

CHAPTER EIGHTEEN – Oval Track (Off Road)

- 18.1 **Introduction:**
There are 4 types of oval track racing recognised by these rules.
They are:
Club Speedway
Grass Track (1/4 mile) 400m
Long Track
Short Circuit Flat Track
- 18.2 **Jurisdiction:**
MNZ Competition licences are required for all oval track racing permitted by MNZ. Oval track racing is also controlled by the 'referee' system. Apart from the steward of the meeting the referee controls all aspects of actual racing. That is to say that once the competitor's machines leave the pit area onto the track until they return after the race all competition is under the referee's control. Any protest against the referee must be made to the steward of the meeting. Please note however that "no protest can be made against a statement of fact pronounced by the referee".
- 18.3 **Duties of the Referee:**
Accompanied by the steward, the Referee must inspect the track and safety barriers before practice and the meeting begins.
- 18.3.1 The Referee must ensure that all his/her decisions which effect or vary the published programme, such as exclusion of a competitor, postponement of a race etc. are communicated immediately to the steward for action.
- 18.3.2 The Referee must confine his/her duties to refereeing and he/she must NOT undertake additional duties during a meeting.
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- A Referee has the authority to issue a reprimand.
 - Fine up to \$50 (Fifty Dollars).
 - Exclude a competitor from a particular race or meeting.
 - He/She may relegate or promote race positions.
- 18.3.4 Control the two minute bell.
- 18.3.5 The Referee will enforce all regulations pertaining to the actual racing.
- 18.3.6 The Referee may, after making such enquiry's as he/she may consider necessary, postpone, stop or cause to be abandoned a meeting or part thereof, only after consultation, where possible, with the Clerk of the Course and Steward.
- 18.3.7 The Referee shall start motorcycle events if another starter has not been delegated in the position, who so ever does the starting will also operate the green light indicating a start is imminent.

- 18.3.8 UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THESE RULES, if an accident has occurred, and in the opinion of the Referee it would be dangerous for the race to continue he/she shall cause the race to be stopped by giving the stop signal, and the race shall then be run or re-started.
The Referee and Steward are only empowered to stop a race, and no other official shall initiate the 'stop' signal during the course of a race.
Restarts: If the leader has not started their 2nd lap, a full restart for the original distance is to occur, rider or riders deemed to have caused the red flag may be put to the penalty line for the restart (5 metres behind the last row) at the discretion of the referee.
If the lead rider had started their 2nd lap, the race will be started in single file, the leader can choose the top or bottom of the track, and the next rider starts a bike length behind them, either 1 bike width up or down the race track, all bikes restart in their last recorded position, and the race runs the remaining laps scheduled, any rider or riders deemed to have caused the stoppage may be put to the rear of the field at the discretion of the referee.
If the race cannot be restarted within 30 minutes, if more than 50% of the distance has been completed by the leader, then the race will be declared and full points awarded, if the leader has not completed 50% of the race length, the race will be declared with no points awarded.
- 18.3.9 The Referee shall penalise immediately a competitor who in his/her opinion indulges in foul, unfair or dangerous conduct including any competitor who steers or drifts from his/her course in such a manner as to impede any competitor who may be attempting to pass, or in the case of a non-team event, jeopardising the fair chance of one or more of other competitors.
- 18.3.10 The Referee may immediately penalise any competitor who, in his/her opinion, crowds, or bores whether intentionally or not, or otherwise indulges in any foul or unfair practice during a race.
- 18.3.11 The referee must make himself/herself conversant with the Racing Rules of the particular class(es) racing at the track.
- 18.3.12 The Referee is responsible for displaying the Black Flag during warm ups he/she can however delegate this to the Clerk of the Course.
- 18.3.13 The Referee shall be entitled to forbid the access to his/her box by any person during the meeting and nobody shall approach him/her without his/her permission.
- 18.3.14 A Referee has the duty to respect the right of drivers who consider themselves to be unjustly penalised, to expect a reasonable and courteous explanation.
- 18.4 **Duties of the Steward:**
To see that the rules of MNZ are carried out in conjunction with the referee.
- 18.4.1 The Steward must be in attendance at any official practices and official meetings.
- 18.4.2 The Steward is responsible for the examination of protective equipment of the competitors firefighting equipment.

- 18.4.3 The Steward shall ensure that control lights and communication apparatus, including flags, are in order.
- 18.4.4 To ensure that all aspects of Chapter 6 'Conduct of Competitions' are controlled in a proper manner where, in his/her judgement, they apply to oval track racing.
- 18.4.5 To ensure all aspects of the MNZ Manual are adhered to.
- 18.4.6 **Classes:** see Appendix A.