

# 2021 Michael Godfrey Memorial Motocross - RIDERS BRIEFING

## Greetings and Welcome.

Welcome to this event.

A huge thanks to the landowner **The Stackhouse Family**. This is a working farm so please leave it as you find it. It is a privilege to be here, please respect this and take all your rubbish home with you. Strictly no dogs or animals are to be brought onto the property under any circumstances. Thank you to our small hard working track set-up crew, who for many this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time they have stepped up dedicating numerous hours of work behind the scenes to enable this event to happen. Thanks to the motocross committee who have had to put in a lot of extra work to run this event three times. The latest being under Level 2 Covid-19 requirements. A huge thank you to all our sponsors, your support is very much appreciated. A big shout out to Cam from Holland Collision Centre, James from JCL and Dean from BCC for the use of the Bob Cats.

## Officials for The Weekend

Clerk of the Courses

**Johnny Pirika (Main Track)**

**Hayden Simpson (Mini Track)**

MNZ Stewards

**Larry Mouat & Al Smith (Main Track)**

**Gretchen Pirika & Shannon Guthrie (Mini Track)**

Club Representative

**Scott Meadows & Wayne Hefford**

COVID-19 Compliance Official

**Gretchen Pirika**

Riders Representative

**Scott Mayberry (Mini Track)**

**Shane Paget (Main Track)**

If you have any concerns, please refer these in the first instance to your Riders Representative. If you have a concern regarding the track, safety, or the operation of the racing please refer these concerns to the Clerk of Course.

## Rider Assistance – (for Minis & Juniors)

This is limited to lifting a fallen rider's machine only, and pointing it in the right direction and restarting the motorbike. No outside pushing is permitted to assist the rider. Only adults will be allowed within the track areas once practice has commenced. Fallen riders must get up themselves; parents/helpers can lift the machine but are not to lift the rider.

## Overtaking

If you are not too confident out there and hear a bike approaching from behind, do not panic. Do not move over to let them pass you, hold your line. If you are the person overtaking – it is your responsibility to do it safely with regard for your own and the safety of other competitors.

## Flags

**Yellow** – A yellow flag means SLOW down immediately, NO overtaking and NO jumping. A failure to obey a yellow flag will be treated very seriously. There is no excuse for not obeying them, they are there for your safety and all of the riders around you.

**Black** – you have a problem and need to stop.

**Red** – the race is being stopped, slow down immediately and proceed around the track slowly back to the start area and await an announcement. Do not return to the Pits unless instructed to do so.

**White** – One lap to go.

**Chequered Flag** – The race has finished. Stop racing, leave the track and return to the pits slowly.

## Starters Orders

Once you enter the start area you are under the ‘Starters’ complete control. What they say goes, this applies to gate picks, positions and start procedures.

This weekend we will be using an electronic start board on the main track and start boards on the mini track. The board will be activated once the starter signals riders on the line are ready. Check Helmet Strap will be displayed. The board will then countdown from 10 seconds to 0 (zero). This is followed by a series of red dots. The gates will not drop until after the countdown has reached 0 (zero) and the red dots appear.

## Start Area

Only the rider & one member of their pit crew are allowed in the start area at a time. Riders must wear their helmet at all times in this area. Pit crew **MUST** wear a face mask & maintain social distancing at all times. No exceptions, if this is not adhered to you will be asked to leave the start area. If you are using start blocks, it is your responsibility to remove them from the gates after your rider has left the gates. Keep an eye on the race order. Each time the gate drops the next class should immediately make their way to the start area, not before. This is to try and prevent riders/crew gathering around start area in advance.

## Track Markings

If you miss a marker and leave the track, you must re-enter safely and ensure you do not gain an advantage. NEVER ride backwards anywhere along the track.

## Exit from the Track

This will be clearly marked.

## Helmets

All riders riding motorbikes must wear a helmet. No helmet, then don't ride, walk. 1<sup>st</sup> gear at all times, slow, walkers have right of way off the track. One rider to a bike at all times.

## **Machine Examination**

It is your responsibility to turn up with a machine in sound condition, without defects. We will be carrying out basic visual inspections on the line during practice. If you are spotted with a defective item, you will be asked to pull off the start and return to the pits to have the issues sorted before you can race.

## **Protective Equipment**

It is your responsibility to ensure your gear is in proper working order and compliant at all times. We will be inspecting safety equipment on the line during practice. Please appreciate if you we point something out it is for your own safety and it needs to be sorted before you can race.

## **Body Armour**

Commercially available Motorcycle Body Protection (Armour) that MUST include back protection must be worn. Checks will be carried out on the line, & you will not be allowed to participate without this on.

## **Helmets**

You need to take your helmet/(s) along to sign in. We don't want to turn anyone away on the day, so please check in advance that your helmet meets current MNZ regulations. The Snell approval code of M2010, M2000 or M2005 can no longer be accepted. Helmet standards are found either on a label on the chin strap, a sticker inside the lining of the helmet, or on the outside rear helmet at the base. Please ensure you have the correct safety gear; regulations around Safety Gear can be found the following link at: [https://www.mnz.co.nz/docs/default-source/rules/chapter-8---safety-gear-\(off-road\).pdf?sfvrsn=2](https://www.mnz.co.nz/docs/default-source/rules/chapter-8---safety-gear-(off-road).pdf?sfvrsn=2) An example of what the Helmet Standards look like is provided at the end of these regulations.

**Note: Rule 8.2n:** 'Helmet Cameras or other accessories are not permitted to be attached to the rider's Helmet'. (This includes Camera Mounts)

## **Track Conditions**

Track conditions will likely change during the day, it is your responsibility to ride to the conditions. Please utilize the practice to familiarize yourself with the track, its features and the location of flag points. Obey the directions of all officials and medical personnel.

## **Protests**

The signalling of a protest, (rule 7.2.2 a ii), relating to rider conduct or conditions of competition during the race is done through raising of the purple flag placed at the exit of the track for Competitors who believe they have a legitimate issue on which to make a protest. This flag can only be raised by a competitor leaving the track.

As per rules 7.2.2 d & e, any other protests, other than those relating to the use of the purple flag, must be submitted within 30 minutes of the results being posted on the official results board and 30 minutes prior to end of the event.

(Please refer Chapter 7 of Manual of Motorsport for further information around Protests)

## **Protest Committee**

The Stewards of The Meeting

**Al Smith / Larry Mouat (Main Track)**

**Gretchen Pirika / Shannon Guthrie (Mini Track)**

Club Representative

**Wayne Hefford (Mini Track)**

**Scott Meadows (Main Track)**

Riders Representative

**Scott Mayberry (Mini Track)**

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## **Practice & Race Programme**

REFER SEPARATE SHEET FOR THESE DETAILS.

Race Programme and MX2 qualifying groups (if required) will be emailed to competitors & available on Timing Tech website under 'Event Information'.

In the event of a tie in the number of points at the end of an event; the final positions will be decided on the basis of the number of best results in the event (number of first places, number of second places etc.). If a further tie exists, it will be decided by the best finishing position in the last race.

## **Communication/Questions**

A loud speaker will be used to announce any updates from this briefing & for any additional information that may be required on the day.

Questions relevant to the above briefing, provided they have been asked prior to Saturday, may also be addressed.

## **Duty of Care Statement**

**It is my duty to inform you, that; "As organizers, we have made things as safe as reasonably practicable. You need to be aware that motorcycle racing can be dangerous. If for any reason you are uncomfortable with this risk or have any concerns, you need to raise them directly with one of the Senior Officials immediately after this briefing or throughout the events duration. If they cannot alleviate your concerns, you should not participate in this event."**