



Memorandum

TO : All Clubs

FROM : Kristin Patterson

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SUBJECT : New Officials Accreditation and Training

The Motorcycling NSW Board of Directors will be implementing the new Officials Accreditation System on 1st October 2006.

We have provided 5 information handouts to each club. We ask that you familiarise yourself with this new system. Also included in this package is the new Officials Licence Application Form which is to be used from 1st October 2006.

This system will be implemented for a 12 month period under evaluation.

The Philosophy behind the New Officials Accreditation and Training Program.

In the early 1990s Motorcycling Australia established an official accreditation and training program which would standardise the level of experience and skills of people working at motorcycle race meetings. The single most important issue was to achieve consistent interpretation and implementation of the rules.

Motorcycling NSW acknowledges the need to keep officials up to date and well informed. The material presented needs to be current, informative and interesting so participants remain stimulated throughout the seminars. With these objectives in mind, a new approach to seminar material has been developed. The introduction of a refresher seminar every 4 years for people who simply wish to keep their current level of accreditation has also been introduced.

In addition to the material, a new accreditation system has been developed establishing a clear defined process which allows assessment of experience against consistent measurements taking away all possible subjective decision making.

Another new initiative is the process of appointing officials to primary official positions who wish to gain Level 3 accreditation. These officials need to actually work in the position at a race meeting as Provisional Clerk of Course, Race Secretary, Scrutineer or Steward.

They will be observed and assessed whilst on the job. They will not assist; they will officiate in the position of Level 3 Key Official. The Assessor / Observer will have the authority to step in and take control of the meeting or situation if the Provisional Officials lose control or fail to act when they should have. This situation would only take place in extreme circumstances or in matters of safety.

The system has been implemented to achieve the following benefits:

- ◆ All officials will attend seminars that are regularly updated with new content and examinations
- ◆ The Refresher Seminar will not include a standard examination; it will be focused on discussion groups using case scenarios.
- ◆ With the new system officials who wish to renew their licences will be required to attend a Refresher Seminar every 4 years rather than having to attend as many as 4 Role Specific Seminars every 4 years
- ◆ With specific requirements for official accreditation, the accreditation system will be consistent and free from subjective and opinionated accreditation processes
- ◆ The direction for officials who wish to upgrade will become clearer
- ◆ Officials will be given more choice as to when and where they can attend the Refresher Seminar
- ◆ In general, officials will be undertaking more training and earning a larger amount of experience before actually officiating in the actual positions
- ◆ Seminar duration has been reviewed and shortened. Some seminars can be completed during midweek nights, which should allow our officials more time on the weekend
- ◆ Applications for level 3 accreditation will take less time to renew or upgrade as the applications are no longer forwarded to Sports Committees

As with the implementation of any new system, we expect some minor issues to present themselves. These issues will be discussed, investigated and resolved with as minimal interference to the system as possible.

We encourage constructive feedback on the system to help improve it for all officials. If you do have any comments, please feel free to contact the office or submit your suggestions in writing to the MNSW Office.

Regards,

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