



The Bon Accord guide to motorcycle trials etiquette



A quick run through of the do's and don'ts.

DO

- Arrive in good time for the start of the trial – you are not the only one riding.
- Fill in any forms with good clear legible writing - you'll thank us when we publish the results.
- Attend the pre-trial briefing – it may stop you getting lost or worse.
- Bring a scorecard punch if you have one – we're getting fed up having to buy new ones.
- Tackle the sections in numerical order – if there's a queue have a chat, make a new friend.
- Follow the marked course in the direction indicated – it's marked for your safety.
- Each section should be attempted once per lap – anything else is cheating.
- Wait until the section is clear before entering it – everyone deserves a clear run.
- Try the next route up if you are finding the section too easy - mark your card as normal.
- Try and hang around till the end and give a hand to tidy up – many hands make light work.
- Offer to help riders who have had an off and make sure they are ok – it might be you next time.
- Be polite and respectful to any strangers – other people have the right to use the land.
- Give horses plenty of room and slow down – they have big hooves with steel shoes.
- Stay safe – Don't do anything to endanger yourself or others.
- Enjoy yourself – if you are not enjoying yourself what's the point?

DON'T

- Be a car park hero! – repairing dents is an expensive business and a quick way of losing friends.
- Be a section blocker – walk the section by all means but be aware of other riders.
- Ride a section if you think it's too hard – try an easier route and mark your card with a 5.
- Mark your own card – ride in groups and take it in turns to mark each other's cards.
- Pass someone who has broken down – stop and make sure they're OK.
- Practice in the sections – you get to ride them once a lap and no more.
- Ride against the marked course – head on collisions can be very nasty indeed.
- Dawdle – take your time but remember we all want to be home for tea.
- Leave gates open – animals like to wander off.
- Leave any litter – stick it in your pocket and take it home.
- Go home wondering – if you're not sure about something just ask.