

Memo to: All Clubs and Event Promoters, all Venue Inspectors
From: Lindsay Granger
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Subject: Workplace Health and Safety Notice

IMPORTANT- EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

All clubs and promoters must now comply with new Workplace Health and Safety requirements for Marshals and trackside officials at all events.

At an incident earlier in 2010 a flag marshal was injured when struck by a motorcycle and Workplace Health and Safety now require the following conditions to be met.

- Workers and others standing on or near operational event tracks must be wearing adequate high visibility clothing.
- The location of all flag marshals at an event must be as defined in the approved track plan for that venue.
- All flag marshals' points must be provided with adequate protection, either through isolation from the vehicles on the track, physical barriers or other appropriate means. The nature and location of marshals' points must be assessed during each venue's annual inspection.

Hi-vis clothing

The first condition notes that **all marshals** (and any other officials who are likely to be working near a track) **must be wearing adequate high visibility clothing**. In order to assist clubs that do not currently have this type of clothing available, Motorcycling Queensland has placed a bulk order for 520 hi-vis vests. These vests come with the MQ logo and are available pre-printed for the following roles: Marshal, Official, Steward, Clerk of Course, Race Secretary and Media (see samples over). The vests will cost \$8 each including GST. Please notify the MQ office if your club wishes to take advantage of this offer. There is no obligation to use the MQ vests but there is a legal obligation to provide appropriate hi-vis clothing.



Flag marshals' points

The second and third conditions require all clubs and promoters to ensure that their marshals and trackside officials' positions are protected, either by being located away from the vehicles on the track or by some form of physical barrier or other appropriate means. Please ensure that all flag marshals' points comply with this requirement. Please also ensure that these points are clearly noted on your current Track Plan, and that the type and location of all flag points are assessed as part of your next track inspection.

These requirements are not included in GCRs or other MQ regulations, they are required by law. A failure to comply could result in legal charges being laid against event organisers. Compliance will benefit the sport by protecting our working volunteers at all events.

Please contact Lindsay Granger directly if you have any queries on this matter.