



MEMBERS NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2020

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MEDICAL CLEARANCE LETTER REQUIREMENTS

If you have had an injury at a MNZ permitted event – you would have been placed on the Restricted Riders list. As we take your safety seriously, to be able to ride again we require you to produce a medical clearance certificate from your GP or specialist prior to returning to racing. This is outlined in the Manual of Motorcycle Sport, rule 6.2.

This medical clearance is to be provided to MNZ and must state that you “are fit to compete in Motorcycle Competition” to be taken from the restricted riders list.

If you are suspected to or have suffered a concussion, you will be placed on an automatic stand down period of 21 days as per Manual of Motorcycle Sport, rule 6.2a. After this stand down period, you will be required to produce a medical clearance certificate from your GP or specialist stating you “are fit to compete in Motorcycle Competition”.

Medical clearances can be dropped into our office in Huntly, posted to PO Box 253, Huntly, 3740 or emailed to Angela at admin@mnz.co.nz

PROPOSED MX RULE CHANGE & RULE CHANGE PROCESS

Ray Broad - Motocross Commissioner, would like to announce that he is submitting a rule change this year in regard to the number of previous races required by Mini & Junior Motocross riders to compete in National/Championship events. See MoMS, Off Road, 15.19, currently all Mini & Junior Motocross riders are required to have competed in six previous events, proof of this shall be from entries in the rider's logbooks and can include up to a maximum of three One Event Licences.

Ray would like to bring this in line with the Senior classes, that riders only require proof of three previous events.

This proposed rule change will be posted on the MNZ website by 28th February for member's feedback. Member's will be able to provide their feedback before 31st March.

Clubs & Commissioners have the authority to submit an application to change the rules in the Manual of Motorcycle Sport (MoMS) every year. If you would like to see a change or clarification to a current rule, please talk to your Club Secretary or relevant discipline Commissioner to look at having this submitted.

Rule change applications need to be received at the MNZ office by 28th February 2020.



OFF ROAD RULE 4.10f ENFORCEMENT

The Manual of Motorcycle sport, Off Road rule 4.10f states:

If minimum of 6 valid paid entries have not been received at the published closing date for normal entries (for clarity this excludes late entries and similar), then the Championship, GP, National or Island event class will not run for that year, provided that if the event is part of a series then this will apply only to that round; and 6

*entrants must start said event (in official practice, qualifying or race).
Host Clubs may apply to MNZ for dispensation of the above rule under special circumstances.*

Motocross Commissioner, Ray Broad, would like to remind all Motocross and Supercross riders entering in the New Zealand 2020 Championship, GP, National or Island event classes that this rule will be fully enforced. This may mean the class is dropped from the program, run as a support class and/or Championship titles/points not awarded to riders in affected classes.

NZSBK GIXXER 150 CUP

Calling all over 14 year olds wanting to race in the NZSBK GIXXER 150 Cup. With 3 NZSBK rounds left in the NZSBK championship it would be great to see a few more new riders out there on the track giving it a go.
More Racers = Bigger Grids = Better racing



NEW MNZ WEBSITE UPDATE

At long last we have begun the upgrade of the MNZ website with the aim to make it more visually appealing and user friendly. We have enlisted a focus group of

passionate individuals in our sport to ensure all of our members are represented and the functionality of the new site is tailored to all our needs. The new website will go live in the next couple of months.

CHANGES TO ONE EVENT LICENCES

In January we made a few wording changes to the one event licences – please ensure you read these carefully next time you require one.

The changes are in regards to not holding a racing licence with another federation and the red flag rule.



57th ISPS HANDA HALBERG AWARDS

On the 14th January, the Halberg Foundation has announced 26 finalists for six categories at the 57th ISPS Handa Halberg Awards – New Zealand's pre-eminent event to celebrate and honour sporting achievements from 2019.

MNZ nominated three of our outstanding achievers for 2019:

- COURTNEY DUNCAN: WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPION
- HAMISH MACDONALD: 125CC YOUTH ENDURO WORLD CHAMPION
- AVALON BIDDLE: FIRST FEMALE IN HISTORY TO WIN THE NZ SUPERSPORT 600 TITLE.

It has been announced that Courtney Duncan is a finalist in the High Performance Sport New Zealand Sportswoman of the Year (eligible for supreme Halberg Award). Finalists for this Category Include:

- Courtney Duncan (motorcycling)
- Lisa Carrington (canoe racing)
- Laura Langman (netball)
- Zoi Sadowski-Synnott (snowboarding)

The 57th ISPS Handa Halberg Awards ceremony will be held on Thursday 13 February 2020 at Spark Arena in Auckland and televised live on SKY SPORT and free to air on Prime TV, the broadcast will include closed captioning.

The Awards were created by Olympic champion Sir Murray Halberg (ONZ) in 1963 to honour sporting excellence and as a major fundraiser for the Halberg Foundation – his charity which aims to enhance the lives of physically disabled young New Zealanders by enabling them to participate in sport and recreation.

To be recognised at this level as a finalist is outstanding, we have everything crossed for Courtney to take out this award.

For more info see click [HERE](#)

2020 MNZ CONFERENCE & AGM

Motorcycling New Zealand advises that the 2020 Annual Conference and AGM will be held on the 15th-17th May 2020 at the James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor, Wellington.

We invite all MNZ Members to come along to attend this and be part of the massive team of passionate people that deliver motorcycle sport in New Zealand.

You can find the full weekend schedule [HERE](#).

We will also be celebrating our bi-annual New Zealand Motorcycle Awards at a special awards dinner on Saturday 16th May. These awards are to celebrate the achievements of the most outstanding achievers and contributors to motorcycle sport in our country. Nominations are open until 3rd April 2020 for the selection period of 1st January 2018 – 31st December 2019. For more information click [HERE](#).



2020 CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR

We have hit the ground running this year, with the first two rounds of the NZSBK championship, the first round of the NZ MX championship and rounds one & two of the North Island Trial championship successfully completed. This weekend is the first round of the NZ Cross Country championship being held in Marton.

To see the 2020 calendar for championship and national events click [HERE](#).

COMMISSIONERS

Huge thanks to our incredible commissioners, who work tirelessly behind the scenes. They are on the phone for hours many nights each week, always looking to advance their disciplines.

Our commissioners are:

- Grant Ramage (Road Racing)
- Ray Broad (Motocross & Supercross)
- Chris Smyth (Cross Country)
- Justin Stevenson (Enduro)
- Paul Jackson (Trial)
- Dennis Cox (ATV)
- Dan Batchelor (Officials)

We would like to acknowledge the incredible job you all do, your passion and commitment does not go unnoticed. Thank you.

BOARD & COMMISSIONER VACANCIES

Are you interested in being part of a Governance Board that leads the direction of our sport or a commissioner that leads a discipline? The following volunteer roles are up for election in 2020 for two year terms:

- Board Positions
 - Off Road South Island
 - Road North Island
 - Road South Island (1 year term)
 - North Island Representative
 - South Island Representative
- Commissioner Positions
 - ATV
 - Cross Country
 - Motocross
 - Recreation & Leisure

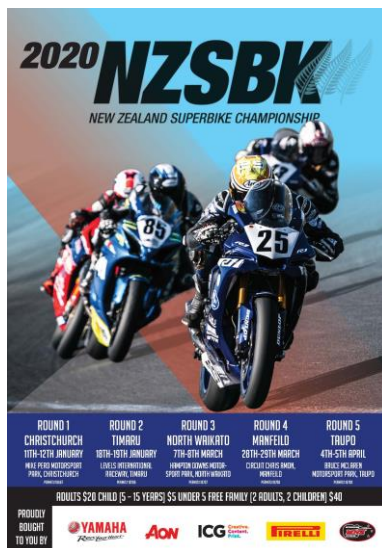
For more information please click [HERE](#).

CLUBS

A hugely challenging time of the year, with no rain in most parts of New Zealand and extreme flooding in the lower part of the country. There are a large number of club volunteers that are putting in some serious hours to deliver events, despite the challenges.

We are extremely lucky to have these people in our sport. Don't forget, a thank you or offer to help goes a long way!

Happy riding, stay safe & have fun!



2020 NZSBK
NEW ZEALAND SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4	ROUND 5
CHRISTCHURCH	TIMARU	NORTH WAIKATO	MARFELLO	TAUPO
10TH-12TH JANUARY	10TH-12TH JANUARY	7TH-9TH MARCH	28TH-29TH MARCH	4TH-5TH APRIL
WILKINSON MOTORSPORT PARK, CHRISTCHURCH	DAVE CLAYTON MOTORSPORT PARK, TIMARU	FRANKTON DUNGS MOTORSPORT PARK, NORTH WAIKATO	CARLTON CROSS PARK, MARFELLO	BLOCK HILL MOTORSPORT PARK, TAUPO

ADULTS \$20 CHILD (5-15 YEARS) \$5 UNDER 5 FREE FAMILY (2 ADULTS, 2 CHILDREN) \$40

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THE FOX
2020 NEW ZEALAND MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	ROUND 4
BALCLUTHA	ROTORUA	HAWKES BAY	TAUPO
1ST FEBRUARY	22ND FEBRUARY	8TH MARCH	5TH MARCH
PROSPERITY RACING, BALCLUTHA	ROTORUA MOTORSPORTS TRACK, STATE HIGHWAY 30, Rotorua	ROTORUA MOTORSPORTS TRACK, STATE HIGHWAY 30, NEW PINE, HASTINGS	DAVE CLAYTON MOTORSPORT PARK, MARFELLO

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2020 NEW ZEALAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROUND 1 - SUNDAY 16TH FEBRUARY - BUSHRIDERS MCC - MARTON
 ROUND 2 - SUNDAY 22ND MARCH - CENTRAL HAWKES BAY MCC - FLEMINGTON
 ROUND 3 - SUNDAY 26TH APRIL - MARLBOROUGH MCC
 ROUND 4 - SATURDAY 23RD MAY - TAUPO MCC

*** NEW CLASS ***
UNDER 19 YAMAHA CUP

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