

Australian Superbike Championship Sporting Regulations

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1 Administration

1.1 Announcement

The Australian Superbike Championship (hereafter called "ASBK"), will be conducted under the General Competition Rules (hereafter called "GCRs") contained in Motorcycling Australia's (hereafter called "MA") "Manual of Motorcycle Sport" (www.moms.org.au) and as prescribed here within the ASBK Sporting Regulations.

These Regulations may be added to in the format of Final Instructions.

1.2 General Competition Rules

The General Competition Rules (GCRs) are contained within the "Manual of Motorcycle Sport" (MoMS). The GCRs are the rules utilised for the construction of the ASBK Sporting Regulations and should be referred to in conjunction with these regulations. MA may at any time provide a written clarification of any regulations it deems require clarifying. Any such clarification will be deemed as additional to the GCRs and will be accepted as being the regulations the series is conducted under.

1.3 Jurisdiction

These regulations are made pursuant to the authority granted by clause 13 of the MA constitution. Refer to the MA website www.ma.org.au for further details.

ASBK will be run under MA Permits and the events are open to holders of a current MA Senior National Licence and or holders of an endorsed MA Junior National Licence.

An International Meeting Number (IMN) will be issued as required, all riders that do not hold a Motorcycling Australia licence will require a current FIM licence and a valid Start Permission from their Federation.

Non-Australian citizens or Non-permanent residents of Australia are not eligible for a One Event Competition Licence. A One Event Competition Licence is subject to the conditions outlined in the Licencing and Conditions Document available at www.ma.org.au

Where applicable, a MA Senior National Competition licence or a One Event Competition licence will be accepted for the Superbike Masters event.

Junior National Licence holders will not be eligible for the Superbike Masters event.

1.4 Event Information

Refer to the ASBK website www.asbk.com.au at least one week prior to each round for event documents including:

- Competitor Information Pack
- Final Instructions
- Entry lists
- Pit Box allocation

1.5 ASBK Event Management (ASBK)

The management of the event will be carried out by the Event Management Committee which will comprise the following delegates:

- The Promoter (in this case MA)
- The ASBK Safety Officer
- The ASBK Race Director
- The ASBK Series Race Secretary

1.6 Race Direction

The Race Direction will comprise the following persons:

- The ASBK Race Director
- The Clerk of Course
- The ASBK Safety Officer

1.7 Medical Services

Medical services will be in attendance at all rounds and will provide first response medical treatment at the circuit during the event.

- Competitors must complete the medical history form and submit to the Race Secretary (form available from www.asbk.com.au). Information provided on this form will be kept strictly confidential
- A concussion policy will be in place and applied at all rounds. Contact MA for more information or detail on the concussion policy
- A road transport ambulance will also be in attendance at all rounds

1.8 Insurance/Ambulance Cover

MA's National Personal Accident Scheme provides basic cover for death and permanent disability. Refer to www.ma.org.au for more details on rider insurance.

Ambulance insurance is compulsory for competitors holding an MA licence. It is strongly recommended that competitors consider taking out weekly benefits insurance.

Where a rider is competing under an FIM Licence, FIM insurance will be applicable.

1.9 Class Specification & Grading

1.9.1 Classes

Championship class rules will be as per GCR's found in the current version of the Manual of Motorcycle Sport.

- Superbike
- Supersport
- Production Here after called Supersport 300. (Supersport 300 Women's will be run within the Supersport 300 class)

1.9.2 Grading

Road Race grading is an entry eligibility consideration for Superbike, Supersport, and Supersport 300 classes.

- Evidence supplied by the RCB of current grading will be required
- A rider's grading will be as of 31st January of the current year
- Competitors who did not compete in ASBK in the previous year will be required to submit race results from Club and State events
- Competitors should contact their SCB for their current Road Race grading

1.10 Juniors Age Restrictions

Please refer to the Licencing and Conditions Document available at www.ma.org.au for further information

1.11 R3 Cup

Please refer to Appendix B

1.12 Entrant Licenses

An entrants licence allows the team to enter on behalf of a competitor, protest on behalf of a competitor, and be listed in the program as an entrant. The team must nominate the entrant licence representative at the start of the year. An entrant licence is optional for competitors but will be required if the competitor wishes someone else to act on their behalf.

Please refer to the Licencing and Conditions Document available at www.ma.org.au for further information.

1.13 Competitor Crew Members

Crew or Senior National Licenses are required for crew members wishing to work on the media grids.

- · Crew members will be required to present their licence and sign-on the first day of the event
- Once signed-on Crew members will be given a wristband corresponding to the class(es) of their designated competitor(s)
- Please refer to the Licencing and Conditions Document available at www.ma.org.au for further information.

1.14 Entries

1.14.1 Method of Entry

Via Ridernet and the links are available at www.asbk.com.au. It is the responsibility of all competitors to ensure their Ridernet profile is up to date.

1.14.2 Entries to Constitute a Class

To constitute a class for the purpose of Australian Championships points will be awarded where there are:

- a) 15 or more starters for Senior solo classes who actually participate in practice, qualifying or races
- b) 10 or more starters for Junior solo classes who actually participate in practice, qualifying or races.
- c) 6 or more starters for all women classes who actually participate in practice, qualifying or races,
- d) For the purpose of regulations a) to d) the minimum number is considered across the entire championship.

If there are fewer than the required number of starters in each class, those races may not attract Championship points or trophies.

If insufficient entries are received in any class, the decision to run or cancel a class, or to combine events and re-distribute any awards, prize money, etc, will be at the discretion of ASBK Event Management. Fees already paid for that round will be refunded in the event the class is cancelled completely.

1.14.3 Conditions of Entry

The lodgment of an entry form is not a guarantee of entry. Final Instructions, entry lists, garage allocation and rider numbers will be posted on www.asbk.com.au and emailed prior to each round (Correspondence will not be mailed).

Where the number of entries is greater than the track density for practice and qualifying, acceptance of entries will be in accordance with the following priorities:

- First Preference Riders who gained points in previous rounds in the respective class
- Second Preference Riders who gained points in the previous year in the respective class
- Third Preference Highest graded riders

MA may exclude any entered rider who does not meet the above criteria.

1.14.4 Entry Withdrawal

For the withdrawal of an entry to be valid it must be made in writing at least 10 working days prior to the first day of the round in question. A withdrawal under this criteria will receive a refund, however \$50 of the entry fee will be withheld for administrative costs and all credit card and processing fees will not be refunded.

If you are withdrawing within 10 working days of the first day of a round, this needs to be completed in writing and accompanied by a medical certificate. A refund will be granted once this is received and \$20 of the entry fee will be withheld for administrative costs and all credit card and processing fees will not be refunded.

If no medical certificate is provided and the withdrawal is within 10 working days of the round, any refund is at the sole discretion of ASBK.

1.14.5 Entry Closing Dates

Refer to the ASBK Competitor Information Kit for entry closing dates.

Last chance entries, which will be considered at the discretion of ASBK Event Management, will incur a late fee, competitors will not be listed in the event program and preferred Pit Box allocation will not be available.

Entries received past the closing date will not be given garage preferences or be listed in the program.

1.14.6 ASBK Logo Patch on Leathers

All ASBK competitors will be required to run an ASBK Logo patch on their leathers. The required placement is on the upper chest just below the shoulder. Competitors have the option to run on the right or left side. The .ai and .eps version of logo are available by emailing roadrace@ma.org.au. The patch must be a minimum of 10 centimeters wide by 3.5 centimeters high. A sew on patch is also available. This will be distributed at the Pre-Season Official Test.

Competitors who choose not to run the ASBK Logo patch on their leathers while contesting a round of the ASBK forfeit their right to any prize money.

1.15 Sponsor Decals on Machines

By entering ASBK, competitors agree to carry the required ASBK and class sponsor decals as directed in the ASBK Competitor Information Kit, in all practice, qualifying and race sessions.

Machines not displaying the required decals found to have gone on track without the required decals or in the incorrect position, may be black flagged during the session or race. The penalty for not carrying the ASBK and class sponsor decals or MA sticker in the required position on the machine is loss of qualifying time or exclusion from the results of a race.

1.16 Number Allocation

All competitors must apply for a number in their respective classes. Rider Number Applications and the most current list of Allocated numbers can be found on www.ASBK.com.au. Numbers are first come, first serve and issued at the discretion of Motorcycling Australia and ASBK Event Management.

The champion in their respective class in the preceding ASBK Championship who return to compete in the same class in the following year have the right to carry the number 1 that corresponds to their overall finishing position in the preceding Championship and are encouraged to do so. A Rider Number application must be completed.

1.17 PAYG Withholding

The PAYG Withholding affects the payment of prize monies. If you do not provide an ABN or declare the sport is a hobby, ASBK must withhold 48.5% of prize monies over \$50.00 which is otherwise payable to you.

Please tick one of the boxes on the Prize Money Form and if appropriate provide your ABN to ensure the full amount of prize money is paid to you.

1.18 Media & PR Commitments

All competitors are required to have an ASBK headshot photo. Photos will begin at the Pre-Season Official ASBK Test and must be completed by the end of your first round.

A competitor entering the series after Round 2 must provide a headshot photo or liaise with ASBK media staff to organise a headshot photo. At times throughout the season ASBK may request competitors to make appearances representing themselves, their teams and ASBK.

A competitor must give 48 hours' notice in writing to ASBK staff if they are unable to attend an appearance. ASBK staff will respond if the notification has been accepted.

Failure to attend an appearance without notice or an appropriate reason may result in a fine, or other penalty.

1.19 Images - Advertising & Endorsements

ASBK reserves the right to use the images and names of any competitor, team or manufacturer in any present or future series merchandising, videos, TV commercials, posters and printed material as it sees fit.

Competitors must seek permission from ASBK regarding the use of private on-board cameras. On-board cameras can only be used for recording vision and sound from the race. On-board camera footage recorded at any ASBK event must be made available to ASBK Officials. On board cameras cannot be part of/or be used as on board telemetry or a data recording system. Helmet cameras are not permitted unless the camera is integrated into the helmet by design of the manufacturer. On board Camera Permission Forms will be available from ASBK. Applications can be lodged via ASBK. All On board camera approval is subject to final inspection by the ASBK Chief Technical Officer. In the event of any incident Race Direction have the right to request a copy of the recorded footage.

In entering these events the rider and team have agreed to be available for autograph signing and to be a corporate speaker if required.

1.20 Presentations & Interviews

Trophy presentation will be throughout Sunday for the round. Refer to the schedules in the Final Instructions for each round.

Each prize winning competitor must attend the trophy presentation. If a competitor cannot attend the presentation they must nominate in writing to the ASBK Race Secretary by lunchtime Saturday a third party to accept the trophy on their behalf. It will be each competitor's responsibility to collect their trophy. Failure to attend without notice or an appropriate reason will result in a fine, or other penalty.

Television and on-track PA interviews will be conducted after each race for all classes as per announcement at rider briefing. It is a requirement of entry that the top three finishers in each race attend the interview area after each race on Saturday and Sunday may be required.

Top 3 Superbike riders at the conclusion of qualifying will be required to attend an interview.

1.21 Circuit Camping

There is no camping allowed at any circuit unless otherwise specified in the Final Instructions of each round. Sleeping in buses, trailers, and vehicles at the circuit is subject to confirmation by ASBK on a round by round basis. A penalty will be issued to persons found to be sleeping at the circuit, in the case of support personnel the penalty will be issued to the competitor and/or team.

1.22 Change of Machine

Any rider may change machines before the start of a race provided the following points are adhered to:

- Notice of change of machine is to be given in writing to the Race Secretary of the round for the
 approval of the Race Director or Clerk of Course. Notice is not required if the rider has qualified on
 the machine onto which the rider changes ie: where the rider or team has more than one machine
 entered into the race.
- A rider may not change to a machine which has not passed through technical inspection for the round.
- Riders changing motorcycles must use the tyres that they have had marked unless the respective class rules applied allow for tyre changing. Penalties for using unmarked or non-homologated tyres will apply.
- Once a race has commenced, (commencement of the race is determined by the extinguishing of the red light) change of machine is prohibited for the duration of that race.

1.23 Change of Rider

Any rider who has qualified for a round may ride any machine in the round provided the machine meets all the criteria and the following:

- Notice of change of rider is to be given in writing to the Race Secretary of the event and approved by the Race Director or Clerk of Course.
- Notification must be given in writing along with a completed entry form, which is to be presented to the ASBK Race Secretary. The replacement rider is to produce a valid MA Competition licence and full riding gear for technical inspection.

1.24 Anti-Doping

1.24.1 Anti-Doping Policy

All competitors, team managers, crew members, mechanics, officials and parents/guardians advised that drug testing may take place in accordance with MA's Anti-Doping Policy, as carried out by Sports Integrity Australia.

1.24.2 Anti-Doping Hotline

If any doubt exists over banned substances it is recommended to contact the Drugs in Sport Hotline on 1800 020 506 or visit www.sportintegrity.gov.au When drug testing takes place, the payment of prize money may be delayed by ASBK until the results of the tests are known. Check the anti-doping list often as it is updated regularly.

For the purpose of drug and alcohol testing, the commencement of the event will be deemed to be 7:00 AM day of bump in, with the completion of the event for the participant being when the participant has vacated the venue at the conclusion of the event on Sunday.

1.25 Drug and Alcohol Testing

All competitors, team managers, crew members, mechanics, officials and parents/guardians are advised that random breath-testing may take place throughout the round. For the purpose of drug and alcohol testing, the commencement of the event will be deemed to be 7:00 AM, day of bump in, with the completion of the event for the participant being when the participant has vacated the venue at the conclusion of the event on Sunday.

The carrying or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the paddock, pits or pit lane areas is prohibited.

1.26 Code of Behaviour

MA's Code of Behaviour applies to all competitors, team managers, mechanics, crew members, officials and parents/guardians and is contained within MA's Member Protection Policy. Refer to www.ma.org.au.

1.27 Electronic Communications and Social Media Policy

MA's Electronic Communications and Social Media Policy applies to all competitors, team managers, crew members, mechanics, officials and parents/guardians.

1.28 Pit Boxes

- **1.28.1** Any full Pit Boxes will be allocated at the discretion of ASBK Event Management and will be charged an additional fee.
- **1.28.2** Competitors with late entries will not be given priority in Pit Box allocations.
- **1.28.3** Competitors have the option to be pitted in their own marquee/pit tent.
 - It is the responsibility of the competitor to provide the structure which must meet all Occupational Health & Safety, and Australian Engineering Standards.
 - The temporary structure must be pegged and/or secured to concrete blocks in a designated area. Each structure must be of a 3x3m dimension and have at least two bikes in it.
 - ASBK takes no responsibility for structures causing damage due to being secured insufficiently.
 - Location of the pit tent requires approval by ASBK Event Management
 - Any motorcycle being maintained on a non-hard surface must have Enviro-mat positioned under the engine and fuel tank
- **1.28.4** If the competitor does not have a shade structure, a pit box will need to be hired, unless prior permission is granted by ASBK Event Management.
- **1.28.5** All competitors are required to affix their name, class and rider number to the front and rear of their Pit Box/carport/marquee at each round.

1.28.6 Pit Box Sharing

Competitors may nominate who they would like to share a pit box with, however all requests are at the discretion of ASBK Event Management.

If a competitor has not purchased a pit box space and wishes to pit with another competitor in a shared pit box, approval from ASBK Event Management is required to avoid overcrowding.

Profiteering by subletting pit box spaces is prohibited

1.29 Electrical Power

- Power leads must comply with the relevant Australian Standard and safety legislation and are not to be placed on the ground or in dangerous positions. Fines and possible exclusion from the event may apply.
- No power lead shall exceed 32 metres in length. All connection plugs must be of a bonded type or
 made of transparent material. Power leads used to power transporters/vans from garages and
 marquees must be elevated a minimum of 2.4 metres at the lowest point and secured to stable
 supports not more than three metres apart. Power leads must be supported from structures by
 insulated hooks. Power leads subject to vehicle traffic must be protected. All power leads must be
 isolated when not in use.
- Only power boards with individual switches are to be used. Double adapters and domestic multioutlet power boards must not be used on site.

- Portable Residual Current Device (RCD) boxes shall be used to distribute power directly to
 equipment and not as an adapter to extend the length of power leads or for multiple distribution of
 power leads. RCDs shall have a current electrical tag affixed.
- Earth leakage protection is not required to be fitted to single phase generators which comply with AS 2790 and which have a stamped plate to that effect affixed to them.
- Damaged electrical equipment must be tagged "out of service" and removed from the working areas.
- Any electrical equipment fitted with a flexible lead and plug top must have a current electrical tag affixed.
- While all paddock garages and marquees will have fitted power points, the use of high demand items such as tyre warmers, battery chargers, cooling fans, urns & cooking implements may result in the circuit breakers interrupting the power supply. Should you require a higher than regular power output, it is highly recommended that arrangements be made to hire a generator. Noise restrictions apply to generators and excessively noisy units will be banned from use at events.
- MA takes no responsibility for competitors and teams who do not comply with the Australian Standards and Occupational Health and Safety requirements. It is the responsibility of the Team to ensure compliance with local, state, or territory laws, regulations or codes.

1.30 Timing

Mylaps Car/Bike Timing Transponders will be used at all rounds. Competitors that have purchased their own transponder(s) must indicate this on their entry form – no other transponder may be used (including Mylaps MX transponders).

Competitors are required to indicate on the entry form the number of transponders they require and pay the appropriate amount for each transponder required.

1.30.1 Transponder Deposit

A refundable deposit per transponder is required upon their collection. The deposit may be left in cash, or by providing a valid credit card number (which can be retained for the series). All competitors will be responsible for all costs to repair or replace a transponder supplied to them by timing.

Failure to return a transponder on the Sunday of each round or at the end of the Official Tests will incur a fee per day which will be taken from the deposit. Non-return of the transponder within a week of the event, will incur the loss of the remaining deposit, and the competitor will then be charged to replace the transponder within 2 weeks of the conclusion of an event. Refer to ASBK Competitor Information Kit for fees.

1.30.2 Transponder Bracket

Transponder mounting brackets are not provided with the rental transponders. Riders may purchase brackets from Timing when collecting transponders.

1.31 Passes

Refer to the ASBK Competitor Information Kit for pass allocation and credential purchase.

Refer to the Final Instructions for details on the credential office opening dates, times and location.

In the situation where competitors/teams have lost passes they will be required to purchase new entry passes.

1.32 Vehicle Access

Ambulance and fire clearways and access lanes must be kept clear at all times. Parking, partially obstructing or standing for any length of time is strictly prohibited. Only cars towing trailers have access to the pit area.

All cars (including rental cars) will be required to be parked outside of the pits or in a designated area.

1.32.1 Vehicle Passes

Refer to ASBK Competitor Information Kit for details regarding vehicle passes.

1.32.2 Large Transporter

Large transporters include semi-trailers, medium sized trucks and pantecs. Once parked in the paddock area cannot be moved until the end of the round.

Large transporters will be given priority access for the first 30 minutes of the opening of the circuit for set-up/bump in.

Large transporters must be registered with ASBK at the beginning of the season, but no less than two weeks prior to each round. ASBK requires the transporter's make, model, size and registration number, driver name and contact number and the competitor/s that will be using it. These details will be recorded via Ridernet at the time of entry.

2 Race Format

2.1 Race Format unless otherwise advised;

| Class | Qualifying | Races |
|--------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| Superbike | 1 x timed practice, Q1/Q2 | 2 |
| Supersport | 2 | 2 |
| Supersport 300 | 2 | 3 |
| R3 Cup | 2 | 3 |
| Oceania Junior Cup | 2 | 3 |

- All classes will be confirmed in the ASBK Competitor Information Kit, Final Instructions, and Schedule
- Final formats and race distances will be provided in the Final Instructions.
- In exceptional circumstances, race lengths may be altered by Race Direction.

2.2 Disclaimer

Race Direction may in case of necessity or safety, postpone, stop or abandon a race or part of a race.

2.3 Race Distances

The race distances will be according to the Final Instructions or as advised by the ASBK Official Schedule of each round.

2.4 Event Schedule

The schedule for each round will be contained in the Final Instructions.

For the purpose of drug and alcohol testing, the commencement of the event will be deemed to be, 7:00 AM on the day of bump in, with the completion of the event for the participant being when the participant has vacated the venue at the conclusion of the event on Sunday.

2.5 Official Practice

Official practice will be listed on the event schedule for each round.

2.6 Unofficial Practice

Unofficial practice will not be allowed at each respective round venue for the period commencing 8 days prior to the first day of on track activity at each event. (refer to the competitor information kit)

Official Practice days within this period may be approved at the discretion of ASBK Event Management. The penalty for breaching this regulation will be possible exclusion from the round.

2.7 Qualifying/Grid Positions

Grid positions will be static for all races after qualifying times have been merged to determine the overall qualifying positions. Any rider not qualifying within 112% of the fastest time in that class will not be permitted to race.

Unless otherwise advised by the Race Director or Clerk of Course, no participating bikes are to be taken into pit boxes during a qualifying session.

In mitigating circumstances, the Race Director or Clerk of Course may include any competitor who has failed to qualify. Times from practice sessions may be used for this purpose. Such riders will be required to start from the back of the grid. If the number of qualifiers exceeds the grid limit, reserve positions will be allocated on a descending basis of times.

In the event of two riders achieving equal qualifying times the rider who sets the time first will qualify in the higher grid position.

If entries received exceed allowable track density for practice, then priority for all class entries will be accepted on a first received basis, with an exception made for the top three (3) in last season's championship.

2.7.1 Reserve Riders

In the event that more riders have qualifying times within the 112% cut-off than are permissible in races, a reserve system will be utilised.

Riders whose qualifying times put them within the 112% cut-off but outside the permissible number on the grid for races will be classed as reserves.

If a qualified rider withdraws, the reserve rider with the next fastest qualifying time will then be eligible to race, starting from rear of grid.

With or without withdrawals, any remaining reserve riders may wait in pit lane at a location they are directed to, ready to go onto the track.

After the sighting lap is completed, if the grid capacity's maximum number of bikes have not left pit lane and there are no further qualified riders waiting to start the warm-up lap from pit exit, the next reserve rider may join the warmup lap from pit lane, and so on until the grid capacity is reached. In this instance, any qualified riders who do not take part in the warm-up lap may not start the race if reserves have already been allowed on track in their absence. This includes any rider who has completed the sighting lap but not the warm-up lap.

Any reserves permitted to start the race will take positions at the rear of the grid for the race start, in order of their qualifying times.

2.7.2 Superbike Qualifying

Superbike Qualifying will follow the format of two separate sessions, Qualifying 1 and Qualifying 2.

Entry into Q1 or Q2 will be based on times achieved in Timed Practice. This will determine grid positions for all Superbike races.

2.7.3 Superbike Qualifying formats:

- Friday: "Free Practice" Tyres as per item 4.11 of these regulations
- Saturday: "Timed Practice" determines the competitors into Q1 and Q2 tyres will be marked
- Fastest nine (9) competitors in Timed Practice go into Qualifying 2
- The remainder go into Qualifying 1

Qualifying 1 – 15 mins – tyres are to be marked.

- Fastest three (3) competitors in Qualifying 1 have the option of entering into Qualifying 2– no extra tyres are allocated for these riders.
- The remainder will be allocated grid positions from 13th back, in descending order of times.

Qualifying 2 – 15 mins – tyres are to be marked.

- If one of the fastest three (3) competitors from Q1 does not opt to go into Q2, they will be allocated 12th grid position automatically.
- If two (2) of the fastest three (3) competitors in Q1 do not opt to go into Q2, they will be allocated 12th and 11th grid position in order of their Q1 times.
- If all of the fastest three (3) competitors in Q1 do not opt to go into Q2, they will be allocated 12th, 11th and 10th grid position in order of their Q1 times.
- If any one of top nine (9) do not opt to go into Q2, they will be allocated 12th grid position and behind anyone from Q1 who did not enter Q2.
- If more than one of top nine (9) do not opt to go into Q2, they will be allocated 12th, 11th etc in order of timed practice results.
- Results of Qualifying 2 will determine grid positions from Pole (1st) through to 12th.

2.8 Starting Grid Format: Solo

The starting grid format for solo machines will be as follows:

- The fastest qualifying machine will occupy pole position which will be in the front row on the opposite side of the track from the direction of the first corner,
- The remaining machines will be arranged on the grid in descending order of qualifying times,
- All machines must start within their nominated grid position parallel to track direction.

2.9 Start Procedure

2.9.1 Each event:

- a) Must use a clutch start.
- b) Must be preceded by a sighting lap and a warm-up lap, unless otherwise advised by Race Direction
- **2.9.2** Any competitor who does not complete the warm-up lap must start the event from pit lane.
- **2.9.3** All competitors must, in relation to the start of any event, comply with directions issued by, and under the authority of, the Starter. For such purposes the Starter, on the instructions of a key official, may:
 - a) Delay a start,
 - b) Direct a re-start,
 - c) Direct a competitor to start from:
 - i) The back of the starting grid,
 - ii) The pit lane,
 - iii) The rear of the field, or
 - iv) Such other position as shall be required for the safe, fair and orderly start of the event.
 - d) Exclude a competitor who is late for the start.
- **2.9.4** The method of starting will be as prescribed by the Final Instructions.
- **2.9.5** The start of a race occurs when the order to start is given.

2.10 Warm Up-Lap

Competitors will be given one (1) sighting and one (1) warm-up lap for each race, unless otherwise stated by the Race Director or Clerk of Course.

During the warm-up lap there will be no practice starts and/or weaving.

Riders returning to pit lane after the commencement of the warm-up lap without the approval of the Race Director or Clerk of Course, will be required to start the race from pit lane after the field has passed pit lane exit.

Competitors who elect not to ride the warm-up lap must start the race from pit lane after the field has passed pit lane exit.

Competitors who are not prepared to start the race immediately upon the conclusion of the warm up lap will be required to move clear of the grid and may join the race as soon as the last rider passes them.

If a rider has not commenced the race after the leader has completed one lap, the rider is considered to have retired.

2.11 Jump Starts

- **2.11.1** Any rider who anticipates the start or who is outside his starting box will be deemed to have jumped the start.
- **2.11.2** The motorcycle must be stationary at the time the red lights are turned off. Anticipation of the start is defined by the motorcycle moving forward at the time the red lights are turned off.
- **2.11.3** In the case of a minor movement and subsequent stop whilst the red lights are on, Race Direction will be the sole judge of whether an advantage has been gained.
- **2.11.4** Race Direction will decide if a minimum of a 10 second penalty will be imposed for taking advantage by anticipating the start and must communicate the penalty to the rider and team as soon as possible via the ASBK timing system and start line board notification.
- **2.11.5** The penalty will be adjudicated by the appointed Judges in conjunction with Race Direction. Cameras may be placed along the start line and utilized as a reference to confirm a possible jump start.

2.12 Race Stoppages

Where any rider enters their pit box or leaves pit lane between a race stoppage and a restart without instruction from the Race Director or Clerk of Course, they will be considered to have withdrawn from the race.

2.12.1 Less Than 3 Laps Completed

Where a race has been stopped with less than three laps completed by the leader of the race, all competitors who are able to continue will be directed to the starting grid where they will receive instructions regarding a restart. Any machine involved in the incident which returns to the grid under its own power and is deemed by the Race Director, Clerk of Course or Chief Technical Officer (or Scrutineer) as unsafe to continue will be removed from the grid.

- The original grid positions will be used for the restart
- The race distance will be full race distance, or less, as advised

Race Direction will review the incident and any competitor or competitors determined as causing the red flag, may be excluded from the race restart and/or race results. If the review is completed during the restarted race, the competitor(s) determined to have caused the race stoppage will be penalized. This may include the competitor being shown a black flag and/or disqualification from the race.

For any other competitor to be eligible for a restart of the stopped race they must have participated in the original race start, must have not been excluded, or retired (as defined below) from the stopped race prior to the last full lap being completed by the leader of the race.

Any competitor who returned to pit lane without instruction from officials will start the race from pit lane.

Quick Restarts:

If a stoppage occurs prior to 3 laps being completed by the leader and order can be quickly restored, a "Quick Restart Procedure" may apply.

In this case,

- a "Quick Restart" board will be displayed at the start line.
- Crew members will not be permitted on the grid.
- Competitors will take their original grid positions and restart the race.
- In this case there will not be a warmup lap.
- Race laps may be reduced.
- Any competitor who returned to pit lane without instruction from officials will start the race from pit lane.

2.12.2 Greater Than 3 Laps - Less Than 2/3 Race Distance Completed

Where a race has been stopped with three or more laps but less than 2/3 (two-thirds) of the race distance (rounded down to a whole lap) completed by the leader of the race, all riders competing at the time of the race stoppage and able to continue will be directed to the starting grid where they will receive instructions on their new grid positions.

Any machine involved in the incident which returns to the grid under its own power and is deemed by the Race Director, Clerk of Course or Chief Technical Officer (or Scrutineer) as unsafe to continue will be removed from the grid.

The grid position for the new race will be determined by the finishing order of riders recorded on the same lap as the leader, followed by the finishing order of those completing the previous lap. The race distance will be equal to the balance of the stopped race distance, or less, as advised by Race Direction.

Race Direction will review the incident and any competitor or competitors determined as causing the red flag, may be excluded from the race re-run and/or race results. If the review is completed during the re-run race, the competitor(s) determined to have caused the race stoppage will be penalized. This may include the competitor being shown a black flag and/or disqualification from the race. For any other competitor to be eligible for a start in the stopped race, they must have participated in the original race start, and must have not been excluded, or retired (as defined below) from the stopped race prior to the last full lap being completed by the leader of the race.

The final race classification will be determined by the position and number of laps of each rider that crossed the finish line at the end of the re-run race. If the race cannot be re-run and is declared (and ½ points awarded), the final race classification will be determined by the finishing order of riders recorded on the same lap as the leader, followed by the finishing order of those completing the previous lap.

2.12.3 2/3 Race Distance or More Completed

If a race has covered more than 2/3 (two thirds) of the race distance (rounded down to a whole lap) but less than the full race distance by the leader of the race, and it is stopped and declared by the Race Director or Clerk of Course, all riders competing at the time of the race stoppage (Active Riders

- see below) will be directed to return to the pits. The final race classification will be determined by the finishing order of riders recorded on the same lap as the leader, followed by the finishing order of those completing the previous lap.

Race Direction will review the incident and any competitor or competitors determined as causing the red flag, may be excluded from the race results.

For any other competitor to be included in the results of a declared race, they must have participated in the original race start, must have not been excluded, or retired (as defined below- Actively competing) from the stopped race prior to the last full lap being completed by the leader of the race.

2.12.4 Abandoned Race

If a race has been red flagged and declared null and void as per the MoMS, the Race Director, Clerk of Course or Chief Steward may deem it necessary to abandon that race altogether. If circumstances permit, it may then be replaced with a rescheduled race, which will be considered a new race. In this event all competitors who were originally eligible for the original race may take part in the new race. That is, if they were non-starters in an earlier attempt to run the race that was declared null and void, or if they were involved in any way in the red flag incident(s) they are still eligible for the new race. Any penalties applied from earlier attempts to start will no longer be applicable.

2.12.5 Definition of Actively Competing

For the purposes of these regulations "active" and "actively competing" at the time of a red flag, are defined as:

- the rider riding on track, or
- · attempting to repair/restart their machine, or
- · attempting to rejoin the track or
- returning to or already in pit lane

Race Direction will be the sole judge of whether a rider is actively competing, and no appeal is possible against this decision.

Competitors who have been lapped at time of a Red Flag

Any rider who had been lapped at the time of the red flag may be considered to be actively competing. To be eligible to re-start, the competitor must have completed at least 75% of the laps completed by the leading competitor at the time of the red flag and the rider and machine must return to pit lane and be prepared to re-start the race from pit lane exit. (Any rider or machine returning to their pit box at the time of the red flag will be considered retired from the race).

If in the previous part of the race the rider has been lapped by one or more laps, the rider will re-start the race (from pit lane exit) and will be released after a penalty of 10 seconds multiplied by the number of lapped laps is served, after pit exit is opened.

Competitors in Pit Lane at time of a Red Flag

Any rider located in the Pit Lane at the time of the red flag of a race that will be re-started, may be considered to be actively competing. To be eligible to re-start, the competitor must have completed at least 75% of the laps completed by the leading competitor at the time of the red flag and the rider and machine must be located on the pit lane at the time of the red flag. (Any rider or machine having entered their pit box during the race or located in their pit box at the time of the red flag, will be considered retired from the race).

If in the previous part of the race the rider has been lapped by one or more laps, the rider will re-start the race from pit lane exit. The rider will be released after a penalty of 10 seconds multiplied by the number of lapped laps is served, after pit exit is opened.

Cause of Incident

If any doubt exists as to the cause of an incident or who was responsible for a race to be stopped, or scheduling prevents an effective investigation to occur at the time, Race Direction will allow all riders, subject to the safety of their machine, to participate in any restarted race.

A review to establish the cause of an incident or who was responsible for a race to be stopped can be conducted at any time.

Participation in the restarted race does not preclude a rider being excluded from the results and as a review of the incident may occur after the restart, further penalties may occur after any review.

2.13 Race Finishes

- a) A chequered flag must be displayed to each competitor as each crosses the line, with the flag being displayed:
 - To the first to complete the race who will, subject to the results of any protests, be the winner, and
 - ii) Thereafter to each competitor who:
 - Has completed not less than 75% of the race distance,
 - Is still competing in the race on the lap in which the chequered flag is displayed to the winner, with the sequence of completion of the race being the determinant of placings.
- b) The finish of a race occurs when the chequered flag is displayed to the last competitor,
- c) The finish occurs for each machine when the foremost part of the machine crosses the line,
- d) Where there are two competitors required to be on one machine together, both must finish the race in contact with the machine. On a solo machine the competitor must finish the race in contact with the machine.
- e) In case of a dead heat between competitors for a place:
 - i) The places and the awards for those places will be combined,
 - ii) The participants in the dead heat will share the places and awards equally,
 - iii) The remaining places will be relegated by the number of participants in the dead heat.

2.14 Point Scoring

2.14.1 The results for each competitor in each event will be determined by the allocation to that competitor of points in accordance with the following table:

| PLACE | POINTS | PLACE | POINTS |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| 1 | 25 | 11 | 10 |
| 2 | 20 | 12 | 9 |
| 3 | 18 | 13 | 8 |
| 4 | 17 | 14 | 7 |
| 5 | 16 | 15 | 6 |
| 6 | 15 | 16 | 5 |
| 7 | 14 | 17 | 4 |
| 8 | 13 | 18 | 3 |
| 9 | 12 | 19 | 2 |
| 10 | 11 | 20 | 1 |

- **2.14.2** If a tie on points occurs for any position in an event which is conducted over more than one race, the tying competitor who has the higher finishing position in the final race of the event will be awarded the position.
- **2.14.3** If a tie on points occurs for any position in a Series, the tying competitor who has the greatest number of higher placing's in the Series will be awarded the position.
- **2.14.4** If a tie on points occurs for any position in an event which is conducted over more than one leg, the tying competitor who has the higher finishing position in the final leg of the event will be awarded the position.
- **2.14.5** If a tie on points occurs for any position in a series, the tying competitor who has the greatest number of higher placings in the series will be awarded the position.
- **2.14.6** The competitor who obtains pole position will receive one additional point in the Championship.
- **2.14.7** Where a tie still exists, the competitor with the highest placing in the round, which is that competitor's lowest scoring event in the series, will be awarded one additional point.

3 Riders & Team Managers Instructions

3.1 Riders & Team Managers Briefing

A compulsory rider, team manager, junior parent/guardian, and entrant briefing will be held prior to the start of the event

Details of briefings will be advised in the Final Instructions

Additional briefings may be held from time to time. In this case notification will be given in advance

All riders, team managers, junior parent/guardians and entrants are required to attend these briefings. Failure to attend briefings and sign the attendance register without an acceptable reason will result in a fine and possible exclusion from the event

Team managers are required to register with ASBK prior to the round

Team managers will be required to attend and sign the register at any Rider's and Team Manager's briefings on any day's briefings are held

3.2 Rider and Crew Sign-On

Where a rider does not sign in before the rider goes out on track, a penalty may apply.

All Crew members requiring access to pit lane, the signaling area or the grid must present to the Race Secretary Office and sign on

A maximum of 4 wristbands per rider will be issued (excluding the rider) to crew members.

No wristbands will be issued without presenting to the Race Secretary office and signing an indemnity.

Any crew member requiring grid access must hold either a MA Crew or Senior National Licence. (one event Crew Licenses are now available)

Any crew member not holding a MA Crew or Senior National Licence is the responsibility of the rider and has no protection under the MA insurance scheme.

3.3 Track Description

Refer to the Final Instructions for details of the circuit and for the track density for practice, qualifying and racing.

3.4 Track Walk

Competitors are invited to walk the track at times listed in the event schedule and/or Final Instructions.

- This inspection must be done on foot and competitors are reminded that service vehicles may be in operation on the circuit at this time.
- Competitors who are not satisfied with any aspects of the track can present these concerns to Race Direction. If those concerns cannot be resolved, the competitor will be invited to withdraw from the event

3.5 Pit Lane

Pit lane is part of the racetrack as such travel in pit lane will only be permitted in race direction.

3.5.1 Pit Lane Entry

Competitors must travel in pit lane at no more than 40kph (unless otherwise specified).

3.5.2 Working in Pit Lane

Machines are permitted to be stationary and worked on in the designated areas to the pit box side of pit lane. All crews are required to keep the active lane clear at all times. All crew members must wear their ASBK issued identification bands on the wrist whilst in pit lane.

3.5.3 Pit Lane Wall & Lap Boards

No personnel will be allowed against pit wall at the start of a race. Penalties may be issued to crew members found to be on pit wall during a race start.

Once the field has passed the start line, only crew members in control of pit boards are permitted at the pit wall and must be signed on as Competitor Crew.

Pit lane will have restricted specific areas for use of lap boards during racing, these restricted areas will be marked. Riders and team managers will be notified at rider's and team manager's briefings where these areas are for the sole use of signaling riders with lap boards.

Only three crew members per competitor with the correct ASBK supplied pit lane identification wristband will be allowed in the restricted areas for the duration of their competitors on track session/race.

The supplied pit lane identification bands must be worn on the wrist for the duration of the event. Once the race or session has finished all crew members must leave the restricted area immediately to make way for the next class.

3.6 Pre-Race Media Grid

Pre-Race Media Grids will take place for all Superbike and Supersport races, and selected Supersport 300 races as advised in the Final Instructions.

- The pre-race media grid is compulsory for all riders.
- When a rider reaches the rear of the grid after the sighting lap(s) the rider must switch off the engine and coast at walking pace or be pushed into their grid position.
- The pit lane will stay open for 3 minutes and as such it may be possible to complete more than one sighting lap.
- A second sighting lap will only be permitted by riding through pit lane.
- Any rider who is in pit lane when pit exit closes may follow the field on the warm-up lap and will start
 the race from the rear of the grid. Each Team is permitted a maximum of four persons on the grid
 excluding the rider but including any promotional person or umbrella person between the sighting
 and the warm-up laps for each rider.
- Refer to rule 3.2 of these regulations for further information.

3.6.1 Fluids

- Any equipment containing oil, water or fuel must not contaminate the track whilst being used.
- The only fluids allowed on the grid are drinks for riders which must be in spill proof containers.
- Re-fueling of motorcycles is not allowed and no additional lubricants other than those contained within the motorcycle are permitted on the grid, this includes but is not limited to chain lubricant, brake fluid, engine oil or radiator coolant.

3.6.2 Tyre Warmers

All tyre warmers must be connected to their generators using the original power leads, which must not be longer than 3 metres.

- Extension cords and power boards are not to be used at all.
- Crew members must start removing tyre warmers and equipment prior to the three minute siren. (Penalties may apply)

3.6.3 Equipment Removal

All equipment must be clear of the grid prior to the one minute siren. (Penalties may apply)

3.7 Riding of Motorcycles in the Paddock

3.7.1 Unless, posted otherwise, there is a fixed speed limit at all rounds of 6 km/h in the designated lanes of the pit paddock area. Competitors who break the speed limit or ride outside of designated areas will be penalized at the discretion of Race Direction. Speeds will be checked with a radar gun or in pit lane with the timing loops.

3.7.2 Pit Bikes and Bicycles

 Riding of motorised or electric pit bikes is prohibited in the paddock area. This includes skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, mini-bikes, motorbikes, quad bikes or trail bikes being used by adults or children.

- The use of bicycles in the paddock may be available at some circuits. Approval for bicycles
 will be advised in the Final Instructions. Where the use of bicycles is approved, this must
 include the use of a correctly fitted helmet meeting Australian Standards.
- Persons found using any of the prohibited items or failing to follow these regulations in the Paddock will receive a fine at the discretion of Race Direction, in the case of support personnel the fine will be issued to the Competitor and/or Team.

3.8 Radio Communication

Radio communications with riders is not allowed and will be classed as outside assistance.

3.9 Team Dress

- **3.9.1** All riders and crew members must be neatly dressed at all times during the event and presentations.
- **3.9.2** Crew members and umbrella persons in pit lane and or grid must also ensure that they are appropriately dressed to meet safety requirements.
- 3.9.3 Minimum Dress Requirements
 - Enclosed footwear is required in pit lane, paddock, pit bays/garages, technical inspection and on the grid.
 - Pants or dress shorts (no board shorts)
 - Collared shirts are recommended (no t-shirts)

Competitors, crew members or representatives found to be on pit lane and or grid not dressed appropriately may incur a fine, which may be applied to the competitor they represent.

3.10 Smoking

For safety reasons smoking is not permitted in any of the pit boxes, pit lane, paddock, pit carport, or at a rider's briefing. Details of designated smoking areas at each circuit will be outlined in the Final Instructions.

3.11 Awards, Contingencies & Support

3.11.1 Round & Series Trophies

Round and Series trophies will be presented to the top three place getters in each categorised class

3.11.2 Manufacturer's Cup

Series trophies will be awarded to the leading manufacturer in Superbike

3.11.3 Superbike Rookie's Cup

Points scoring for the Australian Superbike Rookie's Cup is based on the Superbike Class points accumulated during the course of the season with the competitor ranked accordingly. To be eligible for Australian Superbike Rookie's Cup points a competitor must

- Be contesting their first Australian Superbike Class season. Participation in three or more rounds of the Australian Superbike Championship constitutes participating in a season
- Have never contested an FIM sanctioned international Superbike event

3.11.4 Prize Money

Australian Championship classes will be awarded prize money by ASBK each round as listed in the ASBK Competitor Information Kit.

3.11.5 Additional Awards and Contingencies can be found in the ASBK Competitor Information Kit

3.12 Force Majeure/COVID

3.12.1 In the event of Force Majeure for any reason the ASBK Championship will consist of a minimum of three rounds and/or 6 races for each class.

4 Technical Regulations

4.1 Machines and Riders

All machines entered must comply with the following ASBK Technical Regulations and GCRs.

Multiple entry of a single machine in the same class of competition is not permitted. A maximum of two (2) machines per competitor can be entered for one class of competition.

4.2 Australian Championship Classes:

- Australian Superbike
- Australian Supersport
- Australian Supersport 300
- Australian Supersport 300 Women's Cup

4.2.1 Support Classes:

- R3 Cup
- Oceania Junior Cup
- Superbike Masters
- Australian F1 and F2 Sidecar Championship

4.2.2 Senior Competition Classes & Class Capacity

- Superbike 1000cc four cylinder 4-stroke and 1300cc two cylinder 4-stroke
- Supersport 600cc four cylinder 4-stroke, 675cc three cylinder 4-stroke, 750cc two cylinder 4-stroke
- Supersport 300 250/300/500cc single or twin cylinder 4-stroke: Capacity and configuration as per GCR's
- F1 Sidecar- Up to 1000cc, up to four cylinder 4-stroke
- F2 Sidecar 1000cc two cylinder 4-stroke 600cc four cylinder 4-stroke

4.2.3 Junior Competition Classes Age Range & Class Capacity

- 13 to under 16 250/300/500 Production
- 15 Years Supersport 600
- 11 to Under 16 Oceania Junior Cup

4.3 Eligibility of Supersport 300

Eligible Supersport 300 models:

- Kawasaki Ninja 300
- Kawasaki Ninja 400 (Refer to Appendix A)
- Honda CBR 250
- Honda CBR 300
- Yamaha YZF-R3
- KTM RC390
- Benelli 302

Other brands and models may be approved upon request and this list updated throughout the year. Contact MA for more information.

4.4 Support Classes

- R3 Cup class rules are provided in Appendix B.
- Australian F1 and F2 Sidecar Championship- class rules provided in the Australian Sidecar Championship Supplementary Regulations www.ma.org.au
- Oceania Junior Cup class rules and specs provided in the Oceania Junior Cup Supplementary Regulations www.ma.org.au
- Superbike Masters refer to Appendix C

4.5 Technical Inspection

Technical Inspection times will be advised with the Final Instructions. If Thursday evening technical inspection is to be held, it will be advised in the Final Instructions. There will be no technical inspections during rider's briefing.

Machines entered into the specific class time slot will be given priority and have the right to go ahead of any non-scheduled competitor.

Machines entered in the competition must have successfully passed machine examination prior to taking part in any warm-up, qualifying or racing.

An MA decal will be placed on the front number plate to indicate it has been examined and passed technical inspection.

4.6 Submitting for Technical Inspection

- Remove lower fairing and carry it separately
- Remove radiator caps
- Remove belly pans, tape alone will NOT be accepted for sealing of belly pan plug holes

4.7 Decals

MA reserves the right to stipulate that various decals are to be affixed to machines according to sponsorship requirements.

4.8 Licence and Protective Gear

The competitor's current competition licence and full riding gear must be presented at technical inspection. All competitors must submit their leathers and boots, and produce their helmets, gloves and back protector for checking.

4.9 Eligibility Checks

4.9.1 Eligibility checks can take place at any time during the round. Machines which suffer accident damage in practice, qualifying or race sessions must be re-examined by the technical officers before participating again.

Competitors in all classes must return their machines directly to the technical inspection impound (Parc Ferme) area immediately after each qualifying and race.

In addition to disassembling and checking of machines after official protests have been received by the Clerk of Course as per the GCRs, the Series Chief Technical Officer may, at their discretion, request that any machine that has participated in the round be disassembled for inspection. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the matter being referred to the Clerk of Course for further action.

Machines may be sealed at the discretion of the Steward or Clerk of Course for later checking after the round. If disassembly and scrutiny is to take place at the circuit it will be before the machine is released by the Series Chief Technical Officer. A member of the competitor's team with appropriate tools must be available at all times to disassemble the machine as required. Allowance in time must be made to accommodate potential delays in departing the circuit after competition on any day. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in the matter being referred to the Clerk of Course for further action.

After each qualifying session and race at each round, any or all motorcycles used will be impounded at the discretion of the Series Chief Technical Officer for up to 30 minutes. Failure to present machines used will result in the matter being referred to the Clerk of Course for further action.

4.9.2 At ASBK events the Technical Inspection Area (Technical Inspection Bay) including the Parc Ferme is clearly marked and is a restricted access area. When in use, entry into Parc Ferme is restricted to authorised personnel only.

The only persons permitted to enter Parc Ferme when motorcycles are being held after practice or racing are:

- Race Officials
- A total of two (2) crew members per motorcycle, plus the rider;

This can include the rider, team manager and one technician, or the rider and two technicians, this applies until the motorcycles are released by the ASBK Technical Staff.

No other persons are permitted to enter the Parc Ferme unless authorised by ASBK Technical Staff.

- **4.9.3** Only the following equipment is permitted to be brought into Parc Ferme:
 - Front & Rear bike stand;
 - Tyre warmer/warmers;
 - Tyre pressure gauge;
 - Pyrometer for measuring tyre temperature;
- **4.9.4** It is a requirement that when entering Parc Ferme riders align their motorcycles in queues of single file or as instructed by technical staff.

Failure to comply with any direction from ASBK Technical Staff whist in Parc Ferme will result in a penalty being imposed on the rider.

- 4.9.5 Crew members and authorised personnel are not permitted to enter the designated technical inspection impound (Parc Ferme) area until all machines have entered and come to a stop. Crew members and authorised personnel are to wait for instructions by the Series Chief Technical Officer that they may enter.
- **4.9.6** Competitors who finish in the top three will be instructed by the Series Chief Technical Officer to move directly to Parc Ferme located at the podium for the duration of the presentation. Only the competitor and one crew member will be permitted in Parc Ferme once access has been granted.

Please refer to the Final Instructions for the Parc Ferme and Podium Layout.

Note: At the discretion of the Series Chief Technical Officer, engine sealing may take place during Technical Inspection. Competitors must ensure their machine is capable of having the engine sealed if required.

4.10 Rider Numbers

The following table outlines the required color for competitor numbers and plates. Number size, font, advertising and finish must comply with the GCR's

Only 2-digit and 3-digit numbers are eligible. Double zero and numbers 1-9 with zero in front are not eligible numbers.

Refer to section 1.16 of these regulations for the allocation of number 1 in each class. Supersport 300 will take precedence over R3 Cup.

Stylised numbers may be used if approved by MA. Please contact roadrace@ma.org.au to submit stylised numbers for consideration.

- Superbike White background, Black numbers
- Supersport White background, Mid-Blue numbers
- Supersport 300 Reflex Blue background, White numbers
- R3 Cup Reflex Blue background, White numbers

Number plates must be clean of all non ASBK related stickers, graphics, private sponsors etc. except for the decals supplied by MA at sign on and technical inspection.

4.11 Tyres - All Classes

Coating, modifying, changing or altering the characteristics of the original design of tyres is prohibited for all classes.

4.11.1 Tyre Homologation

- Homologated tyre rules will apply to Australian Championship classes and the R3 Cup.
- All tyres for Superbike, Supersport, Supersport 300, and R3 Cup must be commercially available to all competitors and be selected from the current MA ASBK tyre homologation list available on the MA website – www.ma.org.au.
- Tyres in each class will be required to be approved by MA. Direct any tyre homologation queries to roadrace@ma.org.au

4.11.2 Dry Tyre Allocation

Below are the number of tyres allowed for all qualifying sessions and races for each round unless stipulated in the sup regs/ Final Instructions. This includes Superbike "Timed Practice." Competitors in each class are permitted the maximum number of tyres stated below. Combination of front vs rear tyres used within the overall allocation shall be at the competitors' discretion. Alternative tyre allocations will be listed in the Final Instructions.

Superbike 7 tyres
Supersport 6 tyres
Supersport 300 4 tyres
R3 Cup 4 tyres

4.11.3 Alternative Dry Tyre Allocation If required

Superbike 8 tyresSupersport 8 tyresSupersport 300 4 tyres

4.11.4 Tyres for Practice and Warm-ups

For Superbike, Supersport, and Supersport 300 either new or second hand marked or unmarked homologated tyres must be used for the non-qualifying practice sessions and warm-ups.

4.11.5 Tyre Marking

Once technical inspection has issued your tyre marking stickers it then becomes the responsibility of the rider/team to apply stickers as per instructions provided. Tyre stickers will be checked at random throughout the round at the discretion of the Series Chief Technical Officer.

The penalty for using an unmarked or non-homologated tyre in qualifying will be loss of the qualifying session's times. The penalty for using an unmarked or non-homologated tyre in a race will be exclusion from the results of the race.

Tyre Stickers are the responsibility of the rider and or team. If the tyre sticker is not attached correctly, are lost, stolen or damaged the penalties listed above will apply. Machines are inspected for tyre stickers after qualifying and racing.

4.11.6 Wet Tyre Usage

For the purposes of ASBK a wet tyre is defined as a tyre with a tread block of 35mm or less on either dimension. Competitors may use wet tyres in any race and qualifying sessions without penalty.

Competitors will not be permitted to delay the start of a warm-up lap or race by changing tyres unless the Race Director/Clerk of Course declares the race wet after the sighting lap has commenced.

If a race or qualifying session is declared wet by the Race Director/Clerk of Course then competitors can change to wet tyres without penalty. These need not have stickers applied.

If the Race Director/Clerk of Course declares a race wet after the sighting lap has commenced there will be a minimum delay of 5 minutes for competitors to change tyres.

If a competitor chooses to use dry tyres when the Race Director/Clerk of Course has declared the track wet the tyres must come from the marked or allocated quota of tyres for that competitor.

4.11.7 Tyre Changes in Race Stoppages

Tyres may not be changed during a race stoppage where the Race Director/Clerk of Course has not declared the race wet. The penalty imposed if a tyre is changed during a stoppage that is not declared wet, will be exclusion from the restart.

Competitors who approach the Series Chief Technical Officer with a request to change their tyre for reasons of safety during a race stoppage that is not declared wet, and are granted permission will be required to restart from the rear of the grid, if changing to a previously unmarked tyre.

No penalty will be applied if changing to a previously marked tyre.

4.11.8 Restriction on Tyres

In Superbike events, where there is a restriction on the number of tyres used, hand cut slicks will be deemed to be slicks.

4.12 Change of Tyres

4.12.1 Prior to Race

A marked tyre may be changed for an unmarked tyre prior to the start of a race (this does not include a restarted or new race) for safety reasons. Prior to changing a tyre, permission must be obtained from the Series Chief Technical Officer.

4.12.2 With Permission

Provided the times achieved in a qualifying session are within the 112% cut-off, if a tyre is changed, with permission from the Series Chief Technical Officer before or during any of the qualifying sessions or before a race, the competitor will lose that qualifying session's times, and/or start all races from the rear of the field, except for a Tyre Defect, information below.

4.12.3 Without Permission

Provided the times achieved in a qualifying session are within the 112% cut-off, if a change of tyre is not permitted by the Series Chief Technical Officer and the competitor elects to change the tyre with another approved tyre, the competitor may be given permission to start their next race and subsequent races that tyre is used in from the rear of the field.

At the conclusion of this race and any subsequent races the competitor will have 30 seconds added to his overall race times. Poor tyre choice by a rider is not a safety issue and is not a sufficient reason to change tyres.

4.12.4 Tyre Defect

Where a tyre defect renders a tyre unsafe or unusable, this must be verified via the appropriate form by a tyre distributers' representative as a manufacturing defect. All tyre defect provisions are subject to the approval of the Series Chief Technical Officer. A change of tyre may then be permitted without penalty. This provision does not apply to a well-worn tyre.

In the case of a replacement tyre, the replacement must be of the same brand, size and compound as the marked tyre and must have a signed and dated form completed by the tyre manufacturer with the defect described. The form will be available in the Race Secretary's office.

4.12.5 Used Tyres

Used bike tyres cannot be left in Pit Boxes or in the paddock area. Any rider found to have left tyres in the Pit Boxes or in the paddock area will be invoiced for their disposal cost.

4.13 Fuel

Fuel for all machines, unless otherwise specified:

- Must be Unleaded fuel available on demand from a Bowser at five separate Service Stations in any five Australian States or Territories, and
 - i) No more than 100 RON,
 - ii) Contain no additives other than those added at the point of manufacture except for lubricating oils for 2-Stroke machines
 - iii) Be readily available in Australia and.
 - iv) Comply with the "Fuel Quality Standards Act 2000"
- MA homologated fuel is not allowed.
- Ethanol fuel blends are not permitted.

4.14 Fuel Load Requirements

All competitors are required to carry sufficient fuel for additional restarts or red flags on top of the race distance fuel load for each race.

4.15 Fuel Storage, Availability & Disposal

For safety reasons the maximum amount of fuel to be stored in any garage is 60 litres.

Details of fuel availability for the circuit will be outlined in the Final Instructions of each round.

No waste of any kind is to enter the stormwater drains in the paddock area. There are designated marked drums in the paddock area that are provided for waste oil and other fluid waste. Fuel waste disposal drums are not for used bike parts, tyres, oil filters etc.

4.16 Eligibility General

- **4.16.1** No person may participate in an Australian Championship unless and until that person's protective clothing/equipment and machine have been examined and approved by the Scrutineer for that event.
- **4.16.2** At scrutineering, competitors must produce documents or other evidence as required to verify engine and frame identity.
- **4.16.3** The onus of proving that a competitor, and the competitor's machine and protective clothing/equipment, are eligible to compete, is on the person seeking to prove it.
- **4.16.4** Where any Rule prohibits the modification of any machine or class of machines, that machine or that class will be deemed to have been modified if any part or parts thereof have been altered from the machine or class as manufactured by the machine manufacturer.
- **4.16.5** In the interpretation of any Rule relating to the design requirements for any machine or class of machines, reference may be made to relevant diagrams appearing in these Rules.

4.17 General Rules

4.17.1 Homologation

For any competition, MA may require that any machine, or any part of a machine, including tyres, be homologated. For homologation details contact MA.

4.17.2 Cameras

Cameras may be fitted to the motorcycle provided they are securely mounted. Camera mounts are subject to approval by the Series Chief Technical Officer. Helmet cameras are not permitted unless the camera is integrated into the helmet, by design of the manufacturer.

4.18 Protective Clothing and Helmets

No competitor may practice, start or compete in any Road Racing competition unless wearing the protective clothing and equipment as outlined in Appendix A: Protective Clothing and Equipment of the MoMS.

4.19 Machine and Rider Identification

4.19.1 Number Plates

- **4.19.1.1** For Road Racing a minimum of two allocated numbers and number plates are required:
 - a) A minimum of one on the front, either in the centre of the fairing or slightly off to one side,
 - b) One across the top of the rear seat section with the top of the number facing toward the rider.
 - c) One on each side of the fairing or on the lower rear portion of the lower fairing.
- **4.19.1.2** Number plates must:
 - a) Where they are not an integral part of the machine or streamlining and are under 1.6mm thickness, have rolled or wire edges,
 - b) In the case of rectangular plates, have corners formed to a 38mm radius,
 - c) In the case of bolt-on number plates, be made of rigid material with minimum dimensions of 235mm height and 285mm width; and
 - d) In the case of sidecars, be positioned so that they are visible from the front and each side of the sidecar
- **4.19.1.3** Front number plates must have figures which are clearly visible at a distance of 20 metres and a solid 10mm border.

4.19.1.4 If used, side number plates must:

a) Be placed on the fairing flanks in a position where they are not obscured by the rider's legs, or in the mid to rear section of the lower fairing (belly pan),

- b) Be fitted so that the front edge of the plate is behind a vertical line drawn at 200mm to the rear of the rider's footrest, on unfaired machines be located behind the rider in a position where they are not obscured by a seated rider and do not present a safety hazard,
- c) These numbers must be

Minimum height: 120mm
Minimum width: 70mm
Minimum stroke: 20mm
Minimum space: 10mm

- **4.19.1.5** Number backgrounds on side number plates may be an integral part of the rear seat section or fairing.
- 4.19.1.6 Advertising is permitted on all machines but must be at least 25mm clear of the number plate background and the riders' name by either gap or a contrasting color strip, unless the advertising is an integral part of the back plate cover.
- **4.19.1.7** Additional color combinations may be used, at the discretion of the Relevant Controlling Body.
- **4.19.1.8** Australian Superbikes may use any contrasting color on side number plates providing they are legible at 20 metres.
- 4.19.2 Front Number Plate Figures
- 4.19.2.1 Unless otherwise specified in Final Instructions, Road Race discipline front number figures must be Arial Rounded MT Bold font or one of the fonts outlined in the GCR's; in all fonts used the serif on number '1' may be shortened or removed but not extended.
- **4.19.2.2** Figures must be clearly legible, the minimum being:

Dimension Measurement (mm)

Height: 140mm

Width of each figure: 75mmSpace between 2 figures: 25mm

• Space between figures and edge of number panel: 12mm

4.20 Measurement at Events

- **4.20.1** Race Direction, a Steward, the Series Chief Technical Officer or a Clerk of Course of an event may direct the measurement of the capacity of the engine of any machine, to be carried out at the conclusion of the event. Until the measurement is completed the machine must remain under the control of the Relevant Controlling Body.
- **4.20.2** If an engine is measured at the request of a rider or entrant, that rider or entrant is liable for the cost of the measurement.
- **4.20.3** All machines must have provision for the placement of sealing wire.
- **4.20.4** An entrant may request that the entrant's machine be measured and sealed before the event. As soon as practicable after receiving the request the Measurer for the event must measure and seal the machine. Any machine examined under this sub-rule may, on application by the entrant, at the discretion of the Measurer, be exempted from further examination at the event.
- **4.20.5** The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placed machines must be impounded for a period of 30 minutes immediately following the event, pending any protest, the event result will be provisional;
 - a. At the conclusion of that period, if no protest is received, the result will be final,
 - b. If the machines are to be ridden in another event within that period, they must be sealed before being returned to the competitor for that event,
 - c. If no protest is received within that period, the seals may be removed.
- **4.20.6** Any machine sealed as the result of a protest may only be measured by a Measurer. All Measurer's reports, together with the seals, must be delivered to MA within 21 days after the event.
- **4.20.7** No prize monies may be paid until Measurer's reports and seals are received or the expiration of 21 days whichever occurs first.

4.21 Technical Regulations

4.21.1 Sound Emissions

Sound testing must be carried out as per Appendix C of the MoMS: Sound Emissions and Fuel.

Static Sound Testing Procedure (if required)

- a) With the microphone placed at 50 cm from the end of the exhaust pipe at an angle of 45° measured from the centerline of the exhaust end and at the height of the exhaust pipe, at least 20 cm above the ground. If this is not possible, the measurement can be taken at 45° upwards.
- b) During a sound test, motorcycles not equipped with a gear-box neutral must be placed on a stand.
- c) With the engine running out of gear, engine RPM will be increased until the required RPM for the machine is reached. This is when the sound measurement must be taken.
- d) The RPM depends upon the mean piston speed corresponding to the stroke of the engine.

The RPM will be given by the relationship:

$$N = 30,000 \times cm$$

When: N = prescribed RPM of engine

cm = fixed mean piston speed in m/s

I = stroke in mm

e) Due to the similarity of the piston stroke in different engine configurations within the capacity classes, the sound test will be conducted at a fixed RPM. For reference only, the mean piston speed at which the sound test is conducted is calculated at 11 m/sec

| Capacity | 2 cylinders | 3 cylinders | 4 cylinders |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 600cc | 5,500 RPM | 6,500 RPM | 7,000 RPM |
| 750cc | 5,500 RPM | 6,000 RPM | 7,000 RPM |
| Over 750cc | 5,000 RPM | 5,000 RPM | 5,500 RPM |

- f) The maximum sound level for engines with more than one cylinder will be measured on each exhaust end.
- g) Where government regulations or planning orders exist in relation to lower sound emissions or where a Venue has lower sound emission requirements as part of the hire contract, the sound emission required will prevail.

4.21.2 Engines - Reciprocating Engines

The formula for calculation of capacities and classes:

Cubic capacity =
$$(D2 \times 3.1416 \times C \times N)$$

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Where: D = Bore in centimeters

C = Stroke in centimeters

N = Number of cylinders

4.22 Frames and Parts

4.22.1 General

- 4.22.1.1 The use of titanium in the construction of the frame, the front forks, the handlebars, the swinging arm, the swinging arm spindles and the wheel spindles, is forbidden unless OEM. The use of light alloys for wheel spindles is also forbidden unless OEM. The use of titanium alloy nuts and bolts is allowed
- **4.22.1.2** Radiator and Oil Cooler protection guards may be fitted providing there is no modification to the radiators, Oil Cooler or bodywork.

- **4.22.1.3** Frame protection devices may be added providing they do not protrude more than 80mm from the bodywork and are no more than 80mm in diameter.
- 4.22.1.4 All lateral covers/engine cases containing oil and which could be in contact with the ground during a crash, must be protected by a second cover made from composite materials, type carbon or Kevlar, or be fitted with heavy duty crash resistant end cases made from solid metal. Plates and/or bars from aluminum or steel are also permitted. All these devices must be designed to be resistant against sudden shocks and must be fixed properly and securely. Bonding alone is not a suitable method of mounting.
- **4.22.1.5** GPS and or Infra-red lap timers may be fitted.
- **4.22.1.6** GPS lap timers that are also capable of collecting data from the existing OEM sensors in their original position for the make and model of machine may be fitted unless stipulated otherwise in any class regulations.
- **4.22.1.7** A lanyard operated ignition cut-out switch, operating on the primary circuit, may be fitted.
- **4.22.1.8** Key start ignition barrels and associated cables may be removed.
- **4.22.1.9** Plugs or caps which, if removed, permit the discharge of any lubricating, cooling or hydraulic fluids, must be wire-locked or otherwise secured in the tightened position in a manner approved by the Scrutineer.
- **4.22.1.10** Unless prohibited by individual class rules, the use of aftermarket hardware is permitted for the following purposes.
 - h) Engine Plugs (ie; Oil filler plugs, Oil Dip Sticks, Crankcase inspection plugs)
 - i) Bolts required to be predrilled for lock wiring
 - j) Wheel Spacers
 - k) Axel Adjuster Blocks
 - I) Rear Wheel Huggers
 - m) Subframes can be replaced with commercially available aftermarket replacements which are manufactured of the same material and that allow for all components to be located within same area as OEM. Relocation of any component originally housed within the subframe is prohibited.
 - n) Replica tank covers or tank covers with a molded rear tank pad are permitted at the discretion of the Chief Technical Officer.
- **4.22.1.11** Where flexible oil lines other than those supplied as standard equipment by the original machine manufacturer are used, they must incorporate high pressure hose secured by high pressure connections. Worm drive hose clamps may not be used.
- **4.22.1.12** All engine, gearbox, fuel and radiator breather hoses and tubes, including the radiator overflow bottle vent must;
 - a) Exhaust into the airbox to the rear of the intakes. The lower airbox breather tube must be blocked, or
 - b) Exhaust into an oil catch tank with a minimum volume of 300mm which must be emptied prior to each Event.
- **4.22.1.13** 4-stroke motorcycles must be equipped with an oil catch tank or sealed airbox:
 - a) With a minimum volume of 300cc,
 - b) Which is to be emptied after each event.
- **4.22.1.14** The only liquid coolants permitted are water and non-glycol coolants. Glycol and coolants manufactured with glycol are not allowed
- **4.22.1.15** Lubricating, cooling and hydraulic fluid levels must be maintained within manufacturers' specifications.
- **4.22.1.16** With the exception of production-based machines without a lower fairing which have Australian Design Rule compliance, all machines, including sidecars, must be fitted with an integral lower fairing dam or separate catch tray, which must be constructed to trap and hold engine oil and/or coolant:
 - a) For 4-stroke machines, a capacity of at least 3 litres,
 - b) 2-stroke machines, a capacity of at least 2.5 litres,
 - c) All air-cooled machines with lower fairing dams/fluid catchment areas are to hold a capacity of fluid greater than or equal to the oil capacity of the engine unit,

d) With no less than two holes, each of 25mm, which may only be opened in wet race conditions.

4.22.2 Streamlining

- **4.22.2.1** All streamlining fitted to motorcycles or sidecars must be free of any sharp edges on exposed extremities.
- **4.22.2.2** For fiberglass construction, edges must be rounded to their own thickness but need not be wired.
- **4.22.2.3** All forward streamlining attached to solo machines must have a minimum of three attachment points:
 - At least one supporting the forward section of the shell, and
 - One on each side supporting the rear portion of the shell.
- **4.22.2.4** Identification plates must have corners and edges smoothed.
- **4.22.2.5** Streamlining must leave the front wheel and mudguard exposed.

4.22.3 Brakes

- **4.22.3.1** At least two efficient brakes must operate independently of each other on the front and rear wheels.
- **4.22.3.2** Motorcycles may be equipped with commercially available brake lever protection, intended to protect the handlebar brake lever(s) from being accidentally activated in the case of a collision with another Machine, unless mandated in SRs. Brake lever protection is strongly recommended.
- **4.22.3.3** Brake pad retainer pins may be replaced with aftermarket pins of similar material to OEM part with no modification to brake caliper.

4.22.4 Fuel Tanks

Fuel tanks may be constructed from any material that has been approved by the Australian Standards Association as a petrol or fuel container material.

4.22.5 Exhaust Systems

Exhaust systems must:

- Be fitted with silencers,
- Terminate at a point not more than 25mm beyond the rear extremity of the rear tyre tread.

4.22.6 Centre and Side Stands

Centre and side stands must be removed for all types of competition.

4.22.7 Footrests

Footrests must be well rounded and designed so as to ensure that no dangerous edges are created due to wear.

4.22.8 Handlebars

- **4.22.8.1** The ends of the handlebars or twist grip sleeves must be securely plugged so as to present a flush or rounded end.
- 4.22.8.2 Handlebar levers must have ball ends with a minimum diameter of 16mm
- **4.22.8.3** Throttle controls must be self-closing.

4.22.9 Kick Start Levers

Kick start levers, other than transverse, must be folding.

4.22.10 Drive Chain Protection

A chain guard must be fitted in a way to prevent trapping between the lower drive chain run and the final drive sprocket at the rear wheel. Countershaft sprocket covers may be removed.

4.22.11 Wheels and Tyres

- **4.22.11.1** Wheels constructed of carbon fibre or carbon composite are not permitted unless the manufacturer has equipped the homologated production model with this type of wheel. In this case, wheels must be pre-approved by MA.
- **4.22.11.2** Tyres must comply with the following:
 - Treads on tyres must be at least 1mm deep on any part of the tyre that comes in contact with the ground,
 - b) The tread depth indicating holes on slick tyres must be clearly visible and at least 0.5mm deep.
- **4.22.11.3** Right angle and aftermarket Schrader valves are permitted

4.22.12 Mudguards

- **4.22.12.1** Either a rear mudguard or a seat must be fitted which extends at least 20 degrees to the rear of a vertical line drawn through the rear wheel axle.
- **4.22.12.2** Mudguards must be made of a material, which is not liable to cause personal injury if deformed.

4.23 Technical Regulations: Superbike

4.23.1 Machine Eligibility

The onus of proving that a competitor, and the competitor's machine and protective clothing/equipment, are eligible to compete, is on the person seeking to prove it.

- **4.23.1.1** Subject to the required and permitted alterations set out below, Superbike machines must:
 - a) Be fitted with the Australian Design Rule (ADR) compliance plates for the particular machine.
 - b) Be eligible for registration in all States and Territories in which they compete,
 - c) Be of a make and model lawfully sold in Australia,
 - d) Be as constructed by the manufacturer,
 - e) Have an engine capacity of:
 - i) No less than 850cc and no more than 1300cc for two cylinder engines,
 - ii) No less than 750cc and no more than 1000cc for four cylinder 4-Stroke engines.
- **4.23.1.2** The range of vehicle identification numbers for each model must be provided to MA.
- 4.23.1.3 At least 20 production machines of that make and model must have been imported into Australia by the manufacturer or the Australian distributor representing that manufacturer. Machines must be approved by MA.

4.23.2 Tyres

Tyres may be homologated by MA and/or stipulated in the Final Instructions.

4.23.3 Weight

To be permitted to compete, a machine, without rider, empty of fuel, but with all other fluids at optimum levels, must weigh no less than:

- 168kg for all four cylinder machines,
- 172kg for all two cylinder machines.

A 1% tolerance at post race control will be allowed.

4.23.4 Compulsory Modifications

- **4.23.4.1** The following must be removed:
 - a) Headlamp,
 - b) Tail lamp,
 - c) Reflectors,
 - d) Horns,
 - e) Traffic indicators,
 - f) Mirrors,
 - g) Centre and side stands,
 - h) Registration plate / bracket and label holder

4.23.4.2 Any sharp edges left by the removal of the above components must be protected by a rolled edge or beading of minimum 3mm diameter.

4.23.5 Permitted Modifications

- **4.23.5.1** The following may be removed:
 - a) Passenger handholds and footrest assemblies,
 - b) Instruments and associated cables
 - c) OEM top rear chain guard and registration plate brackets,
 - d) Air injection pollution control system,
 - e) Rear fender.
 - f) Air filter element,
 - g) Steering damper
- **4.23.5.2** The Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) can be disconnected and the ABS control unit may be removed. The ABS wheel rotors and sensors may be removed.
- **4.23.5.3** Engine components can be polished, either manually or through isotropic superfinishing, in order to reduce wear.

4.23.6 Modification of OEM Parts

The following OEM parts may be modified:

- a) Engine cam wheels may be slotted or replaced to alter valve timing,
- b) Gearbox drive dogs may be undercut,
- c) Cylinder head valve seats may be re-cut,
- d) Cylinder head and cylinder block mating surfaces may be machined,

4.23.7 Permitted Additions

The following may be added:

- a) Steering damper,
- b) Ride height adjuster,
- c) Frame protective sliders,
- d) Electronic gear shifters.
- e) Data acquisition is permitted under the following conditions
 - Only the existing OEM sensors for the make and model are permitted with the only
 exception being, the addition of front and rear suspension position sensors, air fuel ratio
 and brake pressure sensors for data logging purposes only.
 - Unless authorised and approved by MA, the position and location of all OEM sensors and components must remain as OEM.
 - Fitment of any other additional sensors is prohibited
 - Telemetry devices are prohibited
 - Data available from lap timers as per 4.23.1.6
- f) Commercially available brake lever protection

4.23.8 Use of Non-OEM Parts

The following may be replaced with parts not manufactured by the manufacturer of the machine:

- a) Brake pads, linings brake hoses, and brake discs. Front and rear brake discs may be replaced with aftermarket brake discs that must fit the original OEM caliper and wheel mounting. The outermost diameter and material must remain the same as OEM for the model.
- b) Fairings, screens, rear bodywork and rear seat so as to provide for the mounting of a rear number plate, rider's seat, mudguards, air intake lids in bodywork, airbox intake tubes, tank covers and side covers, but replacements must bear a resemblance to the shape and appearance of the original.
- c) Mounting brackets for fairings and screens but the replacements must be mounted on the frame at the original mounting points.
- d) Fuel tank filler cap assembly providing there is no modification required to fuel tank.
- e) Handlebars, handlebar mounted levers, master cylinders and controls, including throttle assembly and cables.
- f) Footrests and foot controls, but the replacements must be mounted on the frame at the original mounting points
- g) Fasteners

- h) Air filter element
- i) Instruments
- j) Wiring loom, plug in fuel injection/ignition control units and the manufacturer nominated race kit ECU and/or MA approved ECU. OEM ECU may be reprogrammed.
 - Unless authorized and approved by MA, only the existing OEM sensors for the make and model are permitted
 - Unless authorized and approved by MA, the position and location of all sensors and components must remain as OEM
 - Fitment of any other additional sensors is prohibited.
- k) Spark plugs and high tension leads
- Battery, but the replacement must be capable of starting the machine pre and post-race
- m) Exhaust system
- n) Clutch plates and springs
- o) External gearing, chain and chain pitch
- p) Radiator expansion tank
- q) Head gaskets
- r) Front suspension, springs, damping parts and fork top caps may be replaced or modified, but the external appearance of the forks must not be modified or changed
- s) Rear suspension damping units (Shock Absorber) and springs

4.24 Technical Regulations: Supersport

4.24.1 Machine Eligibility

The onus of proving that a competitor, and the competitor's machine and protective clothing/equipment, are eligible to compete, is on the person seeking to prove it.

- **4.24.1.1** Subject to the required and permitted alterations set out below, Supersport machines must:
 - a) Be fitted with Australian Design Rule (ADR) compliance plates for the particular machine,
 - b) Be eligible for registration in all States and Territories in which they compete,
 - c) Be of a make and model lawfully sold in Australia,
 - d) Be as constructed by the manufacturer,
 - e) Have an engine capacity of:
 - i) No less than 400cc and no more than 600cc for four cylinder 4-Stroke engines,
 - ii) No less than 500cc and no more than 675cc for three cylinder 4_Stroke engines, and
 - iii) No less than 600cc and no more than 750cc for two cylinder 4-Stroke engines.
- **4.24.1.2** At least 20 production machines of that make and model must have been imported into Australia, by the manufacturer or the Australian distributor representing the manufacturer. Machines must be approved by MA

4.24.2 Tyres

- **4.24.2.1** Tyres may be homologated by MA and/or listed in the Final Instructions
- **4.24.2.2** Only when a race or practice has been declared "wet", the use of a special tyre, commonly known as a wet tyre, is allowed. Homologation is not required for wet tyres.

4.24.3 Weight

- **4.24.3.1** To be permitted to compete, a machine, without rider, empty of fuel, but with all other fluids at optimum levels, must weigh no less than:
 - 162kg for four cylinder 600cc,
 - 165kg for three cylinder 675cc, and
 - 165kg for two cylinder 750cc.

A 1% tolerance at post race control will be allowed.

4.24.4 Compulsory Modifications

- **4.24.4.1** The following must be removed:
 - a) Headlamp,
 - b) Tail lamp,
 - c) Reflectors,

- d) Horns,
- e) Traffic indicators,
- f) Mirrors,
- g) Centre and side stands,
- h) Registration plate / bracket and label holder
- **4.24.4.2** Any sharp edges left by the removal of these components must be protected by a rolled edge or beading of minimum 3mm diameter.

4.24.5 Permitted Modifications

- **4.24.5.1** The following may be removed:
 - a) Passenger handholds and footrest assemblies,
 - b) Instruments and associated cables,
 - c) OEM top rear chain guard and registration plate brackets.
 - d) Air injection pollution control system,
 - e) Rear fender,
 - f) Steering damper
- **4.24.5.2** The Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) can disconnected and the ABS control unit may be removed. The ABS wheel rotors and sensors may be removed.
- **4.24.5.3** Engine components can be polished, either manually or through isotropic superfinishing, in order to reduce wear.

4.24.6 Modification of OEM Parts

The following OEM parts may be modified:

- a) Gearbox drive dogs may be undercut,
- b) Cylinder head valve seats may be recut,
- c) Cylinder head and cylinder block mating surfaces may be machined,
- d) Engine cam wheels may be slotted or replaced to alter valve timing.

4.24.7 Permitted Additions

The following may be added:

- a) Steering damper,
- b) Ride height adjuster,
- c) Frame protective sliders,
- d) Electronic gear shifter.
- e) Commercially available brake lever protection.
- f) Data acquisition is permitted under the following conditions;
 - i) Only the existing OEM sensors for the make and model are permitted with the only exception being, the addition of front and rear suspension position sensors, air fuel ratio and brake pressure sensors for data logging purposes only.
 - ii) Unless authorised and approved by MA, the position and location of all OEM sensors and components must remain as OEM.
 - iii) Fitment of any other additional sensors is prohibited
 - iv) Telemetry devices are prohibited.
 - v) Data available from lap timers as per 4.23.1.6

4.24.8 Use of Non-OEM Parts

The following may be replaced with parts not manufactured by the manufacturer of the machine.

- a) Brake pads, linings, brake hoses, and brake discs. Front and rear brake discs may be replaced with aftermarket brake discs that must fit the original OEM caliper and wheel mounting. The outermost diameter and material must remain the same as OEM for the model.
- b) Fairing, screen, rear seat so as to provide for the mounting of a rear number plate, rear bodywork, Rider's seat, mudguards, tank covers, airbox intake tubes, air intake lids in bodywork and side covers, but replacements must be similar in shape and appearance as the original.
- c) Mounting brackets for fairings and screens but the replacements must be mounted on the frame at the original mounting points

- d) Handlebars, handlebar mounted levers, master cylinders and controls, including throttle assembly and cables
- e) Footrests and foot controls, but the replacements must be mounted on the frame at the original mounting points
- f) External gearing, chain and chain pitch
- g) Exhaust system
- h) Wiring Loom, plug-in fuel injection/ignition control units and the manufacturer nominated race kit ECU and/or MA approved ECU. OEM ECU may be reprogrammed.
 - Unless authorized and approved by MA, only the existing OEM sensors for the make and model are permitted
 - Unless authorized and approved by MA, the position and location of all sensors must remain as OEM
 - · Fitment of any other additional sensors is prohibited
- i) Spark plugs and high-tension leads
- j) Rear suspension damping units (Shock Absorber) and springs
- k) Clutch plates and springs
- Radiator expansion tank
- m) Battery, but the replacement must be capable of starting the machine pre and postrace
- n) Fasteners
- o) Head gasket
- p) Front suspension, springs, damping parts and fork top caps may be replaced or modified, but the external appearance of the forks must not be modified or changed
- q) Air filters and air funnels (velocity stacks). Velocity stacks must be standard
- r) Fuel tank filler cap assembly providing there is no modification required to fuel tank

4.25 Technical Regulations: Production (SSP300)

4.25.1 Machine Eligibility

The onus of proving that a competitor, and the competitor's machine and protective clothing/equipment, are eligible to compete, is on the person seeking to prove it.

- **4.25.1.1** Capacities and classes are specified in item 4.3 of these regulations.
- **4.25.1.2** Subject to the required and permitted alterations set out below, Production machines must:
 - Be fitted with Australian Design Rule (ADR) compliance plates for the particular machine,
 - Be eligible for registration in all States and Territories in which they compete,
 - Be of a make and model lawfully sold in Australia,
 - Be as constructed by the manufacturer,
 - Be approved by MA
- **4.25.1.3** At least 200 production machines of that make and model must have been imported into Australia by the manufacturer or the Australian distributor representing the manufacturer.
- **4.25.1.4** Machines approved for this class will be published at www.ma.org.au.

4.25.2 Tyres

Tyres may be homologated by MA.

4.25.3 Compulsory Modifications

The following must be removed:

- a) Head lamp
- b) Tail lamp
- c) Reflectors
- d) Horn
- e) Traffic indicators
- f) Mirrors
- g) Centre and side stands
- h) Registration plate / bracket and label holder
- i) Passenger footrests

4.25.4 Permitted Modifications

4.25.4.1 The following may be replaced or modified:

- Fairings and streamlining including screen, rear body work and seat section, mudguards, tank covers. Providing the replacements are of the same shape and appearance as the original
- b) Mounting bracket for fairing, screen and instruments, but replacements must be mounted in the original position on the frame
- c) Spark plug type
- d) External gearing and chain, but not chain pitch
- e) Brake pads, linings, brake hoses, and brake discs. Front and rear brake discs may be replaced with aftermarket brake discs that must fit the original OEM caliper and wheel mounting. The outermost diameter and material must remain the same as OEM for the model
- f) Exhaust system and mounting brackets. Titanium headers may only be used or replaced if titanium fitted as OEM
- g) Front suspension, springs, damping parts and fork top caps may be modified or replaced, but the external appearance of the forks must not be changed
- h) Rear suspension damping units and springs
- Handlebars, handlebar ends, grips and handlebar mounted levers. Handlebars may be repositioned underneath the top triple clamp
- j) The Top Triple Clamp may only be changed to a commercially available clamp to accommodate for the repositioning of the standard handlebars or Clip On handlebars, provided it is of the same offset as OEM clamp
- k) Footrests and foot controls, but the replacements must be mounted at the original mounting points
- I) Air filter element
- m) Instruments may be replaced with non-OEM parts providing the replacement instrument functions are equal to or less than OEM instrument functions
- n) Key start ignition barrel and associated cables
- o) Fuel tank filler cap assembly providing there is no modification to fuel tank required
- p) Throttle assembly and cables may be replaced.
- q) External Airbox Snorkel can be modified or removed. No modifications to the construction of the airbox are permitted.
- r) Clutch Plates and Springs

4.25.4.2 The OEM top rear chain guard may be removed.

4.25.4.3 The Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) can be disconnected and the ABS control unit may be removed. The ABS wheel rotors and sensors may be removed.

4.25.4.4 The following may be removed:

- a) Passenger handholds and footrest assemblies,
- b) Air injection pollution control system,

4.25.5 Permitted Additions

The following may be added:

- a) Steering damper
- b) Fuel injection/ignition control units that plug into the original electrical connectors with no modification to the wiring harness, except throttle position sensor **connection**, additional connections to optional sensors, inputs and modules are not permitted. Standard OEM ECU must be retained and operative.
- c) Frame protective sliders
- d) Commercially available brake lever protection.

5 Technical Appendices

Appendix A: Kawasaki Ninja 400 Technical Rules

1. Machine Eligibility

These rules and regulations apply to the Kawasaki Ninja 400 contesting the SS300 class at Club, State and National level.

2. Compulsory Modifications

The following must be removed:

- a) Head lamp
- b) Tail lamp
- c) Reflectors,
- d) Horn
- e) Traffic indicators
- f) Mirrors
- g) Centre and side stands
- h) Registration plate / bracket and label holder
- i) Passenger footrests

3. Permitted Modifications

3.1 The following may be replaced or modified

- Fairings and streamlining including screen, rear body work and seat section, mudguards, tank covers. Providing the replacements are of the same shape and appearance as the original
- b) Mounting bracket for fairing, screen and instruments, but replacements must be mounted in the original position on the frame
- c) Spark plug type
- d) External gearing and chain, but not chain pitch
- e) Brake pads, linings, brake hoses, and brake discs. Front and rear brake discs may be replaced with aftermarket brake discs that must fit the original OEM caliper and wheel mounting. The outermost diameter and material must remain the same as OEM for the model
- f) Exhaust system; a slip-on muffler is permitted, however the headers, to where the original muffler unit only joins, must remain as OEM
- g) Handlebars, handlebar ends, grips and handlebar mounted levers. Handlebars may be repositioned underneath the top triple clamp
- h) The top triple clamp may only be changed to a commercially available clamp to accommodate for the repositioning of the standard handlebars or clip on handlebars, provided it is of the same offset as OEM clamp
- i) Footrests and foot controls, but the replacements must be mounted at the original mounting points
- j) Engine and gearbox breather tubes and the radiator bottle overflow must exhaust into the air box to the rear of the intakes. The lower air box breather tubes must be blocked
- k) Instruments may be replaced with non-OEM parts providing the replacement instrument functions are equal to or less than OEM instrument function
- I) Key start ignition barrel and associated cables
- m) Fuel tank filler cap assembly providing there is no modification to fuel tank required
- n) Throttle assembly and cables may be replaced
- o) Front fork oil height and weight
- p) Front suspension, springs, damping parts and fork top caps may be modified or replaced, but the external appearance of the forks must not be changed.
- q) Rear suspension damping units and springs.
- r) Clutch Plates and Springs

3.2 The following may be removed

- a) OEM top rear chain guard,
- b) Pollution system, (Emission Control System)
- The Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) can be disconnected and the ABS control unit may be removed. The ABS wheel rotors and sensors may be removed

4. Permitted Additions

The following may be added:

- a) The standard OEM ECU must be retained and will be required to be reprogramed prior to taking part in any competition.
- b) Steering damper.
- c) Frame protective sliders,
- d) Radiator guards.
- e) Commercially available brake lever protection.

5. Compulsory Additions

5.1 Engine case protectors as per GCR's for Road Race

5.2 ECU Programming:

- a) All competitors must have their ECU reprogrammed by having the rev limiter set prior to taking part in any competition. An RPM Limit of 9650 will be applied
- b) A cost of \$200 will be incurred by competitors to have the ECU reprogrammed and this must be completed by MA. MA will mark and keep a register of all ECU's and machines that have had the reprogramming competed
- c) Competitors will be able to send their ECU to MA for the purpose of having their ECU reprogrammed. A self- addressed prepaid return parcel container and the VIN of the machine, riders name and race number must be supplied at this time
- Alternatively, this service will only be available at rounds of the Australian Superbike Championship (ASBK) if the competitor chooses to have the reprogramming completed there, however it must be completed prior to any on track activity
- e) Reprogramming will be checked at the discretion of the Chief Technical Officer or at the request of the Steward or Clerk of Course
- f) Any rider competing in the SS300 class may be requested to exchange ECUs before or between races, at the discretion of the Series Chief Technical Officer

Note: No other modification other than those listed in these rules and regulations are permitted.

These rules and regulations maybe altered from time to time by MA to ensure fair and even competition within the SS300 class.

Appendix B: R3 Cup Class and Technical Rules

1. Machine and Rider Identification

- a) Background color must be reflex blue with white numbers (this configuration will be acceptable in the Supersport 300 Class for competitors that wish to cross enter).
- b) Numbers will be allocated via the ASBK Rider Number Application.
- Series sponsor decals will be required on number plates and will be listed in the Final Instructions.
- d) Stylized numbers may be used with prior approval of MA.
- e) The following decals are mandatory for R3 cup: YMF, YMI, Yamaha, and R3. Decal kits are available from YRD (John Redding 03 9761 5871 or YRD@bigpond.com). Size and location of series decals are provided below.

2. Fuel

Fuel as per 4.14 of these technical regulations

3. Tyres

As per MA homologated tyre list for the R3 Cup Class. A maximum of four (4) tyres for all qualifying and races.

4. Machine Usage

- A competitor can only present one machine for technical inspection for the R3 Cup class.
 This machine must be used for the entire duration of the event.
- b) Where a competitor may wish to cross enter with the SS300 class and has two or more machines available, that competitor must nominate only one machine to be used to compete in the R3 Cup class for the entire event.
- c) The Series Chief Technical Officer may give permission for a spare machine to be used if the competitor's primary machine cannot be repaired safely in the available time.

5. ECU

Any rider competing in the R3 Cup may be requested to exchange ECUs before or between races, at the discretion of the Series Chief Technical Officer.

6. Engine Sealing

- a) All machines must have provision for the placement of sealing wire.
- b) A Steward of an event may direct the measurement of the capacity of the engine of any machine, to be carried out at the conclusion of the event. Until the measurement is completed the machine must remain under the control of the Series Chief Technical Officer of the event.
- c) If an engine is measured at the request of a rider or entrant, that rider or entrant is liable for the cost of the measurement.

7. R3 Cup Technical Rules

7.1 Machine Eligibility

- a) Yamaha R3 machines only
- b) All machines must be fitted with Australian Design Rule (ADR) compliance plates for the particular machine

7.2 Compulsory Modifications

The following must be removed:

- a) Head lamp
- b) Tail lamp
- c) Reflectors
- d) Horn
- e) Traffic indicators
- f) Mirrors
- g) Centre and side stands
- h) Registration plate / bracket and label holder
- i) Passenger footrest

7.3 Permitted Modifications

- 7.3.1 The following may be replaced or modified:
 - Fairings and streamlining including screen, rear body work and seat section, mudguards, tank covers. Providing the replacements are of the same shape and appearance as the original
 - b) Mounting bracket for fairing, screen and instruments, but replacements must be mounted in the original position on the frame
 - c) Spark plug type
 - d) External gearing and chain, but not chain pitch
 - e) Brake pads, linings, brake hoses, and brake discs. Front and rear brake discs may be replaced with aftermarket brake discs that must fit the original OEM caliper and wheel mounting. The outermost diameter and material must remain the same as OEM for the model
 - f) Exhaust system and mounting brackets. Titanium headers may only be used or replaced if titanium fitted as OEM
 - g) Front suspension, springs, damping parts and fork top caps may be modified or replaced, but the external appearance of the forks must not be changed
 - h) Rear suspension damping units and springs
 - i) Handlebars, handlebar ends, grips and handlebar mounted levers. Handlebars may be repositioned underneath the top triple clamp
 - j) The Top Triple Clamp may only be changed to a commercially available clamp to accommodate for the repositioning of the standard handlebars or Clip On Handlebars, provided it is of the same offset as OEM clamp
 - k) Footrests and foot controls, but the replacements must be mounted at the original mounting points.
 - I) Air filter element
 - m) Engine and gearbox breather tubes and the radiator bottle overflow must exhaust into the air box to the rear of the intakes. The lower air box breather tubes must be blocked
 - n) Instruments may be replaced with non-OEM parts providing the replacement instrument functions are equal to or less than OEM instrument functions
 - o) Key start ignition barrel and associated cables
 - p) Fuel tank filler cap assembly providing there is no modification to fuel tank required
 - g) Throttle assembly and cables may be replaced.
 - r) External Airbox Snorkel can be modified or removed. No modifications to the construction of the airbox are permitted.
 - s) Clutch Plates and Springs

7.3.2 The following may be removed:

- a) OEM top rear chain guard
- b) Pollution system
- c) The Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) can be disconnected and the ABS control unit may be removed.
- d) The ABS wheel rotors and sensors may be removed

7.4 Permitted Additions

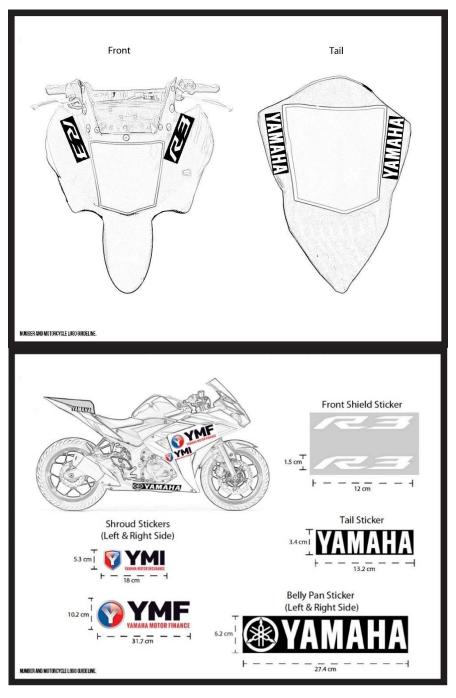
The following may be added:

- a) Fuel injection/ignition control units that plug into the original electrical connectors with no modification to the wiring harness, except throttle position sensor connection, additional connections to optional sensors, inputs and modules are not permitted. Standard OEM ECU must be retained and operative.
- b) Steering damper
- c) Frame protective sliders
- d) Radiator guards
- e) Commercially available brake lever protection.

7.5 Compulsory Additions

Engine case protectors as per GCR's for Road Race

8. R3 Cup Decal Placement



Appendix C: Superbike Masters Class and Technical Rules

1. Classes:

- P5 Formula 1 (Any Period 5 machine using a non-road based production frame *1).
- P5 Unlimited
- P6 Formula 750
- P6 Formula 1300
- *1: XR69, MotoMartin, McIntosh, Motoplast, CMR, DGR, Spondon, etc
- 2. A Current MA Logbook will be required for this event. All Rules: As per the GCRs
- 3. Competitors in the P5 classes to fit a Belly Pan capable of holding 3 litres no rain holes / plugs required (you can remove the belly pan for a wet race)
- **4.** Any P5 competitor opting not to fit a Belly Pan will be excluded from any further involvement in the event, if their machine distributes any fluids onto the race surface
- **5.** For clarification: All Period 5 machines: use of Flat Slide Carburetors, Radial Master Cylinders or 4 piston brake front calipers are not permitted. (ie: Island Classic International Specification Machines)
- 6. All 4 classes compete in the one race. Minimum number of entries is 16 in total. Refer to ASBK Competitor Information Kit for further details. (Should there become insufficient entries in this class of competition, the decision to run or cancel the class will be at the discretion of the ASBK Event Management and subject to MA approval).

6 Judicial Regulations

6.1 The Controlling Bodies

6.1.1 Administration of Rules

Subject to the provisions of the Code, the bodies with authority and responsibility for the administration of Rules regulating the conduct of competitions and recreational activity in all disciplines are as follows:

- FIM World Championships and FIM Prize Events as they are defined in the Code,
- MA:
 - o International events, other than World Championship and FIM Prize Events,
 - o Australian Championships,
 - o A Series,

6.1.2 If any such agreement or arrangement:

- Includes the FIM, and
- Is for the conduct of an event which includes both International and National events, where relevant, these Rules will apply to the National events conducted at the event, but in all other respects the FIM Rules will apply and be binding on all participants.

6.1.3 Rules not Covered in These Regulations:

For rules not covered by these regulations the MoMS and MA Policies will apply.

6.2 ASBK Event Management

- **6.2.1** The management of the event will be carried out by the Event Management Committee which will comprise the following delegates:
 - The Promoter (in this case MA)
 - The ASBK Safety Officer
 - The Race Director
 - The Race Secretary

6.2.2 The duties of the members of the Event Management Committee are:

- To ensure the smooth and efficient running of the event.
- To receive reports from the various Officials concerning scrutineering, practice and races.
- To make recommendations to the Promoter to improve the smooth and efficient running of the event.
- To make recommendations concerning any organizational matter that is in contradiction to the MA's protocols or the Regulations.
- To meet at any time required during the event, but at least:
 - o Prior to the first practice session.
 - o At the end of each event day.
- The quorum for a meeting of the Event Management Committee is three persons. All of the members have one vote. Decisions are based on a simple majority. In the case of a tie, then the Race Director will exercise a casting vote.
- The Race Director may invite the participation of Officials or other persons to report in the meetings.
- The MA Stewards may also attend these meetings but have no voting rights.

6.3 Race Direction

6.3.1 The Race Direction will comprise the following persons:

- The ASBK Race Director (who shall chair the meetings)
- The Clerk of Course
- The ASBK Safety Officer

6.3.2 The duties of the Race Direction are:

- To take decisions as provided in the Regulations.
- To oversee operational matters to ensure the safe, efficient, and timely running of the event according to the ASBK Sporting Regulations.
- To make changes in the conduct and/or format of a race and/or a practice session based on safety considerations, provided that such decision is absolutely necessary to resolve a situation not foreseen in the ASBK Sporting Regulations. In such exceptional cases, such decision may prevail over specific provisions of the ASBK Sporting Regulations.
- Provided that it is absolutely necessary to resolve a situation not foreseen in the Regulations, the Race Direction may issue pre-race instructions or clarifications and in specific cases even create pre-race regulations (eg: to take into account the local conditions at a particular circuit). However, such actions may only be taken within the limits set out by the ASBK Sporting Regulations.

6.3.3 And via the Clerk of Course:

- · To make determinations as provided in the Regulations
- To impose penalties for any infringements of the regulations

6.3.4 Race Direction meetings:

- The Race Direction will meet at any time required during the event.
- The quorum for a meeting of the Race Direction is two persons.
- Each member has one vote. Decisions are based on a simple majority. In case of a tie, the Race Director has a casting vote.

6.4 MA ASBK Stewards Jury

6.4.1 The Jury will comprise of the following persons:

- MA/ASBK series Steward
- A Steward appointment by rotation and approved by MA

6.4.2 The Jury has no executive role in the running of the event, except to:

- Provide clarification in the interpretation and application of regulations
- Review and evaluate evidence to assist in identifying possible breaches of the regulations
- Conduct hearings for the purpose of adjudicating protests
- Assist the Race Director in evaluating the circuit prior to on track activities
- Assist the Race Director and ASBK Safety Officer in evaluating any circuit Protective Devices before on track activities commence and after they have been damaged.
- Provide a competition report to MA

The series Steward will be considered the senior Steward and has overriding authority when making collective decisions.

6.5 Officials

6.5.1 Powers and Authorities of Officials

In the administration of these Rules, the powers and authorities of the Championship are exercisable by and through officials.

For these purposes, MA, in consultation with ASBK Event Management, will approve the appointment of any one or more of the following officials:

- Race Director
- Clerks of Course
- Stewards
- Race Secretaries
- Chief Medical Officer
- Technical Officials
- Starters

To conduct the championship any one or more of the following operational officials may be required:

- Time keepers and Scorers
- Track Marshals
- Flag Marshals
- Pit Lane Marshals
- Paddock Marshals

6.5.2 ASBK Officials

Series Officials will be appointed by ASBK Event Management to perform supervisory and executive roles and must be present at each event to ensure the smooth and efficient running of the Series.

- All Series officials shall be appointed for the Championship by MA.
- Except in cases of illness or Force Majeure the officials will be expected to be present at every round of the event.

6.5.3 Race Director

A Race Director is responsible for:

- Maintaining continuity and uniformity in the application of the regulations over the entire series
- Ensuring proper observance of the regulations
- The efficient running of the practice, qualifying and races
- All communications between Race Direction and the ASBK Stewards Panel
- Ensuring that all series officials are carrying out their duties fully and effectively and acting according to their roles

A Race Director may:

- Amend any series SR if, in the opinion of the Race Director, exceptional circumstances arise requiring amendments
- · Amend the Series program
- · Institute any prosecution for any offence committed during an event
- Do any act, publish any document and make any declaration, not inconsistent with these Rules, which is necessary for the fair and proper conduct of the series

The Race Director shall have overriding authority in the following matters:

- The control of practices, qualifying and races, including modifying the program,
- The stopping of any race or session
- Starting procedure

The Clerk of the Course may give orders in respect of the previous matters, only with the express agreement of the Race Director

6.5.4 Clerk of the Course

The Clerk of the Course shall work in permanent consultation with the Race Director. Subject to the control and direction of the Race Director of the event, the Clerk of Course is responsible for:

- The conduct of the event
- Ensuring that the circuit is suitably prepared for and maintained during the event
- Ensuring that all operational officials are carrying out their duties fully and effectively and acting according to their roles
- Ensuring that all relevant services are in place
- · Receiving and reviewing any protest and conveying it to the Steward
- Impose on a competitor or entrant any penalty of exclusion or relegation or any time or points penalty or fine as provided for under these Rules
- · Stop any event
- Exclude any competitor from any competition for any reason provided for in these Rules
- Exclude from any event any machine which the Clerk of Course considers to be dangerous.
- Order any event to be re-started or re-run
- At the Race Director or Senior Stewards request and direction, acquire and collate any or all information from any operational official and present it to the Race Director or Steward.
- Do any act, publish any document and make any declaration, not inconsistent with these Rules, which is necessary for the fair and proper conduct of the event

6.5.5 Deputy Clerk of Course

The Deputy Clerk of the Course, of which there may be more than one, shall work in permanent consultation with the Race Director and Clerk of Course. Subject to the control and direction of the Race Director and/or Clerk of Course of the event, the Deputy Clerk of Course is responsible for:

- Coordinating daily inspections to ensure that the circuit is suitably prepared for and maintained during the event
- Attending any incidents that cause race stoppages and making reports from the scene as well as coordinating any activities required to ensure the circuit is fit for purpose to continue the event
- Investigating any incident or possible breach of the regulations
- The administration and delivery of any Clerk of Course determinations
- Ensuring that all operational officials are acting according to their roles
- Acting in the capacity of the Clerk of Course if or when the Clerk of Course is unavailable or indisposed
- To act as Deputy Clerk of Course, the Deputy must hold a current MA L4 RR Clerk of Course official accreditation/licence or, if graded L3 or less, may only act in an Assistant Clerk of Course capacity while recording participation experience

6.5.6 MA Stewards

With the appointment of a Race Director to the Series, Motorcycling Australia will appoint one or more Stewards for any round of the championship to form an MA ASBK Stewards Jury. The Jury has no executive role in the running of the event, except to:

- Provide clarification in the interpretation and application of regulations
- Review and evaluate evidence to assist in identifying possible breaches of the regulations
- Conduct hearings for the purpose of adjudicating protests
- Assist the Race Director in evaluating the circuit prior to on track activities
- Assist the Race Director and ASBK Safety Officer in evaluating any circuit Protective Devices before on track activities commence and after they have been damaged

A Steward may:

- Hear and determine any protest
- Institute, hear and determine any prosecution for any offence committed during the event and impose any penalty or penalties under these Rules
- Order any competitor to submit to a medical examination to determine if the competitor is fit to participate in the event
- Order the administration of any fuel, drug, or other test
- Impose on a competitor or entrant any penalty of relegation time or points penalty, exclusion, fine or suspension as provided for in these Rules
- Order any machine, which the Steward considers does not comply with these Rules or the relevant SR, to be impounded at the end of the event and detained under the control or direction of the Steward for such period as may reasonably be necessary for it to be examined
- Do any act, publish any document and make any declaration, not inconsistent with these Rules, which is necessary or the fair and proper conduct of the event
- Refer any matter to the RCB

The Steward will, as soon as possible, and no more than five days after the conclusion of an event, complete and deliver to MA a Competition report in the prescribed form which must include:

- A copy of the program
- The results of the event including a record of any determinations or penalties that may have affected the results
- Total number of competitors
- A plan of the venue or record showing the location and number of falls where:
 - o a competitor received medical treatment
 - o and/or the competitor is transported to hospital
- The number of competitors transported to hospital including details of suspected injuries
- A record of all determinations written and description of penalties imposed
- A record of fines and/or fees collected
- The number of officials on duty at the event

Protest Fees and Fines are to be collected by the Steward and paid to MA.

If more than one Steward is appointed, those Stewards may collectively or individually exercise the powers set out in these Rules.

The series Steward will be considered the senior Steward and has overriding authority when making collective decisions.

One Steward, acting as the "Senior" Steward, must hold a current MA officials licence with MA L4 RR Steward accreditation.

A second Steward, acting as Deputy Steward, may hold a current MA L4 RR Steward official accreditation/licence or, if graded L3 or less, may be acting in an Assistant Steward capacity while recording participation experience.

6.5.7 Chief Technical Officer

Responsible for ensuring that technical Regulations are correctly enforced and supervising scrutineering and protests of a technical nature.

6.5.8 Chief Medical Officer

Responsible for liaison with the Race Director and/or Safety Officer to ensure compliance with the MA Medical Code and to deliver an effective medical plan.

6.5.9 ASBK Safety Officer

Responsible for the supervision of all aspects of safety.

6.5.10 Race Secretary

Responsible for the organization and administration of an event and for those purposes:

- Must comply with the instructions of the Race Direction and the Senior Steward
- May publish notices and documents as directed
- May ensure that operational officials are informed of their functions and duties and properly equipped
- Must provide the Steward with a copy of any sign on sheets, Medical or Officials reports, the program and the results of all events conducted

6.5.11 Starter

Responsible for the management and implementation of the start procedure.

6.5.12 Chief Pit Lane

Is responsible for the following:

- Control and direct Pit Lane and Grid Officials on instructions from the Clerk of the Course.
- Work closely with Race Control while working through the event schedule and at all times remain conversant with the progress of the event.
- · Responsible for the control of all activity on and around Pit Lane and Grid.
- · Open and close Pit Lane on instruction from Race Control
- Check credentials of team personnel and officials accessing Pit Lane and Grid area
- · Control lights and signals at Pit Entry/Exit
- · Co-operate with Starter in presentation and control of grids.
- Supervise personnel to ensure correct protocol followed on Grid at Race Start and during stoppages.
- On instruction from Race Control, supervise clearance of personnel from Grid prior to race start.
- Keep Pit Lane, Pit Exit and Pit Entry clear of unnecessary persons or vehicles.
- Responsible for the supervision of officials within your team and in particular close supervision of first-time and less experienced officials
- Complete an Officials' Event Evaluation Form and submit to Race Secretary
- · Any other duties as required

6.5.13 Operational Officials

Will be engaged on a round by round basis. In carrying out their duties, operational officials must:

- At the beginning of the event report to the Clerk of the Course or the person nominated as responsible for a specific team for instructions
- Only use apparatus authorised under these Rules
- Provide the Clerk of Course with reports as required
- Comply with the directions and instructions of the Clerk of Course and/or Race Direction
- Carry out their functions to the best of their abilities and in accordance with these Rules

6.6 Offences and Penalties

6.6.1 List of Offences

Any promoter, club, licensee, rider, member or support person, who:

- Breaches any of these Rules, Policies or any Supplementary Regulations, Final or Riders briefing instructions
- b) Acts in a manner which is prejudicial to the sport or breaches the MA Code of Conduct
- c) Behaves in an offensive or abusive manner toward any competitor or any official exercising authority under these Rules
- d) Bribes or attempts to bribe, directly or indirectly, any competitor, Controlling Body, appellate body or official exercising authority under these Rules
- e) Offers, receives or offers to receive, directly or indirectly, any bribe in respect of the exercise of any authority under these Rules
- f) Enters, or attempts to enter, any ineligible person, body or machine in any competition or recreational activity
- g) Acts in a reckless or dangerous manner while participating
- h) Disobeys the lawful direction, order or requirement of any Controlling Body, appellate body, inspector or official under these Rules
- Obstructs or misleads any official in the exercise of any of the powers and duties conferred on that official by these Rules
- i) Assaults any participant or spectator or any official exercising authority under these Rules,
- k) Without reasonable cause, fails to participate in a competition for which entrant fees have been paid by or on behalf of that person or body, Does any act, the direct or indirect purpose of which is to breach or cause to be breached any agreement between any Promoter, entrant, or rider in respect of any competition
- Participates in any competition for which that person or body has failed to complete an entry form or pay entrant fees
- m) Promotes, participates in, or officiates at any competition which is capable of being sanctioned by MA but which is not authorized under these Rules
- n) Uses other than the prescribed fuel in any competition
- Fails to comply with the direction of an authorised official to submit to a fuel test under these Rules
- Being an entrant causes or permits the rider entered by the entrant, or any Support person of that rider not to comply with these rules
- q) Being a competitor or participating rider where any of their Support persons fails to comply with any of these Rules
- r) Commits an offence under MA's Anti-Doping Policy
- s) Being an official who knowingly:
 - Signs a record of measurement as a personal record when it was not,
 - Assists in the promotion or conduct of any competition which is not authorised under these Rules, or
 - Fails to comply with these Rules, is liable to be penalised under these Rules.

6.6.2 Support Personnel:

Should any support person breach any rule, the entrant, rider, licensee or competitor, may in addition to the support person, be held responsible and sanctioned in accordance with these rules.

6.6.3 Juniors:

- **6.6.3.1** The Clerk of Course and/or Race Direction may penalize any junior competitor or any junior competitor competitor competition for the actions of the agents or parents of the competitor.
- **6.6.3.2** Use of the purple flag only applies to junior competitors while competing in junior classes. (ie: Oceania Junior Cup).

6.6.4 Tests for Prohibited Substances:

A person who commits an offence contrary to the MA Anti-Doping Policy or MA Safety – Drug and Alcohol Policy and Testing Policy will be sanctioned by MA in accordance with that policy. If any doubts exist over banned substances it is recommended competitors contact Sport Integrity Australia (www.sportintegrity.gov.au)

6.6.5 Investigation Prosecution and Determination of Penalties during Events

A prosecution for any alleged offence (see List of Offences) committed during the course of an ASBK event must:

- a) If instituted by the Clerk of Course, be:
 - i. Heard and determined by the Clerk of Course, or
 - ii. Referred to the Race Director, or
- b) If instituted by the Race Director be:
 - i. Heard and determined by Race Direction or
 - ii. Referred to the ASBK Steward Jury, or
- c) If instituted by the Steward, be
 - i. Heard and determined by the ASBK Steward Jury, or
 - ii. Referred to MA

In any proceeding relating to the imposition of penalties for offences committed during the course of an event:

- a) The Clerk of Course and/or Race Direction:
 - i. May act on their own initiative
 - ii. May act on such information and in such manner as they think fit having regard to the conduct for which a penalty is to be imposed
 - iii. Must, in respect of all prosecutions conduct an investigation
 - iv. Must, as soon as practicable after determining the penalty, inform the person, rider or competitor and the competitor's team of the penalty imposed, and
 - v. May not impose any fine greater than the maximum prescribed
- b) No person may be represented by a legal practitioner.

6.6.6 Imposition of Penalties during a Practice, Qualifying session or Race

In any practice or qualifying session or race conducted during the course of an event, the Clerk of Course, Race Director or Race Direction may fine, exclude, impose time penalty, remove championship points or relegate, any competitor, if:

- a) The whole or any part of that competitor's machine has left the track and thereby gained an advantage, unless such action was:
 - i. For the safety of other competitors, or
 - ii. Due to the action of other competitors,
- b) The competitor leaves the track and does not:
 - i. Continue at a reduced speed and
 - ii. Re-enter safely at the closest point possible from where they left the track
- c) The competitor has gained an advantage as a result of an unfair start,
- d) The competitor has been guilty of unfair or unsafe conduct,
- e) The competitor receives outside assistance* other than:

- i. By a relevant official at the start of an event, or
- ii. In the interests of safety
- f) The competitor's machine is dangerous
- g) The competitor's machine does not comply with the requirements of these Rules or any
- h) supplementary regulations
- The competitor has refused to submit to a medical test required by the Race Director or Steward under these Rules
- j) The competitor, or the competitor's team, has breached the refueling Rule

*For the purposes of these rules, outside assistance includes radio communication with the competitor.

For the purpose of these rules:

- a) a decision does not operate as such unless and until it is notified to the competitor affected by it or to that competitor's team, providing such notification is practicable within the context of the practice session, qualifying session or race
- a penalty imposed during an event must be notified and actioned by the Starter, Clerk of Course or Race Direction, within the context and time limits of the start and finish of the practice session, qualifying session or race

No person may protest against, or make an appeal from, a decision to impose a penalty during a practice session, qualifying session or race.

6.6.7 Penalties

In imposing any penalty, the Steward, Clerk of Course, Race Direction or the appellate body must have regard to the following principles:

- No penalty should be imposed (excepting the Imposition of a penalty during a Practice, Qualifying session or Race) unless and until the offender has been given the opportunity to make representations as to the nature and extent of the penalty
- b) In ordinary circumstances a single penalty should be imposed for a single offence
- The punishment for an offence should be commensurate with the gravity and effects of the offence.
- d) The interests of the sport are paramount
- e) The severity of penalties imposed on an individual should increase if that individual continues to commit offences against these Rules
- f) Mitigating factors put by, or on behalf of an offender, must be taken into account, as must the effects on others of the actions of the offender

The **Clerk of Course** may impose the following penalties for any offence committed under these Rules:

- a) A reprimand,
- b) A fine no greater than \$2,000,
- c) Relegation,
- d) Exclusion.
- e) Removal or ejection from the venue

The **Race Director** or **Steward** may impose the following penalties for any offence committed under these Rules:

- a) A reprimand
- b) A fine no greater than \$4,000
- c) Relegation
- d) Exclusion
- e) Suspension of no more than six (6) months
- f) Removal or ejection from the venue

The RCB - **Motorcycling Australia**, may impose the following penalties for any offence committed under these Rules:

- a) A reprimand
- b) A fine no greater than \$8,000
- c) Relegation
- d) Exclusion
- e) Suspension of no more than 24 months

An **Appellate Body** may impose the following penalties for any offence committed under these Rules:

- a) A reprimand
- b) A fine no greater than \$10,000
- c) Relegation
- d) Exclusion
- e) Suspension
- f) Disqualification

In imposing a penalty under these Rules an Appellate Body may:

- a) Fix a time for payment of any fine
- b) Suspend the operation of any penalty unconditionally or subject to terms and conditions
- c) Fix a time for the commencement of any penalty, but in the absence of such fixing, the penalty will commence from the moment of its pronouncement
- d) Impose such conditions as are in the circumstances just and expedient
- e) Require the offender to deliver any document, record, material, object, piece of equipment, machine or thing as is reasonably necessary to ensure:
 - i. That the penalty is carried into full force and effect
 - ii. That all persons or bodies affected are made aware of the penalty, and
 - iii. That any consequential orders or directions are complied with
- Make such consequential orders or directions as the appellate body considers necessary and reasonable for the full and effectual operation of the penalty

Unless otherwise ordered:

- Every decision of an appellate body will take effect from the moment of pronouncement of the penalty
- b) The operation of a decision of an appellate body will be suspended upon the lodging of a notice of appeal against the decision

6.6.8 Fines

Fines are payable to Motorcycling Australia.

- a) Any person or body having power to impose any fine under these Rules must fix a time no more than 30 days from notification within which the fine is to be paid.
- b) Motorcycling Australia may impose, as a penalty in default of payment of the fine within the fixed time, a penalty of suspension.
- c) An order for suspension of any person or body will operate throughout the period the fine is outstanding, so as to prevent that person or body from participating in any competition or recreational event.

6.6.9 Suspension and Disqualification

Any **Person** or **Body** who is the subject of:

- a) An order of exclusion, or
- b) An order for suspension or disqualification for any offence committed at, connected with, or arising from, any competition; is liable to forfeit the right to receive or retain any award, trophy or prize in respect of that competition.
- c) A Fine, may have imposed, as a penalty in default of payment of the fine within the fixed time, a penalty of suspension. An order for suspension of any person or body will operate throughout the period the fine is outstanding, so as to prevent that person or body from participating in any competition or recreational event.

An order for suspension or disqualification from competition may operate so as to prevent from participation in competition a **Machine** or **Machines** of a particular manufacturer provided that no such order may be made unless the appellate body is satisfied that the offence or offences leading to the making of the order were committed with the knowledge, or at the instigation, of the manufacturer or the manufacturer's agent.

6.6.10 Notification of Penalties

If any penalty imposed alters the result of any competition, then Motorcycling Australia must, as soon as practicable after being notified of the penalty, alter the record of that competition so as to reflect the alteration

6.7 Protests

6.7.1 Right of Protest

With the exception of a penalty Imposed during a Practice, Qualifying session or Race, any entrant or competitor may protest:

- Against a decision to reject an application by a competition licence holder to compete in any competition,
- b) Against a decision, action or determination of any official,
- Against the action or conduct of any other competitor, entrant, mechanic or crew member during the course of any event.

Any protest must:

- a) Be in writing,
- b) Be accompanied by the prescribed fee of \$100 which will be refunded if the protest is upheld, or if not must be remitted to Motorcycling Australia.
- c) Be received by the Clerk of Course and conveyed to the Stewards Jury.
- d) Comply with the following time limits:
 - i. For a protest under sub-Rules a) and b) of the previous Rule, 48 hours after being informed of the decision,
 - ii. For a protest under sub-Rule c) of the previous Rule, no more than 30 minutes after the action or conduct,

6.7.2 Protest Hearings

The MA ASBK Stewards Jury must hear and determine any protest and must notify the outcome to the protester, and any person materially affected, within a reasonable time.

The MA ASBK Stewards Jury may refer any question raised in any protest, or the protest itself, to the relevant appellate body and must:

- a) Notify such referral to the protester, and to any person materially affected by the protest
- b) Provide to the appellate body all evidence and exhibits submitted to the Steward or Jury in relation to that protest
- c) Comply with all directions and instructions of the appellate body

In hearing and determining any protest, the MA ASBK Stewards Jury may:

- a) Direct any reasonable alteration or modification to any course
- b) Alter or amend any program
- c) Overrule, vary or amend any decision or direction of an official
- d) Substitute for any decision of an official, the decision of the MA ASBK Stewards Jury with or without condition
- e) Give such directions, instructions or orders as the MA ASBK Stewards Jury thinks fit for the efficient and fair conduct of any competition
- f) Alter, vary or amend the result of, or prize for, any competition
- g) Do whatever is necessary for the proper consideration of the protest

In hearing and determining any protest, the MA ASBK Stewards Jury must apply the following principles:

- The protester and any person materially affected or likely to be so affected by the outcome of the protest must be notified of the protest and the time and place fixed for the hearing
- b) The determination of the protest must be in writing and published to the protester and any person affected by the determination
- c) The principles of natural justice must apply
- d) The protester and any person materially affected or likely to be so affected by the determination may not be represented by a legal practitioner
- e) The MA ASBK Stewards Jury is not bound by the rules of evidence and may be informed of facts in such manner as the MA ASBK Stewards Jury thinks fit
- The MA ASBK Stewards Jury must determine the protest according to equity, good conscience and the substantial merits of the case
- g) Unless otherwise ordered, every decision made by the MA ASBK Stewards Jury will take effect from the moment of pronouncement of the decision.

6.7.3 Protests - Engines

If an engine is measured for the purposes of a protest, the protesting party must submit a \$500 bond in addition to the protest fee.

- This bond will be refunded in full if the measured engine is found to be illegal
- b) If the measured engine is found to be legal the \$500 will be forfeited

6.7.4 Protests - Juniors

In addition to the previous rule regarding the "Right of Protest" item c), Juniors must comply with the following:

- a) A protest may only be made by a competitor,
- b) After completing a practice session, qualifying session or race, the competitor must indicate the intention to protest to an official prior to returning to the pits, (refer 6.6.3.2)
- c) The Clerk of Course must designate an area, to be announced at the riders' briefing and to be marked by a purple flag, where an official must be present to note any indications of protest,
- d) No discussion on the content of the protest may take place at the marked position,
- e) A competitor who indicates an intention to protest must return to the pits and present the protest to the Clerk of Course.

6.8 Appeals

6.8.1 Right to Appeal

The Right to Appeal is available to a person or body having a material interest in a decision of the MA ASBK Stewards Jury arising from a protest

6.8.2 Commencement of Appeals

Appeals must be commenced by notice of appeal which must be:

- a) In writing and signed by the appellant,
- b) Lodged with Motorcycling Australia (the relevant appellate body), and
- c) Accompanied by the prescribed filing fee of \$1000 for a National Championship series.

6.8.3 Time Limits for Appeals

The time limit for lodging a notice of appeal is 14 days after the decision has been notified to the appellant.

An appellate body may extend the time for lodging a notice of appeal if it considers that it is just and equitable so to do.

Unless otherwise directed by the appellate body, appeals must be heard and determined no more than four (4) months after lodgment of the notice of appeal.

6.8.4 Notice of Appeal

When considering lodging an appeal to the Committee. It is important to note:

- a) The Notice of Appeal must be lodged at the MA office in Melbourne.
- b) The time limit for the lodging of the Notice is 14 days from the date of the written notification of the decision being appealed.
- c) The Notice must be accompanied by the prescribed lodging fee.
- There is no particular setting out or style required, however, the Notice should specify:
 - i. The person or body whose decision is being challenged;
 - ii. The date and place of the decision;
 - iii. What the decision was;
 - iv. A short outline (preferably in point form) of why the decision is said to be wrong.

A copy of the Notice of Appeal should be posted to the person or body whose decision is being challenged.

6.8.5 Hearing Guidelines

The Judicial Committee is the National appellate tribunal of MA.

Appointed members of the Committee must be either:

- a) A practitioner of the supreme court or
- b) A person with appropriately extensive knowledge of, and experience in the sport

The Committee's President must be a practitioner of the supreme court.

The Committee sits either as a:

- a) Panel of up to three members chaired by a practitioner of the supreme court or
- b) Committee of one who must be a practitioner of the supreme court

Matters generally come before the Committee either as:

- a) Appeals from protest hearings, conducted by the MA ASBK Stewards Jury, where the event is the Australian Superbike Championship or
- b) As disputed questions on the interpretation of the GCRs

6.8.6 Conduct of Hearings

- Hearings are usually, but not always, held in Melbourne. Interstate teleconferences are used on occasions.
- Hearings are normally conducted on a mid-week evening from 1900 hours. They are scheduled, as far as is possible, as the parties' request.
- Hearings generally last 2-3 hours.
- Parties to an appeal can present their own case, may choose to be represented by a lawyer, or they may choose to be represented by a person who, though not a lawyer, is familiar with their case and who can explain it to the Committee.
- About one third of appellants have legal representation, another third had non-legal representation – and the other third presented their case themselves.
- Typically, the parties are notified in writing of the Committee's decision within 10 to 14 days of the hearing.
- Written reasons for the Committee's decision accompany the decision itself. Where the Committee sits as a panel it arrives at one decision, i.e. it does not produce a majority decision and a dissenting minority decision.
- When a hearing has concluded there can be no further communication between the parties and the Committee.
- If a party loses an appeal, any request it may make of the Committee to reconsider its decision will be ignored.
- Enquiries and requests about the scheduling of hearings should be directed to the MA office

6.9 Appellate Bodies

6.9.1 The Appointment of Appellate Bodies

Motorcycling Australia must appoint a suitably qualified person or persons as an appellate body. A person is suitably qualified if:

- a) In the case of an appellate body consisting of one member, that person is an admitted practitioner of the Supreme Court of any State or Territory of Australia, or
- b) In the case of an appellate body of three members, the chair is held by an admitted practitioner of the Supreme Court of any State or Territory of Australia and the other members have knowledge of, and experience in, any aspect of the sport.
- c) No person may sit as a member of an appellate body, hearing any appeal, if that person has an interest in the outcome of the appeal.

6.9.2 Hearings by Appellate Bodies

An appellate body must hear and determine each appeal and in so doing:

- a) Is not bound by the rules of evidence
- b) May inform itself in such manner as it thinks fit
- Must act according to equity, good conscience and the substantial merits of the case,
- d) May affirm, quash or vary the decision appealed against in such manner and subject to such conditions as it thinks fit
- e) May not impose any fine greater than that prescribed in by-laws
- f) Must publish reasons for its decision

- g) May, at its discretion, award such costs to any party as it thinks fit
- h) An appellate body may not direct that an event be re-run

6.9.3 Decisions by Appellate Bodies

Unless otherwise ordered:

- Every decision made by an appellate body will take effect from the moment of pronouncement of the decision,
- b) The operation of a decision of an appellate body will be suspended upon the lodging of a notice of appeal against the decision.