



## FAQ

If you are reading this, you must be considering applying to join the Tigers!

We are a long established, well respected team of up to 24 riders, split into junior and senior squads for training purposes. We are renowned across the UK for our professional, polished displays and the high standard of our training.

Our website and social media pages have plenty of general information on the team but below you can find answers to frequently asked questions that we would request you consider before application.

### **Why would we want to join the Tigers?**

As a club, we pride ourselves on our friendly and inclusive family atmosphere. We work hard together to maintain the reputation of the club, preserving it for future generations and maximising our charitable donations. When the hard work is done, we also enjoy the social aspect of training and touring along with various organised team events throughout the year. Siblings join in the fun even if they don't ride and we value our Tigers Family, both past and present. With only a handful of similar clubs left in the world, our members find themselves presented with a tremendous opportunity to be part of an elite team, unlike any other.

### **Who can join the team?**

Children aged from 5 to 16, who are able to ride a bicycle without stabilisers.

### **How do we join?**

We hold a recruitment day once a year, usually in September/October at our training ground near Portsmouth, Hampshire. We encourage families to attend as a whole, as the Tigers experience involves a high level of commitment from both parents and children alike.

### **What will we expect of you and your Tiger?**

We ask for your commitment to:

- attend training sessions near Portsmouth each Sunday from November through to May and some sessions during the summer as necessary
- attend our public show bookings around the UK from around April to October (usually around 12 per year, from 1 to 3 days at a time)
- arrange and cover your own expenses associated with training and shows (inc. travel). We often camp overnight at shows and get to explore the rest of the event between performances
- be responsible for your children and adhere to our safety requirements at all times
- represent the club in a professional manner at all times

### **What can you expect from being a Tiger?**

We offer you:

- the opportunity to learn to ride a motorcycle in a safe, controlled environment
- a high standard of training, with methods developed since the club was established in 1980
- respect and fairness at all times
- invitations to Tigers social events
- the chance to attend a variety of shows around the country, make TV and press appearances
- the opportunity to have lots of fun, whilst raising money for charity!

### **Do I need my own motorcycle?**

- All junior members (aged 5 – 8 approx.) are to ride bikes owned by the club, with no exception
- Seniors (aged 8 – 16 approx.) are required to own their own bikes

### **What are the senior bike requirements?**

- Bikes must be maintained to a safe, reliable and presentable standard
- Only 65cc/85cc/125cc two stroke or 150cc 4 Stroke bikes are permitted. *We do not accept pit bikes of any description.* We recommend you discuss the appropriate bike with one of our trainers, prior to purchase
- you must be able to control the weight of your bike
- all senior bikes will require a set of plastics with the Tigers team livery for shows

### **What are the costs involved?**

Annual club subscription is £150 per child, with siblings charged at £75 thereafter (**juniors pay a further £150 per year to hire their Tigers Club Honda, payable within the first month of joining**). Payment plans can be discussed as we believe in helping to make Tigers affordable for all.

All Tigers must cover their own bike fuel and spark plug costs throughout the year and their expenses associated with travelling to and staying at shows.

All Tigers are required to own the following kit:

- Crash helmet, motocross style to British Standards
- Over shirt
- Motocross trousers
- Body armour
- Boots, **black only**
- Gloves, motocross style
- Clear goggles with no tints, motocross style to British Standards

There is a £50 refundable deposit required for show kit.

Motorsport is not a cheap hobby but we often find kit passed down for sale through the team, second hand. If you already have kit, please talk to us to ensure suitability.

If you do still have a query, please contact us via: [info@tigersmotorcycledisplayteam.co.uk](mailto:info@tigersmotorcycledisplayteam.co.uk)