

Motorcycling New Zealand - Officials Newsletter - August

Get your reports in:

At the moment we are having to chase up Stewards and CoC Reports that have not been received. Along with the un-licenced rider sign on sheets and OEL's. Remember that these Reports need to be completed and sent into the office within seven days of the event. This includes the blue copies of One Event Licences issued. If there are none issued put '0' in the One Event Licence box on the front page of the Stewards Report.

As of 1 August CoC Reports MUST be provided as well.

Officials Trainers wanted:

Stewards and CoCs Grade 3 and 4: You are invited to apply to become Training Qualified Officials. We are looking for (ideally) two in each region. You will have to be willing to travel throughout your region to train the new officials, assess the current officials and do practical assessments on upgrading officials. Apply by downloading the application form on the MNZ website in the Officials Resources section. Applications will be reviewed by the Training Standing Committee and successful applicants will be invited to the training seminar.

Officials training system:

The training process for new officials seems to be causing confusion.
Flag Marshals

1. Attend a seminar.
2. Pass the relevant questions on the Grade 1 test. Should you pass them all you have the option of being Grade 1 or Flag Marshal warranted.

New Officials:

1. Get some training in the roles you intend to do at local events. This is not assessments - it's knowing what the role is like. Follow a Steward or CoC (with their permission and knowledge of course) and find out about the role. Many will already have this from doing roles already and/or being on the club committee.
2. Attend and pass a Seminar.
3. Get 'doing the job' assessments, which you also need to pass.

Existing Officials moving up a Grade:

1. Attend a Seminar and pass a written and oral test.
2. Get 'doing the job' assessments, which you also need to pass.

Officials refreshing current Grade:

1. Attend a Seminar and pass a written and oral test.
2. Proof of running events at the Grade and Discipline (if applicable) you're refreshing.

The matrix for this is on the MNZ website under Officials/Resources.

Who to penalise:

If a pit crew member is not behaving in line with the Code of Conduct, the rider is the one to penalise. This can be difficult when it is the parent of a young rider. You might have to explain to 'little Johnny' that his mum/dad is a (insert synonym for foolish person) when you hand him the penalty though. A financial penalty would work best in this case as the parent is most likely to be paying. Don't shy away from penalties. The more you ignore, the worse the offenders get. If they get their nose out of joint for having to follow rules, do we really want them in the sport anyway?

Seminars:

We are doing some Seminars as we get trainers available. Keep an eye on the MNZ website (under the Officials menu at the top) to see if any are in your area. A full set of dates will be released once we have suitable Trainers.

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