



The Sunflower 2026



Supplementary Regulations for USBK CHAMPIONSHIP SHORT CIRCUIT EVENT at Bishopscourt RACING CIRCUIT
On Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October 2026. Promoted by Hillsborough & District Motor Cycle Club
M.C.U.I. (U,C) Permit No 26018

1. JURISDICTION

The race will be held under the General Competition Rules and Standing Regulations of the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland. These Supplementary Regulations and any further Regulations subsequently issued.

2. ELIGIBILITY

For National Competitors, Drivers and Passengers must hold a valid National or International Competition Licence issued by the MCUI or any other FMN. Riders not holding an MCUI Licence must carry proof of insurance and a written Start Permission issued by their FMN. Any further eligibility requirements will be set in the Supplementary Regulations for the event.

3. EVENT OFFICIALS	Name	Lic.No.	EVENT OFFICIALS	Name	Lic.No.
<i>MCUI (UC) Steward</i>	Wesley Grace		<i>Club Steward</i>	John Dillon	
<i>MCUI (SC) Steward</i>	Maeve McDonnell		<i>Club Steward</i>	Roger Geddis	
<i>Clerk of Course</i>	Mervyn Ferris	(091)	<i>Assist Clerk of Course</i>	John McClure	
<i>Chief Marshal</i>	Trudy Blair		<i>Assist Chief Marshal</i>		
<i>Chief Flag Marshal</i>	Albert Hamilton		<i>Assist Chief Flag Marshal</i>	David Patterson	
<i>MCUI (UC) Safety Officer</i>	Mervyn McVitty		<i>Club Safety Officer</i>	Graeme Campbell	
<i>Club Incident Officer</i>	Dai Williams		<i>MCUI UC Incident Officer</i>	Ian McClelland	
<i>Race Secretary</i>	Valerie Smyth		<i>Assist Race Secretary</i>	Jodie Smyth	
<i>MCUI Timekeepers</i>	Richard Agnew & Team		<i>Event Medical Cover</i>	MCUI (UC) Team	
<i>MCUI (UC) Safeguarding</i>	Rosie Geddis		<i>Club Safeguarding Officer</i>	Tina Drake	
<i>MCUI (UC) Welfare</i>	Rosie Geddis & Team		<i>MCUI (UC) Scrutineers</i>	Keith Lynn & Team	
<i>Race Radio Control</i>	John Crichton		<i>MCUI (UC) Technical</i>	Mark Kirkpatrick & Team	
<i>Pit lane Controller</i>	Kitty Harland		<i>Pit Lane Exit Control</i>	David Nelson	
<i>Paddock Controller</i>	Graeme Campbell		<i>Assist Paddock Controller</i>	T.B.A.	
<i>Podium Control</i>	Raymond Carins		<i>Commentators</i>	Gareth Keys	

4. EVENTS ;- All USBK Events will have 2 Races

A	<i>Moto 3/125 GP</i>	A1		B	<i>Lightweight S.Sport</i>	B1	<i>Supermono/Classic GP (non-championship)</i>
C	<i>Pre Injection 600</i>	C1	<i>Pre Injection 1000</i>				
D	<i>McKinstry Motorcycle Transport Supertwins</i>	D1	<i>McKinstry Motorcycle Transport Production Twins</i>	D2	<i>BMW 900 (Non Championship)</i>		
G	<i>SBT Ireland Superbike</i>	G1	<i>Superbike Cup</i>	H	<i>Supersport Next Gen</i>	H1	<i>Supersport Cup</i>
I	<i>Sidecars</i>			J	<i>Moto One</i>	J2	<i>Tianda Cup</i>

Superbike and Supersport competitors are graded by the MCUI(UC) and must practice and qualify in their allocated sessions. All classes, except sidecars, may be run concurrently at the COC discretion or cancelled by the promoting Club depending on the number of entries. The promoting club reserves the right to cancel any event if less than 10 fully paid entries are received 14 days prior to the main event. Grid positions will be decided by timed practice. If computer timing is not available the first 10 in the championship will fill the first 10 places on the grid.

Entries must be made on the official entry form, or online, completed in every detail and must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. Any entry received without the appropriate entry fee will be regarded as null and void.

Entry Fees: 1st event - £180/€210 2nd event - £90/€100 3rd event - £45/€50
Moto One etc. - £90/€100 Max to pay - £315/€360

Payments can be made by:-

Paypal secretary@sunflower-hillsborough.co.uk Click on Payments and record name of Rider

By Cheque. Cheques made payable to Hillsborough & District Motor Cycle Club Ltd.

Post dated cheques will be regarded as Non Entry

Entries close on Tuesday 6th OCTOBER 2026 R.O.I. Competitors ensure payments are made in euros as stated above.

Check WEBSITE www.hillsboroughdistrictmcc.com for entry confirmation

To obtain admission to the Circuit one competitor and two mechanics will be signed in at gate entrance. All others pay at gate.

7. CHANGE OF RIDER - A change of rider will also entail a change of riding number. A change of rider and machine may only be considered if applied for by the original competitor/entrant and must be **in writing**. The competitor taking over entry will not be considered before all other competitors in the said class are signed on.

8. SCRUTINEERING OF MACHINE AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING - Before commencing practice, Drivers must take their machines and equipment to the Scrutineers for Inspection. Scrutineering will take place in the Paddock from approx. 6:30PM to 8:00PM on Friday 23rd. Scrutineering will also take place on Saturday 24th at 7AM to 8:30AM. Competition Licences must be available for inspection at signing on. Crash Helmets must bear the current MCUI Stamp of Approval and the Stamp of the Club used on the day. A driver must not practice or race on any machine not Scrutineered. It is the responsibility of the Competitor to present the Machine and Protective Clothing which are safe in all respects and which comply with the General Competition rules of the MCUI.

ALL Superbike, Supersport & Superstock machines are to be presented with Belly pans off and then fitted during scrutineering. **Important. No children are allowed in the Scrutineering bay. Young riders to be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian. NO DOGS ALLOWED.**

8 (A) ONBOARD CAMERAS - Only competitors authorised by COC will be permitted to film from on board cameras. Applications must be in **writing** to the COC. Where such approval is granted, the installation of the camera and associated equipment is subject to approval of the chief scrutineer. A copy of insurance policy must be forwarded with entry form prior to closing date for inspection otherwise No onboard cameras will be allowed.

9. HELMET PENALTY - An MCUI Rider using a Helmet which does not bear the current MCUI Helmet Stamp and that of the Club used on the day or has been previously rejected by a helmet Examiner or Scrutineer will receive a mandatory penalty of 30 days' suspension, the entire period to be within the racing season.

10. NUMBER PLATES AND RACE NUMBERS - Must comply with MCUI Standing Regulations Chapter 3

11. IDENTITY DISCS - An identification Disc/SOS Card must be worn during Practice and Racing.

12. ALCOHOL /DRUG as GCR 230; Drug testing may also be carried out at events.

12A. Under 15 year olds who suffer concussion before or after an accident will have a 23 day delay penalty

13. COURSE - The races will be held over the Bishops Court circuit which is 1.824 miles and is ridden clockwise. Touring on the circuit during practice or racing is not permitted. Drivers must not drive or push their machines in the reverse direction of the course unless under the instruction of an official.

13A. Penalty for breach of Pitlane Exit / Circuit dividing Line at Short Circuit Events - Penalties for doing so are: 1. First offence during Practice or Race - 10 sec time penalty added to your total 1st Race or Current Race Time. 2. Second offence during Practice or Races - 10 sec time penalty added to your current Race and remaining Races. 3. Third offence - **Exclusion from the remainder of the event.**

14. PADDOCK - All machines must be pushed to the assembly Paddock. Riding in the Paddock is strictly forbidden. Penalties for doing so are as follows: 1st Offence - 15secs added to your total race time for each of your races following the offence. 2nd Offence - Exclusion from the remainder of the event. No under 18s are allowed on the pit wall.

15. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS - All Competitors vehicles must carry a fire extinguisher with a current inspection certificate. (4KG Minimum)

16. DOGS - Dogs must always be kept on a lead and supervised.

17. PRACTICE - Timed Practice between 9.00am and 11.00 am on Saturday 24th which will be 12 minutes qualifying for each session.

18. METHOD OF START - as per MCUI Rules.

19. RACING - Saturday First Race 11:00AM approx. Sunday First Race 10:00AM approx. Grid positions will be determined by timed Practice. Riders will be required to take up their race position on the Dummy Grid before proceeding to the Start Line. N.B. As the gate opens for the first rider to leave the Dummy Grid, the paddock entrance will close and any rider arriving late will have their race number recorded and have a 10 second penalty added to their total race time. Any rider who arrives at the Assembly Paddock entrance after the last rider has exited the Dummy Grid will not be allowed to start, No Exceptions. Failure to take up and hold the correct position on the start Line will result in a 10 second penalty.

20. REAR SAFETY LIGHT.

All motorcycles must have a functioning red light mounted at the rear of the machine to be used in rain or poor visibility conditions as instructed by Clerk of the Course. The rider must ensure the light is switched on whenever a rain tyre is fitted on the motorcycle and / or when any Practice or Race is declared "wet" by the Clerk of the Course.

RIDERS must make themselves aware and comply with the Red Light Warning system in Chapter 12 Technical section of the MCUI GCR's

21. FLAG SIGNALS as Standing Regulations 16-17A FLAGS USED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO RIDERS – NO FLAG SIGNAL, ALL CLEAR. LIGHTS Panels - If the circuit is equipped with light panels, these will be used in conjunction with flag signals – lights have the same validity of a Flag. The Clerk of Course may exclude a competitor who breaches the flag rules from the meeting or refer the matter to the Stewards of the Meeting for further action.

22. RACING-

Grid positions for the first race - will be determined by timed practice.

Grid positions for subsequent races - will be determined by the fastest lap time for each rider in the previous race. In the case of identical lap times riders will be placed in the order of their finishing position in the previous race.

Any rider who does not complete a flying lap will be moved back two rows from their grid position for the previous race.

23. FINISH - To be classified as a finisher, a competitor must have completed 75% of the race distance covered by the race winner and have crossed the Finishing Line within two minutes after the race winner has finished. After receiving the chequered flag,

24. FUEL- As per MCUI Rules

25. TYRES - As per MCUI Rules

26. TRANSPONDERS- Must be fitted Electronic timing will be in operation for all events.

27. FALLEN RIDERS. Once a rider has fallen from their machine they are not permitted to remount and continue in that race or practice session. The machine must be re-passed by a scrutineer. The scrutineers docket must be handed to CoC before the Rider can continue in the meeting.

28. CONCUSSION. Once concussion is confirmed the rider must not compete further in the event (including subsequent days) and their competition licence suspended at least for the period specified below. Minimum period of exclusion from racing 20 years and over excluded immediately for 48 hours with a further minimum 7 days suspension from competition.. 16 to 19 years 12 days

15 years and under 23 days.

Medical Exclusion. Unfit riders will be prohibited from participating at racing events until declared fit to do so by the Chief Medical Officer (or a person nominated by him/her). As per GCR 96/97/108. Any rider who refuses to submit himself/herself to such a medical examination must be excluded from the event and should be subject to appropriate sanctions as determined by the MCUI. As per GCR 186.

29. NO vehicular traffic will be allowed to enter or leave the paddock after the time of start for practice and until racing is finished.

30. PRIZES; Podium presentation after each race.

31. All competitors at sign on must supply a contact name and phone number, who will be in the paddock during the event in case of an emergency (ICE details).

32. Technical infringement - Any competitor found guilty of breaking any 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)

33. Technical Bulletin - From January 2023 The MCUI (UC) technical committee will be able to issue technical update bulletin for any race and class during the season. These could be in line with the FIM, other FMN championships or for safety reasons.

34. Safety Notice - All types of cables and leads must not be pulled across the paddock driveways without cable ramps being used.

Competitors Important Notes

Entrants License: An Entrant License is a requirement to have any sponsor or Team name in the program and details must be on entry forms.

Racing:

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Any rider who does not complete a flying lap will be moved back two rows from their grid position for the previous race.

Assembly Paddock: YOU MUST BE IN THE DUMMY GRID ON YOUR CORRECT GRID POSITION IN GOOD TIME READY FOR THE START OF YOUR RACE. THE NEW RULES FOR LEAVING THE ASSEMBLY PADDOCK ARE AS FOLLOWS: WHEN GIVEN THE SIGNAL YOU WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO LEAVE THE DUMMY GRID. The pitlane will close after one minute is completed on countdown clock - and controlled by red flag or/and red light. Nobody will be allowed out after one minute. As soon as the gate opens for the first rider to leave pitlane the paddock entrance gate will close and any rider arriving late will have their race number recorded and have a ten second penalty added to their total race time within one minute countdown.

When arriving on the grid please remember your start position no pit crews will be allowed on grid after sighting lap! No pitlane race starts at USBK.

Race Starts: WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON THE GRID - START LIGHTS WILL BE OFF, WHEN THE START OFFICIAL MOVES INTO PITLANE YOU ARE THEN BROUGHT UNDER STARTERS ORDERS - START LIGHTS WILL COME ON - THEN OFF WITHIN 5 SECONDS. THIS APPLIES TO ALL STARTS AND SPLITS STARTS.

Fire Extinguishers: All competitors vehicles must carry a 4KG fire extinguisher with a current inspection certificate.