

Changes to ARA race classes for 2023

At the end of every season we review the entries for that season, to check that the race classes we run reflect the bikes that our members want to race

For 2023 we propose the following changes:

- Remove the separate 250 two-stroke class
There's not enough entries for a championship for these bikes. We still love to see them out there, and our new Lightweight class will include them (see below).
- Remove the separate Classic class
There's not enough entries for a championship for these either. We always want to have a class that people can ride their bikes in, and classics should always be eligible in the "Singles, Twins and Triples" class.
- Introduce a new "CB500" class
There's now enough of these bikes to make a championship. We will align our technical regulations with No Limits in the UK, so that any bike prepared to race with us will be eligible to race with No Limits; this will also allow No Limits riders to come and race with ARA. Note that these regs also allow the Suzuki GS500 and Kawasaki ER500. The full No Limits technical regulations are available at [this link](#)
- Change the current "500 four-stroke" class to become a new "Lightweight" class, aligned with the Manx Grand Prix regs for 2023. This class will allow:
 - 250 two-strokes
 - Junior Supersport
 - Moto3
 - Supersport 400
 - 401 to unlimited single cylinder machines

We are awaiting the publication of the full MGP regulations for this class, but it allows the modern twin-cylinder 300 & 400cc machines, the old four-cylinder 400cc bikes, as well as GP 250 two-strokes, all of which are raced by ARA members.

The above changes impact races 5 and 6 (and 12 & 13) in the current programme order.

Race 5		Race 6	
5a	Lightweight	6a	4-stroke twin-cylinder up to 700cc
5b	CB500	6b	Pre-Injection 600cc
5c	Singles		