

- 5.1 All competitors shall ride at their own risk.
- 5.2 Competitors wishing to compete in events shall cause themselves to be registered on the books of MNZ prior to competing, by either forwarding to the MNZ Office a correctly filled in competition licence application form or completing the online licence application. Such registration shall expire one year from date of issue, or as determined by the Board of MNZ, with the exception of international licences which will expire on December 31.
- 5.2a Every person so registered must be a financial member of a club affiliated to MNZ.
- 5.2b Any intending competitor who is under the age of 16 years must have his/her application for a competition licence endorsed by a parent or legal guardian. All applications for mini and junior class licenses must include a copy of their birth certificate or passport.
- 5.2c Licence application forms are obtainable from the MNZ Office, MNZ Website, and Club Secretaries and must be sent together with such fee as shall be determined by the Board. Upon receipt, the MNZ Office shall enter the name of such person in the register and issue them with a competition licence and competitor logbook. Riders are encouraged to make application for competition licences online through the MNZ App or MNZ App web portal where full details of applications and fees are available.
- 5.2d MNZ may refuse to issue or may withdraw any competition licence/membership.
- 5.2e
- i. Junior competitors age shall be from and including the eighth birthday until the seventeenth birthday.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii.
 - a) 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.
 - b) If a junior competitor's 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.
 - c) 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.

Competing or practicing with seniors in such circumstances shall not affect the rider's junior status.

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.

- iv. Where a junior's birthday falls during a consecutive multi day event the competitor may complete that event, in that class except when the rider turns 17.

- 5.2f **One Event Licences:** can be issued to competitors at Club Events. These Licences cannot be used at the following events; New Zealand or Island Championships, Street Racing, except in the instance of a competitor having a MNZ Championship licence but has forgotten it for the event. The competitor must sign the disclaimer on the One Event Licence application, and is subject to a fine & Judiciary referral should they are found not to hold a MNZ Championship licence.

The decision of having One Event Licences available for purchase is that of the host Club. The Steward of the meeting has jurisdiction to decline an application at his/her discretion. If the steward approves the One Event Licence Application, such approval is signified by the steward signing the Licence after payment has been made for it.

- 5.2g **Ages for Purchasing One Event Licences:**

Off Road Events: 4 years Motocross and Trial, 10 years Cross Country, 12 years Enduro

All other events: 16 years & over

Should a rider be between the ages 4 and 18 a parent or guardian must sign the One Event Licence.

5.2h **Special Event Upgrade Licence:**

For the express purpose to enable the competitor to partake in one single New Zealand or Island Championship Event for the given licencing period.

Limited to a single Special Event Upgrade Licence per licencing period for a competitor in any class.

The decision of having a special event upgrade licence available for purchase is that of the host Club; and subject to Club application to MNZ

A Special Event Upgrade Licence can be issued to a competitor holding a current MNZ Club Licence who has competed in more than three Senior previous MNZ permitted events, or six Junior & Mini MX previous MNZ permitted events in the class entered at club level, proof of which shall be in the riders log book, or proof from results of Electronic Lap scored MNZ permitted events.

The Steward of the meeting has jurisdiction to decline an application at his/her discretion.

- a. Host Club must apply to MNZ to offer a Special Event Upgrade Licence.
- b. Competitor must indicate to the host Club they will require a Special Event Upgrade Licence on pre-entry.
- c. Competitor's log book will be clearly marked by the Steward that they used the sole Special Event Upgrade Licence.
- d. The provision of Special Event Upgrade Licence must not contravene Rules 5.2a and 5.2f
- e. Any competitor found to be in breach of the single use upgrade will be subject to Rule 5.2n and have their entry refused.

5.2i A competitor registered as stated and not disqualified or suspended shall be eligible to compete in any competition that the licence is valid for.

5.2j Acceptance of an entry form is decided by the club or promoter provided that the entry may only be declined in good faith and for valid reasons. The club or promoter must give reasons for the declining of the entry.

5.2k Competitors will enter details including helmet brand, model and serial number in the front section of their log book and the MNZ APP. Any change of helmet must be listed in this section. Competitors will also add details for the event they are entering in the Event section of their log book. Competitors licence and log book must be produced at sign in and will be held by a club official until the end of the event at which time the rider will collect. Rider injury, machine faults, faulty riding gear, rider conduct, shall be noted in the log book by the Steward or an appointed official. The steward's name must be recorded in the log book for each event listed. In the absence of a competitors MNZ licence and log book Stewards may accept Scanning of current QR code/Licence which provides proof of a valid current licence. The Steward shall record notes within the App that would usually be recorded in log book, i.e. helmet detail, rider injury, machine faults, and rider conduct.

5.2l Licence Categories: Licences will be issued in the following categories, Senior, Junior, Mini & Associate Member. Licences will be valid for 12 months from date of issue.

5.2m A sidecar combination competing in any competition other than Record Attempts must carry a passenger. Passengers are deemed to be competitors and must have the appropriate current licence.

5.2n Any person competing in any event open to registered riders only, without first being the holder of a current competition licence shall be liable to a fine, suspension or disqualification for life and no un-registered person shall be entitled to receive any prize-money or trophy from any club.

5.3 If a competitor is entered in multiple classes with one machine (hill climb etc.) then prior to each run the class that, that run is to be counted for must be nominated.

5.3a Separate runs must be undertaken for each class entered.

5.3b Where the entry of any competitor is refused by a club for a New Zealand, North or South Island title event, or any event counting towards any of these titles, always providing that the entry is on the correct form and received by the club within the stipulated time, the competitor shall have the right to appeal to the Judiciary of MNZ.

5.3c An appeal under this section shall be lodged at the MNZ Office within seven (7) days of the competitor being notified by the promoter or organising club that the entry has been refused.

5.3d The competitor shall be permitted to compete in the particular event or events concerned until such time as the appeal has been finalised.

5.4 All visiting overseas competitors must sign an MNZ indemnity form. All overseas competitors wishing to compete in New Zealand must obtain a Start Permission and FIM International Licence (if applicable) from their Federation and have this sent to MNZ prior to the event being held. This is the competitor's responsibility. MNZ shall send to the organising Club and Steward for the event a copy of these documents.

- 5.5 **Entries:** Entries shall be made by the competitor on the clubs form to the Secretary of the Meeting and any club may refuse entries if not on this correct entry form. No written entry will be accepted unless signed by the rider. Most Clubs now have web sites along with MNZ where information of events and entry forms are available online.
- 5.5a All entries must be accompanied by the correct fees. If the rider is unable to attend and notifies the Secretary of the meeting by phone or by written word prior to, but not including the event day or in case of a two day meeting, the practice day, entry fees to be refunded in full if all passes are returned. In the case of a telephone cancellation written application must follow, postmarked before the event or practice day.
- 5.5b Any entry by telephone must be confirmed by forwarding an official entry form immediately with entry fee.
- 5.5c Any entry which contains a false statement shall be considered null and void. The entrant may be deemed to be guilty of a breach of these rules and the entry fee may be forfeited.
- 5.5d Whenever entry forms are circulated in advance of an event at least one copy must be sent to the MNZ Office.
- 5.5e Any Club not allowing late entries must print words to this effect on entry forms if entry forms are printed for any particular event.
- 5.5f The use of any term in poster, press, radio, TV, or any other publicity or in entry forms, acceptances or programmes, that conveys any impression that any event carries other than local significance, is expressly forbidden without the written consent of MNZ. Examples of such terms are: international, national, names of countries, provinces, nationalities, oceans or seas, north, south, west, title, championship, GP, or Grand Prix, TT or Tourist Trophy. Any club wishing to use any such or similar term must request it in its permit application. If granted, it will be shown on the permit, and this will be considered to be sufficient written consent for its use for the particular event.
- 5.5g **New Zealand Championships (including GP's):** No limit shall be put on the number of entries accepted before the closing date, provided all entries are correctly completed including the entry fee. If more than the maximum entries are received, qualifying shall take place.
- 5.5h To compete at a Championship event, competitors must have a MNZ Championship Licence (via upgrading their Club Licence prior to the event, or upgrading with a special event upgrade license if offered).
To compete at a Veteran and Women's Motocross Nationals, Mini Motocross Nationals, Cross Country Nationals, Cross Country Island Events, NZ Motocross TT or Motocross Island Events competitors can compete on a Club or Championship Licence.
- 5.6 Any competitor entering under a false name or address, or in any way trying to mislead the handicapper or club shall on proof thereof be excluded.
- 5.6a No competitor shall take part in any competition under an assumed name unless special permission for use of such assumed name has been granted by MNZ.
- 5.6b A rider who is entered at a permitted event who allows a non-entered person to compete on their entered motorcycle at the event without the permission of the steward of the meeting and club officials, shall be excluded from the meeting and the matter reported to the Judiciary for possible further disciplinary action.
- 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.
- 5.7a Any rider being a defaulter to any club under these rules shall not be allowed to start in a race until all monies owing by them are paid.
- 5.7b Any competitor starting in a race before his/her fees are paid shall be liable to exclusion, suspension, disqualification and/or fine.
- 5.7c No entry shall be accepted from a disqualified or suspended competitor until the time of his/her disqualification or suspension has expired.
- 5.8 **Roads Closed Under the Local Government Act 1974:**
No civil licence is required
- 5.8a **Roads Closed Under the Land Transport Act 1998:**
Road closed under this Act are typically state highways and remain listed as "roads" as defined in the Act, it is for this reason that the following civil licence requirements apply:-
Riders holding a current Class 6 (unrestricted) licence may compete without limitation.
Riders holding a current Class 6R (restricted) licence may compete subject to the conditions of the licence. Riders holding a Class 6L (learners) licence are not permitted to compete.
These conditions will be noted on the permit and must be included in the Event Supplementary Regulations.

5.8b **Exceptions to Rule 5.8a:**

In the event of a temporary cancellation of his/her civil licence the rider cannot compete on circuits that require civil licences, unless they apply to the courts for permission to do so and such permission is endorsed on his/her civil licence. Holders of Class 6R licences may apply to the LTSA for an exemption to the conditions attached to their licences. The onus is with the rider to provide proof of this exemption to the event organizers prior, to the commencement of practice.

5.9 Any competitor injuries or receiving hospital treatment see Chapter 6.

5.10 Competitors are responsible at all times for the behaviour of their assistants during the course of a meeting.

5.11 All NZ Title holders shall have reasonable access to their trophy until the following year's event. It shall be the rider's responsibility for the safe return of all trophies to the next running of that Title event.