

MOTORCYCLING AUSTRALIA POLICY

Title:	National Recreational Policy
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Responsible Persons:	Motorcycling Australia Board
Authority:	This document is a Policy made under clause 15 of the MA Constitution. It is binding on all Members of MA and volunteers, and all employees of MA and its State Controlling Bodies, and is to be interpreted in accordance with the MA Constitution.

1. PURPOSE

This Policy provides guidelines to assist clubs, promoters and other recreational event operators in the conduct of those Events.

These guidelines are subject to:

- Applicable state, territory and federal laws; and
- MA integrity framework policies including its Member Welfare and Drug & Alcohol Policies.

The General Competition Rules do not apply to these guidelines.

Recreational Events must:

- Not be competitive;
- Not involve mass starts or race finishes;
- Not be scored;
- Not involve prizes or prize money.

2. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 **Event** means the organised recreational activity described in a permit issued by an RCB.
- 2.2 **MA** means Motorcycling Australia Ltd.
- 2.3 **Member** has the meaning given to it by the MA Constitution.
- 2.4 **Organiser** means the club, promoter or other recreational event operator that holds an MA permit to organise and conduct a recreational event
- 2.5 **RCB** means the Relevant Controlling Body being State Controlling Body in the state or territory where the Event is to be held, or MA in the case of interstate or national Events, responsible for the administration of these guidelines.

- 2.6 **SCB** means a state controlling body affiliated to and/or recognised by MA as a Member and as its delegate within that SCB's state or territory borders.
- 2.7 **Sport** means the sport or recreational activity of motorcycling.
- 2.8 Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation and unless the context indicates a contrary intention.
- 2.9 "Includes" in any form is not a word of limitation.
- 2.10 A reference to "month" is to a calendar month.
- 2.11 A reference to "\$" or "dollar" is to Australian currency.

3. PERMIT APPLICATION AND APPROVAL

- 3.1 Application for an Event permit can be made via RiderNet, and payment of the applicable fee.
- 3.2 The permit will state the scope of permitted activities and any special conditions that may apply.
- 3.3 The issuing of the Event permit certifies that Public Liability Insurance has been arranged covering the activity specified in the permit against legal liability for bodily injury, damage to property or advertising injury due to negligence occurring in connection with the permitted activity.

4. EVENT PLAN

- 4.1 At the discretion of the RCB, an Event plan may be required for larger, or iconic, events involving risk factors such as a greater significant spectator or rider numbers.
- 4.2 The RCB may also require a minimum number of personnel and minimum medical standards for any Event.
- 4.3 It is the responsibility of the Organiser to demonstrate that the Event will be conducted in a structured and controlled manner, minimising risk to participants, personnel, spectators and the general public.
- 4.4 The complexity and detail of the Event plan will reflect the risk inherent in the Event and the likely consequences of an incident.

4.4.1

An event plan should, as a minimum:

- State the venue and/or route;
- List the personnel who will officiate at the Event;
- Describe how the ride will be controlled taking into account the number of participants, road conditions, other vehicular traffic and distance; and
- Describe an incident response strategy including accessing first aid.

4.4.2 The Event plan for a road circuit or other high speed / high risk Event must detail:

- The venue;
- Venue safety measures, either by reference to current MA Track Licence conditions or venue inspection report;
- Personnel officiating at the Event including evidence of their officiating capability, which may be by reference to their MA accreditation or by their experience;
- Event schedule including classes/grouping parameters;
- A medical plan setting out the number and qualifications of medical staff, the nearest hospital (which must be notified in advance of the Event) and means of contacting emergency services;
- The process for sign-on, rider's briefing and completion of the indemnity form;
- Protective clothing requirements;
- Process and timeframe for providing an Event report including all injury reports, indemnity forms and participant details.

5. EVENT PERSONNEL

5.1 Officiating personnel must be licensed and accredited MA Officials.

5.2 An Event plan shall include details of the proposed supervising Official who will have overall responsibility for the conduct of the Event. A supervising Official must hold, at minimum, a current MA Official Licence as either a Steward, Clerk of Course, Secretary or Level 1 Coach. Supervising roles are activity dependent and may include one or more of the following:

- Event Supervisor;
- Clerk of Course;
- Secretary; or Sign-in
- Trail Boss.

6. INJURY REPORTING

6.1 Any incident where a participant or member of the public is transported or referred to hospital, or involving damage to property belonging to a member of the public, must be reported to the RCB within 5 days of the incident.

6.2 Where any person has transported or referred to hospital as a result of an incident during an Event, the key Official must provide a full report of the incident to the RCB no later than the next working day.

7. VENUES

Any closed permanent venue must have no more than one track entry and one track exit point that is under the control of personnel to ensure only the nominated class/group of riders is on the track at any time.

8. LICENSING OF PARTICIPANTS

All participants in an Event must hold a current and valid MA licence appropriate to the activity taking place. The MA licence entitles the holder to the benefits and protections of MA's Personal Accident insurance.

9. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Where any Recreational Event involves participants under the age of 18, the Organiser must adhere to the Working with Children regulations of the State or Territory in which the Event is taking place.