



MWA Trail Ride Guidelines

Introduction

These guidelines are for conducting organized non-competitive trail rides and similar recreation events on natural terrain tracks or enduro style loops only. A permit will be required from the State Controlling Body in which the event is taking place and the subsequent event report is to be provided to that State Controlling Body. Where Trail rides that take place on public land, trail ride participants must be holders of a civil motorcycle license issued by a state road transport licensing authority. Where private property is used the landowners, permission is required in writing prior to the issuing of any permit. These events are not designed to be hosted on MA licensed competition racing venues, and trail rides cannot be permitted on MA licensed tracks.

Officials

Officials at Trail Rides shall be accredited by Motorcycling Australia or the state controlling body. The following officials are minimum requirement for Trail Rides. Refer to the SCB guidelines accreditation requirements.

- **Trail Boss**
Is the official with ultimate authority at the event, all other officials and volunteers report to the Trail Boss. For events of 70 or less riders the trail boss can be a level 1 official. For events with more than 70 riders the Trail boss must be at a level 2 official or higher. For events with over 150 riders the trail boss must be a level 3 official or higher.
- **Sweep Rider**
The Trail Boss must be satisfied that sweep riders are qualified for the role that they are performing.
- **Ride Secretary**
Manages the pre, during and post event administration requirements. All post event paperwork should be reconciled with the relevant SCB within the timeframes noted in the SCB Guidelines. Must be at least a level 1 Race Secretary.
- Officials are permitted to ride Quads or other 4 wheeled vehicles, provided they are licensed and competent to ride the vehicle being ridden and the vehicle is appropriately registered with the relevant State / Territory transport authority and comply with the relevant State / Territory transport regulations if being ridden on public roads.
- All officials are to sign on using a separate sheet.

Fee's

The fee for a Trail pass will be \$15.00 per rider no MA license is required. All riders are to be advised they this does not cover personal accident insurance in the event of them being injured.





Entries

- All participants (riders, officials, volunteers, etc) must sign the event Participating Declaration Form.
- All rider **MUST** have a current civil license issued by a state road transport licensing authority if the event is on crown land. All Motorcycles must have current registration if the event is on crown land.

First Aid

- Appropriate Medical services must attend all events. It is recommended that ambulances be used for events with 70 riders or more. Promoters can use an Ambulance service for less than 70 riders if they see fit.
- Any costs incurred by riders for ambulance treatment will be their own responsibility and riders (especially those from interstate) should ensure that they hold a current ambulance subscription.
- The closest Hospital will need to be given notice of the event

Participants.

- All riders must comply with these guidelines.
- All riders must have zero blood alcohol level and no drugs in their system during a Trail Ride.

Scrutineering.

All machines must be scrutineered, this can be done either by a level 1 or higher Scrutineer or Clubs can opt for riders at each event to complete a Trail Ride Scrutineering Declaration (this may be included in the entry form) for their machine which will declare that the machine is safe and functioning effectively.

- Random scrutineering of machines may be undertaken by the organizers at any Trail Ride.
- Riders whose machines are found to be unsafe or unacceptable may be asked to repair the machine or be asked to cease using the machine if satisfactory repairs cannot be made.

Protective Clothing.

No rider may participate in any Trail Ride unless wearing:

- An approved and correctly fitted helmet which comply with: E2, SNELL, JIS or AS 1698
- Protective eyewear if not incorporated into the helmet
- Long trousers and a long-sleeved shirt, jersey or armoured jacket if necessary;
- Gloves
- Wearing Footwear which must: Be constructed of leather or other similarly durable material; and
- Be of a length which must at least be over the height of the rider's ankle when in a seated position.





Supplementary Considerations

- Tracks or loops should be designed with the average rider in mind allowing for easier runs or bypasses wherever possible.
- Trail Ride loops should be marked out to suit the capabilities of the riders and provide a free flowing and safe experience. A sign explaining standard track markings shall be displayed at the entry point to the property on which a Trail Ride is to be conducted.
- Trail rides should ensure reliable radio or mobile communication is available for officials and sweep riders if possible.
- If the event is being conducted on public roads all vehicles associated with the event must be appropriately registered with the relevant State /Territory transport authority and comply with the relevant State /Territory transport regulations.
- If the event is being conducted on private property with junior participants taking part, consideration of the appropriate machine capacity, the participants age and capability must be considered. The MA manual of Motorcycle Sport is an appropriate guide.
- There may be additional Conditions attached to the Permit.
- For events being conducted on public roads, approvals of the following authorities may be required before a SCB permit will be approved. Local Police, local Councils, State Roads, State Parks and the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning. Contact your SCB to obtain the guidelines and permit applications required.

Where private property is used landowners, permission is required prior to the issuing of any permit.

For event applications, documents and further information related to your event please contact your relevant state controlling body.

