



ASBK Paddock Handbook – Round 3

COVID-Safe Championship Plan

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Introduction

Motorcycle Sport plays an important role in the Australian community contributing millions of dollars to the Australian economy, creating large numbers of jobs across the nation and plays an important part as a large community of over 300 clubs hosting nearly 5000 events; from coaching and community sport through to professional racing at national and international championship level. Australia is an important breeding ground for World Champions.

The Australian Superbike Championship (ASBK) is Motorcycling Australia's premier motorcycling racing championship conducted across Australia and is broadcast live to TV audiences nationwide and throughout the world to 25 countries.

ASBK also plays an important part to the economies of the townships of regional Australia. These host towns, communities and regional councils, all see great benefits to their tourism sector by the annual visit of the ASBK championship.

All Australian sports play a crucial role in the development of children, including their health, social skills and education. Motorcycling Australia as owner of ASBK, is a member federation (NSO) of Sport Australia and is focussed on this important area, with racing for youth competitor included in ASBK.

It is critical to the motorcycle community and industry that ASBK develop a strategy to manage the resumption of the ASBK Championship by the development of the "*Roadmap Back to ASBK*" and the creation of a COVID-Safe Championship Plan.

Ensuring our championship can be conducted in a responsible and risk averse manner, in alignment to the government regulations, in the current COVID-19 environment.

The purpose of this COVID-Safe Championship Plan (**Plan**) is to provide an overarching plan for the implementation and management of procedures by the Australian Superbike Championship (ASBK) in support Motorcycling Australia and its competitors by the resumption of the ASBK Championship.

The arrangements set out in this Plan are intended to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 among competitors, officials, administrators/volunteers, and the broader community. The Plan provides the framework to govern the general operation of the ASBK Championship, any facilities it controls, the behaviour of all personnel and participants and the monitoring and reporting of the health of attendees at racing circuit facility.



This Plan includes, but is not limited to, the conduct of sport operations and facility management effecting the ASBK Championship personnel. At all times, the Plan is subject to all regulations, guidelines and directions of government and public health authorities.

The strategy of Motorcycling Australia (MA) and ASBK has been to consult broadly with a number of expert bodies and to reference published documentation from a variety of Peak Bodies and Government Agencies including.

- Australian Government's - Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia
<https://www.pm.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/three-step-framework-covidsafe-australia.pdf>
- National Cabinet *"National Principles for Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities"*
- World Health Organisation
- Motorcycling Australia, CEO
- Motorcycling Australia, Chief Medical Officer - Dr Brent May
- ASBK Medical Team and ASBK Series Chief Medical Officer – Dr Ryan Breslin
- Federation Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM), FIM Medical Director – Dr David McManus
- The Australia Institute of Sport (AIS) – *"Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment"*
- Victorian Government, Dept Sport & Recreation – *"Professional Sport Return-To-Play Guidance Note"*
- Sport NSW – Return to Sport in NSW
- Sport Australia - "Return to Sport" strategy – *"Four elements of a safe return to sport"*
- Safe Work Australia – COVID-19 documentation
- Motorsport Australia – Return to Race
- ASBK Management Team and Motorcycling Australia senior officials
- Confederation of Australian Sport – Australian Coaching Council – COVIDSafe Sports Coach Program
- State & Territory Governments information of COVID-19
- <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-campaign-resources>

The following **COVID-safe Championship Plan** is developed to outline the control measures for further review and approval where required, and to ensure the safe resumption of the ASBK Championship across Australia working within a COVID-safe environment.



In compliance to State & Territory Government Regulations ASBK Paddock must follow these items;

1. Government Guidelines

- a. Federal, State and Territory and Local Public Health Authority Guidelines must always be followed;
- b. ASBK will **strongly** encourage the use of the Australian Government's 'COVIDSafe App' for all personnel who are accredited to attend at their events.
- c. Appointment of a COVID-19 Safety Coordinator for ASBK.

2. Good Hygiene

- a. Hand Hygiene facilities or products must be available to all events,
- b. Avoid sharing equipment or tools, and all equipment should be cleaned after use.
- c. Sharing of helmets and Rider Safety Apparel is strictly prohibited.
- d. No shared food and No group catering services.
- e. Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to be worn by medical personnel at the event,
- f. Frequently touched surfaces, work areas and equipment are to be thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis.
- g. Any communal areas must be cleaned often. Guidelines for routine environmental cleaning can be found at www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-information-about-routine-environmental-cleaning-and-disinfection-in-the-community.

3. Social Distancing

- a. Maintain social distancing measures of 1.5m between people.
- b. In accordance with the AIS principle of '*Get in, play sport and get out*', this means competitors and officials should come to the event prepared and once activities have finished, pack up and leave.
- c. Social Distancing for gatherings including officials sign on gatherings, media conferences etc. Use of technology (Zoom or Microsoft Teams) may replace these essential parts of a race meeting if needed.
- d. Limit the number of personnel attending an event to those who are essential. This includes placing restrictions on the number of competitors, officials, and support personnel that are granted access to the event, in accordance with State Government regulations or approvals.
- e. ASBK will put in place practical measures to enforce social distancing requirements, including the provision of signage and creating walkway barriers and/or markings that restrict the amount of people in any given area.
- f. Avoid unnecessary physical interaction between officials, competitors, media and other personnel. Wherever possible electronic and radio interaction will be used.
- g. Essential buildings such as Race Control, will have signage that clearly indicates the maximum number of people allowed. Within each room appropriate spacing must comply with social distancing requirements following the 1 person per 2m² rule.

4. Restriction

Under **NO** circumstances should anyone with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 attend the event or travel. This includes any,

- fever
- cough
- respiratory symptoms
- fatigue
- shortness of breath
- lack of sense of smell
- sore throat

Under **NO** circumstances should anyone attend or travel to the event if they have been,

- overseas in the previous 14 days
- in contact with someone who has been overseas in the previous 14 days
- in contact with a known COVID-19 positive case in the previous 14 days
- within the last 14 days, have been unwell (including any respiratory symptoms)

Signage and education information will be distributed to teams and other attendees. This will include symptom and testing advice, and advice not to travel or attend an event if symptomatic or has had recent close contact.

5. Monitoring

- a. A COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will be appointed to each event by ASBK whose responsibility is to ensure compliance with Government and MA requirements.
- b. The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will strongly encourage each event attendee to download the COVIDSafe App.
- c. The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator is required to maintain a complete register of event attendees and their contact details. This electronic register will be maintained and stored with Motorcycling Australia.
- d. The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will monitor for frequent updates regarding federal and state government guidelines on restrictions and testing requirements.



COVID-Safe Championship Plan

ASBK is committed to the safe and socially responsible resumption of the ASBK Championship in a COVID-19 environment. The plan accepts that health and safety of participants, officials, volunteers, and the broader community is the number one priority.

The AIS Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment outlines under which the resumption of sport can occur.

Having reviewed the Government requirements and consulted with the Chief Medical Officers (CMO) of MA, ASBK & FIM, and other key stakeholders, ASBK has developed a COVID-Safe Championship Plan for the restart of the 2021 championship in conformity with the requirements set by Government.

In the development of this COVID-Safe Championship Plan it is noteworthy that Motorcycle Racing circuits comprise a very large site area which provides event organisers with an opportunity to separate groups of people to ensure that mass gathering requirements are met in this open air environment.

Under the COVID-Safe Championship Plan –

An ASBK event will be restricted to riders, crew and official personnel only and limited to essential persons only.

Limited spectators will be permitted to attend the event under government regulations.

The paddock facility comprises of 100 separated pit garage areas. Each garage area measuring a large 21m² workspace.

ASBK will allocate riders per Garage area, a restriction of a total maximum of 5 people per garage. Signage will be displayed throughout the ASBK Paddock.



Team Travel

ASBK has approximately one hundred (150) riders and each rider will be limited to a restricted number of support personnel - crew/mechanics, creating one hundred (150) small groups of personnel for travel logistics as a “Team”.

ASBK Teams are located across Australia and each are responsible for their own travel arrangements. Some Teams will travel by air from interstate, some by road from interstate and others will live locally.

Each Team is responsible for creating an individual travel plan, incorporating its members and aims to minimise contact with other people, while conducting the COVID-Safe principles as is practical.

This travel period must adhere to the principles of a COVID-Safe environment, including but not limited to,

- a. Use of Hand Hygiene products and washing of hands
- b. No shared food
- c. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be worn where appropriate
- d. Frequently touched surfaces to be thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis.
- h. Maintain social distancing measures of 1.5m between people.

Each Team is responsible for creating an individual accommodation plan, incorporating its members, which minimises contact with other persons and is conducting in the safest COVID-Safe manner practical.

Any accommodation option must adhere to the principles of a COVID-Safe environment, including but not limited to,

- a. Frequently touched surfaces to be thoroughly cleaned on a regular basis.
- b. Use of Hand Hygiene products and washing of hands
- c. No shared food
- d. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should be worn where appropriate
- i. Maintain social distancing measures of 1.5m between people.

When attending shopping centres, supermarkets, or restaurants during the event period or whilst in transit, all Teams are encouraged to minimise interaction with other parties and minimise the time spent outside of their accommodation option. Teams must always maintain social distancing measures of 1.5m between people and adhere to the 2²m rule inside all buildings.

All Teams must approach their travel and accommodation under the principle of creating their own **Team Travel Bubble** for the period of the event, inclusive of the period of travel to and from the event.

If during the travel period of any Team, should any member of the Team become unwell or develop any COVID-19 symptoms, that team member should contact the nearest Doctor, Healthcare facility or Hospital to seek further testing and care. All other members of that Team should then immediately seek COVID-19 testing advise and self-isolate until receiving further instruction from an appropriate healthcare professional.

Under NO circumstances should any of the Team attempt to attend the racing circuit venue if they are unwell for any reason or assume that heading to the circuit Medical Centre should be an option for medical care in this situation.

Subject to State Government regulations or recommendations under the Australia Institute of Sport (AIS) – “*Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment*”. All personnel entering the racing circuit venue maybe required to undergo temperature check screening prior to approved entry to the venue.

Any competitor who are not feeling well and has potential signs of COVID-19 must withdraw from the event prior to travelling, as per ASBK Sporting Regulations 1.14.4.

Radom Temperature Screening may occur during the event and all personnel onsite must comply with screening requests.



ASBK Register of Attendees

All personnel entering the racing circuit venue will be listed in the **ASBK Register of Attendees**, including full contact details, if they have download the COVIDsafe app, and arrival and departure date. In case of contact tracing requirements, ASBK will supply this record to Wakefield Park Raceway management, an addition Motorcycling Australia post event for secure electronic storage.

Face Masks

Face Masks are recommended for your personal safety during the ASBK Round 3 – Wakefield Park and will be required in some selected setting listed below -

Face Masks must be worn when –

- When attending Pre-Event Technical Inspection by the person presenting the bike and/or rider gear for inspection
- When attending ASBK Race Secretary Office if social districting can't be maintained.
- All crew attending the ASBK Parc Ferme (riders excluded)
- All crew attending the ASBK Podium (riders excluded)
- All crew attending the Media Grid (riders excluded)
- Anytime you are unable to maintain 1.5m social distancing.



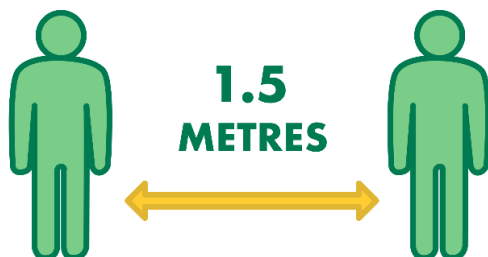
ASBK COVID-Safe Event Information

The following information details which controls would be introduced to reassure the recommencement of the ASBK Championship in a COVID-Safe environment.

- All riders and teams are strongly encouraged to download the COVIDSafe App before the event.
- <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/coronavirus-australia-app>
- All personnel onsite MUST maintain social distancing of 1.5m in all areas.
- Hand hygiene facilities/products must be available at all toilet facilities and the food outlet.
- Hand hygiene facilities/products must be available at the entry and exit point of the venue and all the administration building.
- Riders and Teams are required to bring their own hand sanitiser, wipes, etc.
- No sharing of any bikes.
- No sharing of any equipment or tools.
- Competitors should wash hands before and after each activity and avoid touching their face.
- All personnel onsite will be educated on the COVIDsafe information and requirements prior to the event via email. Signage will also be provided at the venue entry and multiple other locations at the event.



PRACTICE RIDING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING



**MAINTAIN A 1.5M
DISTANCE FROM
OTHER PEOPLE**



**WASH YOUR HANDS
OR
USE HAND SANITISER**



- Personal protective equipment (PPE), hand sanitizer and wipes, will be available for staff and volunteer officials
- Regular cleaning of frequently touched surfaces provided by venue management
- No group gatherings, once riders have finished their activities then they should pack up and leave the racing circuit venue. Following the principle of **“Get in, play and get out”**
- Prohibit non-authorized personnel from entering the venue.
- Limit the number of officials and support crew that can enter the venue.
- Food catering outlets must operate according to government guidelines on social distancing, hygiene and maximum number of services allowed in an area.
- Takeaway Food only available from food outlet. Social Distancing must be respected at the food outlet
- No shared food
- Limited spectators allowed under government regulations.
- Mark out spacing for areas where queueing needs to occur to create clear distancing between persons (1.5m). (*Supermarket principles*)



- No sharing of any rider safety apparel (helmets, gloves, boots, leather suits, etc.)



- Minimize and avoid use of indoor facilities where possible. All indoor facilities must have the maximum number people allowed in each room clearly marked with signage. The requirement of 1 person per 2m² must be adhered to.
- Buildings such as race control, media centre, medical centre etc, should have appropriate spacing of seats and signs indicating the maximum number of people allowed. The requirement of 1 person per 2m² must be adhered to.
- Competitor and officials to utilise self-printed forms where required and required to bring own pen. Pre-event education with the following materials via email and signage to be displayed at the venue.



- Podium presentations and Awards need to be in a controlled manner in accordance with government social distancing regulations of 1.5m separation. In the outdoor press conference style.
- Trophies to be displayed in the podium area and collected by athletes, and not presented by hand to hand passing or contact.
- Electronic payments only for transactions. Pre-purchase sales where possible.
- An **ASBK Register of Attendees** must detail all people who enter the venue will be collated and must include name and contact details.
- Under NO circumstances should ANYONE with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 attend the circuit. This includes any fever, respiratory symptoms, shortness of breath, sore throat, cough, lack of sense of smell or fatigue.
- Under NO circumstances should ANYONE who has been overseas in the previous 14 days or been in contact with a known COVID-19 positive person or person who has been overseas in the last 14 days, attend the circuit.
- A medical plan and process will be in place for the assessment and management of any person who becomes unwell during the event.
- If concerned, advice should be sought via the national coronavirus hotline 1800 020 080 (24/7)

ASBK Technical Inspection

- All classes (other than OJC) will be required to present their bike to Technical Inspection Bay. Only one (1) person will be allowed per bike (competitor or crew) to present the bike for inspection. **The rear stand must be provided by the team to complete ASBK Technical Inspection.**
- When in line up all teams must maintain 1.5m social distancing



- Rider Gear should be presented by the competitor or a different crew member, one person per entry are permitted to present rider gear. 1.5m social distancing applies.
- Oceania Junior Cup technical and gear inspection will take place in the OJC pit box area

Pit Wall Signalling

Strictly on two (2) personnel per team will be allowed on pit wall, and only during the session or race of their rider.

Social Distancing must be adhered to in the signalling area.

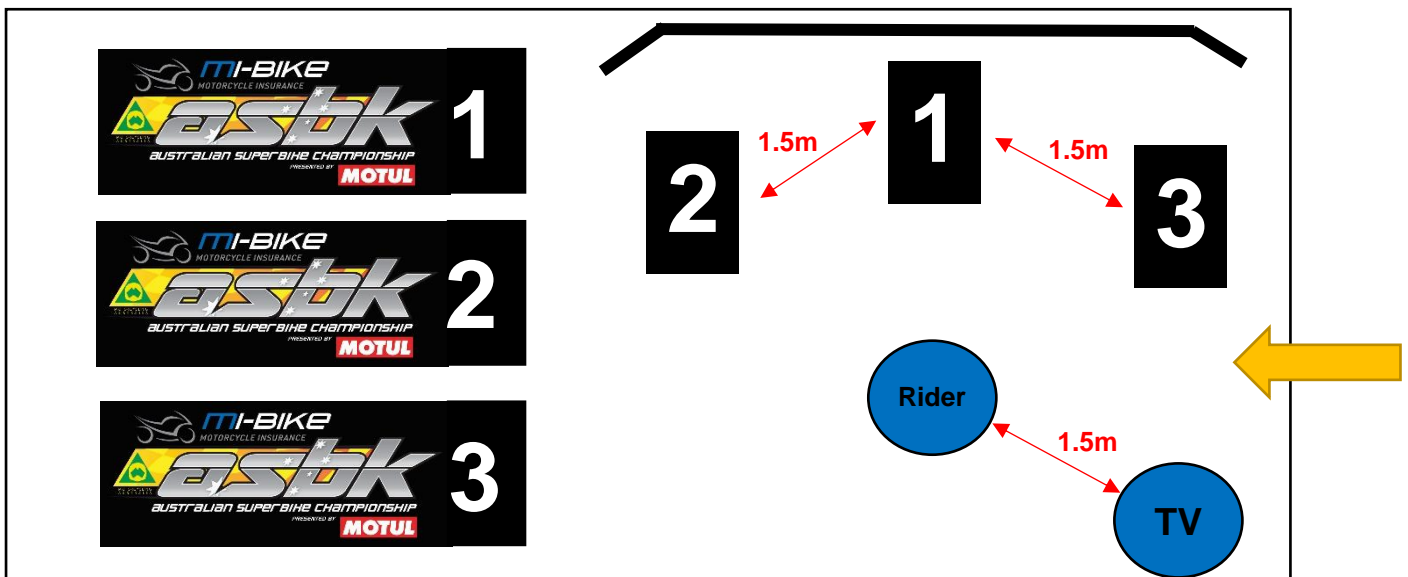
Teams must leave the signalling area when other classes are on track.



Parc Ferme and Podium Presentation

Parc Ferme and podium presentations will take place with 1.5m social distancing in place.

Top 3 riders must enter the podium area. **The rider + 2 crew member will be allowed in the podium.**



Teams are reminded that social distancing needs to be observed at the ASBK podium and hugging, handshakes or high fives are not recommended under the COVID-Safe regulations.

TV Interviews will be conducted with social distancing measures.

All allow riders must enter Parc Ferme and await further directions from the ASBK Series Officials or ASBK Technical Dept.

ASBK Media Grid Procedure

Only Superbike and Supersport Classes for Race 1 and Race 2 will have a media grid at ASBK Rounds 2 & 3.

Social Distancing rules apply during the media grids.

Media grids will be restricted to a **maximum of 4 people** per rider and media personnel only.

No media grid will apply for all other classes. All other classes will have a sighting and warm-up lap only.



The ASBK Management Team expects all members, participants, officials, administrative staff and volunteers to:

- Comply with the health directions of government and public health authorities as issued from time to time;
- Understand and act in accordance with this Plan as amended from time to time;
- Comply with any testing and precautionary measures implemented by ASBK;
- Act with honesty and integrity in regard to the state of their personal health and any potential symptoms; and
- Monitor their health and take a cautious approach to self-isolation and reporting of potential symptoms

MA and ASBK acknowledge our responsibility to promote the welfare of everyone involved in the ASBK Championship events including riders, teams, volunteer officials and wider community.

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