



## Motorcycling New Zealand - Club E-Newsletter July Edition

Welcome to the July edition of the Motorcycling New Zealand newsletter designed for Affiliated Clubs.

It has been a busy couple of months for Clubs, with winter series having commenced and preparation well underway for National events for those Clubs that are hosting them, not to mention having to deal with adverse weather conditions.

### **Reminders:**

By now you should have all received your Club Secretary Guide's, and example membership packs if for any reason you have not received this please contact the MNZ Office. At this stage we have not had any Clubs request membership packs, please remember that offer is there for us to create more of these for you.

Also a reminder about the ability to be able to licence riders at events, this is for first time licence holders only. It is a trial for the 2015-2016 season and at the end of the season we will assess how successful it has been with the view to making it permanently available for the future. At this stage 14 Clubs have taken the option to have the ability to licence riders at events. If you would like to be part of this please contact Mary-Anne at the MNZ Office.

Minutes and notes from workshops from the MNZ Conference/AGM are available on our website - [Meeting Minutes](#)

There is Rider Welfare Trust funding available for any similar trusts, for more information see [Motorcycling New Zealand - Rider Welfare Trust](#)

Please ensure before you publish your Entry Forms & Supplementary Regulations they are sent in to the MNZ Office along with your permit application for approval, once they are approved you will be notified. The approval process is to help Clubs and Officials to ensure a smooth event particularly around the rules. Often we find contradictions to rules which if left could cause protests on the day.

The approval process takes up to 14 days, as the Commissioner of the sport and the Officials Commissioner need to approve these, often they have more than one application at any one time, they are also volunteers as well.

### **Championship Allocations:**

More Championships have been allocated to Clubs and dates for other Championships have been set, these can be found on the MNZ website under [Championship Events](#) This section of the website is updated as new dates are set and allocations made.

It is the aim to have the 2017 calendar in place by the end of 2015 this will provide a good year of planning in advance for events.

### **Rule Changes:**

Rules have been ratified effective 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015 as per the recent news story on our website - [Rule Changes to take place effective 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015](#) The Rule book split of Off Road and Road is near completion, you will receive a copy of this once it has been completed.

### **Health & Safety**

At the Conference/AGM we announced that MNZ are now using the services of paramedical consultancy this is a brokerage service, at no cost to your Club to arrange the appropriate medical requirements at each event. Clubs can contact Paramedical Consultancy services directly to arrange medical providers. This is a great service that not only ensures that you meet the level of cover required at your events, but also has proved that the cost, in most cases, is somewhat less to what you may already be paying as it becomes a contestable environment.

Please see the following link to [enquire about the services](#) we would encourage you to use this company and would be interested in feedback from you on service provided and cost savings made. This information is also available on our website under Club/First Aid at Events.

With the Health & Safety reform bill currently going through Parliament, we have take the opportunity to review processes it has been recognised that many of our Clubs do not have Health & Safety guides in place, with the assistance of NZ Safety Brokers New Zealand Ltd, a guide has been put in place for Clubs free of charge. The value of this to each Club is \$350 this is for Club use only and should not be copied for any other uses, or provided to any other organisation. As a Club if you require a complete, implemented system we would suggest you contact NZ Safety Brokers New Zealand Ltd, phone Graham Roper 022 1762 521. Graham is great to work with and is very familiar with motorcycling.

In terms of the reference to serious accident this applies to 'employees only' at the event we have our own investigation process, an employee would be termed as medical organisations and anyone else that you are paying to provide services on the day.

Some things to be mindful of:

- Be very mindful if your Club is not happy that someone is competent to ride a quad bike again using medics as the example, then you would not allow them to do so.
- Be mindful that as rules state that everyone must wear a helmet, then you must ensure they do so.

You can find the guide on our website under [Health & Safety](#), please download this to implement.

At this stage we do not have any further updates on the reform bill it is still going through process, the report back date has been pushed back until the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

However, we continue to work in other areas and will be providing to all Clubs risk assessment template documents that you will be easily be able to use.

#### **MNZ Budget**

Over the weekend of the Conference and AGM the MNZ budget was discussed at length, since returning we have had a request for a copy of the budget. For all Clubs we have prepared an Executive Summary of the MNZ Budget, this will now become normal practice and will be published at the time of budgeting and provided to all Clubs. For your information please see the [Executive Summary](#), should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### **Officials Grading Matrix**

Officials Commissioner, Andrew Presant has made updates to the [Officials Grading Matrix](#)