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What you must do in the event of a serious accident, or a series of injury causing accidents in the same area of the track:

When is an accident deemed to be Serious?

An accident is deemed to be serious when;

- Rider has had a period of unconsciousness, no matter how brief, following a fall.
- Long bone fracture(s) leg including pelvis.
- Neck injury requiring medical intervention.
- Chest injury requiring medical intervention.

Note: Medical intervention means, transportation to hospital is required.

If there is a serious injury accident or a series of injury causing accidents in the same area of the track, you must stop the racing and follow the below steps:

- Once the injured rider is attended to; ensure that the area around the injured rider is immediately made safe, ie race either stopped or marshals diverting riders around incident.
- The Steward, Clerk of Course and Riders Representative are to meet together to review the area of the track where the accidents have taken place, with the view to make area safer, ie; reduce entry speed or put a diversion around the area.
- Take into consideration any environmental factors that may have contributed to the injuries, track design, track conditions ie; exposed rocks, very slippery due to rain.
- Serious consideration must be made to eliminate the area from the track layout.
- One identified put actions in place to make changes, if changes cannot be made to improve safety you must either postpone or cancel the event until a remedy is completed.
- Safety is not to be compromised.
- It is important that you do not let time pressures influence your decisions on the day that will prevent further injuries in the area(s) of

investigation.

In the event of this you must phone the Officials Commissioner, using 0800 669 245, it is important that we are kept up to date and you will have that support of working through the process of reporting the incident as well.

What are those Reports for?

As well as obtaining funds from several sources, MNZ also tracks the trends of our sport. To be able to do this successfully we need to ensure that Officials reports are completed in a timely and accurate manner. The number of competitors is very important, whether they be Senior, Junior or Mini, as too is the number of One Event Licences issued at the event. It is also important that the copies of the issued One Event Licences are returned with the Stewards reports.

I also receive all copies of Officials reports so be sure to highlight any issues that may need addressing either by a Commissioner, the Administration or in Training, this could be anything from a simple misunderstanding, to the wrong application of a rule, to an incorrect procedure. If you are not sure - ask, we are here to help you.

Note that Assisting or Second Stewards and CoC's should complete a Report on the event. Often they are in a different area and see something different (Mini's track instead of Seniors track for instance). There is a plan to make this compulsory.

Seminars

All the dates are on the MNZ website (<https://www.mnz.co.nz/officials/training-seminars>). Time to get your registrations in so we can get planning. Flag marshal training is available at each Seminar - but we need to know numbers (i.e. they need to register as well).

Most areas are still waiting for a club to host the Seminar. We're doing the Seminars this way to keep costs down. Conference Centres are expensive to hire and every dollar spent there cannot be spent on other things.

New Forms coming (finally)

As promised Moto Trials will be first to get new Steward and CoC Report forms. The others should be close behind. I will be looking for feedback to the sample forms sent out to various Moto Trials groups.

Cheers

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