



Changes Afoot

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1. MNZ Competition Licences

Club Licence

Currently the Club licence can only be used for the Club in which the rider nominates, the common problem that we have heard is that it is too restrictive and should be able to be used at all Club events.

Solution:

It is proposed that the Club licence becomes a licence that can be used at all events except New Zealand or Island Championships and Street Racing. During the year should a rider so wishes they can upgrade to a full licence they can.

The cost for this licence is proposed at \$100 including GST, for all classes (Senior, Junior & Mini)

Full Licence

Currently all riders had to have a full licence if they wanted to ride outside of their nominated club, the common problem that we have heard is that why should I have a full licence when really I only do club events.

Solution:

It is proposed that the Full licence becomes a licence that is only required for New Zealand or Island Championships and Street Racing, it can also be used for Club events.

The cost for this licence is proposed at \$200 including GST for Senior & Junior and \$150 including GST for Mini.

2. Welcome Back Licence

Our records show us that we have many riders who held a MNZ Competition Licence for one or two seasons and then have not returned into the licencing system, this doesn't necessarily mean that we have lost them to the sport but it does mean that we have lost them to the MNZ system and possibly the Affiliated Clubs.

We want these riders to be back within the MNZ & Affiliated Club umbrella to be partaking in organised events.

Solution:

Note: This would be for the first year back and for a Club licence only.

It is proposed that a direct marketing advertising campaign is undertaken for riders who have been off our database for the last three years and entice them back into the sport.

We will need the help of Clubs for this.

We would like to offer them membership to a MNZ Club of their choice from a list provided to the rider free of charge (MNZ in turn would pay directly to the Club a fee of \$10). Payment would be made monthly and provided with a report of new members taking up the welcome back licence.

The cost of this licence is proposed at \$80 including GST.

3. Unlicenced Class

Currently this is not offered to Clubs, all riders must have a licence of some type ie; Full, Club or One Event.

There are riders who are interested in turning up and “having a go”, generally those who have been riding at non affiliated events or trail rides both non affiliated and MNZ affiliated.

Solution:

*Here is the opportunity for your Club to entice **new** riders into the sport. This will be a one year trial 1st July 2012 to 30th June 2013, it is not intended for those who want to partake in racing, below are the initial requirements for this class:*

- *The permit application stating that the Club wishes to hold the unlicenced class must be signed by the Secretary of the Meeting, the Clerk of the Course and the Steward to state they have read and understood the requirements.*
- *Unlicenced riders must sign an indemnity, a copy of the indemnities to be returned with the Stewards report.*
- *Unlicenced riders must have a separate riders briefing and be made aware of flag definitions.*
- *Unlicenced riders can only partake together (ie; not be combined with licenced riders including One Event Licences), but classes must be held as per the Manual of Motorcycle Sport.*
- *Unlicenced riders cannot compete for club points/trophies/prizes*
- *Unlicenced riders must have full safety gear as per the Manual of Motorcycle Sport and this must be checked by the Steward of the event.*
- *The number of events on the day should be less than the number of races for that of licenced riders.*

4. One Event Licences

Currently One Event Licences have restrictions around them, these restrictions have not changed over time and with our environment forever changing we need to make changes to accommodate our clubs and their events.

Solution:

Reduce the age of issuing a One Event Licence to fit in with our current rules; ie; for Motocross a One Event Licence can be issued to a rider aged 4 years.

Make one event licences available at NZ or Island Championships and Street Road Races for riders who have forgotten their licences, this should help take pressure of Stewards & Club Officials when riders have forgotten their licences and they know they have a licence. However, there will be a clause stating if the rider is found not to have a current licence, or any reason to deem them ineligible to ride then a fine of \$1,000 would be incurred and the incident be referred to the Board of MNZ.

It is proposed that the fee of the One Event Licence be increased to \$20.

5. One Event Licences – Free

In the past we have given to Clubs at their request free one event licences for events such as the School Motocross, the purpose of this is to encourage new riders into the sport using the rules of MNZ, encouraging them to be part of a club based system.

This has had no structure around it, and some clubs may not even be aware of the opportunities.

Solution:

MNZ will advertise twice a year (1 January & 1 July) to Clubs that they have the opportunity to apply for One Event Licences to use at Club/Community based events there will be an application form that will need to be completed. Applications would have to be on the prescribed form, and unused one event licences would need to be returned to MNZ within 10 working days of the event.

6. Practice Days

We are aware that Clubs currently are holding practice events, sometimes during week days other times in the evenings and often one day during the weekend. Clubs do not permit these events as there are un-licenced riders that wish to partake in practice days, these are not races simply riders going out and practicing.

Our concern is that affiliated clubs are holding such events and do not have the sufficient insurance cover.

Solution:

We can see the necessity of Clubs holding practice days and the benefits to our Clubs, not only by enticing new competitors but also adding to Club's revenue streams.

MNZ have negotiated with our insurers to have practice permits which you would in turn be covered for all of the MNZ insurance.

Clubs would need to apply for and be issued with a practice permit (fee would be \$50.00). The following would need to be adhered to:

- *Riders to sign indemnity*
- *Indemnities to be returned to MNZ*
- *Flag Marshals to be at all flag marshall points as per normal club day*
- *Steward & Clerk of Course to be in attendance*
- *First aid to be in attendance as per MNZ Manual of Motorcycle Sport*
- *All riders to wear correct safety apparel as per MNZ Manual of Motorcycle Sport*

7. Trail Rides

Many Clubs are holding Trail Ride events in most cases permitted, we would like Clubs to continue to hold these under a MNZ permit this giving you all of the insurances required. We know that often you are competing against other organisations that are holding Trail Rides which at times can make it difficult.

Solution:

At this stage we do not have the overall solution with regards to other entities holding Trail Rides in what could be called competition to your Club events. However, we are working on a Trail Ride marking DVD & Guidelines which will help make MNZ permitted events superior to others giving MNZ and Clubs more to market and promote in the future around safety.

The cost of the Trail Ride permit does need to increase due to the Insurance costs borne by MNZ, the new fee is proposed at \$150 including GST.

The good news is with the marking DVD & Guidelines we will have something solid to present to our insurers for future proofing.

8. Project Grants

We have many loyal clubs within MNZ and we need to continue to build the infrastructure of not only the organisation itself but we need to assist Clubs to become stronger and enhance their infrastructure.

Solution:

There are already many ways that MNZ as an organisation assists Clubs with helping to build club infrastructure eg: providing Officials training, providing workshops at the AGM, providing level 4 stewards to championship events in turn training club stewards at these events.

The Board of MNZ propose that its affiliated Clubs will be able to apply for a project grant, each year half of any profit MNZ makes will be placed into a fund entitled project grants. Clubs will then be given the opportunity to apply for a project grant.

Applications and supporting documentation will be required by the 31st March each year with the Board making their final decision on grants no later than 30th April each year. The Board decision will be final on the grants.

9. Rider Grants

Often we have riders who apply for rider grants to attend specific events, these are adhoc applications. In the past we have attempted to put all sorts of application forms in place and we still have not had the desired outcome.

Solution:

The Board have set aside \$20,000 for rider grants for the 2012 financial year. All applications for funding should come through an affiliated MNZ Club on behalf of the rider. Clubs should be the first point of call for riders, all sorts of fundraising can be undertaken by the rider and the Club after all of those avenues are exhausted the Club can then make the application on behalf of the rider (they should work together on the application), the application should include but is not limited to:

- The event/series they are attending, the nominated event must be conducted under a FIM or FMN permit.*
- The fundraising that has already been undertaken*
- A budget of the total cost to attend the event/series*
- The training and preparation that has been undertaken*
- The professional attitude in relation to the applicants behaviour and approach to racing*
- Past results*
- How the event they intend of attending fits in with their overall plan for their racing*