



ISLE OF MAN



ISLE OF MAN BILLOWN TT RACES - 13 JUNE 2009

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

"Billown is a cracking little course... Great Meadow has to be one of the best places on earth to ride a bike fast... Absolutely awesome!"

- Guy Martin



INTRODUCTION

The 2009 Isle of Man TT Races are all set for another spectacular record breaking year in 2008. The cream of road racing will once again be joined by more big names and big teams from BSB, AMA, World Endurance, Superside and more! Indeed, such is the interest in the 2009 TT races, it looks set to become one of the biggest and best TT's we've ever seen.

After a successful debut in 2008, the TT races for 125cc and 250cc machines will once again be held on the famous Billown circuit in the south of the Island.

However, 2009 will see the introduction of some eagerly anticipated changes to both the Lightweight and Ultra-Lightweight TT's. Both races will be held over two 8-lap legs, increasing the distance of each race by 25 miles. Final positions after the 2 legs will be determined by a points system. Therefore any rider who scores a D.N.F. in either race can still pick up points and gain a finish in the prize money positions of the top ten.

There has already been a huge amount of interest in these races, both from TT and Billown regulars to Britain's leading 2 stroke short circuit riders. Come Saturday 13th June, there will be only one place to be for riders and spectators alike.

THE BILLOWN COURSE

Based in the picturesque old Capital of the Island at Castletown, the Billown Course has played host to some of the most spectacular racing you can see anywhere. Billown conjures up thrilling wheel to wheel action and some of the closest racing anywhere with just fractions of a second often splitting today's racers.

In the past 51 years, many future British and World Champions have raced around the 4.25 mile course. Riders of the calibre of Bob McIntyre, Phil Read and Joey Dunlop have all taken to the circuit, as have many of our current TT stars.

Last year's Lightweight and Ultra-Lightweight TT's were won by established TT stars Ian Lougher and Chris Palmer respectively. However, a number of up-and-coming young stars pushed them all the way and an exceptional debut by newcomer James Ford proved that the famous TT trophies could belong to anyone!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

When and where are the races held?

The Lightweight and Ultra-Lightweight TT's will be held on the Billown Course, Castletown Isle of Man on Saturday 13th June. In the event of a postponement of the Senior TT to this day, racing at Billown will be held on the Sunday (14th).

How long are the races?

Both the Lightweight and Ultra-Lightweight TT's will be held over two legs. Each leg will consist of 8 laps. A lap of the Billown Course equals 4.25 miles.

When do I practice?

Free practice sessions for both classes, plus a newcomers session, will be held earlier in the day. These sessions will be followed by two qualifying sessions for each class. (see separate panel for timetable).

If I retire from leg one, can I still race in leg two?

Yes. Any rider who retires from the first leg can race in the second leg. Moreover, that rider can still score points that could net a top ten finish.

What are the entry fees?

There are NO entry fees for these races. Although the majority of entrants are expected to be on Island already, anyone wishing to travel to the Island solely for the races at Billown will also receive a contribution towards their expenses.

Do I get awarded the famous TT trophies and / or replicas?

The winners of each race will be awarded with the new Billown TT trophies. Silver and Bronze replicas will also be awarded as per other TT races.

Will I still be eligible for the Manx Grand Prix?

Yes. Any rider who enters the Lightweight and / or Ultra-Lightweight TT at Billown will still be allowed to race in the Manx Grand Prix no matter if he wins or not.



TIMETABLE FOR BILLOWN TT'S 2009

Qualifying

- Newcomers Free Practice.....15minutes
- Ultra Lightweight Free Practice.....15minutes
- Lightweight Free Practice.....15minutes
- Support Race Qualifying 1.....15minutes
- Ultra Lightweight Qualifying 1.....15minutes
- Lightweight Qualifying 1.....15minutes

45minute break - Roads to Open

- Ultra Lightweight Qualifying 2.....15minutes
- Support Race Qualifying 2.....15minutes
- Lightweight Qualifying 2.....15minutes

Racing

- Ultra Lightweight TT Race Leg 1.....8 laps
- Lightweight TT Race Leg 1.....8 laps
- 50 minute break - Roads to Open*
- Support Race.....8 laps
- Ultra Lightweight TT Race Leg 2.....8 laps
- Lightweight TT Race Leg 2.....8 laps

PRIZE MONEY FOR 2009

Prize money will be awarded to riders finishing in the top ten positions after 2 legs. Final positions will be determined on a points basis.

1st	£3,000	6th	£500
2nd	£1,500	7th	£400
3rd	£1,000	8th	£300
4th	£800	9th	£200
5th	£600	10th	£100

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