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The Belgian No Budget CUP series was welcomed with open arms by cash strapped racers throughout Britain this year. The series which only allows bikes dating from 1990 to 2000 was a welcome return to the original concept of grass roots racing. The No Budget CUP has been the largest championship in Belgium for several years and its success is due to keeping entry prices as affordable as possible.

The Belgian NBC organisers were keen to offer the same cut price deals to UK riders, giving many first time racers the opportunity to compete in an unintimidating series where having fun is the main priority.

The Belgian NBC championship continues to go from strength to strength in 2012, with revisions to the rules and a capacity for a massive 120 teams to take part.

Although the British rounds have been relatively successful to date, with two of the three races completely sold out, the NBC organisers have been faced with spiralling UK costs relating to track hire and the legal paraphernalia that is part and parcel of organising any motorcycle endurance event in Britain. Such financial pressures can only be absorbed by passing on those fees to our riders, which totally destroys the fundamental concept of No Budget Racing. So it is with reluctance and great sadness that we announce the retirement of the No Budget CUP Championship from British soil for the foreseeable future.

We understand how disappointing this news will be to so many new racers and we invite each and every one of you to join us in the European No Budget CUP Championship. We remain fiercely proud of our concept and the fact that we encourage new riders to race for the very first time on a shoestring budget.

If you have a NBC bike prepped and ready to roll, you are welcome to come and join us. The rules and regulations will be tweaked for 2012, but the basic formula remains the same. All the organisers speak perfect English, no race licences are required and thanks to the more reasonable track hire pricing, entry fees are far cheaper than we were ever able to offer in the UK.

All 2012 information and registration forms will be on our web site www.nobudgetcup.be in English, French and Dutch from mid January onwards. Historically, the Belgian grid is $\frac{3}{4}$ full within the first month of registrations, so please don't hang about. Get your bike prepped, book your ferry and we will see you on the cheaper side of the water next year!

