



## INTERNATIONAL LICENCING UPDATE

# WILL YOUR EVENT ATTRACT OVERSEAS RIDERS?

Any overseas rider competing in NZ must be insured to race. NZ is lucky to have ACC cover medical costs of injuries but riders must still be insured to FIM standards in order to be repatriated to their home country in case of an emergency.

As an Official, you need to be aware that an overseas rider can race at an MNZ permitted event on either two types of documents:

1. Their own licence and a Start Permission
2. Or; an FIM International Licence (**only** if the event has an IMN however)

It is your job to ensure that every competitor at your event is licenced, and that the international riders competing at your event provide the correct documentation at sign-on. Copies of these should have already been forwarded to you by the MNZ Office prior to the event. If there are pre-entries and you know there are international riders entered but you have not received any documentation, please advise the Office so they can follow up with the riders FMN (governing body).

### **What you need to know about IMN's FIM Licences:**

FIM Licences are tied to International Meeting Numbers (IMNs) due to the insurance cover that is provided with a licence. An IMN is applied for with a Permit application if you know your event is going to attract overseas competitors, if your track is approved by MNZ, and you have high-class medical care present.

Having an IMN means that any rider not from NZ must hold a valid FIM International Licence in order to compete. Personal Accident Insurance is included in a FIM Licence as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019, so having an IMN for your event may be of some appeal to international riders as it is now a lot more cost effective. The IMN is only valid for the period of the meeting, therefore any official event practice must be included in your permit application.

Each meeting with an IMN is published on the FIM website. Applications for an IMN must be made a minimum of three weeks prior to the event.

### **What you need to know about Start Permissions:**

Any MNZ-permitted event that is likely to attract overseas riders but does not meet the FIM's high medical requirements (i.e. does not qualify for an IMN) can accept the riders with a Start Permission and their own licence. A Start Permission is a document from an FMN (a country's governing body) that certifies that the rider is authorised to race and holds valid insurance to FIM standards. Generally this is sent to MNZ and to the rider prior to the event. MNZ will forward on any Start Permissions received to the appropriate Club and Steward, and the rider will present this again at sign-on.



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**The following table outlines the IMN & Licencing requirements:**

Event Detail	IMN	Rider Licencing Requirements
Event has riders only from New Zealand	IMN not necessary	All riders must hold a current MNZ licence. A rider can also be issued with a One Event Licence (excluding championship events).
Event has riders from New Zealand and Australia only	IMN not necessary	New Zealand riders must hold a current MNZ licence. Australian riders must hold a Motorcycling Australia licence and Start Permission.
Event has riders from NZ, and at least one other country that is not Australia	IMN may be required or can be applied for if you meet the requirements	Non-New Zealand riders must have: An FIM Licence if applicable and/or a Start permission from their FMN. Or A Rider release from FMN so they can apply for an MNZ Licence, along with insurance.

Medical Requirements:

Your event must have a *minimum* of two Advanced Life Support paramedics, two Intermediate Life Support paramedics and two First Aiders present to provide medical care. Along with an ambulance and medical intervention vehicle (e.g. a side-by-side)

Medical Plan:

A medical plan and map must be submitted confirming that minimum medical requirements are confirmed, and will be met for the duration of the event. The medical plan must be approved and authorised by MNZ.

Officials Licencing Requirements:

Events requiring an IMN must have the following officials appointed:

- National Grade Steward/Referee
- National Grade Clerk of Course
- Race Secretary
- National Grade Technical Steward

Track Homologation:

Any track or circuit that is to be used for an event on the FIM International Calendar is to be homologated and certified by an MNZ Track Inspector 14 days prior to the event.

If you meet these requirements then you may apply for an International Meeting Number.



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