

BIKETRIAL FEDERATION RULES 2015

British Trials Cup / Championship

Time

- 2 minutes for each section.
- The observer should call time remaining 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 2 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 unless alternative instructions are given to observers, and riders, by the Clerk of Course.

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.
- The entire bike must pass between the coloured markers (gates), the ribbon and stakes. (*The "entire bike" is defined as the wheel axles and the line between the axles.*)
- The front axle, rear axle or the line between the axles must not pass between a coloured gate other than their own.
- A rider and bike may pass OVER a taped area designated as a "No Touch Zone" (crisscrossed tape) but the rider or bike must not make contact with the ground or any objects within this area as it would be deemed as "out of section".

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
- **Riders aged 14 and under:-** Minders may assist their rider in advice, encouragement and safety capacities.
- **Riders aged 15 and over:-** 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.
- **Riders aged 15 and over** are allowed no external advice or assistance

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 (not a "5" and a "1").
- 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.

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 (<i>resting or touching the pedal is allowed except for Expert and World Elite routes – see additional penalty points at the bottom of page</i>)	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
Re-crossing 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 bike or rider touches the ground or an object within an area designated as a "No Touch Zone" (Crisscrossed tape)	5
The entire bike must pass between the coloured markers (gates), the ribbon and stakes. (The entire bike is defined as the wheel axles and the line between the axles). The line between the front and rear axles must not cross over a coloured marker or stake.	5
The front axles, rear axle or the line between the axles must not pass between the coloured gate other than their own.	5
Where coloured adhesive tape is used instead of coloured markers to mark the gates, the rider must ride within the adhesive tape and not touch or cross it	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 or about the observer or other event officials, the penalisation will be set through the Clerk of Course and Stewards	0-50
Altering the scorecard in any way	Disqualified

Additional Penalty points for all "UCI" Classes (Expert & Elite)

Touching of any part of the bike on the section (<i>ie: bashguard, pedal, crankarm, handlebar, rim, frame etc.</i>)	1 each part
Note: Foot on the ground BEFORE a bike part touches (<i>A point should be given for the foot touching, then 0 points for each bike part thereafter until the foot is lifted.</i>)	1 point for foot

Classes

Beginner	Age 10 and under	White markers
Novice	Age 15 and under	Green markers
Novice Senior	Age 15 +	Green markers
Intermediate	Age 25 and under	Blue markers
Intermediate Senior	Age 26 +	Blue markers
Cadet	Any age*	Red markers
Expert	Any age*	Red markers (UCI style)
Elite	Selected riders	Yellow markers (UCI style)

* *Should the entry numbers on the red routes be considered high at any event, then the Event Secretary, Chairman and Clerk of Course have the joint authority to split the awards for that event into age classifications.*

Championship points

The top 15 riders in each class will receive Championship points:

1st	20 points	6th	10 points	11th	5 points
2nd	17 points	7th	9 points	12th	4 points
3rd	15 points	8th	8 points	13th	3 points
4th	13 points	9th	7 points	14th	2 points
5th	11 points	10th	6 points	15th	1 point

At the end of the season, each rider will drop the lowest point of the year with their top four points counting towards their total.

The riders with the highest points will take the Champion title with awards being presented for the three riders with the highest total.

Each rider's total will place their Championship standing for the year.

The Event and Sections – *intended only as a guideline to organisers, Clerk of Course and section-setters preparing for a National event.*

To ensure consistency of the events and sections across the country it is essential that organisers note the following requirements:-

Organisation

Each national event should:-

- be advertised locally through posters and the media in order to attract local entries and local spectators;
- ensure adequate qualified first aid is available;
- ensure suitable toilet facilities are available for the numbers attending;
- ensure suitable refreshment facilities are available;
- ensure appropriate insurance is in place (for British Trials Cup events this must be through the Biketrial Federation's insurance for consistency – currently the AMCA);
- ensure that the appropriate “warning” signs are in view (regarding both safety and photography issues);
- ensure that sponsor banners and advertising is in clear view of riders, spectators and photographers;
- ensure that the Clerk of Course receives a copy of the entry list in advance of the event;
- issue rider-cards with the sponsors' logos on, and, where possible, each rider's ranking should be identified on the rider-card.

Section Setting

A “Section Supervisor” has been appointed to work with the Clerks of Course to ensure the consistency of section levels at national events across the country. His role is to check sections for severity and length in line with the route colour's ability, also to ensure taping of unclear moves to eliminate “cheat lines”.

Section-setters should be aware of the following guidelines and advice:-

- Section markers should be:
 - where possible wooden stakes should be used with coloured markers attached, these are more secure with less risk of becoming loose, bending, or falling out. We recognise that the terrain is not always practical for this, and so metal-wired colour markers may also be used where necessary.
 - coloured duck tape where it is not possible or practical to use a wooden stake or wire (ie on a rock).
- Section markers should be numbered in the order to be ridden and the direction though that gate is so the numbers can be read.
- All barrier-tape used should be the Biketrial Federation printed tape.
- More barrier tape means more clarification of the route.
- Setters should be aware of right and left footed and try to make the same number of sections for each.

Section severity

The chart below is merely a guideline as to maximum measurements for each route to guide section-setters and to help riders decide which route to enter.

NOTE: Due to the varying terrain and obstacles at different events, a great deal of flexibility is required and should measurements be exceeded in some circumstances there will be no changes to the section nor appeal upheld on the observers' scoring nor on any riding results.

Route	Max Height up	Max Side hop	Max Drop down	Max Gap distance
White	6" (150mm)	N/A	6" (150mm)	N/A
Green	18" (450mm)	N/A	12" (300mm)?	500mm
Blue	30" (750mm)	30" (750mm)	1m	1m
Red	48" (1.2m)	44" (1.1m)	1.56m	2m
Yellow	72" (1.8m)	56" (1.4m)	2m	2.5m