MOTORCYCLING NSW
Utilising the RPA Product Seminar Presentation

Tuesday, 28 May 2024

This session aims to ensure that all affiliated clubs are well-informed about the current RPA Guidelines, product and its application as well as the compliance requirements.

Your participation and adherence to these guidelines are crucial for the safety, operation and future access of this product.

N.B *RPA Guidelines Updated February 2024*

RPA Guidelines: https://www.ma.org.au/ride-park-days/

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"During negotiations to renew our insurance cover that started some months ago, our insurer made it clear that although there was evidence of changes being made by some State Controlling Bodies (SCBs) to address the high-risk aspects of event management, it was also clear the focus required to deliver a nationally consistent risk profile was not progressing as required and that MA's risk profile was becoming too high for our insurer to be prepared to renew our cover"...........

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However, our insurer has placed MA on notice that unless it sees ongoing efforts to ensure that all events nationally are managed on a consistent basis and in a manner that minimizes risks to a level that our insurer deems acceptable, it may not be prepared to renew our cover next year.........

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The responsibility for ensuring that we take all necessary steps to minimise the risks associated with running events lies with us all. *This extends to all participants, officials, promoters, clubs, SCBs and MA………*

Let's make sure we all stay committed to ensuring that we don't find ourselves in the same situation next year – and act accordingly."

Introduction to RPA:

- **Purpose:** *To provide safe, accessible <u>recreational</u> riding opportunities for the public, showcasing club venues in a family-friendly environment.*
- **Club Recruitment:** *opening club facilities to non – members.*
- **Non-Competition:** *RPA is for recreational riding only, with no mass starts, timing, scoring, or awards.*

Purpose

The RPA initiative aims to provide a structured and safe environment for non-competitive motorcycling activities, promoting participation at all skill levels.

Activities Permitted Under RPA

- **Dirt Track**
- **Enduro/Off-road** *(excluding Hard Enduro and Super Enduro)*
- **Minikhana**
- **Motocross** *(excluding Supercross and Arenacross)*
- **Trials**
- **Trail Riding**

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Common Issues

- Not offering Personal Accident Insurance to Non-Licence Holders
- Substituting for practice.
- Tracks not managed to product requirements - too high level.
- Improper marketing of product
- Creating competitive riding environments
- Restricted Participant Access – (Members Only)
- Gradings Offered

Activities Not Permitted Under RPA

- Road Race/Historic Road Race
- Speedway
- Hard Enduro/Super Enduro
- Supercross/Arenacross
- No Sidecars/Three wheelers.

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Ride Park Manager

- Is responsible for overall management of the RPD including the provision of adequate first aid services appropriate to the number of riders to respond to a medical incident in a timely manner.

- Sufficient personnel to ensure the proper administration (e.g. rider sign-on) and supervision (e.g. flag marshals) of the event.

- All RPD personnel to sign the volunteer sign on sheet.

- Motorcycling Australia have identified that there are a large number of riders who ride recreationally but find it difficult to access suitable areas to ride.

- One example of why recreational riders do not ride our Motocross tracks is because of the number and difficulty of the obstacles on the tracks that require reasonably advanced bike skills to ride.

- RPDs need to provide recreational riders with tracks that suit their riding ability.

- It is essential that Park Managers clearly understand the difference between a track that is suitable for use as a practice track for competitive riders and a track that meets the requirements of an RPD track. One measure of whether a track is suitable for recreational riders might be that it it is less likely to be used for practice by an expert rider.

- Venues with multiple track layouts and have family friendly facilities are desired

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Tracks

- **MA-licenced tracks meet MA Track Standards but may need to be altered to meet these RPD track guidelines. Non MA-licenced tracks need to be approved by the MNSW.**

Notices to Public

- **All tracks must have public warning notices, example motorcycling is dangerous & no animals. Current MA public notices are acceptable, samples can be found in the Manual of Motorcycle Sport and the MA Track Standards.**

N.B Refer to Section Two – Ride Park Track Guidelines

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Track Usage

- Junior and senior riders can ride together; reckless riders may be removed.
- No mass starts, timing, or scoring allowed to maintain non-competitive status〔5†source〕.

Rider Grouping:

- Based on ability (beginner, intermediate, advanced) rather than age or bike capacity

Matched Ability

- **Ride Park Managers are responsible to manage rider groupings based on ability and speed, not rider age or bike capacity. It's important to not think of riders as junior or senior but as a beginner, intermediate or experienced rider and group them accordingly with the flexibility to move riders to other groups as the day progresses or as the Ride Park Manager deems appropriate.**

- **Medical Services:** First Aid accredited personnel in attendance at all times, plus such additional first aid services in attendance appropriate to the number of riders so as to provide a timely response to a medical incident.

- **Club Membership:** RPDs are designed to attract riders to our affiliated clubs, therefore club membership is not a condition of participation. An RPD should be seen as the opportunity to hold a well-organised, fun day to show-case your club and convince riders to join your club and take advantage of all the other events where club membership is required

Mandatory Use of RiderNet:

- All permits, entries, and payments <u>must</u> be processed through RiderNet.
- Ensures streamlined administrative processes and transaction transparency.
- Continuation of competition permitting requirements implemented from February 1, 2024

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Benefits of Using RiderNet

- **Efficiency: Facilitates efficient processes and record-keeping.**
- **Enhanced Experience: Improves the overall experience for participants and clubs**

Compulsory Personal Accident Insurance

- **Requirement: Non-MA Annual Licence holders must purchase Personal Accident Insurance.**
- **Registration Process: Insurance must be purchased at the point of entry through RiderNet.**
- **Importance: Provides protection against unforeseen accidents and injuries.**

N.B An MA Licence is not required to participate in an RPD, however MA annual licence holders receive personal accident coverage with their annual license as an added benefit.

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Insurance Compliance

- Current Status: Insurance is not yet compulsory within RiderNet.
- Interim Oversight: RPA Managers must ensure compliance and report purchases manually.
- Future Updates: MNSW will notify clubs once the platform update is complete.

Reporting Insurance Purchases

- Interim Reporting: Add a line for Personal Accident Insurance on the rider levy sheet.
- Future Integration: RiderNet will include this feature in an upcoming update.

Nominated Medical Person for Activity

- **Role Separation: RPA Manager cannot serve as the nominated medical person or any other role.**
- **Purpose: Ensures impartiality and prioritizes participant well-being.**

Completion of MA Level 1 Operational Officials Accreditation

- **Requirement: RPA Manager must hold a valid Level 1 Motorcycle Sport Officials Accreditation.**
- **Purpose: Ensures competent oversight and effective management.**
- **Accreditation: Demonstrates proficiency in relevant regulations and procedures.**

Summary of New Compulsory Requirements

- **Permits, Entries, and Payments: Processed through RiderNet.**
- **Personal Accident Insurance: Mandatory for non-MA Annual Licence holders.**
- **Medical Personnel: Clear role separation.**
- **Officials Accreditation: Mandatory for RPA Managers.**

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2. MNSW Compulsory Requirements: Download here

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