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## Motorcycling New Zealand - Officials Newsletter Clarification

A fair bit of feedback on my first newsletter. Many of you rightly pointed out that rule 6.19 is not compulsory for anything but sidecars. I could claim it was a test but really it was just my mistake. I didn't word it well or completely; I blame my proofreader (me).

I was meant to say we need to be checking as per 6.19 in all classes more often.

The background is we have had a comment in a coroners report that we do not appear to be checking machines often enough, or at all.

One thing that has come out of this is the issue of liability. We need to check the machines, without being responsible for failures. We don't 'Scrutineer' the machine - but should we do a 'machine check'. Machine checks should be done by a mechanically skilled person though. How do we separate the liability from the checking process? How can we ensure the machine is safe without being liable for its failures?

It is clear that without the checks the standard of preparation has dropped in some cases. What are you doing to maintain the standards?

I'm hoping there will be time at the AGM to go over some ideas.

Cheers

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