

The TBEC point scoring system explained.

The basic idea is that the winner will be the rider who does the greatest number of laps in the quickest time.

Penalty points are handed out at the rate of 3 per minute to any rider who goes over their time.

Also, for championship purposes to separate the first 3 riders who often have the same number of laps, extra points are awarded to first (5 points) second (3 points) and third (1 point)

After the inclusion of the penalty and extra points above, the winner is given as near to 300 points as possible by awarding a whole number of points per lap that they have completed. That figure per lap is then used to calculate other rider's points.

More on penalties.

Each part of a two leg event is treated separately for penalties so, for example, if you were to go 5 minutes over in the morning session and finish 8 minutes early in the afternoon, you would still get the 15 penalty points from the morning session.

I am often asked if it is worth going over and taking penalties, there is no simple answer to that but in general you have to balance how many points you think a lap may be worth against how late you may be. It tends to be more worthwhile on longer laps than shorter ones because the longer laps tend to be worth more points.