

Riders' Briefing

St. George Motorcycle Club
#SNS03 Summer Night Series – Round 5
Under Lights
MA Permit No: RR/23/O/00869

Promoter: St. George MCC Inc.
Track: Sydney Motorsport Park - Gardner GP Circuit
Date: Saturday 11th February 2023

COVID – 19

Please check the Sydney Motorsport Park website regarding conditions of entry to the facility
All persons are required to follow any current NSW COVID-19 safety protocols

Competitor Responsibilities

- You must read and understand the duty of care statement on your entry form, the supplementary regulations, and the final instructions for this event. Should you wish to review any of this information, a copy of these documents is available on the St. George MCC website at: <https://www.stgeorgemcc.com/race-events/special-events/>
- Competitors should read and understand the rules governing Road Racing. This event will be run under the General Competition Rules (GCR) as set out in MA's 2022 Manual of Motorcycle Sport, the "MoMS", which may be viewed at <https://www.ma.org.au/licences-rules/rules/general-competition-rules/>
- You must be aware of MA's Policies and in particular, MA's Electronic Communications and social media Policy and the possible consequences of breaching the policy
- You must conduct yourself in a responsible manner in accordance with the MoMS
- At all times you are responsible for your own actions and the actions of your crew
- You have a responsibility to always act safely
- You must adhere to instructions given by officials
- You must take note of where the flag marshal and signalling light points are located
- You must know what each of the flags and signalling lights mean, and must abide by them when displayed
- Track conditions may change unpredictably. At all times you must ride to the conditions of the weather and circuit

Signalling Boards

Board	Where Displayed	Meaning
"5 Minutes"	Start/Finish line and Pit Exit	Indicates 5 minutes until the opening of pit exit
"2 Minutes"	Start/Finish line and Pit Exit	Indicates 2 minutes until the opening of pit exit
"30 Seconds"	Start/Finish line and Pit Exit	Indicates 30 seconds until the opening of pit exit
"Delayed Start"	Starter's Tower	Problem on the starting grid - starting procedure is delayed
"Penalty"	Start/Finish line	Rider whose number is displayed has received a penalty
"Last Lap"	Start/Finish line	Displayed at to the lead machine (chequered flag next lap)

Signalling Flags

Colour	Mode	Meaning
Red	Waved	Race or practice stopped prematurely Competitors must slow down, must not overtake, and must slowly proceed to the pits
Yellow	Stationary	Danger, ride slowly, overtaking forbidden
	Waved	Immediate danger Slow down, prepare to stop, overtaking forbidden
Green	Waved	Course clear
Red and Yellow Stripes	Stationary	Deterioration of adhesion of the track
White	Waved	At St. George MCC events this flag is used to signify rain falling on the circuit
Black (displayed with number board)	Stationary	Competitor with number indicated on the board must stop at the pits on the next lap
Black and White Chequered	Waved	Finish of race, practice session or qualifying Displayed at the start/finish line
Blue	Not used	

Electronic Signalling Lights

- Electronic signalling lights may be used in conjunction with flags at each manned marshalling flag point and will have the same meaning as the signalling flags

Red Flags/Lights During Competition

The term “competition” covers practice, qualifying and racing

- Reduce speed and proceed with caution. **LEAVE THE CIRCUIT AT PIT ENTRY - NOT TURN 4**
- Return to your garages and await further instructions via pit announcements
- Be aware that emergency vehicles may be on the circuit
- **Remain vigilant, exercise caution and do not overtake any moving emergency vehicles or other competitors**
- **Exercise extreme caution when approaching and passing any incident scene**

Pit Lane

- Traffic is one-way in race direction
- Ride at walking pace only
- No smoking in pit lane or garages. Smoking is only permitted in those areas designated by ARDC
- Fully enclosed footwear is to be worn in pit lane
- No spectators are allowed on pit wall
- Signalling is permitted on the pit wall opposite your garage
- No pushbikes, wheelchairs, prams, furniture, or persons under 16 (unless a competitor) are permitted past the red line at the front garage front door.

Pit Exit

- Is opened with a green flag for entry to the circuit
- Is closed with a red flag
- Do not ride past a red flag - stop and follow the instructions given by the pit exit marshal

Pit Entry

- Pit entry is on riders' left on the main straight after turn 18

Tail Lights

- Your motorcycle's red tail light must be illuminated before entering the circuit for every practice/qualifying session or race

Practice/Qualifying Sessions

- Sessions are scheduled to be of 10 minutes duration (timed from pit exit open to the chequered flag)
- Pit exit will remain open
- When leaving the circuit prior to the chequered flag being displayed you must leave the circuit at **pit entry only**. Signal your intention early and clearly, and don't change your mind
- Sessions will be declared by a waved chequered flag at the start/finish line
- Practice starts are not permitted

Leaving the circuit after the qualifying session chequered flag:

- On receiving the chequered flag your qualifying session has finished
- Slow down, do not overtake, remain observant
- To remind you that your session has finished:
 - **A yellow flag will be waved at turn 3.4 on riders' right**
 - **A red flag will be waved at turn 3.7 on riders' left**
 - **An illuminated arrow on riders' right opposite turn 4 will be displayed**
- Exit the track slowly through the turn 4 gate and return to your garage at walking pace

Racing

- There will be **one** combined sighting/warm-up lap for races
- Ensure your bike has sufficient fuel for additional laps if required
- Know your grid position
- The grid for race 1 is determined from qualifying. Grids are then progressive based on the results of the previous race
- Starts will be by lights. The red lights come on, and **when the red lights go off** the race has started
- Each machine must remain stationary within its grid position until the start signal is given
- A jump start occurs when there is any movement from the machine, or the machine is not in its nominated grid position, when the field is in the starters control prior to the start signal being shown. The minimum jump start penalty will be 10 seconds added to the competitor's race time. The Clerk of Course may apply additional penalties for more serious offences
- Should the starting lights fail, the races will be started by the **raising** of the national flag in the starting tower
- **If you encounter problems on the start line:**
 - wave your arms vigorously to attract the attention of the officials and other riders
 - the yellow flags positioned along the wall on the starting grid will then be waved
 - the Delayed Start board will be displayed in the starting tower to warn all competitors
 - once your problem has been resolved the Delayed Start board and yellow flags will be removed
 - the normal race start process will then be repeated
- If starting from pit exit – wait at pit exit and follow the instructions of the marshal, who will release you at the appropriate time. Use caution when joining the race circuit as a medical vehicle will be following the field

Leaving the circuit after the chequered flag during racing:

- **This is not a ride day! The chequered flag is displayed at the start/finish line and nowhere else.**
- On receiving the chequered flag your race has finished
- Slow down, do not overtake, remain observant
- To remind you that your race has finished:
 - **A yellow flag will be waved at turn 3.4 on riders' right**
 - **A red flag will be waved at turn 3.7 on riders' left**
 - **An illuminated arrow on riders' right opposite turn 4 will be displayed**
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Other

- If you crash and are taken to hospital or are recommended by the medical team to seek further medical treatment, your licence will be suspended. To return to racing you will need a clearance from the hospital or your GP stating that "you are fit to race a motorcycle"
- Breakdowns - help yourself if possible. Move your bike to the tyre wall and get yourself to a safe area behind the wall or to a marshal's post. Do not remove your helmet until you are safely behind a barrier
- If possible, please help the recovery crew load your machine on to the trailer
- If you abandon your machine and move yourself to a barrier **do not return** to your machine
- Riders are responsible for the behaviour of their crew, family, and friends
- **DO NOT LEAVE USED TYRES IN THE GARAGES! Take them with you.**
- All riders must sign to acknowledge having read and understood these briefing notes
- Please ask for clarification of any of these details at the compulsory riders' briefing

Have a safe and enjoyable event

Michael Rooke
Clerk of Course