

# Supplement to Starting Out in Motorcycle Sport



Motorcycling Australia is committed to the improvement of motorcycle racing throughout Australia.

Part of this commitment includes a stringent licence testing procedure aimed to ensure the safety of all those involved with motorcycle events. This is in addition to the test alternatives contained in the General Competition Rules (GCRs).

## Licence Testing

### ***Theory Test***

The licence testing involves a theory test of 25 questions based on the "Starting Out in Motorcycle Sport" booklet distributed by MA. The pass mark is 23/25. The test is designed to test the applicant on a variety of safety, track craft and rider responsibility areas.

On passing this licence test and upon application for a competition licence, the applicant will receive a "Manual of Motorcycle Sport", which contains the GCRs. The applicant is required to read all general chapters contained in the book, together with the chapters relevant to his/her sport. This is an open-book test and can be done at your leisure and marked by a club secretary.

### ***Practical Riding Test***

The practical riding test covers basic riding skills and is designed to prove that the applicant has the ability to control a motorcycle through the use of clutch, brake, throttle and body position.

It is not designed to be a complete motorcycle training test and MA recommends riders to attend more sport specific or advanced training courses to improve their ability to handle a motorcycle in race conditions.

A MA authorised examiner conducts the practical riding test. (Your Club will provide you with the contact details of an authorised examiner)

A rider must successfully demonstrate the following:

(1) Start and stop

Objective: Start the motorcycle, engage gear and accelerate, change gears, then do an emergency stop on a signal given by the instructor.

Assessment: Clutch control/gear changing/front and rear brake control

(2) Slow ride – lanes marked out approximately 40 centimetres apart and six metres long.

Objective: Ride between markers as slowly as possible for six metres without putting feet down or crossing over the markers.

Assessment: Correct body position/clutch, throttle and brake control/balance.

(3) Figure eights

Objective: Instruct candidates to ride in decreasing figure eights without stopping or putting feet down.

Assessment: Body position/weight distribution/clutch and throttle control

After successful completion of both tests you may apply for a competition licence or purchase one-event licences. Your successful completion of the tests is valid for two years.

## Licences available

### **Senior and Junior National Licence**

Entitles the holder to compete in any authorised competition under MA's jurisdiction. Must be purchased before the event.

### **Senior and Junior Club Licence**

Entitles the holder to compete in "closed to club" and "interclub" competitions only. Must be purchased before the event.

### **Senior and Junior Speedway Licence**

Requires a more advanced testing procedure. Inquire at your state office.

### **One Event Licence**

Entitles the holder to compete in one "closed to club" or "interclub" competition. These are usually available for purchase on the day of the event from the Race Secretary.

### **Machine preparation and scrutineering**

Machine examination is to ensure rider safety and fairness. Safety is paramount as a machine that breaks down during competition has the ability to injure not only the rider but officials and spectators as well. Therefore, it is vital that all machines presented for machine examination comply with the rules regarding that facet of the sport. In addition, there are a number of rules which apply to the entire racing community.

The following may be checked on your machine at scrutineering or at an equivalent test:

- noise emissions do not exceed 95dba at 30 metres
- throttle must be self closing
- brake and clutch free play and effectiveness
- wheel and frame bearings
- chain adjustment
- no fluid leaks (oil, coolant, brake fluid)
- handlebar ends must be plugged and hand levers must be ball ended
- centre and side stand removal (except Moto Trials and Enduro machines)
- nitrous oxide and nitro methane is allowed in drag racing and speed record attempts only

### **Safety clothing**

MA strongly recommends that riders obtain the best clothing and safety equipment available. These must include a helmet carrying Australian Standard 1698 approval (or approval by FIM Technical Rules), boots, gloves, goggles/visor, back protector and the racing outfit required for the particular event. The GCRs contain a full list of machine and clothing requirements.

### **Drugs and intoxicants in sport**

Drugs, alcohol and sport do not mix. MA adheres to the policies set out by the Australian Sports Commission and to the International Olympic Committee listing of banned substances and definition of doping. Random drug and/or alcohol testing will be carried out at MA endorsed competitions. The steward of the meeting will notify the rider (s) randomly selected for testing. Some of the banned drugs include alcohol, stimulants, anabolic steroids, marijuana, diuretics, beta-blockers, narcotic analgesics, and peptide hormones and analogues. There are severe penalties for anyone found to be using these substances.

### **Protests**

MA has a system in place for the hearing of any protests or complaints. First, the protest is made in writing, accompanied by the appropriate fee. This is given to the Clerk of Course of the meeting. The protest will be heard by the Steward and must comply with the time limits described in the protest and appeals section of the GCRs.

## Test 1

Licence Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

1. All motorcycles must be fitted with ball ends on the handle bar levers and the handlebar ends must be plugged.

True                       False

2. Generally speaking, unleaded fuel must be used.

True                       False

3. There are no rules on noise levels.

True                       False

4. All throttles for all disciplines must be self-closing and have an easy action.

True                       False

5. Side and centre stands do not have to be removed for road racing, motocross or dirt track machines.

True                       False

6. A competitor is responsible for the conduct of his pit crew, manager, mechanics and parents.

True                       False

7. You do not need to produce your competition licence at scrutineering/sign-on.

True                       False

8. You are covered by insurance if you ride at an event not covered by a permit.

True                       False

9. You must have your machine scrutineered.

True                       False

10. You must attend a riders' briefing prior to practice.

True                       False

11. Parents' behaviour is not included in the code of conduct.

True                       False

12. You must be a member of a MA-affiliated club to obtain a licence.

True                       False

13. To enter a competition you need safety clothing and equipment. Mark at least four items of safety clothing and equipment from those listed below:

- |                                     |  |   |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun screen | <input type="checkbox"/> Helmet                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Back protector | <input type="checkbox"/> Boots  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirt    | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Visor          | <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses | <input type="checkbox"/> Racing outfit (protective clothing) |   |                                 |

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14. Mark at least five items that may be checked on your motorcycle at scrutineering from those listed below:

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fluid leaks                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Handlebar ends | <input type="checkbox"/> Chain adjustment         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oil                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Paintwork      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tyre pressure                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Spokes         | <input type="checkbox"/> Correct numbers          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speedometer                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Brake          | <input type="checkbox"/> Throttle                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clutch free play and effectiveness |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Wheel and Frame Bearings |

15. Who has the ultimate authority at a race meeting?

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Track Owner     | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Co-ordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steward        | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Marshal        |

16. What must you do when a red flag is waved?

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ignore it and continue racing | <input type="checkbox"/> Pull over to the track edge                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride faster                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately return to the pits with the utmost care |

17. What does a blue flag held stationary mean?

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The finish of a race | <input type="checkbox"/> The weather is fine for racing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The start of a race  | <input type="checkbox"/> You're about to be overtaken   |

18. Which types of licences can be used in order to compete at club or inter-club level?

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|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> National | <input type="checkbox"/> One event licence | <input type="checkbox"/> Club |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|

19. How long does your licence remain valid after it has been issued to you?

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> One year | <input type="checkbox"/> Ten years | <input type="checkbox"/> Three years |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|

20. Which are the three primary officials at a race meeting?

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steward          | <input type="checkbox"/> Announcer    | <input type="checkbox"/> Timekeeper      | <input type="checkbox"/> Grid girl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Secretary   | <input type="checkbox"/> Flag Marshal | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Starter   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Machine Examiner |                                       |  |                                    |

21. Which pets may I bring to an event?

- |                                   |                              |                              |                               |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Goldfish | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> Cat | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|

22. With whom is a protest to be lodged?

- |   |  |                                    |                                |
|---|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Race Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Clerk of Course | <input type="checkbox"/> Announcer | <input type="checkbox"/> Judge |
|---|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|

23. Identify three prohibited substances.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol  | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee    | <input type="checkbox"/> Aspirin           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nicotine | <input type="checkbox"/> Marijuana | <input type="checkbox"/> Anabolic Steroids |

24. How much time do you have after being called to present yourself for the start of a race?

- |   |                                      |   |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> When you are ready | <input type="checkbox"/> Two minutes | <input type="checkbox"/> When all competitors are present |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|

25. If I am under 18 years old, who must I get to sign all entry forms?

- |                                       |  |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> My neighbour | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian | <input type="checkbox"/> Club president | <input type="checkbox"/> Another rider |
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## Licence testing application part 1

This form follows your licensing progress. To apply for a competition licence, this completed booklet should be submitted to your state office with the application for competition licence form and the appropriate paperwork.

If you do not wish to apply for a competition licence at this time, you should retain the booklet with test results, which will enable you to purchase one-event licences. You will be required to present your completed test results to be eligible to purchase one-event licences.

Test results are valid for two years from the date of the later test. If you have not applied for a competition licence within the two-year period, the licensing process will need to be repeated.

Applicant Name _____
Address _____
Postcode _____ Phone _____
Email _____ Date of birth _____
Club _____
Signature _____

## Theory Test

Name of examiner _____
Examiner's signature _____
Date of examination _____ Pass mark _____ /25

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## Licence testing application part 2

Applicant Name _____
Address _____
Postcode _____ Phone _____
Email _____ Date of birth _____
Club _____
Signature _____

## Practical Test

Name of examiner _____
Examiner's signature _____
Applicant's number (if applicable) _____
Location of examination _____
Type of test conducted
<input type="checkbox"/> Solo <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Quad <input type="checkbox"/> Sidecar passenger
Date of examination _____
Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail <input type="checkbox"/>

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## Notes