

On the 3rd December, 2016 the North Brisbane Club together with the Speedway Subcommittee conducted drug testing at the QLD Sidecar Championships. The tests returned 13 'non negative' results.

- 9 x Cannabinoid (THC)
- 2 x Cocaine (COC)
- 2 x Opiate

The safety testing was undertaken by Safe Work Laboratories under the [MA Safety – Drug and Alcohol Policy](#). This Policy is designed to ensure that MA complies with its legal obligations and reinforces its commitment to the safety of all participants. For the avoidance of doubt, this Policy does not replace or in any way affect the anti-doping testing that may be carried out by ASADA or by MA under the Anti-Doping Policy.

Sanctions under this policy is as follows:

a) Any person who breaches any of the provisions of clause 6 will be refused participation in the relevant Event at the Location.

b) There will be no sanction on a person under this Policy except as set out in sub-clause (a) above.

However, for the avoidance of doubt, this does not restrict or limit the possibility of sanctions or penalties under any other rule, regulation, policy, procedure of MA, a SCB, Event Organiser or other controlling body (including, but not limited to, under the procedures in the Manual or the Anti-Doping Policy).

Therefore, the riders who returned a 'non-negative' result will have:

- The result of the drug test recorded onto their member record
- Written letter to each rider confirming the 'non negative' test result and confirming that the breach will be saved against their record
- Both the letter and confirmation of the result to be referred to Motorcycling Australia

Motorcycling Queensland does not condone the use of illegal substance at our events and thank the North Brisbane Club Committee and the Speedway Subcommittee for ensuring that the riders who took part in the QLD Championships were not under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Whilst many may hold the opinion that sanctions (in addition to exclusion and forfeiture of the entry fee) are a necessity, Motorcycling Queensland is limited in its power to provide sanctions. Sanctions can be imposed only if ASADA testing is undertaken, the MA Safety– Drug and Alcohol Policy (used at this particular event) cannot impose sanctions as this conflicts with the powers of ASADA.

MA Safety – Drug and Alcohol Policy is a policy to enhance safety. It is, in no way, based on any legal or moral view of the social use of drugs. Given the purpose of the policy is to enhance safety of competitors, MQ is of the view that exclusion, forfeiture of the entry fee and noting the relevant rider's failure to return a negative test is sufficient 'penalty'. However, if a competitor who has given a non-negative sample subsequently gives another non-negative sample, then MQ will address that issue when it arises having regard to the relevant circumstances.

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