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Motorcycling New Zealand - November E-Newsletter

Hi all

It's been a while since we've been in touch and there's lots of news to share. We'll be keeping you updated on a more regular basis in future, so keep an eye out for updates in your inbox.

MNZ Mobile App Update

The MNZ Mobile App testing process is taking longer than anticipated. Testing was undertaken at the Kapi Mana Motorcycle Club Champs which unearthed a few issues that are being resolved by the app developers. We have more testing to undertake with clubs over the next couple of months. We won't launch it until we know it's going to work well for you, so please bear with us while we're ironing out the bugs. We'll keep you updated as it progresses.

Health & Safety Update

We've embarked on a major project with other motorsport codes to develop a Health & Safety Protocol to support your club. As part of this project, MNZ is looking to appoint a H&S specialist to focus on medics, rider safety, track safety, officials and spectator safety. Ensuring the safety of everyone is integral to growing and advancing our sport. We will be formulating a plan with a prioritised module list over the next two months and will share updates with you all.

Pathway to Podium Programmes

- **Junior Motocross High Performance Programme**

Coordinated by MX World Champion Ben Townley, the purpose of the Pathway to Podium High Performance Programme is to develop more world motocross champions. The programme will provide training and coaching for young riders, both on and off the bike. Fifteen riders have been selected for the programme, with all eyes on the 2018 FIM Junior World Motocross Championship in Australia. [More on the website.](#)

- **Suzuki GIXXER Cup - Growing Future Champions**

Open to riders aged 14-21, the GIXXER Cup is a new race class for 2018 and provides a springboard to a successful racing future. Riders will hit the tracks on identical Suzuki GSX150F bikes, with Alpinestars race gear and Bell helmet included in the package, to provide an absolutely level playing field for those

starting out and on a limited budget. The GIXXER Cup will run at both the pre-nationals Suzuki Tri-Series and the 2018 New Zealand Superbike Championships. [More info on how to get involved here.](#)

Changes to Officials Grade Structure

Some of you may be aware we've been working on changes to the Officials Grade Structure. We're simplifying the structure with the goals of growing our base of Officials, providing clubs with a way to attract and keep Officials, and easing the burden on the few some clubs have. Grading will change from the generic numbered levels (1-4) to three discipline-specific Trainee, Club and National Grades. Trainee is the equivalent of Grade 1; Club will combine Grades 2 and 3; National is the equivalent of Grade 4. It will be a gradual roll-out across 2018, with new warrants issued at the next seminar an Official attends. Officials don't need to do anything, current warrants apply until the new one is issued.

Rules Update - Clarification on Road Race Chest Protector Requirements

We've received a number of queries around Road Race Rule 8.1.b, which introduces the FIM requirement for chest protectors to be worn. **There will be an amnesty on the rule until further notice**, due to its current status as a proposed standard. This is making it difficult to write a black-and-white rule for NZ. Once we receive clear information from FIM about the standard itself, we will reintroduce the rule. Until that time, here's a guide so you can purchase the required chest protector now. The standard is **prEN1621-3** (-3 indicates it's a chest protector and **pr** indicates it's proposed). The current proposed rule covers two levels of protection: Level 1 and Level 2. Level 1 is the highest and is what we are aiming to require with the new rule. When the standard itself is finalised, it will read **EN1621-3 Level x** where 'x' is either 1 or 2. Hopefully this helps if you've been struggling to make sense of it all.

NZSBK and MX Championship Entries

- Entries for the 2018 NZ Motocross Championship will open soon - keep an eye on Facebook and the MNZ website for updates.
- Entries for the 2018 NZ Superbike Championship Rounds 1, 2 and the series close on 14 December 2017. Enter online and find Supplementary Regulations and Tyre Regulations at [MX Timing](#). To download printable forms, visit the individual round listing on the [MNZ Road Racing Event Calendar](#).

Upcoming Events

[ATV](#)

[Cross Country](#)

[Enduro](#)

[Moto Trials](#)

[Motocross](#)

[Recreational and Leisure](#)

[Road Racing](#)

[Supercross](#)

If there's anything specific you'd like to hear about or updates you'd like to share with other members in these newsletters, please get in touch via admin@mnz.co.nz

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer of riding.

The MNZ Team