

The Trials Reform Group (TTRG)

FAQ's – Some questions answered.

Question	Answer
Who are TTRG?	An 'ad-hoc' group of Scottish Trials enthusiasts formed in Mid-2013.
Why was it formed?	Due to disquiet discussed at trials events during the 2013 season amongst Scottish Trials Clubs and individual riders, as to the value obtained from being affiliated to a governing body, the TTRG was formed. It was felt that a proper understanding and analysis of the current situation and costs was needed, to assist riders and clubs to help them decide any future alternatives and possible actions and solutions.
What are its' aims?	To provide an objective assessment of the current situation and costs of being affiliated and to look at viable alternatives, rather than a 'knee-jerk' reaction assessment.
How long will it be in existence for?	As long as its members decide it is worthwhile continuing. It is a temporary 'ad-hoc' group.
How is it funded?	Because of its temporary nature, only minimal costs are anticipated and these will be met by its members.
Is the TTRG aligned to any one organisation?	No, it is independent.
Is the TTRG just out to cause trouble and disharmony in Scottish Trials sport?	Far from it. The TTRG members have no desire to cause any discord with any organisation, trials club or trials riders whatsoever. It is merely acting as a conduit and it is simply doing work which clubs may find difficult to do themselves and to report accordingly.
Why are the TTRG members unidentified?	In order to remove bias, it was thought that by remaining anonymous, this would assist those who use/read the groups' report to remain objective. There is no sinister or other reason for the anonymity of the groups' members.
Who is the TTRG press contact/spokesperson?	John Moffat has agreed to facilitate this on behalf of the group on a voluntary basis and be the groups contact point.
How are TTRG contacted?	By e-mail to: thetrialsreformgroup@outlook.com or via their facebook page 'The Trials Reform Group – Scotland' - www.facebook.com/groups/310006323228/
Where do TTRG get their information from?	All the information is already in the 'public domain'. It is freely available on organisation's websites and literature and by request from the respective governing bodies.
Will any confidential material be forthcoming from TTRG?	No, only 'public domain' information will be handled and distributed by TTRG. The TTRG has no access to governing bodies 'confidential or private data whatsoever.
I'm a club secretary, why can't I just contact our governing body direct to get this information, why should I take heed of what TTRG says?	You can contact your governing body if you wish, however if you ask a governing body why you should stay with them or change, will you get an unbiased response? They have a vested financial interest in your club remaining with them, not an independent one. TTRG merely wish to give an unbiased appraisal of the current situation so clubs can make their own decisions.

My club wants a copy of the rules and constitution of our governing body, where do we get a copy?	Contact your sporting governing body direct; they should have copies available to their member clubs and prospective members.
My club has already met and has decided to move over to an alternative governing body, what do we do now?	Presuming you have kept within your clubs constitution, you would need to apply to an alternative governing body, preferably in writing. Once agreed, you should let your existing governing body know you intend to de-affiliate from them and when. Useful Links: http://www.acu.org.uk/Organiser/Join-the-acu-as-a-club.aspx http://www.amca.uk.com/contact-the-amca
We have contacted my governing body and they say that my club is better remaining with them, what should we do?	That is what you would expect them to say. Your governing body needs you to remain with them as it is in their interests that you do so. The final decision is your club's committee; if you feel as a governing body they represent good value for money, then stay with them, but at minimum read our report and make up your own minds properly. We are only comparing what is available; what you pay for; how much you pay and what the sport of trials in Scotland gets in return for its money.

If you do have any other questions, please e-mail the TTRG on:

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