

13 CROSS COUNTRY

13.1 Definitions:

13.1.1 Hare and Hounds are events where riders start in separate groups at timed intervals with the time difference taken into account at the finish of the event.

13.1.2 Cross Country are events where the riders start together.

13.1.3 The result will be determined on the number of laps ridden in the prescribed time allotted or the first rider to cross the finish line if more than one rider completes the same number of laps. The time handicap will be taken into account in the case of Hare and Hounds.

13.1.4 Duration:

Club Events – Minimum 1 hr. It is suggested club have an easy option for beginners. NZ or Island Championship events – 3 hrs.

13.2 The Course:

13.2.1 Cross Country tracks must be fast and flowing held on natural terrain i.e. similar to a long distance "Natural Terrain Motocross". There should be no bottlenecks and riders should not have to dismount.

13.2.2 The minimum distance per lap should be 10km. (The longer the lap, less laps per race, less damage done to the track). The minimum lap distance for an Island or New Zealand Championship race shall be 10km.

13.2.3 In the case of long circuits there shall be no more than 50km between designated fuel points. Clear and unmistakable to a fast moving rider.

13.2.4 Track Marking: Arrows must be day-glo orange, triangular and at least 240mm long by 100mm wide. Danger points must be clearly marked with two arrows pointing straight down. Wrong way must be marked by two crossed arrows. Riders must pass within 10 metres of an arrow. All arrows to be clear and unmistakable to fast moving riders. Where red and white pegs are used riders must stay within the pegs.

13.2.4.1 Failure to follow track marking arrows may result in a Stop/Go penalty being imposed by a meeting official; such penalty shall not exceed 5 minutes.

13.2.5 No point to point timing or any other method of scoring is to be used.

13.2.6 Pre Riding of the Course: In a National Cross Country Championship event no National title contender shall ride on the marked course prior to the start of the event. A marked course is defined as a commencement of arrowing. Penalty to be at the Stewards discretion.

13.3 The Start:

A Cross Country start shall be a Le Mans start with riders running a minimum of 5 metres to their machines.

- 13.4 The classes shall be: See Appendix C
Numbers 11-59 have been reserved to be allocated to the riders as they finished in previous New Zealand Championship. E.g. first in class 1 would receive plate number 11, first in class 2 would receive plate number 21.
Class 1: Numbers 11-19
Class 2: Numbers 21-29
Class 3: Numbers 31-39
Class 4: Numbers 41-49
Class 5: Numbers 51-59
- 13.5 There will be a teams Championship. Each team will consist of three riders.
- 13.5.1 The three team members of each team entered must be submitted to organising clubs prior to the start of the practice lap, i.e. No change after practice lap.
- 13.5.2 The team must have the same three team members for all rounds in which they wish to accumulate points for the Championships. (Class changing of team riders is permitted within the team).
- 13.5.3 Teams must have all three members finish the event to be eligible for a placing in that event and to gain championship points.
- 13.5.4 Teams Points Juniors & Seniors
- 13.5.5 Per round, the team that completes the most laps in the shortest time is the winner.
- 13.5.6 Teams are ranked by combined laps completed in the shortest combined time.
- 13.5.7 The top team scores 25pts for that round, second team scores 22pts, then 20, 18, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.
- 13.6 NZ Championships
The Championship will be held over four National Championship rounds, with one final. Competitors must attend the final round for a national position to be awarded.
Points will be awarded under the current FIM system, total maximum points will be 75.
- 13.6.1 Series riders gain series points. No reallocation.
- 13.6.2 Preliminary and final rounds must be run as independent events.
- 13.6.3 The two NZ Championship finals in which both North and South Island riders compete together should where possible be held as close as practical to the ferry terminal.
- 13.7 No refuelling or transferring of fuel from one vehicle to another is permitted on the circuit except in an area designated by the organising club.

- 13.8 All riders must leave the course immediately the chequered flag is displayed.
- 13.9 A practice lap is to be offered to competitors at the discretion of club officials, regardless of the length of the track. However, it is recommended that Junior competitors have a practice lap.
- 13.10 The MNZ Cross Country Championship, format, classes and grading each year, shall be organised by the Cross Country Commissioner.