



## Sporting Circular 2014

### Guidelines for 2014 – what's new in the disciplines:

#### Trial

Changes in the FIM Europe Trial rules (TL 01, 02 & 03) for 2014:

##### Submission of entries:

This change applies for all the European Trial Championships. The last couple of years, we have had problems with many riders submitting entries after the 3-week limit has passed. I detected that FIM don't seem to uphold their limit anymore, so riders don't understand why we are so restrictive. In the days of internet and e-mails, and easy accessible printing technology, today's limit is probably outdated. A shorter limit of 14 days is introduced for 2014. Between this 14 days limit and until 4 days prior to the event, riders can still enter, but will be subject to a double entry fee and will probably not appear in the official program of the event. This solution will hopefully compensate the organisers for the inconvenience and bring more revenue to the organisers from the double fee and more riders starting.

##### Course and Sections:

The main change for course length and number of sections per lap made for 2014 is when the European Championship, Junior Cup and Over 40 Cup is organised together with the World Championship on the same weekend. In that case, the format will be the same as for the WC with 2 or 3 laps (see FIM Trial appendix 051.3.1) with a varying number of sections per lap (see FIM Trial appendix 051.4).

##### Riders' Inspection of the Sections:

In the case of a joint event with the FIM World Championship, the FIM Trial Appendix 052.6.2 will apply, and the rider will only be able to inspect the sections from the

enclosure prior to the event. At the day of the event, the rider will be allowed inside the sections to inspect them.

##### Marking of Parts (TL 01.9.4):

FIM introduces marking of the fuel tank during technical inspection, applying the same routine as for the silencer for changing a damaged fuel tank. In the case of a joint event with the FIM World Championship, this will also be applied for the EC, but otherwise no marking is done for the fuel tank to simplify the organisation.

Extra Sanction Points (all TL §10.2.3): The sanction for not attempting the sections in numerical order has been reduced from 20 to 10 points. The reason is to make a rider go back to a missed section so that not riding all sections gives an advantage of time, but with the same 20 points penalty as the one riding them all.

We will remind you that from 2013, all EC Trial events are without the use of public roads (Closed Circuit), and the riders do not need a registered bike or a driving license. At the same time, no riders from 16 years of age are restricted to 125cc (free capacity) unless they are competing in the Youth category. Also all riders finishing will be allocated championship points for the final standings.