



ADVANCING THE SPORT OF MOTORCYCLING

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Hi everyone

With racing season well underway, there are a few things to keep in mind to ensure your event runs smoothly.

Riders Briefings

Standardised Riders' Briefings were finalised before the Christmas break and are now compulsory at all championship events. The standardised briefings had their first outings at Rounds 1 & 2 of the NZSBK Championship and were well received. You'll find the template [on the website here](#) - we encourage you to adopt it for your club days and other events to make life easier too. The duty of care statement is of particular importance for all events.

Check Results Before Posting

Make sure the results are correct before you put them out - simple mistakes can often be missed and cause unnecessary hassles. Check results carefully if there have been relegations, Red Flags, restarts etc. Time stamp it if they are 'posted' results and announce that the race result is out - that timestamp marks the start of the protest period.

Use Competitor Infringement Notices (CIN)

While these haven't been widely used in the past, the reason they exist is so the riders have something to appeal against. It also proves they were notified of the infringement. You may relegate a rider for jumping on a Yellow, but without the CIN there is nothing to prove this was done or why it was done and the rider can't appeal. Let's do it right and be fair.

Use the Logbook

The riders' logbooks are not just a record of their events - it's a record about their fitness, their machine, and their behaviour. If something minor comes up but you consider it worth noting, put it in the logbook.

Riders Reps

Try to find a Riders Rep who is familiar with the rules, is experienced and, if possible, not a member of a race team. I know - not an easy task. You could

consider having two Riders Reps, which gives riders a choice. A non-riding Rep is even better. Just remember they must all be elected (unless they are a Series Riders Rep at a Championship).

The Judge

Did you know that only the Judge can determine the finishing order of race? So who is this Judge? He or she is the person you appoint to watch the finish to see who finishes first, second, third etc... Why? Many tracks use timing systems but the timing loop is not at the finish line. It might be close but it's not there. This means that in a race to the line, one bike could be passing another (close finish) and the timing system will read one result but at the finish line it could be different. Appoint a Judge. The Starter can double as the judge as long as they can see and are watching. Another reason for clear numbers on bikes.

Helmets

Helmet checks are a critical element of any motorcycling event. Standards are most commonly a sticker on the outside rear of the helmet while certifications and serial numbers may be in various places on the helmet; sewn into the chin strap or under the comfort liner. If you can't find the standard after having a good look, give the helmet back to the rider and ask him/her to find it and bring it back to you to check.

If you need to impound a helmet, please be aware you can only do so for the duration of meeting at most. Impounded helmets must be kept safely and securely, and they must be returned to the rider as they are leaving. Our rules do not allow for anything beyond this.

Medical Referrals

Any rider referred by medics for further medical attention (ie GP or hospital) must surrender their licence and logbook to the Steward of the meeting, who must forward both to the MNZ office with the Event Injury Report. Please also remember that any visit by any rider or official to medical must also be recorded on the Event Injury Report - not just those requiring ambulance services.

Officials Assessments

If you're assessing a fellow official as part of their progression, please ensure your assessment is written up with some detail and sent by email or post to the MNZ office. Single word assessments don't help us understand where things have gone well or where there's room for improvement. I can always be contacted if you wish to discuss any aspect confidentially.

Media Accreditation and Event Day Management

In the interests of safety and professionalism in our sport, we have formalised the media accreditation and event day media management processes for championship events. We've created a simple process document, briefing sheet and indemnity form to safeguard clubs and help them ensure media are aware of their responsibilities too. They're available on the website in the [Media section here](#).

AGM

The 2018 MNZ Annual General Meeting will be held at the Heritage Hotel, Queenstown 18-20 May 2018.

All the details are available on the website in the [Annual Meeting section](#).

Cheers

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