

4 COMPETITIONS

COMPETITION PROTOCOLS: GENERAL

4.1 VENUES

4.1.1 Register of Venues

4.1.1.1 Each State Controlling Body must, for its area of responsibility, establish and maintain a register of:

- a) Permanent venues, and
- b) Temporary venues for special events which may be altered by the addition, removal or modification of, any one or more venues.

4.1.2 Track Inspectors

4.1.2.1 A Relevant Controlling Body may appoint track inspectors whose responsibilities are:

- a) To inspect tracks,
- b) To ensure that tracks comply with any standards established under these Rules, and
- c) To make recommendations for the issue of licenses for tracks.

4.1.3 The Licensing of Tracks

4.1.3.1 No venue may be operated without a track licence.

4.1.3.2 An application for the issue of a track licence must be in the prescribed form to the Relevant Controlling Body.

4.1.3.3 The Relevant Controlling Body may, in respect of a track:

- a) Issue a licence subject to such terms and conditions as it thinks fit or may refuse to issue a licence, and
- b) Revoke or suspend a track licence if the venue licensee fails to comply with the licence or any condition.

4.1.3.4 During each competition or other permitted event the track licence must be prominently displayed in the administration area of the event together with a plan of the venue and the GPS co-ordinates for the location of the venue.

4.1.3.5 Any support person who enters a licensed venue or who otherwise participates (in whatever manner and actively or passively) in a competition under these GCR is bound by these GCR and any

supplementary regulations in force for that competition.

4.1.4 Notices to the Public

4.1.4.1 At all meetings to which the public have access, other than events on a public road, the standard notice [Notice 4.1] warning the public that a motorcycle competition is in progress shall be prominently displayed. The sign shall measure 550mm x 450mm, minimum.

4.1.4.2 Wherever at such meetings, it is considered desirable by the Promoters of the meetings, or is a condition of the grant of a Venue Licence that the public shall be excluded from a certain area, the standard form of notice prohibiting the public from access to that area [Notice 4.2] shall be prominently displayed. The sign shall measure 550mm x 450mm.

4.1.4.3 No other form of notice for warning the public generally or for prohibiting access to certain areas shall be displayed.

4.1.4.4 A sign must be prominently displayed in pit areas [Notice 4.3] warning that the carrying or consumption of alcoholic beverages by all personnel in the area is prohibited. The sign shall measure 550mm x 450mm.

4.1.4.5 At the entrances to any venue a Promoter must prominently display the sign entitled 'Notice' [Notice 4.4]. The sign shall measure 550mm x 450mm.

4.1.4.6 Pit areas must be clearly defined. A Promoter must prominently display the sign [Notice 4.5] at the entrance to the pit area. The sign shall measure 550mm x 450mm.

4.1.4.7 A sign must be prominently displayed in pit areas [Notice 4.6] 'No Smoking in Pit Area By Order, Motorcycling Australia Ltd'. The sign shall measure 550mm x 450mm. 'This is a no smoking area' signs must be placed in grand stands and/or high volume spectator areas [Notice 4.7].

WARNING TO THE PUBLIC

Motor racing is DANGEROUS, and spectators attending this track do so entirely at their own risk. It is a condition of admission that all persons having a connection with the promotion, and/or organisation, and/or conduct of the meeting, including the owners of the land and the riders and owners of vehicles and passengers in the vehicles, are absolved from all liability arising out of the accidents causing damage or personal injury to spectators or ticket holders, except where due care and skill has not been exercised. Notice 4.1

PROHIBITED AREA

The Public is not permitted in this area.

Notice 4.2

WARNING

The carrying or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the pit area is prohibited.

By Order,
Motorcycling Australia Ltd

Notice 4.3

NOTICE

No Animals Allowed.

Guide Dogs Excepted

By Order,
Motorcycling Australia Ltd

Notice 4.4

The riding of motorcycles in the pit area is only allowed in marked access lanes.

By Order,
Motorcycling Australia Ltd

Notice 4.5

SMOKING PROHIBITIONS

No Smoking in Pit Area

By Order,
Motorcycling Australia Ltd

Notice 4.6



Notice 4.7

4.2 THE PROMOTION AND CONDUCT OF COMPETITIONS

4.2.1 Authority to Promote

4.2.1.1 Subject to these Rules, competitions may be promoted or conducted by:

- a) A Controlling Body, or
- b) A Promoter.

4.2.1.2 Promoters must be affiliated to the Relevant Controlling Body:

- a) Where a State Controlling Body is the Relevant Controlling Body, Promoters must affiliate with a State Controlling Body,
- b) Where MA is the Relevant

Controlling Body, Promoters must affiliate with MA if they have not already affiliated with a State Controlling Body.

4.2.1.3 State Controlling Bodies must notify MA of the details of affiliated Promoters within one month of them affiliating.

4.2.2 Competition Permits

4.2.2.1 No competition may be promoted or conducted without a competition permit.

4.2.2.2 An application for a competition permit

must be in the prescribed form to the Relevant Controlling Body and must:

- a) Be accompanied by the prescribed fee,
- b) For any meeting forming part of an Australian Championship, be submitted at least three months before the date set for the meeting,
- c) For International meetings (i.e. involving licensees from federations other than MA and MNZ), MA series or National meetings, be submitted at least eight weeks before the date set for the meeting,
- d) For any other meeting, be submitted at least 14 days before the date set for the meeting,
- e) Be accompanied by proposed supplementary regulations, and
- f) Identify the proposed venue.

4.2.2.3 A Relevant Controlling Body may issue a competition permit subject to terms and conditions or may refuse to issue a permit.

- a) At the time of issue of a competition permit to a Promoter, the Relevant Controlling Body may require the Promoter to deposit with the Relevant Controlling Body a bond which is:
 - i) Equivalent to the prize money,
 - ii) An estimate by the Relevant Controlling Body of the gate levy payable.
- b) Where a bond is not required, the Relevant Controlling Body will assume responsibility for the prize money.
- c) A permit must not be issued unless the Promoter making application is insured to the satisfaction of the Relevant Controlling Body.

4.2.2.4 Where any of the conditions of a competition permit are not satisfied the Relevant Controlling Body may revoke the permit.

4.2.2.5 The permit for an event must be prominently displayed in the administration area of the event.

4.2.3 Refund of Permit Fees

4.2.3.1 If a meeting does not take place, any fee paid for the permit must be repaid unless in the opinion of the Relevant Controlling Body, the meeting did not take place because of the conduct of the permit holder. In that event, the Relevant Controlling Body may withhold the refund wholly or in part at its discretion.

4.2.4 Forfeiture of Permit

4.2.4.1 A Promoter will be liable to forfeit a permit if the Promoter breaches any of these Rules, and in all things done in relation to a meeting, must comply with, and is bound by:

- a) These Rules,
- b) All conditions of the permit,
- c) Any supplementary regulations, and
- d) All venue safety and other standards proclaimed under these Rules.

4.2.5 The Appointment of Officials

4.2.5.1 A meeting must not take place unless there are at least the following officials present:

- a) A Steward, a Jury, or a Referee,
- b) A Clerk of Course,
- c) A Race Secretary,
- d) A Scrutineer.

4.2.5.2 Officials for Australian Championships forming a series must:

- a) In respect of Stewards, Juries and Race Directors, be appointed by MA,
- b) In respect of all other key officials, Chief Marshals, eligibility Scrutineers and chief technical Scrutineers, be nominated by the host State Controlling Body for MA approval.
- c) In respect of all other officials, be appointed by the Promoter.

4.2.5.3 Officials for Australian Championships which do not form part of a series must:

- a) In respect of Stewards, Jury Presidents and eligibility Scrutineers be appointed by MA,
- b) In respect of all other key officials, Chief Marshals and chief technical Scrutineers be appointed by the host State Controlling Body,
- c) In respect of all other officials, be

- appointed by the Promoter.
- 4.2.5.4 Officials for meetings controlled by MA which are not Australian Championships must:
- a) In respect of Stewards, be appointed by MA,
 - b) In respect of all other officials, be appointed by the Promoter.
- 4.2.5.5 Officials for meetings controlled by State Controlling Bodies will be appointed in accordance with the bylaws of the host State Controlling Body.
- 4.2.6 **Competitions between Categories of Machine**
- 4.2.6.1 In respect of any competition:
- a) Unless otherwise provided for by these Rules or any relevant supplementary regulations, no two machines of a different category may compete in any event,
 - b) No competition may be conducted under these Rules between a motorcycle and any other vehicle.
- 4.2.7 **Invitations for Entries**
- 4.2.7.1 A Promoter may invite and receive entries to any competition authorised by the permit. Every invitation to enter and every entry form sent out to a potential participant must:
- a) Specify the closing date for applications to enter,
 - b) Specify the amount of the entry fee,
 - c) Be accompanied by a copy of the supplementary regulations for the competition.
- 4.2.8 **Applications for Entries**
- 4.2.8.1 A competition licensee wishing to participate in a meeting may apply to enter the meeting. The application must:
- a) Be in the prescribed form and contain the prescribed information,
 - b) Be accompanied by the prescribed fee,
 - c) If required by the Relevant Controlling Body, be accompanied by a medical certificate that the applicant is fit to participate in the meeting,
 - d) Contain no false or misleading information,
 - e) Comply with the supplementary regulations for the meeting.
- 4.2.8.2 The Promoter to whom such an application is submitted may accept or reject it. In the case of rejection of entries, the promoter must get prior approval from the Relevant Controlling Body to reject entries. If the application is rejected, the Promoter must inform the applicant of the rejection. The applicant can protest the rejection in accordance with GCR 7.2.1.1 a) & GCR 7.2.1.2 d) i).
- 4.2.9 **Responsibilities of Promoters**
- 4.2.9.1 A Promoter, on or before the day of the meeting must:
- a) Publish a program which must contain:
 - i) The names of all competitors and the identity of each competitor's entrant, club and State,
 - ii) The identification number of each competitor and motorcycle,
 - iii) Any applicable starting position and handicap,
 - iv) The status and identity of all key officials,
 - v) All relevant information about the events to be conducted.
 - vi) A welcome message from an MA Representative for Australian Championships.
 - b) Provide copies of the program to all key officials, entrants and competitors.
 - c) Appoint officials and in so doing may appoint assistant pit and flag marshals who need not be the holders of officials' licenses. No assistant pit or flag marshal may carry out any duty unless directly supervised by a licensed official.
 - d) Provide fire extinguishers to the satisfaction of the Relevant Controlling Body,**
 - e) Where MA is the Relevant Controlling Body, at any event where speed is the determining factor, provide an ambulance which is:

- i) Legally authorised by its relevant State/Territory Government Authority to transport on public roads, under emergency conditions (lights and sirens) any persons to hospital, and
 - ii) Staffed by at least two Paramedics who are able to provide advanced life support inclusive of providing analgesia.
- f) At all other events where speed is the determining factor provide, to the satisfaction of the State Controlling Body:
- i) An ambulance, or
 - ii) First aid vehicle, or
 - iii) A medical room, which may be mobile.
- g) Ensure medical facilities are operated by qualified first aid personnel.
- h) Ensure that:
- i) At Speedway / Track events spectators are not permitted inside the circuit,
 - ii) At all other events spectators are not permitted in areas which may endanger themselves or riders.
 - iii) Both the nearest police station and the nearest hospital to the event are notified that the event is to take place. This notification must be given at least 21 days prior to the event.
- 4.2.9.2 A Promoter must, no more than 21 days after a meeting, pay all fees, travel and accommodation expenses due to Controlling Bodies, riders and officials in respect of that meeting.
- 4.2.9.3 A Promoter is responsible for the payment of all officials' fees and expenses other than the Steward's fee and any costs associated with the Race Director.
- 4.2.9.4 Unless otherwise instructed by the Relevant Controlling Body, a Promoter must, no more seven days after the results have been declared official, pay all prize monies and prizes due to the riders.
- 4.2.9.5 At events where drug or fuel testing has taken place a Relevant Controlling Body

may instruct the Promoter to delay payments of prize monies until the results of those tests are published.

4.2.10 Betting at Meetings

- 4.2.10.1 No person involved in the conduct of any meeting may conduct any bet or wager in respect of that meeting.

4.2.11 Results

- 4.2.11.1 As soon as practicable and no more than five days after the completion of a meeting, the Steward must send the results to the Relevant Controlling Body.

- 4.2.11.2 Unless and until all protests and appeals arising from a meeting are finally determined, the results will be provisional.

- 4.2.11.3 In respect of any provisional results, any public announcement or advertisement concerning those results must state that they are provisional and are subject to official confirmation.

- 4.2.11.4 As soon as practicable and no more than five days after the final determination of all protests and appeals in relation to any meeting, the Relevant Controlling Body must announce that the results are final.

- 4.2.11.5 A meeting will commence and conclude at the times fixed by the Steward.

4.2.12 Results in Australian Championships and MA Series

- 4.2.12.1 Results in any Australian titled event or MA series event:

- a) Must be faxed or emailed to MA by the Steward by 09:00AM on the Monday next following the event, and
- b) Must include the names of all finishers in the event.

4.2.13 Supplementary Regulations [SR]

- 4.2.13.1 A Relevant Controlling Body may make SR, which must be consistent with these Rules, for the purposes of the promotion and conduct of any competition.

- 4.2.13.2 The SR:

- a) Have the force and effect of these Rules,
- b) Must comply, as closely as possible, with the model SR in Appendix C;
- c) Must be printed and in the prescribed form,

- d) Must be delivered to those persons or bodies, whom the Relevant Controlling Body considers necessary to enable the competition to be conducted fairly and efficiently,
 - e) Must be published and displayed in a place to which officials and competitors have reasonable access,
 - f) Must not be amended after delivery and publication in accordance with this GCR unless, in the opinion of the Steward, exceptional circumstances arise requiring amendments.
- 4.2.13.3 SR for competitions must prescribe:
- a) Venue descriptions,
 - b) Dates, times and places of competitions,
 - c) Entry times, methods and forms,
 - d) Competitor and other numbers and number plates,
 - e) Methods of machine examination,
 - f) Methods of practicing and qualifying,
 - g) Methods of starting and finishing,
 - h) Flags and signals,
 - i) Competition officials,
 - j) Entry and other fees,
 - k) Prizes and trophies,
 - l) Competition formats,
 - m) Methods of scoring,
 - n) Timetables,
 - o) Such other facts, matters or things as are necessary to ensure the fair and safe conduct of competitions.
- 4.2.13.4 SR bind support persons. Delivery, publication or display of SR in accordance with GCR 4.2.13.2 (d) or (e) shall be deemed delivery, publication and display of the SR to support persons.
- 4.2.14 Supplementary Regulations for Australian Championships & MA Series
- 4.2.14.1 A draft of proposed SR for an Australian Championship or MA series must be sent to MA in electronic form (disc or email) at least three months prior to the date of the event.

COMPETITION PROTOCOLS: AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND MA EVENTS

4.3 MA EVENTS

4.3.1 Events for which MA is the Relevant Controlling Body

- 4.3.1.1 The events for which MA is the Relevant Controlling Body are detailed in GCR 2.1.1.1 (b)

4.4 PROTOCOLS

4.4.1 Protocols for MA Series Events and International Meetings

- 4.4.1.1 Promoters are to deal directly with MA including:

- a) The submission of date applications,
- b) The submission of draft Supplementary Regulations,
- c) Payment of fees, bonds and levies.

- 4.4.1.2 MA will advise State Controlling Bodies of series dates by 1st October in order that State Controlling Bodies may avoid clashes,

- 4.4.1.3 Permits may not be issued for Supercross meetings at venues within 100kms of a round of the Australian Supercross Championship eight weeks prior to and four weeks after the Championship round.

4.4.2 Protocols for Australian Championships not forming a Series

- 4.4.2.1 Promoters may make application to MA to host Championships, with a copy of the application sent to the relevant State Controlling Body. The application will include the proposed dates, venue, Promoter and address the criteria in GCR 4.4.

- 4.4.2.2 MA will award a Championship to Promoter which becomes responsible for ensuring the meeting is conducted to a standard befitting an Australian Championship.

- 4.4.2.3 MA may require a Promoter to lodge a performance bond which may be totally or partially forfeited if key performance criteria are not met.

- 4.4.2.4 The Promoter is responsible for:

- a) Providing MA with email draft Supplementary Regulations for approval,

- b) Paying MA the performance bond, permit fee and rider insurance levy,
 - c) The adequate circulation of Supplementary Regulations,
 - d) Providing MA with comprehensive and accurate results by email the day after the meeting,
 - e) Ensuring there is appropriate promotion and publicity, which is to also incorporate the MA logo,
 - f) Ensuring all Rules governing the administration of Australian Championships are adhered to,
 - g) Ensuring the prescribed level of medical service is provided.
- 4.4.2.5 The following issues are key performance criteria Promoters will be assessed on:
- a) Adequate number of officials and other personnel to properly conduct the meeting,
 - b) The performance of officials,
 - c) The appropriate promotion of Championships,
 - d) Provision of prescribed medical services,
 - e) Ensuring there are no date clashes with the Championship,
 - f) Correct signage,
 - g) An effective radio communication system,
 - h) An adequate control tower (where appropriate),
 - i) A safe venue,
 - j) Adequate public facilities,
 - k) Ensuring the MA logo and flag are displayed as required.
- 4.4.3 **Supplementary Regulations and Entry Forms**
- 4.4.3.1 MA will publish supplementary regulations and entry forms on www.ma.org.au for entrants to download.
- 4.4.3.2 Supplementary Regulations and entry forms for:
- a) Series Championships may only be accessed from the MA website or the Promoter,
 - b) Stand-alone Championships may be accessed from the MA website, the host State Controlling Body or the Promoter.
- 4.4.4 **Protest Fees, Licence Declaration Fees and Fines**
- 4.4.4.1 Protest fees, licence declaration fees and fines are to be collected by the Steward and paid to MA.
- 4.4.5 **Venues**
- 4.4.5.1 Venues will be licensed by:
- a) MNSW in the case of all NSW venues;
 - b) MA – Road Racing venues;
 - c) Stewards / Race Director – temporary Supercross venues.
 - d) State Controlling Bodies – all other venues; and
 - e) FIM – World Championships.
- 4.4.6 **The Allocation of Australian Championships which do not form a Series**
- 4.4.6.1 Promoters may make application to MA to host Championships, with a copy of the application sent to the relevant State Controlling Body.
- 4.4.6.2 The protocols for Australian Championships are detailed in this Chapter.
- 4.4.6.3 In considering applications, MA may have regard to any one or more of the following considerations:
- a) The likely level of media exposure of, and public support for, the event,
 - b) The level of support for the discipline by the relevant State Controlling Body,
 - c) The regularity and frequency with which State Championships in the discipline in the area of the relevant State Controlling Body,
 - d) The financial resources of the Promoter and of any proposed Promoter of the event,
 - e) The quality of any proposed venue,
 - f) The provision of access to any proposed venue, and accommodation, for spectators.
 - g) The availability of quality officials,
 - h) The previous record of the Promoter in conducting Australian Championships,

- i) Such other considerations, as MA considers relevant.
- 4.4.6.4 MA may refuse the application or may grant the same and may impose such conditions as it considers are necessary and reasonable for the fair, safe and effective conduct of the event. Within one month of receipt of written notification of the issue of the grant, the State Controlling Body must pay the prescribed permit fee to MA.
- 4.4.6.5 In the event of a Promoter to which an Australian Championship has been granted failing to pay the permit fee or to conduct the event in accordance with the grant:
 - a) The performance bond will be forfeited and may be applied by MA in reduction of the permit fee payable by any other Promoter to whom the conduct of the event is granted,
 - b) MA may offer the event to another Promoter.
- 4.4.7 **The Allocation of Australian Championships Forming a Series**
- 4.4.7.1 Promoters in each State may apply to MA to host a round of the relevant Championship.
- 4.4.8 **Promotion of Australian Championships**
- 4.4.8.1 Programs for Australian Championships must:
 - a) Indicate on the front cover the nature of the event,
 - b) Give visual prominence to title events over support events.
- 4.4.8.2 At all Australian Championships:
 - a) An MA flag and banner must be on display at the start or finish line at the event,
 - b) Competitors must place an MA supplied logo on the front number plate of their machines.
- 4.4.8.3 The MA logo must be displayed following the logo use style-guide issued by MA:
 - a) On all publications relating to the event,
 - b) On the front cover of the event program.

- 4.4.9 **Listing of Australian Championships in State Calendars**
- 4.4.9.1 The event calendar of a State Controlling Body hosting one or more Australian Championships in any year:
 - a) Must list each Australian Championship being hosted by that State Controlling Body in that year,
 - b) Must be sent to MA and all other State Controlling Bodies by no later than 31st October of the preceding year.



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