



OFFICIALS NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 2020

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Please note: The photos in this newsletter were taken at NZSBK round 2 at Levels raceway by Mad Love Media.

UPDATE FROM THE OFFICIALS COMMISSIONER

Hi Team,

Well 2020 has sure started with a bang, the NZSBK season has seen two torrid rounds (Ruapuna and Levels) of racing, with our Officials challenged by a significant number of issues and protests. This weekend sees the start of The Fox 2020 New Zealand Motocross Championship in Balclutha, where I am sure the racing will be fierce.

Our new year of Officials Training is also getting underway - for those of you who have not yet attended one of our new Officials Training Seminars I encourage you to get along to the next one closest to you. [You can register here.](#)

The content has changed, the format is different and the feedback we are getting is that they are more relevant, engaging and interactive...that means they won't put you to sleep in the first 20 minutes. We have streamlined the content and try to get through everything in

approx. 3 to 4 hours (max).

The key behind the new training is to **regain the respect of our competitors**. You may not all know it yet, but many of our competitors think we are doing a pretty average job. Our job is to prove them wrong and to do that we need to provide you with the tools, experience and knowledge to handle the various situations we know you will face at some point.

As we head into 2020 and new seasons for most of us, let's spend a few minutes looking at the basics we need to be doing;



BACK TO BASICS

We continue to receive reports of clubs and officials who are not following the minimum requirements for some of the 'non-negotiable' aspects of our Manual of Motorcycle Sport (MoMS).

Often it is our riders who alert us to the lack of consistency between clubs / events and it is the competitors themselves who are asking us to all do the same thing so they know exactly what to expect at each event.

“Do I need my helmet at sign on today?” The answer is always YES!!

So why do we get asked that question every week?

At present there are wide differences between clubs / regions on how they treat things like license checks, helmet checks and the delivery of the riders briefing.

As a result the clubs and officials who are following the rules, often get complaints because they are seen as being too strict, when all they are doing is what the Manual of Motorcycle Sport requires as a minimum. Equally some of our officials are copping **flak** from their riders because they don't stick to the rules and the riders feel as if things are just made up on the day.

It's all about consistency – we all need to be doing the simple things right every event and every weekend.

LET'S CLEAR THIS UP - THE MoMS FOR EVERYDAY OR JUST NATIONAL EVENTS?

During our Officials training seminars we often have people tell us that they only do some of the things within the MoMS and that they have been told that the MoMS are generally only used for the running of significant Championship or National events.

No, that is wrong, plain and simple.....sorry!!

For quite some years this has been a widely held notion in some regions that has been passed down from older Officials to their trainees that Club Days do not need to follow the MoMS and that the club can make up its own Club Day rules on the day. The MoMS are to be applied at every single event permitted by Motorcycling New Zealand (MNZ).

There are definitely parts of the MoMS that only apply to significant Championship and National events, however chapters 1 – 10 (non-discipline specific) apply to all events.

The Club can also definitely make up its own rules, they can run different classes, they can run different race formats etc – but they can't contradict or go against the MoMS



LICENCE CHECKS

At every event the Steward must sight every licence and must sign each logbook presented before the end of the event / day.

The checking of validity dates for licences is essential. From June 2019 licence holders can purchase a licence for 12 months from the date of purchase – this means that licences no longer expire on the 30th of June each year. So at every event, on any weekend of the year you will have riders turn up who may have an expired licence.

Please remember that you also need to check the following;

- Licence is signed by the rider.
- The riders helmet details (brand, serial number and standard approved) need to be on the inside cover of the logbook.
- The rider has a valid club membership with them OR they can provide proof of being a member of a MNZ affiliated club (letter, e-mail or photo of club card etc).

Lastly, if a rider turns up without a current licence (forgotten, lost, expired etc) then the only way they can ride is to purchase a One Event Licence.

RESTRICTED RIDERS LIST

Who regularly checks the Restricted Riders List?

Easy if you're one of the lucky ones using the MNZ App – the licence will clearly scan RED with a cross indicating the rider is currently on the restricted riders list.

If you are not using the MNZ App, remember to print this off after 5pm on Friday prior to the event.

What does the restricted rider list tell me? It tells you if a rider is allowed to ride at your event!

Why could a rider not be allowed to ride? There are a few reasons actually – but the most common one is because the rider has been injured and a medical certificate is required before they are allowed to ride again.

The reasons you may see listed are;

- Injured & Medical Certificate Required
- Under Inquiry
- Unpaid Fines to MNZ
- License Suspended
- Rider Released (The rider has sacrificed their MNZ Licence and they are riding in another country on an FIM International Licence.)

Please Note: A Rider Released by MNZ is not allowed to ride at any MNZ event without a Start Permission (letter) from the office.

In every case riders on the restricted riders list cannot ride at your event - they are not allowed to purchase a One Event License.

HELMET CHECKS

We are heading into The Fox 2020 New Zealand Motocross Championships this coming weekend with Round 1 (1st of February) in Balclutha.

At Round 1 - I know for a fact that we will have at least 50% of riders turn up who do not have their helmet details written in their license and do not know where to find their serial number or understand the standard approval required. If they were getting their license / helmet checked every weekend then why does this become an issue at Championships?

We will even have riders turn up to the Championships with helmets that they cannot ride in, because the helmets does not have a standard approval number and in some cases they will have ridden with the same helmet at their club events without issue.

Sign on at Round 1 will see queues of riders waiting patiently while we tidy up peoples log books.

By the end of The Fox 2020 New Zealand Motocross Championship I know that sign on will be a breeze, everyone will turn up with the helmet page open, details filled in and with the

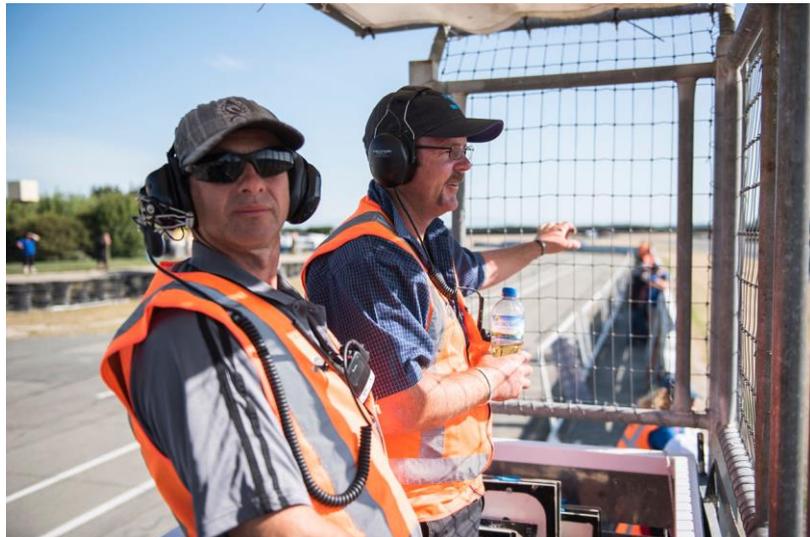
appropriate helmet presented with the standard label visible. We will be checking licenses and helmets faster than the riders can sign their name on the sign on page and collect their wrist bands.....oh happy days!!

If you are not checking the simple things like helmets, then you are simply not doing your job and you're making life a whole lot more difficult for all the other clubs and their officials that have your riders attending.

RIDERS BRIEFING

We also have a huge difference in what is presented and delivered at a typical Riders Briefing, but your briefings need to follow the following simple format;

- Provide an opportunity for the Officials, organisers and club an opportunity to get messages across specific to the event
- We should never be aggressive or abusive
- Stick to the key points - what really matters? (we only have a limited attention time span)
- Make it clear and concise – make sure the COC and Steward have talked it through beforehand – this is not the place for an argument or a debate.
- Outline expectations for behaviour
- Advise the protest process and the Protest Committee members
- Outline the flags being used and expected actions for each
- Deliver the Duty Of Care Statement



A DUTY OF CARE

What is it - "A moral or legal obligation to ensure the safety or well-being of others"

The Duty of Care Statement has four main points:

1. The event is as safe as reasonably practical.
2. Our sport is dangerous and steps have been taken to mitigate these risks.
3. If you are not comfortable with this risk, or have concerns, raise them with officials.
4. If your concerns can not, or are not alleviated you should not take part.

Important Points

1. If you have not identified the risks and done something to make it as safe as you can, you can't get away with saying you have. That means if you are one of the officials who turn up to the track a few minutes before briefing and have not been around the track / circuit and actually checked to make sure it is safe, then you cannot deliver the Duty of Care, either delay the briefing until you have had time or make sure you seek advice from someone who you trust and who has checked the track.
2. Anyone who is an official has a legal responsibility to provide a Duty of Care.
3. If someone raises a 'safety' issue with you during the event – do not refer them to the Riders Rep. You cannot transfer the responsibility for safety to someone else and the Duty Of Care specifically asks that they raise their concerns with one of the Senior Officials. SO when someone comes to you with a safety concern - listen, remember you asked them to raise it and you asked them to come to see you.
4. Do something about issues raised - investigate / communicate / fix.

NATURAL JUSTICE

We have had a number of protests and appeals recently that have been made on the basis of Natural Justice not being provided by the Officials.

Natural Justice = The Duty To Act Fairly

In the simplest of terms we are required under our MoMS to;

- Take complaints / protests seriously
- Treat them with priority
- Inform people of the allegation / protest
- Give them an opportunity to present their side of the events
- Consider evidence / weigh it carefully
- Ensure any action is proportionate
- Provide people with an opportunity to discuss the proposed penalties
- Ensure the decision is free from bias on behalf of the decision maker(s)
- Demonstrate transparency and fairness

There are a number of key rules that cover the requirements listed above, if you are ever dealing with a formal complaint or a protest then please take the time to read through the relevant section before you act. Generally these are all in Chapter 7 – Disciplinary Processes.

Of particular interest is the requirement to give affected parties an opportunity to be heard.

An affected party is any competitor entered for the event who may be affected by the decision or the outcome of any penalty applied.

Rule 7.2.7 below attempts to explain who should be considered an affected party. In many cases we are not considering who the 'affected parties' are and we are only talking with a single rider when in many cases other riders will be affected by the decision or penalty imposed. They should also be consulted and given an opportunity to be heard.

7.1.2 Matters Other Than Matters Under Protest Or Complaint

- a. Investigate at the Steward's sole discretion;
- b. Hold a meeting of the parties to which all the parties affected must be invited, and at which all affected parties as take up the invitation to attend are given an opportunity to be heard;

7.1.7 Complaints

a. All affected parties must be invited to the hearing and given the opportunity to be heard.

7.2.7 Protests

a. All affected parties must be invited to the hearing and given the opportunity to be heard [for example, if a protest by 3rd against 1st could affect 2nd's result, then 2nd should have the opportunity to be heard].

7.4.1. Penalties;

Before imposing a penalty, the decision-maker must give all affected parties the opportunity to make submissions on penalties. The decision maker may as it thinks fit give this opportunity either before or after making its decision on the substance of the proceeding

2020 WORLD SBK OPPORTUNITY

Please see below the official information sheet and invite from Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit for MNZ marshals to attend World SBK 2020.

The event is a brilliant opportunity for MNZ marshals to experience an FIM level event, incorporating Australian Superbike Championships (ASBK).

Free camping is provided at the event in addition to a wide range of free gifts and opportunities to enjoy a great event.

If you have any questions, please contact Peter Mitchell from Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit - Peter.Mitchell@phillipislandcircuit.com.au

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Benefits of becoming an Event Volunteer Official at the
2020 MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship, Yamaha Finance Round

- Two complimentary 3 day General Admission guest passes
- FREE Camping for Volunteer Officials and up to two guests
- 10% discount on breakfast items for all Volunteer Officials
- 2020 Superbike World Championship Souvenir Pin
- Exclusive Volunteer Officials T-Shirt available for purchase
- Officials Thank You BBQ on Saturday Night
- Discounted Merchandise
- Complimentary event cap

"There is something so special about being an official at Phillip Island that words often fail to express. There is a real buzz that exists. It starts upon arrival as you set up camp and meet your neighbors. I have made life-long friends, we keep in touch after the event even though we are 1000kms away from each other. Why? Because we all share the passion of motorcycle racing!"

- Previous World Superbike official, Tok O'Kane

GET A FRONT ROW SEAT TO FEBRUARY'S WORLD SUPERBIKES AND BE A PART OF THE VOLUNTEER OFFICIAL COMMUNITY WHILST PROVIDING VITAL ASSISTANCE IN THE RUNNING OF A WORLD-CLASS EVENT.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO APPLY, AND ROLES EXIST THAT DO NOT REQUIRE EXPERIENCE. VOLUNTEER OFFICIALS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE THREE DAYS OF THE EVENT WITH UNIFORMS AND LUNCH PROVIDED.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER GO TO
WORLDSSBK.COM.AU/VOLUNTEER-OFFICIALS

HOW TO COMPLETE OFFICIALS REPORTS IN THE MNZ APP

The process of event reporting we are constantly being told, is so much easier online compared to manually writing a report.

- Once logged into the MNZ App go to the EVENTS tab on your Dashboard. Here you will see a list of events that you are linked to.
- Find the relevant event and click on this.
- Once the event has opened click on the OFFICIALS REPORTS tab on the top right hand corner.
- Here you will see all of the Officials Reports listed for your event.
- Click on your report that has your name as the Author.
- Once you have opened the report you can then begin to complete your report.
- Remember for a Steward's report to always upload your Event Injury Report if there are any accidents noted.
- When you get to the bottom of the report click on SAVE. This will then alert the MNZ Office that a report has been completed.

The MNZ App has been set up to send out two email reminders for any reports not completed. After this time if the report has still not been submitted then the MNZ Office will begin contacting you direct to ask you to do so.

Please contact Mary-Anne at the MNZ Office for any help or questions on this and keep up the good work.

NZSBK THANK YOU

The team at MNZ would like to give another massive thank you to all MNZ Officials, Flag Marshalls and support staff that delivered two great rounds of NZSBK racing!

Let's keep our sport fun, fair & safe.

Dan Batchelor
Officials Commissioner

2020 NZSBK
NEW ZEALAND SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 CHRISTCHURCH 10TH-12TH JANUARY NEW ZEALAND SUPERBIKE PARK, CHRISTCHURCH	ROUND 2 TIMARU 18TH-19TH JANUARY JESSE HENDERSON RACEWAY, TIMARU	ROUND 3 NORFOLK HURWITZ 7TH-8TH MARCH JIMMY COOPER MOTORSPORT PARK, NORTH HURWITZ	ROUND 4 MANKELLO 28TH-29TH MARCH DICKSON STREET RACEWAY, MANKELLO	ROUND 5 TRUPO 4TH-5TH APRIL BRUCE MCLAREN MOTORSPORT PARK, TRUPO
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THE FOX
2020 NEW ZEALAND MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND 1 BALCLUTHA 1ST FEBRUARY ANDERSON RACEWAY, BALCLUTHA DICKSON STREET RACEWAY, BALCLUTHA	ROUND 2 ROTORUA 22ND FEBRUARY ROTORUA MOTOCROSS TRACK, ROTORUA DICKSON STREET RACEWAY, ROTORUA	ROUND 3 HAWKES BAY 1ST MARCH HAWKES BAY RACEWAY, HAWKES BAY NEW ZEALAND RACEWAY, HAWKES BAY	ROUND 4 TRUPO 15TH MARCH DICKSON STREET RACEWAY, TRUPO NEW ZEALAND RACEWAY, TRUPO
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2020 NEW ZEALAND CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

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