**Riders’ Briefing**

**St. George Motorcycle Club**

**#SNS03 Summer Night Series – Rounds 3 & 4**

**Under Lights**

**MA Permit No: RR/23/O/00868**

**Promoter: St. George MCC Inc.**

**Track: Sydney Motorsport Park - Gardner GP Circuit**

**Date: Friday 13th & Saturday 14th January 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**

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| **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**

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| **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**
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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!**
* 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