

METHOD OF SCORING

Points are only allocated to current Grand Prix Club Members who are eligible to compete in the elected events. The remaining runners in each event (either unattached or from non-Grand Prix clubs) are disregarded and not allocated any points. The first SGP Club Member home gets the full 500 points regardless of his/her race finishing position, and likewise for all other SGP Club Members. Both Men and Ladies score 500 points for the first Man/Lady SGP Club Member down to 1 point for the 500th Man/Lady SGP Club Member. After each elected event, the points scored are recorded against each SGP Club Member and are also kept as a cumulative Best Score Total.

Best Score Total

SGP Club Members can compete in as many elected events as they wish, but to score effectively for your club the minimum is 8 events; there is no upper limit. If a member wishes to compete in more than 8 events in order to improve his/her best score total, then the points are based on **Best 8 Scoring Races** taken from all of the events that the competitor entered.

Best 8 Scoring Races

An upper limit has been set for the number of races with a distance of under 10 miles that can count in the best 8 scoring races. Regardless of how many under 10 mile events a member competes in, only the best 6 events at this distance will count toward the best score total. The remaining 2 scores being made up from the best 2 scoring events at a distance of 10 miles and over. Up to this limit, any combination of distances will count towards the best score total. For the current year there is no limit to the number of races of 10 miles and over which can count.

Open Individual League Tables

Two separate tables are compiled for both Men and Ladies, and will include all current Grand Prix Club Members who are eligible to compete including eligible veterans. The best competitor in each table will have the highest **Best Score Total** as defined in **Method of Scoring**.

Vets Individual League Tables

Two separate tables are compiled for Men Age 40 and over and Ladies age 35 and over on 1st January of the current year who are eligible as veterans. The best competitor in each table will have the highest **Best Score Total** as defined in **Method of Scoring**.

Vets Group League Tables

Twelve separate tables are compiled covering six vet groups V1 through V6 for Men Age 40 & over and Ladies age 35 & over on 1st January of the current year, who are eligible as veterans. The vet group depends on the ages, defined as follows:

Men: V1 :40-44, V2: 45-49, V3: 50-54 V4: 55-59, V5: 60-64, V6: 65 & over.

Ladies: V1: 35-39, V2: 40-44, V3: 45-49, V4: 50-54, V5: 55-59, V6: 60 & over.

The best competitor in each table will have the highest **Best Score Total** as defined in **Method of Scoring**.

Open Club League Tables

Two separate tables are compiled for Men and Ladies, and will include all current Grand Prix Club Members who are eligible to compete including eligible veterans. **For Men:** The table shows the best club taking into account the cumulative **Best Score Total** for the top 10 Men in each club. **For Ladies:** The table shows the best club taking into account the cumulative **Best Score Total** for the top 5 Ladies in each club.

Vets Club League Tables

Two separate tables are compiled for Men age 40 and over and Ladies age 35 and over on 1st January of the current year who are eligible veterans. **For Men:** The table shows the best club taking into account the cumulative **Best Score Total** for the top 5 eligible veteran Men in each club. **For Ladies:** The table shows the best club taking into account the cumulative **Best Score Total** for the top 3 eligible veteran Ladies in each club.

Grand Prix League Table

The Grand Prix League Table shows the best club taking into account the **positions** of the clubs in the Men's and Ladies' **Open Club League Tables**.

The **positions** are added together to give a cumulative score, the lowest score (being the best cumulative position) will represent the best club.

In the event of a tie, the club with the highest placed last team wins, e.g.

Club A: Men's position 8th, Ladies' position 6th

Club B: Men's position 5th, Ladies' position 9th

The highest placed last team in this example is Club A whose men were 8th (as opposed to Club B whose last team were the ladies placed 9th). So Club A wins over Club B in this case.

*If there is still a tie in the last team positions, then the club with the highest cumulative **Best Score Total** wins. The highest cumulative **Best Score Total** is the sum of the Men's and Ladies' **Best Score Total** taken from the **Open Club League Tables**.*

SUSSEX ROAD RACING GRAND PRIX RULES

- 1 A Grand Prix Committee is formed consisting of Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Results Co-ordinator and Club Delegates who represent each member club. This committee will resolve any disputes regarding the competition, and make any changes to the events included, or any changes in the rules and method of scoring or general running of the Grand Prix.
- 2 For a meeting to be considered formal it must be conducted as outlined in the Constitution.
- 3 **No** expenditure will be made without full approval of the committee as referred to in the Constitution.
- 4 Each Grand Prix registered club should appoint a Delegate, and all communications will be made via this person to the General Secretary. It will be in your club's interest that the Delegate attends all or as many meetings as possible so that your club's opinions can be voiced. It is intended that at least 3 meetings will be held during each year and Delegates will be given notice of changes in date. Additional meetings may be called if the need arises and notification will be sent prior to such meetings.

A Delegate or his/her proxy may invite other members of his/her club to attend meetings, but when motions are voted on, only one vote can be cast and it must be via their elected Delegate.

- 5 Only those events selected by the committee, and published prior to the start of season can count for points scoring. The events chosen must be accurately measured and carry a current Race Permit issued by the Sussex AAA.

Events organised by member clubs will be treated as priority events for election at the start of the season, and provided they meet the requirements and have no objections from the committee they will be included.

A copy of the Race Permit or at least, the Permit number must be sent to the Results Co-ordinator before the race date. If a Race Permit is not issued, then the event concerned will be struck from the series as there would be no insurance cover for the competitors in cases of accident or injury.

- 6 Only those clubs who have paid their Sussex AAA affiliation fee to the County before the date of the first SGP event can be considered as eligible to score.
- 7 Subscriptions for membership become due on 1st January each year. Only those clubs which have paid their SGP membership fee by 31st March of the current year will be allocated points from the results of each event. (Special consideration will be given to new clubs joining mid season at the discretion of the committee)
- 8 The only members of clubs who can be counted as scorers are **fully paid-up first claim members**. The only exception to this rule is if a person has a Sussex qualification and their first claim club is **outside** of Sussex, they can then run as first claim for their Sussex club.

If any club has such members then they must be made

known in writing to the General Secretary who will acknowledge their acceptance.

- 9 It is the responsibility of each club representative to supply a list of their club members, male and female, together with their dates of birth at the start of the current series. This information should be sent to the Results Co-ordinator. The representative must also provide details of new members no later than one month after they join the club, and likewise, when a member resigns from or moves to a new club.
- 10 When competitors enter events 'on the day' the official results do not always show the running club and they are entered as 'unattached'. In these cases it is not possible for the Results Co-ordinator to identify the Grand Prix competitor. It is the responsibility of the club representative to advise the Results Co-ordinator when this happens, otherwise points may not be allocated.
- 11 To qualify for the appropriate Veteran category, club representatives **MUST** supply competitors' dates of birth when compiling the list of members at the start of the series. The representative must also provide the date of birth of new members when they join. If this information is not supplied, then Senior status will be applied for the current series. The system used for scoring relies solely on dates of birth, and allocates appropriate veteran status automatically. **No date of birth — no vet status!** At least 5 of the events in the current series must be run in order to qualify for a Veterans award at prize giving.
- 12 The date set for taking the age of Veterans and all other runners, is 1st January of the current year. The age they are on the 1st January will be used for the current year's events, and where applicable, to decide their vet group. The minimum age for a competitor has been set at 16 for the Grand Prix series.
- 13 The usual BAF and RRA rules will apply to all competitors and in no way can the Grand Prix Committee have any influence or control over the organisation of each event, and it is the official results of each event that will be used for the allocation of Grand Prix points.
- 14 All clubs are asked to strictly adhere to BAF and RRA rules, and any club found knowingly breaking these rules can, subject to an investigation by the Grand Prix Committee, be expelled from the Grand Prix, have members disqualified from events or have points deducted if ineligible competitors are found to be representing clubs.
- 15 In all events competitors must wear registered club colours only which are clean and so designed and worn as not to be objectionable, even when wet. The club colours must be worn by all competitors at their chosen events in order to count in their club team. Individuals who intend to wear sponsored kit/outfits in place of club colours **will not** count in their club team. In order to gain points as an open individual they must inform their club representative **before** the event, who must in turn advise the results co-ordinator before the event, otherwise they may be disqualified altogether if reported.
- 16 **There must be no swopping of numbers.** Competi-

tors must **only** compete wearing the running number officially issued to them by the race organisers. A competitor must not run wearing a number which has been allocated to another person, and transferred to them by the competitor who is unfit, unable, or does not wish to run. If this happens all those involved will be disqualified! Contact the race organiser before the race to have the changeover made official.

17 Regardless of how many events under 10 miles a member competes in, only the best 6 events at this distance will count towards the best score total. The remaining 2 scores being made up from the best 2 scoring events at a distance of 10 miles and over. Up to this limit, any combination of distances will count towards the best score total.

There is no limit to the number of races of 10 miles and over which can count.

18 Disputes with official times or positions must be taken up with the race organisers on the day wherever possible. If results are not available on the day, the disagreement should be dealt with by the club representative, who should contact the opposing club representative or race organiser as appropriate, to arrive at an agreement. The claim form should be completed and signed by all parties concerned and passed to the Results Co-ordinator within 3 weeks of the race results being published, otherwise the official results must stand. In exceptional circumstances where a dispute cannot be resolved amicably, this may be discussed and voted on at meetings.

19 Any runner changing clubs part way through the series will only be allocated team points for the club they were with at the start of the series and up to the date of their ceasing to be a member. i.e. No runner, vets included, can claim for two clubs in one year.