



Observers Notes – 2019

The rider's aim is to ride through each section without putting a foot down. An Observer watches the rider pass through the section and marks a score sheet or punch card.

The riders attempt at the section starts when the machine's front wheel spindle passes the section "Start" card and ends when the front wheel spindle passes the "Ends" cards.

Completing a section without penalty is known as a 'clean'.

Method of Marking

0 - Clean

1 - Footing once.

2 - Footing twice.

3 - Footing more than twice.

5 – Failure to complete section

5 - When requested by the rider rather than attempt the section.

Clean

Completing a section with none of the above penalties.

Footing

Any part of the rider's body touches the ground or the rider benefits from any part of his body leaning on an obstacle, such as a tree, without stopping the progress of the machine.

Failure

1) The machine moves backwards.

2) The rider does not have both hands on the handlebars when he foots whilst stationary.

3) The engine stops whilst any part of the machine, other than the tyres, touches the ground or the rider is footing.

4) The rider dismounts the machine.

5) The machine does not stay within the limits of the section.

6) The rider is held responsible for displacing, or running over a flag. **

7) Travelling in a forward direction against the direction of the section.

8) Receiving outside assistance.

9) Altering the severity of the section without the authority of an official.

****Observers should replace or straighten any displaced flags as soon as possible.**

TSR22A ‘STOP PERMITTED’

The method of observing at Waltham Chase Trials is: TSR22A. ‘STOP PERMITTED’

Riders are allowed to stop and balance, hop and bounce the machine forwards or sideways without penalty. They are not allowed to move backwards which is a fail.

Marks are lost as follows:

- 0 - Clean**
- 1 - Footing once**
- 2 - Footing twice**
- 3 - Footing more than twice**
- 5 - Failure**

A failure is considered to have occurred if:

- a) The machine moves backwards.**
- b) The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar WHEN FOOTING WHILST STATIONARY.**
- c) The engine stops WHILST ANY PART OF THE MACHINE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE TYRES, TOUCHES THE GROUND OR THE RIDER IS FOOTING.**
- d) The rider dismounts from the machine. Dismount will be deemed to have occurred when both of the rider’s feet are on the ground at the same side of, or behind the machine.**
- e) A rider is requested to leave the section by the observer for “unnecessary delay”.**
- f) A machine does not stay within each section marker.**
- g) If any wheel of the machine crosses any boundary tape or marker whether the wheel be on the ground or airborne before the front wheel spindle passes the “Section ends” sign.**
- h) The rider is held responsible for displacing a flag, marker or support etc.**
- i) Travelling in a forward direction against the direction of the Section.**
- j) The machine or rider receives outside assistance.**
- k) A rider or person having an interest in a rider’s performance, who in any way alters the severity of a section without the authority of an official.**

These rules allow riders to stop while balancing without losing a mark, however if they do not move on within a reasonable time you can request they move on or be marked as a ‘fail’ under section e) above.