

**AUTO-CYCLE UNION LTD (ACU) –  
TIER 2 AND TIER 5 SPORTSPEOPLE UNDER THE POINTS BASED SYSTEM  
NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR MOTORCYCLE  
SPORT 2010**

**Background**

The governing body endorsement (GBE) requirements for those non-European Economic Area (EEA) nationals employed within motorcycle sport in 2009 are set out below. These requirements were agreed following consultation with Associated bodies/Sponsors/Teams and motorcycle clubs affiliated to the ACU.

**Extent of Governing Body Endorsement (GBE) Requirements**

The GBE Requirements apply to Tier 2 and Tier 5 applications.  
The GBE Requirements apply to clubs competing under the jurisdiction of the ACU  
These requirements do not cover Speedway as that discipline of the Sport is covered by Separate endorsement requirements compiled by the British Speedway Promoters Association.

These requirements come into force from the date that they are published and remain in force until such time as they are superseded by a revised set of requirements. The Requirements will apply to all applications to employ non EEA nationals during the 2009 season which have not already been made through the previous system.

**Review**

The Requirements will be reviewed on an annual basis. Such review will include consultation with the associated bodies and motorcycle clubs affiliated to the ACU.

**Requirements - Sponsors**

Endorsements will usually only be issued for Teams participating in the British Superbikes Championship and the Maxxis British Motocross Championship. These endorsements will be issued for a period of four years.

**Requirements – Riders**

Endorsements will only be issued for international competitors competing in the British Superbikes Championship and the Maxxis British Motocross Championship as recognised by the ACU as the Governing Body for the sport and who have been approached by a recognised Race Team and are contracted to ride for the forthcoming season. All Riders considered must be in possession of a National Competition Licence from their Home Federation and be contracted to rider for a Recognised UK National Team.

These requirements apply to all non-EEA nationals. The ACU will consider applications from those competitors wishing to compete in International/National status Championship and non-Championship events.

For extremely talented individual Riders, special permission from the Home Federation may be sought if they are not in possession of a National Licence. Letters of Justification would need to be supplied to the ACU Road Race, Drag and Sprint Committee who would judge each case on an individual basis.

Endorsements will not be issued for other roles in motorcycle sport.

**Factors to be taken into account when making a discretionary decision will be:**

- The riders record in Motorcycle Sport including junior career

## **Extension and Change of Employer Applications**

Extension applications will only be considered for riders who currently hold a UK Work Permit (or certificate of sponsorship) for the current or last racing season. In order to be able to issue a certificate of sponsorship for an extension, the associated body, sponsor, team or Club must have been issued a new GBE for the rider. The rider must have valid leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom before he can race.

Change of employment applications will require an endorsement as the new sponsor will need to issue a new certificate of sponsorship.

## **Advertising**

There is no advertising requirement for riders.

## **Length of issue for Riders**

Endorsements will be issued for a period of time commensurate with the length of period a rider is contracted to his Racing Team or for a maximum period of three years, whichever is shorter. Extensions will be issued for the length of period a rider is contracted to his Racing Team or for a maximum period of two years, whichever is shorter.

## **Salary**

The salary is usually agreed as part of the contract between the individual rider and employer. This should be at least equal to those normally given to a 'resident worker' for this work.

## **Dispute resolution**

All disputes will be referred to the Panel of Adjudicators – a non-disciplinary Arbitration Body of the Auto-Cycle Union Ltd and their decision will be final.

## **Further information**

These Requirements should be read in conjunction with the appropriate UK Border Agency guidance when making an application for a sponsor licence and issuing certificates of sponsorship.

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