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Dear All,

First of all I would just like to put on record a sincere thanks to Gary & Michelle Birkett for all their hard work, effort and the endless amount of time they have devoted to the club over the past few years. Although they have stepped down from their main positions both will continue supporting the club as committee members. Their advice and experience will continue to be of great benefit to the club.

We look forward to a new and exciting season and with the continuing support of you (its members) and its volunteers and committee members we will strive as a club to make Yorkshire one of the top Grasstrack clubs in the Country.

Venue	Off the A629 Huddersfield/Penistone/Sheffield Road. Dearne Dike Lane/Broadstone Road, Upper Cumberworth, West Yorkshire, HD8 8YA.
Membership fees	£20.00 per family (includes 1 sibling) extra siblings £6.00 each Your membership application is attached to this pack. Please return it to me together with your cheque made payable to "YJGTC" in order that I can start to prepare membership cards.
Day membership	£5.00 per day.
ACU annual licence	Auto Cadet/Cadet and first time application fee £25.00 for the year. All other classes £43.00 Forms are available from the ACU direct, Club Secretary or Club Website.
Day licence	£10.00 per day.
Regs	Your first meetings regs will be sent to you with your membership cards. It would assist me greatly if you would send your completed regs to me by the date shown at the foot of the regs together with the correct fee in order that I can prepare programmes and all the necessary paperwork. If this is not possible, please just give me a ring to let me know you will be attending so I can include you in the programme. Regs for the following meeting will be attached to your race day programme supplied.

Our race dates	26 April, 17 May, 7 June, 5 July, 22 August (TBA) 23 August (White Rose) and 25 October. Please note: Points scored in White Rose Trophy will count to Championship.
Classes	Youth: Auto Cadet, Cadet, Juniors, Intermediates, MX65, MX85, MX125, Senior A & B Adult: 250, 350, 500 and MX
Entry fees	Juniors £24.00, Adults £28.00 and £6.00 per additional class. Late entries will be accepted on the day at an additional cost of £5 per class.
National Gradings	National grading points will be submitted at the end of the year.
Refund of Entry Fees	A refund of entry fee will only be given if the club cancels a meeting prior to race days.
Points	Points are awarded 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 & 1 provided that you complete at least 3 full laps in each race. If you only complete 2 full laps, points will not be awarded. All points accumulated at each club round will go towards the club championship points. Please Note: The points scored in the White Rose Trophy will be added towards the Championship standings.
Number of Practises	Usually 1. If time allows, there will be 2.
Number of Races	Six in each class.
Marshalling	You are required to provide a marshal at meetings. Please refer to number 6 in the Notes attached.
Behaviour	The committee will not tolerate threatening and abusive behaviour. Please refer to Note 5 in the Notes attached for further details.
Protests	Any protests you feel are necessary must be carried out in the correct manor. Please refer to Notes 4 and 5 in the Notes attached and also to your ACU Handbook for the procedure.
Website	The website has been updated and now fully functional. Anyone who would like to make a contribution with relevant items of interest please contact Adrian Brown.
Club Championship Trophies	These will be awarded to riders at our annual presentation evening. White Rose Championship trophies will be awarded on the day of the White Rose meeting.

Race day trophies	Trophies are awarded down to third place. Medals are awarded to the rest of the riders. White Rose trophies are awarded down to 4 th place with medals for the rest of the riders.
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The club relies heavily on volunteers **before, during and after every meeting**. Without these people no meetings would take place. If you feel you could help in any of the following areas: track building (on the day prior to the meeting) match day officials, marshals, finishing flag, starting gate operator or any other position please get in touch.

Thank you all for your co-operation and good luck to everyone in the coming season.

Regards

Neal & Jackie Parkinson



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Club officials and committee members for 2009

Chairman	Craig Patchett	07793 515627
Vice Chairman	Adrian Brown	07863 557183
Treasurer	Neal Parkinson	07724 240347
Secretary	Jackie Parkinson	01924 265766
Points Secretary	Jackie Parkinson	01924 265766
Membership Secretary	Jackie Parkinson	01924 265766
Lap Scorers	Jackie Parkinson Michelle Birkett Beverley Hosker	
Clerk of Course	Adrian Brown Mark Heaton	07863 557183 01253 812557
Pit Box	Maggie Hunt	
Technical Inspection	Adrian Brown Mark Heaton Harold Van der Hoeven Bill Hatfield	07863 557183
Club Steward	TBA	
Safety Officer	Philip Hosker/Richard Hunt	01924 411750
Environmental Officer	Philip Hosker/Richard Hunt	01924 411750
Child Protection Officer	Elaine Brown	07968 379678
Meeting Reporting Officer	TBA	
Centre Grass Track Recorder	Adrian Brown	07863 557183
Food Caravan	Kelly Armstrong/Kealy Parkinson	07805 291153
Raffle	Elaine Brown	07968 379678
Track Builders		
Gary Birkett		01924 495674
Neal Parkinson		07724 240347
Craig Patchett		07793 515627
Adrian Brown		07863 557183
Stuart Neil		07966 037763
Jon Armstrong		07805 291153
Start Gate	TBA	
Finish Flags	TBA	
Medical Attendance	Event Fire & Medical Services	01625 262752
Photographer	TBA	
Programmes	Neal & Jackie Parkinson	01924 265766
Web Site	Adrian Brown	07863 557183

Committee Members		
Bill Hatfield	President	
Craig Patchett	Chairman	07793 515627
Adrian Brown	Vice Chairman	07863 557183
Jackie Parkinson	Secretary	01924 265766
Neal Parkinson	Treasurer	07724 240347
Elaine Brown		07968 379678
Gary & Michelle Birkett		01924 495674
Jon & Kelly Armstrong		07805 291153



Our Race Day Schedule

8.30 a.m.	To finish building track (Help is always appreciated)
9.30 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.	Technical inspection
9.30 a.m. - 10.30. a.m.	Signing on. Each rider must attend with a parent or guardian and present their ACU licence. If you are going to be late please give Neal or Jackie a call on (07724 240347/07738 572956)
11.00 a.m. (approx)	Practice - followed by a short interval
11.30 a.m.	Racing to commence.
5.00 p.m. (approx.)	End of racing. Track take down and clean up to take place. EVERYBODY'S HELP IS REQUIRED PLEASE
5.00 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. (approx)	Once the track has been taken down - Trophy presentation

Raffle

Raffle prizes are required at each meeting. Any assistance with prize donations (however small) is always greatly appreciated.

Sponsorship

The club is always on the lookout for any kind of sponsorship. If anyone is/or knows of persons/firms that will be willing to donate anything at all towards the club either by way of donation towards trophies or any kind of goodies for the riders, please let us have their details in order that we can contact them.

Programme Advertising

In an effort to boost club funds we are offering program advertisements at £30.00. These adverts will be approximately 4cm x 4cm in black & white. These adverts could feature businesses, rider sponsorships etc. Could you help sell one of these adverts?



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NOTES

It is a condition of the entry that riders and parents abide by the Club Rules.

- 1 Meetings are held in conjunction with the National Sporting Code of the ACU, ACU Standing Regulations for Grasstrack, these Supplementary Regulations and any instructions issued. **THEY WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO.**
- 2 Eligibility - All riders must hold a current ACU Competition Licence issued by the ACU. If a Day Licence is required, **PROOF OF IDENTITY** must be produced.
- 3 The Clerk of the Course has full control of the meeting and all decisions made by the Clerk of the Course will be abided by.
- 4 Any cause for complaint on the day must be addressed solely to the Club Chairman. The details will be reported to the Committee at the next scheduled meeting and action taken accordingly. Decisions/Rulings made by the Committee will be deemed to be final.
- 5 Abuse toward any Official by rider or parent will not be tolerated and the Committee reserves the right to disqualify/exclude any offender from the meeting.
- 6 Marshalling/various other duties will be required. It is a condition of entry that each participating family makes available at least one adult to assist with duties required.
- 7 Safety and Environmental Policy - Riders must provide a plastic/rubber mat to stand their machine upon in the pits and a functioning fire extinguisher. Riders must undertake to remove all rubbish/debris from the field.
- 8 **STRICTLY NO RIDING IN THE PITS**
- 9 All persons **MUST** remain behind the roped areas at **ALL** times. Fallen riders will be attended to by the Medical Services.
- 10 Technical inspection of machines, clothing, helmets, back protectors and ID tags must be completed before Official Practice begins
- 11 PRACTICE will commence at 11.00a.m. approximately **NO ENGINES TO BE STARTED BEFORE 10.50am.**
- 12 FLAG SIGNALS - As Standing Regulations, **ANY RIDER IGNORING FLAG SIGNALS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING. IT IS VITAL THE MARSHALS, FIRST AID SERVICES AND FALLEN RIDERS RECEIVE THEIR PROTECTION.** Riders seen to be riding beyond the track markers (either inside or outside) **WILL** be excluded from the race.
- 13 GATE POSITIONS - These will be shown in the programme provided. **RIDERS MUST ADHERE TO THEIR ALLOCATED POSITION.**
- 14 WHITE ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP- This is a one day meeting. Trophies will be awarded on the day to 4th place.

Yorkshire Junior Grasstrack Club - Safety Bulletin

With the recent influx of new competitors into grasstrack racing some of whom are from Motocross backgrounds, we are finding Competitors wearing inadequate back protection other than that laid down by the ACU and covered in the ACU Handbook (ref: Page 181 Section 3.2).

Back protection must be commercially manufactured and **MUST** cover the complete spine including the base of the spine (coxix).

MX style body armour is not suffice as this only provides upper body protection and does not provide any coxix protection.

The MX style vests with spinal protection are allowed and provide adequate protection to the spine.

Examples as pictures

REMEMBER - it's for your safety these rules are in place!!!

Ignition cut outs/Lanyards is also an area we feel needs to be clarified as is covered in the ACU Handbook (ref: Page 183 Section 4.10).

NON ELASTIC - this means the red/coloured coiled telephone cable type are not permitted under the ACU grasstrack rules, unless the coiled cable is replaced by a non elastic cable i.e. boot lace etc...

We thank you for your co-operation in this area - safe riding!!!!

Examples



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Starting Grass Track?

Junior grass track racing is a family orientated motorcycle sport catering for riders from the age of 6 years.

Races take place on a flat grass oval which is approximately 400 meters in length, usually consisting of six races and are run from a standing start over four laps. At the Yorkshire Junior Grass Track Club you can normally expect six races per class at each meeting.

Grass Track Motorcycles

Most closely related to a speedway bike, a true grass track machine consists of a special lightweight tubular frame, which will usually have a long wheelbase and much lower seat height than a motocross machine. Unlike speedway machines, grass track bikes have suspension and, in most cases, a gearbox. Commonly known as a "slider", the traditional grass track motorcycle is quite a special piece of machinery. Many junior bikes use motocross derived 2-stroke engines, but 4-stroke machines are very popular in several classes. In an effort to encourage more young riders to the sport, there are now separate classes for 65, 85 and 125 cc motocross machines which require no modification to take part. Our youngest riders take part on automatic 50cc bikes which are an excellent introduction to the sport.

Safety

Grass track racing is fast. Unlike motocross, where tracks are purposely designed to keep top speeds down, junior grass track riders can always enjoy high speed action - yet the sport sees relatively few serious injuries. Qualified medical services are on hand at every meeting and the safety guidelines laid down by the sport's governing body, the ACU, are strictly followed. Riders wear full protective gear including helmets, boots, upper body protectors, gloves and goggles.

How much does it cost?

Compared to other forms of junior motor sport, grass track can still be relatively inexpensive. A grass oval circuit is a great "leveller" and the skill of a rider is usually far more important than the necessity for the very latest in machinery. Many of our current riders started on motocross machines which they already owned, some choose to progress on to specialist grass bikes but others preferring to stay with the motocross classes. Machines are often for sale at club meetings or keep an eye on the classified pages on our website - www.yorkshiregrasstrack.co.uk. As with all forms of motorsport, do not be tempted to skimp on safety gear. Quality protective clothing can be expensive but is the most worthwhile investment you will make.

How do you get involved?

Before you think about buying your child a suitable machine to start racing, why not come along to one of our meetings where you can find out more about the sport. Junior grass track parents are a friendly bunch who will be more than delighted to offer you advice and information.

Tempted?

Come and have a chat at our next meeting - we will be delighted to meet you or feel free to contact us if you would like further information.

Junior Grass Track Classes

Yorkshire Junior Grass Track Club operates according to the class rules and regulations laid down by the governing body of British Motorcycle Sport, the ACU. Grass track classes are governed by both rider age and engine capacity. Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information.

**Auto Cadet - Riders aged 6 - 7 on 1st Jan
White Plate - Black Numbers**

**Cadet - Riders aged 7 - 8 on 1st Jan
Black Plate - White Numbers**

**Junior - Riders aged 9, 10- 11 on 1st Jan
Red Plate - White Numbers**

**Intermediate - Riders aged 12, 13 - 14 on 1st Jan
Yellow Plate - Black Numbers**

**Senior A 250 - Riders aged 15, 16, 17 - 18 on 1st Jan
Green Plate - White Numbers**

**Senior B 350 - Riders aged 15, 16, 17 - 18 on 1st Jan
Blue Plate - White Numbers**

Motocross Classes

You do not necessarily need a grass track bike to race with us - Yorkshire Junior Grass Track Club also runs classes specifically for motocross bikes from 65cc to 125 cc. You do not need to modify your bike to take part¹ and many of our riders are also motocross competitors.

Motocross 65	Riders aged 7, 8, 9 - 10 on 1st Jan Black - Plate White Numbers
Motocross 85 (small wheel)	Riders aged 9, 10, 11 - 12 on 1st Jan Red Plate - White Numbers
Motocross 85 (big wheel)	Riders aged 11, 12, 13, 14 - 15 on 1st Jan Green Plate - White Numbers
Motocross 125	Riders aged 14, 15, 16 - 17 on 1st Jan Yellow Plate - Black Numbers

Adult Classes

Senior 250	Green Plate - White Numbers
Senior 350	Blue Plate - White Number
Senior 500	Yellow Plate - Blue Number
Adult MX	Plate as cc Class

Yorkshire Junior Grass Track Club

2009 Season Membership Application Form

I/we apply for membership of the Yorkshire Junior Grass Track Club. I/we agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the club and the ACU.

(block capitals please):

Full Name:	
Address:	
	Postcode:
Telephone:	Mobile
Fax Number:	Email:

Please note: email address and mobile numbers are important for updates, changes of venue and cancellations.

Riders details:

Rider 1 Full Name:	Date of Birth:
Class (a) (b)	Preferred Riding Number:
ACU Licence No:	Machine: Capacity:
Rider 2 Full Name:	Date of Birth:
Class (a) (b)	Preferred Riding Number:
ACU Licence No:	Machine: Capacity:

New youth members only: For registration of dates of birth, please enclose a copy/copies of Birth Certificates, which will be returned with membership cards.

NB: Membership cannot be guaranteed before registration of birthday.

Indemnification by Parent or Guardian:

In consideration of acceptance of this membership application(s), I/we agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Yorkshire Junior Grass Track Club or Auto Cycle Union Tracking Racing Division, the owners or lessees of the land used for any meeting and their respective officials, services, representatives or agents from any liability arising out of any accidents causing damage or personal injury (fatal or otherwise) however caused.

Signed (parent or guardian): Date:

Witnessed by (print name):

Signed: Date:

Please return this form:

Please return your completed form, together with the annual membership fee

£20.00 Family (includes 1 sibling)

£6.00 Extra rider

£5.00 Day membership

Please send a **stamped addressed envelope** for return of your membership card and your first meeting regs.

All Cheques should be made payable to **YJGTC** and posted to: Jackie Parkinson
31 Holly Approach
Ossett
West Yorkshire WF5 9TD