

**46<sup>th</sup> Southern MX Series - Written Riders Briefing**  
**(In addition to briefing at event)**  
**Hosted by Central Otago Motorcycle Club**

**Greetings and Welcome** to the 46<sup>th</sup> Southern MX Series

The club wishes to acknowledge and thank our round sponsor Omakau Ag and Earth for all their time and use of machinery. We very much appreciate your ongoing support. A huge thanks to the landowner, The **Patterson Family** for the use of their land.

The club would also like to thank Remarkable motorcycles for their on going support

As always, a massive shout out to the COMCC committee for volunteering their own time getting the track ready and event set up.

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 are to be brought onto the property under any circumstances. **No** tear offs are to be used.

**Officials for The Weekend**

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| Clerk of the Courses  | <b>Tim Guthrie (Main Track) Daniel Labes (Mini Track)</b> |
| MNZ Stewards          | <b>Brendon Stevens</b>                                    |
| Club Representative   | <b>Shelley Cornish</b>                                    |
| Riders Representative | <b>To be nominated at Riders Briefing</b>                 |

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. Fallen riders must get up themselves; parents/helpers can lift the machine but are **not** to lift the rider.

**Overtaking (rule 6.10)**

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 (rule 6.17b)**

**Yellow** – A yellow flag means SLOW down immediately, NO overtaking and NO jumping or closing the gap. 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.

**Purple** – at the track exit

**White** – One lap to go.

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

### Starters Orders (rule 6.6i)

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. 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. 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. Tear off's are not permitted. Keep an eye on the race order. Each time the gate drops the next class should be in the start area. Gate pick will go off practice lap times for the duration of the day. If you are starting in a group with a split start – ensure you line up and start with the correct class.

### Track Markings (rule 6.10a)

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 and made clear at riders briefing.

### Transponders

Mylaps transponders and brackets will be allocated at sign in for this event. Both bracket and transponder must be returned at the completion of racing. If you have your own bracket please remove this or put the hire transponder on the other fork as these will be but cut off after the last race.

### 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)

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 (rule 6.19 & chapter 8)

It is your responsibility to turn up with your machine & protective equipment in sound condition, without defects and compliant with MNZ regulations. We will be carrying out basic visual inspections on the line during practice and throughout the day. Please appreciate if we point something out it is for your own safety and the safety of others and it needs to be sorted before you can participate in any part of the competition.

### 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.

### 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.

### Penalties – Will be awarded to the Rider

Mums, Dads, Crew... if your behavior is considered unacceptable, we will penalize your rider through either a reprimand, fine \$\$, relegation or exclusion.

**Attitude & Approach** – we acknowledge that there can be a great deal of emotion on behalf of the riders and crew in some cases. If you end up in this situation remember to breath first, take a few minutes to collect your thoughts, be polite and thoughtful in your approach – we will listen to your concerns.

However we will not tolerate an aggression or abuse towards other competitors, crew or our officials, we have a zero tolerance policy, and you and your rider will be asked to leave the event.

### 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. This flag can only be raised by a competitor (or that riders representative) when 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

Steward, Club representative & Riders representative

### Practice & Race Programme

REFER SEPARATE SHEET FOR THESE DETAILS.

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. Points carried forward for each round for Series results.

### 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."**