

ACU TRACK RACING COMMITTEE
RISK ASSESSMENT FOR GRASS TRACK

INTRODUCTION

The assessment of risks associated with the sporting element of Grass Track events has been undertaken by the ACU Track Racing Committee, and is reviewed annually.

The steps required to be taken by event organisers are included in either the handbook or the Safety Precautions for Speed events which are published annually.

This Risk Management Form is a simple proforma (template) which allows organisers to check that they have put in place all of the necessary requirements, and to demonstrate to public bodies if required that a proper risk assessment for the event has been undertaken.

The only exception to this is at item 1, Circuit Layout, where organisers are required to assess the risks associated with the location and layout of their own venue.

A blank space is provided at the end of this form to allow clubs to undertake their own risk assessment for items which are not covered by the ACU's annual publications. (eg. Beer tents or children's entertainments)

Where an organiser wishes to, or is requested by a Landowner to work towards an alternatively prepared Risk Assessment form, then this is acceptable providing the risks outlined here are covered.

For large events, the ACU will provide a template to assist with the "event management

Description of Columns.

- **Heading –** Identifies each area where risk is identified.
- **Column 1. –** Potential Risk in each area.
- **Column 2. –** Level of Risk (H - high, M – medium, L – low) this is a combination of the likelihood of an incident and the consequence.
- **Column 3. –** Action to Manage Risk (fencing, classes etc)
- **Column 4. –** Is Action in Place, to be completed by organising club. (Y – yes, N – no)
- **Column 5. –** If Answer is No, Identify The Reason.

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1. Circuit Location and Layout.

This will depend on location of start (assessment of traffic flow on roads adjacent to the site entrance) and size of event and considerations for Column 3 may be Warning signs, marshals, roped areas

Potential risk	Level of risk	Action to manage risk	Action in place	If answer is NO, identify the reason
Danger entering or leaving the site				
Segregation of Officials, Competitors and Spectators.				
Access to the circuit for emergency vehicles.				

2. Track.

Potential risk	Level of risk	Action to manage risk	Action in place	If answer is NO, identify the reason
Suitability for type of event.	L	NSC 8.04. Track Certificate		
Suitable for all levels of Competitors entered.	L	NSC 8.04. Track Certificate		
Number of Competitors.	M	TS 9. Restriction on number of starters		
Track maintenance.	L	TS 1. Track maintenance standards.		
Adequacy of safety barriers.	L	TS 10. Specification of safety fences.		
Protection of hazards.	L	Hazards identified and protected.		
Protection of track staff.	M	TS 6 Central neutral zone.		

3. Spectators.

Potential risk	Level of risk	Action to manage risk	Action in place	If answer is NO, identify the reason
Protection from vehicles – Spectators and Competitors.	L	TS 15. Paddock requirements.		
Protection from debris.	L	TS 14. Management of spectator areas.		
Safe area for expected numbers.	L	Assessment of numbers spectators		
Numbers anticipated.				

4. Pit Area.

Potential risk	Level of risk	Action to manage risk	Action in place	If answer is NO, identify the reason
Control of spectator entry.	L	Marshall's and roping.		
Movement of vehicles.	M	SR 2.20. No riding in pits		
Major incident plan to deal with evacuation.	L	To be reviewed		
Major incident plan to deal with casualties.	L	To be reviewed		

5. Officials.

Potential risk	Level of risk	Action to manage risk	Action in place	If answer is NO, identify the reason
Adequate numbers:- On Course. Others.	L	As per TCC As Standing Regs		
Adequate briefing.	M	To be reviewed		
Ease of identification.	L	Hi Vis waistcoats worn		
Risk of hearing damage	L	Ear protection for Start Line and Pit Gate staff		

6. Competitors.

Potential risk	Level of risk	Action to manage risk	Action in place	If answer is NO, identify the reason
Competitors able to handle machinery.	L	SR 8.5. Youth age groups. SR 8.6. Higher licences issued on proof of experience		
Compatibility of competitive equipment.	L	SR 8.10. Capacity classes and machine types segregated.		
Risk of danger to Officials and Spectators.	L	TS 10. Specification of safety fences.		
Risk of injury in accident.	M	SR 3.1, 3.2. Protective clothing SR 2.6. Technical Control. TS 5. Running off space.		
Risk of becoming trapped in motorcycles.	L	SR 4.4. Protection of wheels,		

7. Event Control.

Potential risk	Level of risk	Action to manage risk	Action in place	If answer is NO, identify the reason
System for starting and stopping event.	L	SR 2.9. Method of starting. SR 2.13. Flag signals		
Are Competitors and Officials familiar with signals.	L	SR 2.13. Flag signals, Handbook issued to all licence holders.		
Adequacy of communications.	L	SR 2.13. Flag signals supported by two way radio. Riders Briefing.		

8. First Aid / Rescue Services.

Potential risk	Level of risk	Action to manage risk	Action in place	If answer is NO, identify the reason
Adequacy of provision.	L	SR 2.25. Medical Services		
Cutting equipment designed to prevent further risk.	L	If provided, must only be used by qualified personnel.		
All track vehicles fitted with suitable cab / safety cage.	L	All track vehicles to be fitted with roll over protection.		
Moving machinery adequately guarded.	M	All guards to be in place before use.		
Fire Hazard.	L	SR 3.5. Provision of fire extinguishers. TS 17 provision of emergency equipment by organisers.		

9. Electricity.

Potential risk	Level of risk	Action to manage risk	Action in place	If answer is NO, identify the reason
Shock. Fatality. Fire.	L	Periodic PAT Testing Adequate sockets. Control of generator location. All equipment to be used through a protected circuit.		

10. Falls. (Spectator and Officials areas)

Falls from less than 2 metres.	L	Good housekeeping to be maintained. All changes in floor level to be clearly identified. Handrails to be provided at exit points.		
Falls from more than 2 metres.	L	All areas above 2 metres to be protected by suitable edge protection. Steps to be provided with suitable railings. Formal inspections of structure to be undertaken.		

11. Liquid Storage.

<p>Spillage leading to contamination or slip hazard.</p>	<p>M</p>	<p>All hazardous waste to be disposed of via a licensed contractor. Suitable spill containment equipment to be ready at all times. Where contamination of unprotected water courses or drains could occur protection must be provided. Emergency spillage procedures to be drawn up, and hazard data sheets available for chemicals used.</p>		
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Assessment of Additional 'Event Specific' Activities
To be undertaken by Organiser.
(if none, indicate none below)

I confirm that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided above was correct at the time of completion.

Signed._____ **Name.** _____

Organising Club_____ **Venue.** _____

Position within organising club. _____

Date:_____ **Time:**_____