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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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These rules for the conduct of Trail Rides and similar non-competition recreational events are to be read in conjunction with the Motorcycling Australia Manual of Motorcycle Sport. Where a separate set of standards or rules exists for Trail Rides which are different from those in the Manual of Motorcycle Sport, these Trail Ride rules shall be applied.

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## 2. OFFICIALS

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Officials at Trail Rides shall be accredited under the terms of Rule 2.5 of the General Competition Rules (GCRs). Minimum standards for Trail Ride Officials are:

- Trail Boss - Minimum Level 2 MX or Enduro Clerk of Course
- Sweep Riders - Must sign on and meet the requirements set out in the Guidelines for Sweep Riders
- Track Markers - Responsible to the Trail Boss
- Ride Secretary - Minimum Level 2 Race Secretary

The positions of Steward and Clerk of Course are not required and the chief managing official's position is known as "Trail Boss". The Trail Boss shall not participate in the Trail Ride. All Trail Ride officials (including Sweep riders) must have a zero blood alcohol level prior to and during a Trail Ride. Promoting clubs must ensure that sufficient numbers of officials are provided for the safe conduct of the event. A marshal must be in attendance at the Pee Wee track at all times.

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## 3. RIDERS

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- All riders holding an annual MA licence must hold full financial membership of an affiliated club. Proof of club membership will not need to be shown at a trail ride.
- All riders must hold one of the following licences:
  - An MA National Competition Licence (Senior or Junior)
  - An MA Recreational Licence
  - An MA Single Use Recreational Activity Licence
- All riders who hold an annual MA licence are required to have satisfactorily completed a competency test, demonstrating control under hard acceleration, hard braking, low speed operation and the ability to lift their own bike unaided from the horizontal position (except Mini class). The Trail Boss may conduct competency tests for riders who wish to obtain an annual MA Recreational Licence.
- An MA Single Use Recreational Activity Licence can be issued to a rider without any requirement for club membership or competency testing
- All riders must sign an indemnity form at every event in which they participate.
- All riders must have a zero blood alcohol level during a Trail Ride.

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## 4. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

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No rider may participate in any Trail Ride unless wearing:

- An approved and correctly fitting helmet which
  - carries the Standards Association of Australia "AS1698" label; or
  - is approved under rule 70(c) of the FIM Technical Rules.
- Long trousers and a long sleeved shirt or jersey
- Wearing footwear which must:
  - be constructed of leather or other similarly durable material; and
  - be of a length which must at least overlap the trousers with the rider in a normal seated riding position on the machine.

## 5. TRACKS

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Four types of Trail Ride tracks are allowed. They are:

- (1) Pee Wee Track
  - (2) Open Trail
  - (3) Beginners Trail
  - (4) Obstacle courses (must be approved first and noted on the permit).
- Track Inspection - All tracks will be inspected by the Trail Boss prior to each Trail Ride (not necessarily on the day of). Each Trail Ride shall be conducted at a Registered Venue in accordance with the application form.
  - Flag Points - Flag Points are not mandatory for Trail Rides.
  - Track Markings - A sign explaining standard track markings shall be displayed at the entry point to the property on which a Trail Ride is to be conducted.

## 6. ENTRIES

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- Entries may be made on the day of an event.
- An entry must be made in writing and signed by the rider or their parent/legal guardian if the rider is aged below 18 years.
- An indemnity form for each event must be signed by every participant or their parent/legal guardian.

## 7. SCRUTINEERING

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- At each event all riders shall complete a Trail Ride Scrutineering Declaration for their machine which will declare that the machine is safe and functioning effectively (copy attached).
- Random scrutineering of machines may be undertaken by the organisers at any Trail Ride.
- All machines must comply with GCR 15.19 (Sound Emissions) noting a 112dB(A) limit. It is recommended that clubs purchase a noise meter to enforce this rule.
- Riders whose machines are found to be unsafe or unacceptable at a scrutineering check may be asked to repair them or to cease using the machine if satisfactory repairs cannot be made.
- The scrutineering standards for competition machines do not apply.

## 8. FIRST AID

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- QAS must be used for trail rides due to the remote location of many trail ride venues. A trail ride which is close to a hospital or ambulance station may be entitled to utilise another medical service. An alternative form of medical service must be equal to QAS and must be approved by Motorcycling Queensland.
- Any costs incurred by riders for ambulance treatment will be their own responsibility and riders (especially those from interstate) should ensure that they hold a current ambulance subscription.

## 9. GENERAL RULES

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- Trail Rides are conducted for solo motorcycles only. Officials only are permitted to ride Quads or other 3 or 4 wheeled vehicles.
- Riders with pee wee (50cc/80cc auto) machines are permitted on the Pee Wee track only. Riders of these machines are not permitted on Trails. At the discretion of the Trail Boss, novice junior riders on other machines may be directed to ride on the Pee Wee track if they are not sufficiently skilled to participate in the Trail Ride.
- Riders below the age of 16 years shall be limited to a machine capacity of 125cc (2-stroke machines) or 250cc (4-stroke machines).
- Junior and senior riders are allowed to participate together under a trail ride permit.