MOTORCYCLING AUSTRALIA GUIDELINES

Title:	**Guideline for International Riders and for Promoters of International Events under the FIM IMN and NMFP Policy**
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1. SCOPE

This Guideline is to assist clubs and promoters in the implementation and management of international riders attending Open permitted events in Australia.

MA established its national insurance scheme in 2003 to provide its licenced / accredited Members and volunteer officials automatic access to no-fault, affordable personal accident insurance. That scheme is based on Members being Australian citizen entitled to access public healthcare through Medicare. MA further requires that in applying for or renewing an MA licence, all riders have ambulance cover, and MA encourages all MA licence holders to maintain private health insurance.

International Riders, who wish to compete in Australia, do not have automatic access to the MA national insurance scheme.

This guideline explains the processes available for International Riders to enter and participate in Open Events held in Australia, taking into account the FIM Riders Insurance Scheme.

It is the Promoter's responsibility to ensure international riders have the correct licence, a valid Start Permission or Rider Release, and have appropriate insurance. Failure to do so will void the event permit.

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 **FIM** means the Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme, the global sanctioning body for motorcycle sport.

2.9 **FMN** means an FIM-recognised National Motorcycle Federation other than MA.

2.10 **IMN** means International Meeting Number, provided to FIM International Championship Events

2.11 **NMFP** means National Meetings open to Foreign Participation, utilised by an Open permitted events allowing International Competitors.

2.12 **International Rider** means someone who is not a citizen of Australia and who is the holder of a current competition licence issued by an FMN other than MA.

2.13 **FMN** means an FIM-recognised National Motorcycle Federation other than MA.

2.14 Headings are for convenience only and do not affect interpretation and unless the context indicates a contrary intention.

2.15 "Includes" in any form is not a word of limitation.

2.16 A reference to "month" is to a calendar month.

2.17 A reference to "$" or "dollar" is to Australian currency.

3. INTERNATIONAL RIDERS ENTERING OPEN EVENTS IN AUSTRALIA

3.1 **IMN** FIM recognised International Championship Events which are open to International Riders require an IMN and the International Rider to hold an FIM Licence. IMN numbers are now only available for International Championship Events run under FIM or FIM Oceania.

3.2 **NMFP** Domestic permitted events which allow International Rider participation requires an NMFP and the International Rider to hold an FIM Licence. All other competitors must hold an MA Annual Senior or Junior Competition Licence.

3.3 **Supercross** Promoters/organisers of Supercross are liable for the following excess of €50,000.00 euros for medical expenses and €30,000 euros for repatriation expenses per incident and per claim. The organiser (promoter) is required to provide the FMN an additional insurance policy covering the cost of the following excesses: €50,000.00 euros for medical expenses and €30,000 euros for repatriation expenses per event and per claim, listing the FMN & FIM as interested parties in the cover.

3.4 **Cross-Country Rallies** Promoters/organisers of Cross-Country Rallies are liable for the following excess of €40,000.00 euros for medical expenses and €10,000 euros for repatriation expenses per incident and per claim. The organiser (promoter) is required to provide the FMN an additional insurance policy covering the cost of the following excesses: €40,000.00 euros for medical expenses and €10,000 euros for repatriation expenses per event and per claim, listing the FMN & FIM as interested parties in the cover.

3.5 **Duration** The NMFP is valid only for the duration of the Event, therefore any Event practice should be included in the NMFP application. An FIM licenced International Rider can only participate in an Event on those dates which the NMFP is active.

3.6 **FIM Calendar** The FIM Calendar is published on the FIM website / extranet.

3.7 **FIM Requirements** The FIM requires certification that specified requirements are met relating to the reputation of the Event Promoter, to public liability insurance, to infrastructure standards and

homologation, to compliance with FIM Sporting Code and the Supplementary Regulations, to comply with local legislation, and the provision of personal accident cover for riders. These can be provided on request.

4. RIDER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION EVENTS

4.1 **Australian Competitors** All Australian riders must be holders of a current MA Senior National Competition Licence or Junior National Competition Licence to participate in an International Event. The availability of MA One-Event Competition Licences for Australian riders at any International Event is at the discretion of MA and will be notified in the Supplementary Regulations.

Note that Australian riders competing in FIM World Championship or CONU events will need to obtain the appropriate FIM licence.

4.2 **International Riders with Start Permissions** All international start permissions and licensing information comes through the MA office. An entry list including all International Riders should be supplied to MA at least 10 days prior to the International Event. Once all start permissions and licences are received by MA, they will be sent directly to the promoter (or to the SCB where MA has delegated its authority under this Policy).

Prior to the start of competition each International Rider must provide the Race Secretary with their:

- FIM licence
- Start Permission
- Insurer's emergency contact details
- Next of kin or emergency contact details.

4.3 **International Rider with Rider Release** All International Rider releases are handled through the MA office. Any application for an MA Senior National Licence or Junior National Licence by an International Rider with a rider release must be accompanied by:

- proof of having appropriate private health insurance that includes hospital, medical for motorcycle competition and to MA's requirements, plus
- medical repatriation cover, and
- proof of ambulance cover; and
- proof of MA affiliated club membership, and
- the applicable fee;
- before an MA licence can be issued to them.

MA One-Event Competition Licences must not be issued to International Riders.

Prior to the start of competition, an International Rider and the promoter are to have available their:

- Insurance summary
- Insurer's emergency contact details
- next of kin or emergency contact details

Important notes to Promoters and International Riders:
MA has seen an increase in the cost of medical expenses in recent years and is aware of riders having incurred medical expense exceeding €50,000 following a serious injury overseas.

MA recommends that International Riders take their own steps, at their own cost to ensure they have adequate levels of hospital, medical and repatriation insurance.

International Riders competing under an MA Licence should be aware that there is no cover under the MA Personal Accident Policy if they have not complied with this Policy.

Promoters should be aware that, in the event of action being brought against them by an International Rider, or their next of kin, arising out of the Promoter's failure to comply with this Policy, the Promoter may be denied indemnity for such claim under the MA Public Liability insurance policy.

Event detail	NMFP Requirement	Rider licensing requirements
Event has riders only from Australia with MA licenses	NMFP not required	All riders must hold current MA licence.
Event has riders from Australia + one other FMN	NMFP required	International Riders must have: • FIM licence and insurance & • Start permission from their FMN Note: 1. MA One-Event Competition Licenses are not available to International Riders participating in any competition Event; and 2. There are no exceptions to this Policy for New Zealand riders.

5. APPLYING FOR AN NMFP EVENTS

5.1 **All applications for an NMFP must be**:

- Made at least 8 weeks prior to the Event (higher fees apply for late applications);
- Using the NMFP Application Form (attached);
- Made to MA and accompanied by:
  - the medical plan (see below); and
  - the applicable fee (see below).

- MA may, in its discretion, delegate its authority to an SCB to supervise the conduct of an International Event. MA, or an SCB to which MA has so delegated its supervisory authority, as the Relevant Controlling Body (RCB) is responsible to ensure compliance with this NMFP Policy. The Promoter of an International Event found to have been conducted in breach of this NMFP Policy, or the SCB (where the SCB is the RCB) may be sanctioned by a fine of $10,000, plus any amount imposed by the FIM.

5.2 **Fee** $1,000.00 + GST

Note: Any application submitted less than 14 working days prior to the first day of an International Event will not be accepted.

6. MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NMFP EVENTS

6.1 The FIM requires that an international standard of medical care be provided at all international Events. In conjunction with the FIM Medical Code, the minimum requirements for International Events are as follows:

6.2 Vehicles and Personnel

1. Emergency Ambulance: A vehicle capable of transporting an injured person on a stretcher in reasonable conditions, and which is:
   a. 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
   b. Staffed by at least two Paramedics who are able to provide advanced life support inclusive of providing analgesia.
2. Medical Rapid Intervention Vehicle (MIV): A vehicle of rapid intervention at accident areas to give the injured immediate assistance for respiratory and cardio-circulatory resuscitation. This vehicle should be clearly marked. The type of vehicle used should be appropriate for this purpose in the relevant discipline, and is staffed by:
   a. A driver, experienced in driving the (MIV) and familiar with the course; and
   b. A doctor experienced in emergency care*.

*Note: A medical plan must be submitted confirming that the above minimum medical standards are and will be met for the duration of the Event. The medical plan must be submitted with the NMFP application and approved by MA before an NMFP will be issued.

6.3 Mandatory medical equipment

- Portable oxygen supply
- Manual ventilator
- Intubation equipment
- Suction equipment
- Intravenous infusion equipment
- Equipment to immobilize limbs and spine (including cervical spine)
- Sterile dressings
- ECG monitor and defibrillator
- Drugs for resuscitation and analgesia /IV fluids
- Sphygmomanometer and stethoscope

6.4 **Other required equipment**

- A method with which to screen the rider or the accident scene from public view e.g. protective canvas / tarpaulins.
- Radio communication with Race Control and medical personnel.
- Equipment to remove suits and helmets

7. OFFICIALS LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR NMFP EVENTS

7.1 An International Event requires the following officials be appointed, either Level 4 MA-accredited, FIM-accredited or otherwise at MA's discretion:

- Steward/Referee,
- Clerk of Course,
- Race Secretary,
- Accredited technical officer/eligibility scrutineer.

8. SPEEDWAY AIRFENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR NMFP EVENTS

8.1 Approved standard of protective devices be provided at Speedway Events. In conjunction with the FIM Sporting Code, the minimum requirements for Speedway International Events involves the use of an approved additional protective device (airfence).

9. FIM LOGO REQUIREMENTS FOR IMN/NMFP EVENTS

9.1 Promoters are advised that the "FIM" emblem is the intellectual property of the FIM and the "FIM Oceania" emblem is the property of FIM Oceania and FIM. The grant of an IMN/NMFP does not authorise the use of the FIM logo or name, or the FIM Oceania logo or name in association with the International Event without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors of the FIM or of FIM Oceania as the case may be.

10. NON-COMPETITION EVENTS

10.1 IMN/NMFP are not available for non-competition events.

For more information on IMN/NMFP and how to apply, please contact the MA Events Department via email (events@ma.org.au) or phone (+61 3 9684 0500).

For more information on FIM or MA licences, please contact the MA Licensing Department via Email (membership@ma.org.au) or phone (+61 3 9684 0500).

NMFP - EVENT PROMOTER APPLICATION FORM

THE EVENT PROMOTER (APPLICANT):

Name of Promoter:

Address:

Contact Person:

Phone:

Email:

THE EVENT:

Exact title of the event:

Date(s): (from / to)

Venue name & nearest town:

Supporting Documentation:

Please ensure that you provide MA with the following in support of your application for an NMFP:

☑ Medical Plan

☑ Names of Level 4 key officials

☑ Copy of the Supplementary Regulations

☑ Completed and signed application

Declaration (Please Read): The Applicant hereby:

1. Agrees to abide by the current FIM regulations and the MA NMFP Policy;
2. Acknowledges their obligations to the FIM including regarding public liability insurance, infrastructure standards and homologation, compliance with FIM Sporting Code and the Supplementary Regulations, compliance with local legislation, and provision of personal accident cover for riders;
3. Confirms that the International Event venue is homologated by MA in accordance with the FIM Sporting Code.

Signature:

Date: