



## ***MQ Regulations for Trail Rides***

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1) Introduction

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, particularly Chapter 31. 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.

2) Permits

- (a) All permits for Trail Rides shall be issued as Recreational Permits.
- (b) Permit Fees - There is no prepayment of Permit Fees required.  
An MQ Rider Levy must be submitted to MQ within 14 days of the event.
- (c) An application for a Trail Ride Permit must be lodged with MQ at least 14 days before the event.
- (d) Trail Rides which include a motocross track must be negotiated individually with MQ before a permit is issued.
- (e)

3) Officials

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:

- (a) Trail Boss - Minimum Level 2 MX or Enduro Clerk of Course
- (b) Sweep Riders - Marshal (Level 0 to 4)
- (c) Track Markers - Shall be at least a Level 0 official responsible to the Clerk of Course (Trail Boss)
- (d) Gatekeeper/Ride Secretary - Minimum Level 2 Scrutineer or 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 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.

#### 4) Riders

- (a) All riders holding an annual MA Recreational licence do not need to be members of an affiliated club.
- (b) All riders must hold one of the following licences:
  - : An MA National Competition Licence (Senior or Junior)
  - : An MA Club Competition Licence (Senior or Junior)
  - : An MA Recreational Licence
  - : An MA Single Use Recreational Activity Licence
- (c) All riders who hold an annual MA Recreational Licence are required to have satisfactorily demonstrated their competency to relevant officials as per GCR 31.9.05 (c)
- (d) An MA Single Use Recreational Activity Licence can be issued to a rider without any requirement for club membership or competency testing
- (e) All riders must sign an indemnity form at every event in which they participate.
- (f) All riders must have a zero blood alcohol level during a Trail Ride.

#### 5) Protective Clothing

No rider may participate in any Trail Ride unless wearing:

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

#### 6) (a) Tracks

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

- (1) Natural Terrain Motocross Track (see Track Standards attached)
- (2) Pee Wee Track
- (3) Open Trail
- (4) Beginners Trail

#### (b) Track Inspection

All tracks will be inspected by the Trail Boss prior to each Trail Ride.

Each Trail Ride shall be conducted at a Registered Venue in accordance with the application form.

(c) Flag Points

Flag Points are not mandatory for Trail Rides.

(d) 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.

7) Entries

- (1) Entries may be made on the day of an event.
- (2) 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.
- (3) An indemnity form for each event must be signed by every participant or their parent/legal guardian.

8) Scrutineering

- (1) 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).
- (2) Random scrutineering of machines may be undertaken by the organisers at any Trail Ride.
- (3) All machines must comply with GCR 6.7 (Noise Emissions) noting a 102dB(A) limit. It is recommended that clubs purchase a noise meter and tachometer to enforce this rule.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The scrutineering standards for competition machines do not apply.

9) First Aid

- (1) First Aid facilities, appropriate for the type, size and location of the event, must be supplied by the promoting club.
- (2) 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.

10) General Rules

- (1) Trail Rides are conducted for solo and quad motorcycles only, however these classes must be run separately. Officials only are permitted to ride Quads or other 3 or 4 wheeled vehicles at solo events.
- (2) 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.

- (3) Riders below the age of 16 years shall be limited to a machine capacity of 200cc (2-stroke machines) or 250cc (4-stroke machines).
- (4) Junior and senior riders are allowed to participate together.
- (5) Promoting clubs may add to these rules as appropriate.

## **Trail Ride Scrutineering Declaration**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Licence Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ declare that my machine is safe for use  
(Name)  
in the Trail Ride to be held at the place and date noted above. I declare that the  
brakes, suspension, steering and exhaust system of my machine are working  
effectively and that it has no external oil leaks.

I acknowledge that my machine may be subjected to random scrutineering  
checks and that I may be required to repair or cease using my machine if it is  
found unsafe or unacceptable for any reason.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_