20.1.8 and 20.1.9 in which case their membership of the Company shall terminate on the same date as termination under Article 20.
- (E) the member is removed from membership by a resolution of the Directors that it is in the best interests of the Company that his or her membership is terminated. A resolution to remove a member from membership may only be passed if:
- (F) the member has been given at least twenty-one days' notice in writing of the meeting of the Directors at which the resolution will be proposed and the reasons why it is to be proposed; and
- (G) the member or, at the option of the member, the members' representative (who need not be a member of the Company) has been allowed to make representations to the meeting.

- (H) the member ceases to be an Affiliated Club or an Affiliated Body; or
- (I) the member is a corporate entity and becomes by definition, insolvent pursuant to the provisions of The Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989.
- (J) The affiliation of a club may be terminated by either party giving three months' notice to end 31st October in any year
- (K) If any member of an affiliated club shall cease to be a member of that club, notice shall be given within 14 days to the Centre, whereupon the member shall cease to be entitled to any of the privileges of affiliated membership.

5. GOVERNMENT. The affairs of the Centre shall be managed by the Directors as set forth in the Articles of Association. Ten shall form a quorum of the centre meetings.

5.1 The Council of the Centre shall consist of delegates nominated by an affiliated clubs/bodies to represent that club and others that properly qualified under Rule **3.1, 3.2,3.3, 3.4**.

5.2 The following persons may also attend Council meetings but shall not have an automatic right to speak but, may so with the permission of the meeting:

- (a) a Centre Official.
- (b) a Secretary of an Affiliated Club.
- (c) a holder of a Competition Licence issued by the MCUI (Ulster Centre) Limited.
- (d) any other person with the permission of the meeting.

5.3 The Council shall elect, at the Annual General Meeting, a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Solicitor, an Auditor and such other officers, committees etc. as the Council /Directors may from time to time determine.

- (a) A paid official shall not be eligible to act as a member of Council.
- (b) The office of Chairperson shall be elected annually and may not be held by the same person for more than three consecutive years and having relinquished the office a person may not be re-elected to it for a period of two years.
- (c) The outgoing Chairperson shall inherit the office of President unless the Chairperson resigns from office or is removed from office on a vote of no confidence. The outgoing President shall inherit the office of Vice-President unless the President resigns from office or is removed from office on a vote of no confidence. Any officer in whom a vote of no confidence is passed shall immediately resign from the office and any officer refusing to do so will be expelled from the Centre. Nominations for all offices, except the Management Committee, will be taken at the October Council meeting each year.

5.4 Further nominations may ONLY be made at the Annual General Meeting and shall be subject to the following limitations:

- (a) In the case of an election for a single office, further nominations will only be accepted if all the original nominees withdraw otherwise the election shall be confined to the remaining nominees or if only one remains that nominee shall be declared elected.
- (b) In the case of an election for a committee which has a stipulated membership, further nominations will only be accepted if the number of the original nominees remaining is less than the number required for the committee. In such circumstances those original nominees remaining shall be declared elected and further nominations will then be accepted for the remaining position(s).

6.0 THE AFFAIRS OF THE CENTRE shall be managed by the Council which shall meet monthly.

The business shall be conducted by committees which shall meet monthly or as required and report to the Council/Directors.

The reports of the committees shall be in writing or typed form and shall be forwarded to the Ulster Centre Secretary within 7 days of the date of the meeting and not less than 7 days prior to the monthly Council Meeting at which they are to be considered. The Council/Directors shall have powers to confirm recommendations made by the various committees, or shall refer them for consideration together with such direction as may be deemed appropriate.

Minutes of the monthly Council meeting, Management Committee meetings and other main committee meetings, shall be sent by (email or ordinary mail) to all Council members at least four days, excluding Sundays and public holidays, before the date of the next monthly council meeting.

PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

6.0 (A) No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present.

6.0 (B) A quorum is ten (10) members or one fifth of members of any class (whichever is less) present in person (which may be physically or, where applicable, Virtually) or by proxy and entitled to vote upon the business to be conducted at the meeting.

6.0 (C) If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting; or during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present (including where technological issues mean that one or more of those attending Virtually is no longer able to participate fully in the meeting and this reduces the number of members who are able to Communicate and vote below the quorum), the meeting shall be adjourned to such time and place as the Directors shall determine.

6.0 (D) The Secretary must reconvene the meeting and must give at least seven days' notice of the reconvened meeting stating the date, time and place of the meeting.

6.0 (E) If no quorum is present at the reconvened meeting within fifteen minutes of the time specified for the start of the meeting the meeting shall be dissolved.

6.0 (F) General meetings shall be chaired by the person who has been appointed to chair meetings of the Directors.

COMMITTEES

6.1 The Directors may delegate any of their functions to committees consisting of two or more individuals appointed by them. At least one member of every committee must be a Director and the terms of any delegation must be recorded.

There shall be main Committees as follows; Finance, Safety, Tarmac (Road Racing and Short Circuits).

6.1 (A) The Finance committee shall consist of five members and the Tarmac and Safety Committees shall consist of nine members, elected by the Ulster Centre Council at each Annual General Meeting, together with the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer as ex-Officio members.

(Amended AGM 6th Nov. 2025)

6.1 (A)-1 In addition, the Sporting Committee -Tarmac shall consist of one Nominated Delegate from each organising club of that discipline, if not already represented on Committee.

(Added AGM 6th Nov. 2025)

6.1 (A)-2 All Tarmac delegates as per **6.1 (A)-1** above, plus the nine members elected at the AGM are therefore eligible to form the five members required for the MCUI Road Race Commission and the five members for the MCUI Short Circuit Commission.

(Added AGM 6th Nov. 2025)

6.1 (A) -3 The five Commission Members for each Commission will be appointed at the first Tarmac Meeting post AGM and prior to the Inter Centre conference.

(Added AGM 6th Nov. 2025)

6.1 (A) - 4 Any of the appointed commission members unable to attend either commission meeting during the year can be substituted by another Tarmac Committee member.

(Added AGM 6th Nov. 2025)

6.1 (B) Each Committee shall also have power to co-opt not more than two additional persons who the committee considers can bring special skills/interest to the committee or for the purpose of developing future potential officers and officials of the centre. These additional persons can be either from within or without the Council.

6.1 (C) Each Committee shall also have power to co-opt persons from within the Council to fill any vacancy that arises, for any reason, onto a committee between Annual General Meetings.

All co-options are subject to approval by the Directors or Council; such approval shall not unreasonably be withheld.

6.1 (D) The Convenor of each of these Committees shall be selected from one of the Directors elected by Council at each Annual General Meeting. Each of the Committee members, either elected by the Ulster Centre Council or nominated by member Clubs, or co-opted, shall have equal voting rights.

6.1 (E) Technical and Pre-1973 Racing Technical Committees shall also be elected each year and meet as and when required.

6.1 (F)

(1) The Directors may impose conditions when delegating, including the conditions that:

(2) the relevant powers are to be exercised exclusively by the committee to whom they delegate; and

(3) no expenditure may be incurred on behalf of the Company except in accordance with a budget previously agreed with the Directors.

(4) The Directors may revoke or vary a delegation.

(5) The meetings and proceedings of committees shall be governed by the Articles regulating the meetings and proceedings of the Directors so far as applicable and not superseded by regulations made by the Directors.

(6) All acts and proceedings of any committees must be fully and promptly reported to the Directors and for that purpose, every committee shall appoint a secretary / Convenor.

(7) The functions to be delegated to Committees under this Article shall not, unless the Directors otherwise determine in their absolute discretion, include the power to take decisions on behalf of the Directors without the approval of the Directors.

6.1 (G) A Roads Inspection Committee consisting of six members, which shall be responsible for approving all courses used for road racing and tracks for short circuit racing within the Ulster Centre, and shall be appointed at each AGM.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt not more than two additional persons who the committee considers can bring special skills to the committee or for the purpose of developing future members of the committee. These additional persons can be either from within or without the Centre.

Persons with skills sets such as Clerk of Course, Safety background, Road Race Course set up, Risk assessing skills or retired road racing competitor should be considered for the committee.

The Committee shall also have power to co-opt persons from within the Centre to fill any vacancy that arises, for any reason, on the committee between Annual General Meetings.

All co-options are subject to approval by the Council or Directors;

Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(Amended AGM 6th Nov.2025)

6.2 Management Committee - A Management Committee shall be made up with the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary which are automatic members and elected at the Annual General Meeting, plus, other directors appointed by the affiliated clubs and bodies as per Articles of Association rule 19.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

6.2.1 - Individuals nominated to be appointed Directors in accordance with Article 19 shall, if elected by the members of the Company at an annual general meeting take up office at the close of such annual general meeting. A Director must be a member of the Company. Upon appointment the Director must sign the Board Code of Conduct.

6.2.2 - Directors shall be nominated by the Affiliated Clubs and Bodies as set out in General Rule 6.2.4 and in accordance with the procedures set out in general rule 6.2.4.

6.2.3 - In order to be eligible for election:

6.2.4 - Nominations shall be made for an individual member from each Affiliated Club and each Affiliated Body in writing and must be delivered to the Honorary Secretary at least 14 clear days in advance of the relevant notification regarding the annual general meeting being issued.

6.2.5 - All members entitled to vote shall be entitled to one vote in respect of the election of Directors at the annual general meeting.

6.2.6 - At each annual general meeting all Directors who have served three consecutive years or more as a Director shall retire from office. A Director who retires in accordance with this Article, if willing to act, shall be eligible for reappointment for one further term of up to three consecutive years. When calculating the terms of years, a Director's existing terms of years as a Director at the date of adoption of the 2024 Articles of Association rules shall be taken into account. A Director shall not serve in excess of a continuous period of six years but shall be eligible to stand for appointment by election after a period of two calendar years have lapsed after a continuous period of six years' service as a Director.

6.2.7 - If the Company at the meeting at which a Director retires pursuant to the provisions of General Rule 6.2.6, does not fill the vacancy the retiring Director shall, if willing to act, be deemed to have been reappointed unless at the meeting

- (i) it is resolved not to fill the vacancy or
- (ii) a resolution for the reappointment of the Director is put to the meeting and lost or
- (iii) the Director has served a continuous period of six years.

6.2.8 - Directors retiring pursuant to General rule 6.2.6 who have been nominated for appointment by an Affiliated Club or an Affiliated Body shall be replaced by an individual nominated by an Affiliated Club or Affiliated Body in accordance with General rule 6.2.2 and 6.2.3

6.2.9 - The Management Committee shall have the powers to deal with any matter referred to it by the Committees, the Council or any business which arises between Council meetings which is deemed by the Secretary to be of an urgent nature.

The quorum necessary for the Committee to transact its business shall be six.

The members of the Management Committee shall be the Directors of the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland (Ulster Centre) Limited.

The Members of the Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt a maximum of two Professional Non-Executive Directors from outside of the Centre. One of which should be appointed to Finance.

REPRESENTATION

7. Affiliated clubs shall be entitled to representation by three duly appointed delegates. These delegates shall hold office for three years and shall be the official representatives of the club at all meetings of the Council. No member of the committee of one club shall be eligible, in any circumstances, to act as delegate for any other club. At least two delegates representing a club shall be resident within twenty miles of the headquarters of that club.

7.1 An Affiliated club must have at least one delegate in attendance at a minimum of two Council meetings or Tarmac Committee meetings during a year i.e. from the Annual General Meeting in November until the last Council meeting prior to the following year's Annual General Meeting (12 months).

Otherwise the club will not be granted any permits to promote events in the following year or any subsequent year until the minimum attendance requirement has been fulfilled. Exception to the rule may only be permitted if approved by a two-thirds majority at a Council meeting. Nothing in this rule shall preclude a club just affiliated from applying for permits to promote such events as it is entitled to during the first year of its affiliation.

7.2 Where the representative of a club has, for any reason, ceased to serve, the Club may appoint a new representative under the terms of General rule 7. In such case notification of the appointment must be sent to the Secretary of the Centre. If such notification is received by the Secretary of the Centre two days before the next meeting of the Council, such representative will be entitled to attend that meeting and represent his club.

METHOD OF VOTING

8. The method of voting to be adopted at all meetings of the Council of the Centre shall be as follows:

(a) Affiliated Clubs – to be entitled to one vote per club. The club's delegates are to agree between themselves as to which way the vote on behalf of their club should be cast.

(b) Chairperson – One vote

(c) Honorary Secretary – One vote

(d) Honorary Treasurer – One vote

8.1 On all occasions when a vote cannot be taken on a show of hands a secret ballot will be held.

8.2 On the event of a split decision the person chairing the meeting (Chairperson) will have the deciding vote.

8.3 A member elected at the Annual General Meeting to a position which entitles the member to an individual vote shall inherit the vote at the conclusion of the AGM and shall retain the vote until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

9. The Annual General Meeting of the Council shall be held in November of each year, and were possible on the second Saturday. Notices of Motion for inclusion on the Agenda of the Annual General Meeting must be with the Secretary at least twenty-eight days before the date of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting shall be circulated within one month of the date thereof and shall be considered for their accuracy and content at the next monthly Council meeting following dispatch.

10. Ordinary meetings of the Council shall be held on the first Monday of each month unless, in the opinion of The Chairperson and Secretary, there is insufficient business to justify the calling of a meeting.

11. The Secretary on receiving a requisition signed by not less than one fourth of the members of the Council, and stating the purpose for which the meeting is desired, shall summon a Special Meeting of the Council within fourteen days. Only the business stated on the requisition shall be transacted at the Special Meeting.

12. Ten delegates shall form a quorum of the Council at all meetings

13. Notices of Council meetings shall be sent by the Secretary to each member at least four days, exclusive of Sundays and public holidays, before the date of the meeting.

14. Items for inclusion on the agenda shall reach the Secretary not later than ten days before the Council meeting at which they are to be considered and shall take precedence on the agenda in order of date of receipt.

15. Notices of Motion to rescind a decision of the Council shall not be accepted for consideration until after at least six months from the date of such decision, unless a motion to permit its consideration is first approved by at least a two - thirds majority of the Council present and voting.

16. Every motion shall be duly proposed and seconded by one of the under-mentioned methods before it can be considered.

16. (A) Two members of the Council, irrespective of whether or not such members have the right to vote.

16. (B) A member of the Council and a delegate from a Club.

16. (C) Two delegates from the same Club.

16. (D) Two delegates from separate Clubs.

17. A decision on any question shall be by a clear majority of those present and voting. The voting will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of rules 8, 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3

CONTROL OF AFFILIATED CLUBS

18. Affiliated Clubs shall hold their annual general meeting not later than 31 October in each year. The Council shall have power to suspend any club whose meeting is not held before this date.

19. The affiliation of a club may be terminated by either party giving three months' notice to end on the 31st October in any year.

20. The members of an affiliated club shall be understood to be those members who have paid the ordinary club subscription for the previous year, or who have paid life composition for the same. The minimum annual club membership subscription shall be £1.

21. At a meeting to be held upon a specified date each year the Council shall consider applications from affiliated clubs for permits to hold open competitions during the year. Upon request from the Secretary of the Council, affiliated clubs must supply a list of dates upon which they propose to promote open events, and this list must be in the hands of the Secretary on the date specified in the request.

22. Failure on the part of an affiliated club to supply a list of dates upon request by the date specified may result in such affiliated club forfeiting the right to have any subsequent application for open permit considered until the next annual meeting for consideration of dates.

23. In the event of the clashing of the proposed dates for holding open motorcycle events, the Management Committee shall have power to call upon Clubs or Promoters to mutually avoid clashing dates, and failing a mutual agreement, the fixtures shall be adjusted by the Management Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.

24. No meeting or competition shall be held without a permit from the Centre. Such permit shall only be granted upon the formal application of the promoting body or club and it shall be deemed a condition attaching to all permits that no permit is assignable or transferable, except by the Council or Directors of the Centre.

25. No entries shall be invited for any competition until the permit for same has been granted by the Centre. The Council / Directors reserves the right to withdraw any permit

26. No permit to promote an open competition shall be issued at the request of a newly affiliated club and not until that club has been affiliated to the Centre for a period of not less than twelve calendar months.

27. MCUI licences to ride in competitions shall be issued to individual members of the Centre or to members of clubs affiliated thereto at the current fee.

28. All MCUI (UC) Tarmac Competition Licence Holders residing within the Ulster Centre must complete the Official Ulster Centre Flag/Drugs Seminar (Online or in Person) in order to obtain their competition licence.

MCUI (UC) Tarmac Competition Licence Holders residing outside of the Ulster Centre must complete the MCUI (UC) online seminar or show proof they have attended in person, or they will be required to attend an ACU or FIM approved seminar.

29. The Centre may appoint a steward or stewards to supervise all competitions. Such steward shall not be otherwise connected with the competitions. To be eligible for election to the panel of stewards, nominees must be active members of the Ulster Centre and must, during the preceding year, have a minimum attendance record of 75% at Council meetings. Illness, business commitments, or other extenuating circumstances will not render a nominee who has not attained the minimum attendance record ineligible for election to the panel.

30. Where a club affiliated to the Centre applies for and is granted an open date for any competition and on that date fails to promote such competition, without reason which is acceptable to the Council, it shall be subject to a maximum fine as follows:

- (A) Where the event is a road race - £150.
- (B) Where the event is one scheduled for a championship - £100.
- (C) Any other event - £50.

Should such an event not be run, the club shall nonetheless be liable to pay to the Centre any and all irrecoverable permit and insurance fees relating to such event.

31. It shall be the responsibility of a club promoting an event to render promptly such statistics of the event, which the Centre may require, together with any fees due to the Centre arising from the promotion.

32. In the event of an affiliated club failing to fulfil its obligations to the Centre regarding events promoted by it, in that it fails to furnish the fees required within the time specified by the Council, then that club may be expelled and shall not become an affiliated member of the Centre until formal application is again, made and accepted by the MCUI(UC) Centre in Council or Directors

32.1 Date applications are required to be submitted, and received, by 31 August, each year, for the promotion of events the following year, and will be considered and approved by the Tarmac Committee during the months of September/October.

32.1.1 Any insurance policy obtained by the MCUI (UC) for the purpose of events and all other auxiliary polices for the assistance of running events cannot be opted out off and are part of the Permits issued for all events (NW200 is exempt from PL and Excess loss sections only). **(Added at EGM 2ND February 2026)**

32.2 A deposit of 1/3 of the applicable insurance payment is required to be paid in full before the end of the calendar year.

32.3 A second payment of a further 1/3 of the agreed sum is required to be paid at least one calendar Month prior to the event taking place.

32.4 The final payment of 1/3 due, must be paid within fourteen days of the conclusion of the event, in addition to all post event returns. Any promoting club in default of payment of the previously noted second payment, will forfeit the applicable permit, thus nullifying the previously granted permission for their event to take place.

32.5 The final decision and approval on this course of action will be sanctioned by the Council Members. Any Club who defaults on payment of the final payment (either non-payment or late payment) will be required to pay for any future event in advance and in full –no exceptions.

32.6 For events with a total of less than £100.00, no deposit will be required.

32.7 For events between £101.00 and £500.00 the initial deposit will be required with the balance due within fourteen days of the conclusion of that event. Default on this will also result in future credit being withdrawn from the promoter.

32.8 It is also noted that the first deposit may be slightly more or less than 1/3 of the final total, as there may be a timing difference, between payment due dates and the agreed Scale of Charges for the promoting year.

32.9 All deposits and balances of sums due will be duly invoiced by the Centre to the promoting clubs in a timely manner to allow sufficient time for invoices to be processed for payment and payment made by the said promoting clubs. In addition to the above, a promoting club can apply to pay for their event insurance by instalments, provided they agree the payment plan in advance with the Finance Committee and at least 2/3 of the insurance due is paid at least one month prior to their event.

32.9 (A) Applications for such proposed payment plans must be submitted in writing, by the promoting club to the Finance Committee, at least six weeks prior to the due date of the deposit payment. Any other monies owed to the centre will be invoiced by the Centre to the clubs in a timely manner to allow sufficient time for these invoices to be processed for payment and payment made by the clubs.

33. Neither the **Directors** nor the MCUI (UC) Centre shall accept any liability for any accidents occurring in competitions run under the foregoing rules.

34. No competition held under the rules of the Centre shall be styled a championship unless with the Approval of the Council or Directors. The Council or Directors shall make provision for the holding of such championships as come within its jurisdiction and may delegate authority to promote such events to affiliated clubs. The Centre may arrange to hold annually, or may delegate to any affiliated club or body the holding of the Ulster Grand Prix and such Championship events as it may decide.

35. No new rules shall be made, nor shall any of these rules be amended, altered, or rescinded, unless at the Annual General Meeting of the Centre or a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

INTERPRETATION

36. The Directors shall have power to deal with any question arising out of or not covered by the foregoing rules but must always refer to the Articles of Association for clarification.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

37. A two-thirds majority of the Council present and voting is empowered upon such grounds as shall seem reasonable to it to suspend or permanently disqualify any person, club or body as listed at Paragraph 3 of the MCUI(UC) General Rules, charged with an offence against the rules of the Centre, and also to re-instate any person, club or body as listed at Paragraph 3 of the MCUI(UC) General Rules, suspended or disqualified by it; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify such suspension or re-instatement to such person in writing by letter to such person's last known place of address, or in the case of a club or body, to the last known place of address of the secretary thereof

38. No person, club or body as listed at Paragraph 3 of the MCUI (UC) General Rules, shall be cautioned, suspended, required to resign or expelled unless an opportunity has been given of explaining the charge, and unless the resolution is supported by at least two thirds of the Council present and voting.

39. Any person, club or body as listed at Paragraph 3 of the MCUI (UC) General Rules, cautioned, suspended, required to resign or expelled under the rules of the Centre shall forfeit all right to, or claim upon the Centre, or its property or funds, or services.

40. When it is necessary to appoint a court under Motor Cycle Union of Ireland General Competition Rule 202, the court shall be appointed as follows:

The disciplinary panel will be made up by the Secretary from the Current or previous Ulster Centre meeting members who are willing to sit on a court.

The Secretary shall, when notifying the parties to the disciplinary, appeal, complaint or dispute, of the date, time and place of the hearing, also advise them of the possible members of the court. Each party shall be entitled to object to not more than two of the possible members of the court. Such objections must be advised either by telephone or letter to the Secretary within five days of the date of the original notice. If no objections are received, the first six members selected shall form the court. If objections are received, the first six members selected, excluding the member(s) objected to, shall form the court. The Secretary shall advise each of the members as to whether they are/are not required to serve on the court.

Age limits for MCUI (UC) National Short Circuit Competition Licences apply from 1st January 2023

41. This Rule 41 applies to the Ulster Superbike Championship only

TYPES OF COMPETITION LICENCE FOR ULSTER SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS.

CAPACITIES & LICENCE RESTRICTIONS within the MCUI (UC) Ltd

Age Licence Machine/Class

12 years Novice-National 'SC' MCUI Moto-One machines (Tianda/125 Aprilia/ Kawasaki 250cc Ninja)

13 years Novice- National 'SC' (ALL Moto One Machines) plus STD Moto 3 subject to completed in Moto-One for a season.

14 years Novice- National 'SC' Classes up to SS300 Machines, Moto 3 machines and Lightweight Supersport 400cc machines

15 years Novice-National 'SC' For Classes up to 650cc single or twin cylinder production-based machines (Production Twins) and 250cc GP subject to the following:

- o Must have competed for a season on machines eligible for 14-year-olds
- o Must be approved to ride in these events by Ulster Centre Tarmac Committee as appropriate.

15 years Any Sidecar passengers.

16 years Novice-National 'SC' All classes up to Supersport, Pre Injection, Supertwins, Classic machines only up to 350c

18 years Novice-National 'SC' Any Class MCUI (UC) EGM

QUALIFICATIONS necessary for Ulster Centre Officials

42. This Rule 42 applies in the Ulster Centre and in conjunction with current MCUI GCR 77

(A) To be eligible to act in the capacity of Clerk of the Course or Club Steward at an event a person must hold an MCUI Officials Licence.

(B) An Officials Licence will be valid for three calendar years. To qualify for such a licence a person must Have attained his/her 18th birthday and must have attend an MCUI training seminar in person and successfully complete a written examination which will form part of the seminar.

It is Compulsory to attend an in-person seminar at a minimum once every 3yrs or as

Directed By the MCUI (UC) Board.

(Amended EGM 2nd February 2026)

(C) All new Officials Licence applications will have to undertake an online seminar and achieve the Minimum required pass mark.

(D) All first-time licence holders will only be issued with a Club Stewards Licence in the first year.

(E) If they wish to upgrade to CoC licence in their second year they will have to undertake a training period of 12 events, over a two-year period. Training must be completed at both 6 Road Races and 6 Short Circuits.

(F) A Trainee record card must be signed by both the Clerk of Course and Centre Steward at each event attended by trainee, this will show proof of competency and experience.

(G) Participation in a seminar is obligatory at least once every three years. At least one training seminar shall be held annually.

(H) Each Centre shall maintain a register of all persons to whom an Officials Licence has been issued and shall licence those members who comprise its Panel of Stewards.

(I) Other applications for an Officials licence shall only be accepted from an affiliated club/body which shall make an application to its respective Centre on behalf of the official(s) it wishes to have licensed.

(J) The timekeepers, scrutineers, travelling marshals, etc. shall for all events, be selected from the approved panels.

(Amended EGM 2nd February 2026)

(K) All other appointed officials shall be competent and experienced.

MCUI (UC) Technical Infringements

43. Any Competitor found guilty of breaking any MCUI, MCUI (UC) Technical Regulations, shall have All Championship points gained prior to the Technical Infringement Revoked. (This does not affect their right of appeal within our rules).

MCUI (UC) Technical Bulletins

44. The MCUI (UC) Technical committee will be able issue "Technical Update Bulletins" for any Race class during the season. These could be in line with the FIM, other FMN, Championships or for safety reasons.

MCUI (UC) General Rules updated inline with Articles of Association on 2nd June 2025
Amendments on 6th November 2025 AGM