**2022**

**Endurance Relay Races**

**Phillip Island**

**5th and 6th November 2022**

**ONLINE RIDERS’ BRIEFING**

**Welcome**

* There will be Riders’ Briefings on Sunday morning to ensure all competitors understand the procedures to be used during the endurance races
* This online briefing provides important information so please read it carefully
* For simplification the information is presented mainly in the form of bullet points
* Questions may be asked during the shortened morning briefing on each race day

**Key Officials**

* + - * Clerk of Course Michael Rooke
      * Steward Tony Bolin
      * Race Secretary Peter Snow

The club members who organised this event have collectively volunteered many hours of their own time, and every official is giving their time free of charge. No one is paid. Please treat the officials with respect and show your appreciation to the flag marshals

**Duty of Care**

* Motorcycle racing can be dangerous. By taking part in the meeting, you are participating in an activity that has risks. Every one of us has a part to play in managing those risks
* Your equipment may be damaged, lost or destroyed
* You may be injured or worse
* Others may ride dangerously or with a lack of skill
* The track or event conditions may be hazardous and change without warning
* By entering this meeting and signing your entry form you are acknowledging the risks. You are also acknowledging that you have read and understood the General Competition Rules (GCR), the Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions for this meeting

**Clerk of Course Responsibilities Include;**

* Ensuring appropriate medical coverage for the weekend
* Ensuring that our officials are properly briefed and equipped
* Conducting the meeting as safely as possible

**Competitor responsibilities include;**

* To read and understand the duty of care statement on your entry form and in these briefing notes
* To read and understand the GCR, Supplementary Regulations and Final Instructions.
* To read and understand the Garage and Pit Lane Rules, Safety Car Procedure and Ride-through penalty procedure
* Conducting yourself in accordance with the Manual of Motorcycle Sport
* If hospitalised in the last 7 days advising the medical team before riding today
* Adhering to instructions given by race officials
* Taking it easy on every first lap out on the circuit until you understand the track conditions
* Knowing which flag points are manned
* Knowing what each of the flags and signals mean and obeying them.

**Safety Concerns**

* If you have concerns with the venue or the operation of the meeting, you need to see the Clerk of Course
* If the Clerk of Course cannot satisfy your concerns, you will be invited to withdraw from competition at this meeting

**Communications**

* During the endurance races all communication to and from the Clerk of Course is through the Team

Managers ONLY

* Any Junior summoned for a chat must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Flags and Signals**

* First session on track Waved green flag at all manned points
* Incident Stationary yellow flag followed by a waved yellow flag followed by a waved green

flag. No overtaking between the stationary yellow flag and the waved green flag

* Serious incident Safety Car procedure will be invoked. No overtaking is allowed
* Issue with bike or rider Stationary black flag and team’s number displayed at the start/finish line
* Ride-through Penalty board and team’s number displayed at start/finish line
* Lack of Adhesion Stationary red and yellow striped flag
* Rain Waved white flag displayed at all points for 3 laps. When the flag is withdrawn riders

must the ride to the prevailing track conditions

* Race stoppage Waved red flag at all points plus full course red lights
* Race finished Waved chequered flag at the start/finish line

**2-Hour & 5-Hour Warm-up**

* 1 session each as per schedule on Sunday morning.
* Only 1 rider per team is allowed in the warm-up session at any one time & must be wearing their armband.

**Racing**

* Kick start or push start machines will be positioned at the rear of the grid
* Pit Exit will open for a short time. Miss it and you’llstart from pit lane
* 1 combined sighting / warm up lap
* Race time on digital clock is an indication only – it may not be the official race time
* The Endurance Race timetable takes precedence over the Sprint races. If necessary, the sprint races

may be shortened to ensure the endurance races commence on time.

**Race Start**

* Grid positions are marked on the pit wall. Support person needs to be in your team’s grid spot wearing

leathers, boots, helmet and gloves

* Approaching the grid exercise caution
* Kill the engine
* Park bike diagonally at your grid spot with the rear to the wall
* Support person to hold the bike
* Rider to go to the grass
* Rear foot is to be on the white line, front foot on the track surface
* Grid officials will then speak to you and tell you to not be silly
* They will then raise a red flag, lower it, hand you over to the Starter and walk off
* DON’T START RUNNING YET!!!
* When ready, the Starter will raise Australian national flag to start the race
* Rider runs to the bike, starts it, and rides away
* Support person does not assist by pushing unless bike is push-start only
* A ride-through penalty may be applied for unsafe start or unfair advantage
* REMEMBER – you can’t win the race on the start line, but you can lose it

Some riders have expressed a desire to start the race from pit lane. This is approved provided you leave

your garage at the same time as all other riders. You are to then wait at Pit Exit, **engines off** and you will be allowed to start when the entire field has passed the turn 1 flag point. If you arrive at pit exit after the race has already started you will be allowed to start, but you will then be given a ride through penalty.

**Exiting the track at any time**

* Stay left exiting at Pit Entry, signal clearly, enter pit lane, do not change your mind
* Enter the Fast Lane until near your garage, cross theSlow Lane by the most direct route at walking pace and

ride to your team’s Change Area or garage

* **All riders must return to the garages through pit lane at Pit Entry – NOT around the back of garages**
* **TURN 4 IS NOT USED TO EXIT THE TRACK AT ANY TIME**

**Race Finish**

* Last Lap board displayed at the start/finish line to the race leader at either 2 or 5 hours of elapsed

race time

* Waved chequered flagdisplayedto the race leaderon the next lap
* Leader is not to overtake back markers
* All riders then leave the circuit at Pit Entry - **NOT TURN 4**
* First 3 placegetters will be ushered to parc ferme

**Pit Lane**

* One-way only in race direction
* Enclosed footwear must be worn. No furniture, spectators or people under 16yo (unless competitors)
* Refer to “Garage and Pit Lane Rules” and “Ride-Through Procedure”
* **Fast Lane** is between the broken white line and pit wall - **Max 40kph – NO STOPPING OR STANDING**
* **Slow Lane** is the rest of pit lane bitumen surface - **walking pace only**
* **Change Area** is the concrete section in front of garages – **walking pace only**
* **Mechanical work is only permitted in the garages, not in pit lane or on the grid**
* **Refueling is only permitted inside the garage and.**
* **Engine must be switched OFF**
* **Rider must dismount BEFORE the fuel cap is removed**
* **NO smoking or naked flames anywhere within pit lane or garages**
* Only bikes, riders, team managers and mechanics are allowed in pit lane
* Signaling is to be through gaps in steel mesh safety fence along pit wall opposite your team garage
* Keep the Change Area clear when not in use

**Black Flag and Ride-through Penalties**

**Black Flag**

* Stationary black flag and your team number displayed at start/finish line
* Exit the circuit at pit entry and ride to your team’s Change Area where your team manager will

address the issue

* If it’s a mechanical issue the bike must be re-scrutineered
* You may then rejoin the race
* If it’s due to rider behaviour – rider to see Clerk of Course

**Ride-through**

* PENALTY board and your team number displayed at start/finish line
* Perform ride-through as per the procedure

You have 3 laps to respond to a black flag or penalty board. Any subsequent laps will not be counted, and further

sanctions may be applied.

**Crashes and Mechanical Breakdowns**

* Don’t stand near edge of track
* Move bike and self to wall if possible
* Keep helmet on
* DO NOT return to bike
* No other rider is to stop and assist
* If recovery arrives help them load your machine if possible
* May leave bike against the wall and get the armband back to your pits but **MUST NOT CROSS THE TRACK**
* EVERY crashed bike must be re-scrutineered before resuming racing
* EVERY rider who crashes must be cleared by Medical before resuming racing. If you crash and can make your own way back to the pits you can give the armband to your Team manager but then MUST go and see the medical staff to obtain a clearance. They will advise race control that you’ve been cleared
* If you are taken to the Medical Centre your armband will be removed and retained by medical staff. Your Team Manager may then request a replacement from the Clerk of Course. Replacement armbands will be issued by the pit exit official
* The Pit Exit official is in radio contact with Race Control. There will be a mandatory two-minute delay in issuing the armband in the interests of fair play
* The Safety Car may overtake moving recovery and medical vehicles at a reduced pace. Riders must exercise caution as they follow the Safety Car past these other moving vehicles

**Safety Car**

* For this to work we need everyone to cooperate and understand their responsibilities
* You should all read the document entitled *Safety Car Procedure*
* Make sure you fully understand the procedure
* As soon as the track’s yellow flashing Safety Car lights are activated **you MUST slow down and MUST NOT overtake.** This will enable us to get the medical vehicles on the track as soon as possible
* **Be aware that the Safety Car’s speed may vary dramatically during this exercise and that extra medical and recovery vehicles may enter and leave the circuit or stop at any time. People may be on the circuit!**
* There will be a waved yellow flag prior to the incident site - exercise extreme caution
* When you see the flashing green lights or waved green flags around the track you may recommence racing from wherever you are on the circuit

**Security**

* Please ensure you secure all valuables to prevent theft or loss

Michael Rooke

Clerk of Course