

# 2023 RULE CHANGES TO OFF ROAD SUMMARY

- 2.56 Regional Official: An Official appointed by the Officials Commission and **ratified by the Board of MNZ**. Duties include, but are not limited to, maintaining the standard of Officials, training Officials, and supervising Clubs and Officials.
- 3.15 Any Board or Life Member, **Grade 3 or 4 MNZ Official**, Commissioner, on production of his/her warrant, is entitled to free gate admission for themselves and their family to any event run by a MNZ affiliated Club.
- 3.15a Any Grade **2** or above MNZ Official, on production of his/her warrant, is entitled to free gate admission to any event run by a MNZ affiliated Club.
- 5.2e
- Junior competitors age shall be from and including the eighth birthday until the seventeenth birthday.
  - When a junior licence holder reaches 15 years they may remain as a junior until their 17th birthday, or they may **upgrade** their junior licence for a senior licence. See specific disciplines for details on how it may affect different types of riding.
  - Subject to rule 5.2(b), except for those turning 17, in age based competition, the age of a junior competitor on the first day of an event or series shall determine his/her age group for that event or series.
    - If a junior competitors birthday falls during an event or series (s)he may commence and complete that event or series in the next age group. However, nothing in this rule shall entitle a junior competitor to ride or compete at a junior event once the rider has turned 17.
    - Juniors and seniors shall not compete or practice together for Motocross, Supercross or Motocross TT.  
**The circumstances when juniors and seniors may compete or practice together are as follows:**
      - From aged 15 provided they are riding a 90cc 2 stroke up to 150cc 2 Stroke bike or 150cc 4 stroke up to 250cc 4 Stroke maximum capacity.
      - From aged 12, women in any all women class providing they are on an 85cc up to a 125cc 2 stroke or a 150cc 4 Stroke capacity machine and from aged 14 provided they are riding a bike 85cc 2 Stroke up to 150cc 2 Stroke or 150cc 4 Stroke up to 250cc 4 Stroke maximum capacity.However, women may not ride a capacity bike that they are not entitled to ride in junior competition (refer appendix A)  
However, if any competitors bike exceeds 150cc 2 stroke or 250cc 4 stroke (in the combined all women class), no competitors under 15 can compete or practice together. If a Steward considers that a junior rider is not competent enough to ride in senior competition, (s)he may direct that rider to return to junior competition. Competing or practicing with seniors in such circumstances shall not affect the rider's junior status.
- 5.7 The name of any disqualified rider will go on the 'Restricted Riders List' available via the MNZ website/App. Their MNZ licence will be invalid while on the 'Restricted Riders List'
- 6.1a Competitors licence, log book and proof of club membership must be produced at sign in and will be held by the Steward until the end of the event or at the Stewards discretion. **All entrants at any MNZ permitted event (with the exception of any permitted Trail Ride) must have a valid MNZ licence or One Event Licence. All documentation must be checked before motorcyclists enter the track.** Prior to the start of any event a riders briefing shall be held and is compulsory for all riders to attend.
- 6.4 Riders Briefing
- A Riders Representative shall be elected by the competitors, at riders briefing to be available to represent the interest of riders to the Steward of the Meeting on questions of safety, or other matters involving the welfare of competitors and to attend any protest meetings as required under Chapter 7 of these Rules.
  - At Championships and major events a second non-competing Riders Representative may be appointed, to compliment the role of the elected Riders Representative. In Cross Country and Enduro Championships where two Riders Representatives may be appointed, the elected Representative will be competing. At major events, two Riders Reps may be elected. Green vests may be worn by Riders Representatives.
  - At National Championship and Major events the elected Riders Representatives will not be a member of the Organising Club.
  - A Club Representative must be announced, to serve on the Protest Committee, on behalf of the Club.
  - The Protest Committee will consist of the Steward of the Meeting, a representative of the organising club and a representative of the riders. (rule 7.2.6)
  - Members of the Protest Committee will be announced at Riders Briefing. All representatives must also sign the 'Officials & Assistants Sign-On Sheet' for that event and be available for a period of at least 30 minutes after completion of the days racing, in the event of a Protest.

g. At any event where a Representative is a party to a matter being protested, a substitute will be appointed by the Protest Committee.

h. The Discipline Commissioner may select a non-competing riders representative, prior to any Major event, Championship or a Series of three rounds or more.

6.4a Deleted

10.2 Race numbers

(i) 1-10 reserved for championship placings for the period of time until the event is held again in the class that it was competed in. This number cannot be used if changing classes, free to use without the loss of your registered number.

(ii) Numbers start from one, no pre fix numbers are permitted

(iii) All competitors applying for a championship license must apply for a specific number or will be allocated a number by MNZ for use at national and championship events

(iv) At all events a preference will be given to competitors with allocated numbers, where multiple same numbers are entered into the same class, the race secretary or official can request the entrant to change or amend their number to one that is available in that class.

(v) Any international riders are to use a Letter as their number

10.2b Specifications

(i) front and side number plates must be used

(ii) both front and side number plates must have numbers which are clearly visible at a distance of 20m

(iii) advertising is permitted on all machines but must be a minimum of 10mm clear of the number

(iv) numbers must be of bold type, single colour, contrast colour to background and have a minimum width stroke of 20mm, with a 5mm gap between numbers

(v) Numbers 4,6,8,9,0 are to have no centre fill

(vi) No over lapping of numbers permitted – exception to be given to “tail of number ie 4” see reference images

(vii) Background to be a single solid colour

(viii) minimum size for front board figures

-Mini classed Machines 60mm height and 12mm stroke width

-Junior classed machines 80mm high and 15mm stroke width

-Senior classed machines 100mm high and 20mm stroke width

(ix) AT motocross and supercross championship events including NZGP, competitors will have a legible number on either the back of the jersey or armour, matching their bike numbers, in contrasting colours, with a minimum size of 100mm height and 20mm stroke

(x) A red background and white number may be used at the New Zealand Championship by the current point's leader.

11.3c All Juniors are to run **non speedway** tyres at Speedway events.

11.4a Championship/National/Island Title capacity classes: see Appendix A The top 5 riders of the Premier class can use their numbers from results of the previous seasons NZ ATV Motocross Championship. **In addition, All New Zealand ATV Motocross champions from a championship class have the option to display the number one (1) in that class only until the next New Zealand ATV Motocross championship is run. They may not run the number one (1) in any other class during that season.**

11.6 CDI/ECU/Cherry Bomb \*refer to 11.6d

11.6b Production 450:

i. A maximum width of 1250mm is allowed. The caster and camber must be of original OEM specifications and must be fixed (non-adjustable).

ii. Ride height adjustment allowed with brackets, linkages, struts or straps.

iii. Yamaha YFZ450 and YFZ450R are exempt from rule 11.6a and are not to be considered the same model.

iv. Production 250: 300cc 4 stroke bikes are allowed but the bikes must be OEM specification. Changes are only permitted as per rule 11.6

11.6c All Production class bikes are allowed to remove the airbox bung from the bottom of the airbox.

11.6d The following Production classes are to run factory OEM supplied CDI.

Production 125cc

Production 250cc

- 11.7 ATV Speedway:  
New competitors shall ride at three (3) compulsory practices **or have approval by the event Steward and/or the ATV Commissioner** prior to taking part in Open Competition & Speedway Competition, **the organising club may choose to provide guidance by way of a mentor.**
- 11.7a The maximum number of ATV starters at a Speedway event is **16** per race, at the discretion of the Steward. This number may be reduced if necessary.
- 11.7c Deletion of last sentence
- 11.8 **Hybrids (Repowered ATVs)**
- 11.8a **All engines used in sanctioned competition must be production model ATV engines or single cylinder production model motorcycle engines available for sale to the general public.**
- 11.8b **OEM capacity must be maintained for race class classification.**
- 11.8c **Hybrid ATVs must use the crankcases of the production engine. Original engine and frame mounts must be used. Mounting bolts must be OEM specification. Extra space brackets are permitted.**
- 11.8d **Any crankshaft configuration may be used (180 degree firing, alternate firing etc)**
- 11.8e **Superchargers, turbochargers and nitrous oxide kits are prohibited.**
- 11.8f **The actual displacement of the motor must be stamped on the side of the cylinder or on the engine case.**
- 11.8g **When using a motorcycle engine the engine capacity cannot exceed 450 cc and must be within OEM specifications.**
- 11.8h **ATV frames are to be in OEM stock condition, no removing of parts is allowed, ie existing engine mounts are to remain. Material may be added for strength, ie gussets. New manufactured or fabricated parts must be done to a workmanlike manner.**
- 15.3 After the two free rides mini competitors are required to have an MNZ Mini licence or purchase a One Event Licence if being offered for purchase by the host club & eligible for the event being run. Applications for an annual competition licence are made via the office of MNZ, or by way of online application. A birth certificate or passport is required with a first time application.  
The application form must be endorsed by a parent or legal guardian. Note: that parents or legal guardians can restrict licences simply by drawing lines through the classes they do not approve of on the application form.  
Mini Competition Licences can be only issued for the following types of competition: Motocross, Motocross TT, ATV, Gymkhana, Flat Track, Grass Track and Trial.  
Before competing in a New Zealand National event, a rider must have competed in at least six MNZ permitted club events (three for ATV, **Intro MX and Intro Trail**). Proof of this shall be from entries in the riders log book and can include up to a maximum of three one event licences (one for ATV) or proof from results of Electronic Lap scored Events. The original copies of the licences must be supplied – no reproduction copies.
- 15.7 When a mini licence holder reaches 8 years they may remain as a mini until their 12th birthday, or they may **upgrade** their mini licence to a junior licence. For more information regarding Junior Motocross please refer to rule 15.18.
- 15.10 Maximum number of starters:  
The number of starters in any one **race** can be up to 20. However, if the circuit meets the following criteria a maximum of 30 is permitted.  
All start lines must provide for a single row start, with a minimum of 1 metre between each bike. Measured from wheel to wheel. (500mm for ATV's).  
The first one hundred metres of the circuit from the start should be where the terrain allows no less than half the width of the start line and the rest of the track to be a minimum of four metres, except in a chicane for lap scoring purposes.
- 15.19b When a junior licence holder reaches 15 years they may remain as a junior until their 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, or they may **upgrade** their junior licence for a senior licence.
- 15.21 Number of Starters: The number of starters in any one **race** can be up to 30. However upon application to MNZ any request to a maximum number of 40 riders can be lodged. This application will only be granted with full agreement of MNZ, the club, and the Steward of the meeting.
- 16.17d f.  
**The maximum numbers of starters for any race will be 40 (including split starts). Applications to increase the number of starters to 50 but only with a split start (no more than 40 starting at any one time) to be applied for with the permit and approved by the Motocross Commissioner and the Steward of the meeting.**

- 23.6 Identification Plates:  
 Identification plates must:  
 a) **Must display 90% + of the rider's grade colour on the front plate or head light fitting. No minimum size required.**  
 b) **Rider's name must be displayed on the plate or head light fitting using the correct coloured lettering. No minimum size required.**
- 23.7 Change EXPERT to OPEN
- App A Mini Motocross  
 Classes for New Zealand Nationals. **At NZ MX Grand Prix events: all classes are support classes to the MXGP event**  
 Intro Trail 4-7 years, 50cc air or liquid cooled, auto clutch  
 Intro MX 4-7 years, 50cc air or liquid cooled, auto clutch  
 MX 50cc 6-8 years, air or liquid cooled, auto clutch, max capacity 53cc  
 MX 65cc 7-8 years, 53cc to 65cc Liquid cooled, 2 stroke, Gear box & manual clutch  
 MX 65cc 9-11 years, 53cc to 65cc Liquid cooled, 2 stroke, Gear box & manual clutch  
 Trail 7-9 years, 4 stroke air cooled 53cc to 110cc  
 Trail 8-11 years, 2 stroke air cooled 53cc to 82cc; 4 stroke air cooled 53cc to 149cc
- App A Junior Motocross  
 Championship classes including NZ Motocross Grand Prix:  
 8-11 years 65cc 60-65cc 2 stroke 'stock'  
 (these capacity bikes when used in Junior Motocross competition only will remain as per the homologated mini performance objectives in Appendix C, with the exception of exhaust, hubs and spokes and hole shot device which shall be free)  
 8-10 years 85cc 60cc to 85cc 2 stroke & 100cc to 150cc 4 stroke  
 (including modified 60-65cc bikes)  
 11-12 years 85cc 60cc to 85cc 2 stroke & 100cc to 150cc 4 stroke  
 13-16 years 85cc 60cc to 85cc 2 stroke & 100cc to 150cc 4 stroke  
 12-14 years 125cc 90cc to 125cc 2 stroke only  
 15-16 years 125cc 90cc to 125cc 2 stroke only  
 14-16 years 250cc 151cc to 250cc 4 stroke & 126cc to 150cc 2 stroke  
 Junior Women's  
 8-11 years: 85cc 60cc to 85cc 2 stroke & 100cc to 150cc 4 stroke  
 12-16 years: 85cc 60cc to 85cc 2 stroke & 100cc to 150cc 4 stroke  
 12-16 years: 90cc to 125cc 2 stroke & 151cc to 250cc 4 stroke & 126cc to 150cc 2 stroke  
 (Minimum age 14 to ride 250cc 4 stroke or 126cc to 150cc 2 stroke)
- App A Senior Motocross  
 Championship classes including NZ Motocross Grand Prix:  
 MX1 151cc to open 2 stroke & 251cc to open 4 stroke  
 MX2 126cc to 150cc 2 stroke & **151cc to 250cc 4 stroke**  
 MX 125 90cc to 125cc 2 stroke only  
**Senior Women 90cc to 150cc 2 stroke & 250cc 4 stroke (min 15yrs)**  
 An Under 19 Championship Class may be included within the MX2 class. Age will be determined by the age of the competitor on the day of the event, if the class is run as a series, the competitor must be under 19 on the first day that the competition starts.
- App A ATV Senior  
 All engines must be ATV based (except **Open & Super quad**).  
 Championship/National/Island Title classes:  
 Premier 0-750cc - race length 12mins plus one lap (MX & TT)  
 Veteran (40 years plus male, 35 years plus female) 0-750cc Open  
 Woman (15years plus) 0-750cc Open  
 450cc Production; (see restrictions in Chapter 11)  
**Open 0-750cc: (see restrictions chapter 11)**  
 Open Trike  
 Super Quad; Open Motorcycle Engine (Super Quads must be machine examined)