

# Northland MX Championship Rules 2021

## 1. Racing Licence is not required but.....

- Riders must demonstrate competence in the operation of their motorcycle or face exclusion.
- Northland MX Champs reserves the right to exclude any person in an event who fails to demonstrate basic and safe competence in the operation of their motorcycle.

## 2. Bikes Must be Safe

The rider is responsible for ensuring that their bike is in good mechanical order and safe to compete throughout the duration of the event. The rider is to ensure that safety critical elements of their bike are operating correctly; this includes but is not restricted to:

- Brakes that will effectively slow and stop the bike.
- Fuel tanks and related systems that do not leak.
- Electrical component and wiring that is properly contained and will not act as an uncontrolled source of ignition.
- Steering that functions correctly.
- No side stands are to be fitted.
- No 'Twin Mount' (Solid) Bark Busters are to be fitted.
- That there are no other sharp projections on the bike.
- Silencers being fitted and operate to reduce noise.

## 3. Bikes must be clean prior to entering the venue

- Due to bio security issues, landowners will no longer permit dirty bikes on their property.
- Riders are to ensure that their bikes are clean prior to entering the venue. Failure to do so will result in exclusion

## 4. Riders must be safe

- **Personal Protective Equipment.** The rider is responsible for and must wear while riding their bike:
  - An approved motorcycle safety helmet which is in good condition,
  - Full length boots,
  - Gloves,
  - Body armour is strongly recommended.
  - Long sleeve shirt,
  - Suitable MX pants or jeans,
  - Goggles.
- **Riding off the Race Track.** Riders may ride their bike through pit areas and other areas subject to the bike remaining in first gear, speeds being restricted to no more than 10kph, safety clothing is being worn and other participants/persons are not placed at risk.

## 5. Rider Conduct

- Riders are to ensure that they conduct themselves as follows:
  - Ride within their ability and the ability of the bike

- Ride cleanly and do not create danger for other riders or persons
- Always ride on the marked track.
- Never Ride in the wrong direction.
- Give race space on the track.
- Any offer of abuse or violence to Nth MX Champ officials or other persons will result in exclusion.

## 6. Mini & Junior Riders

- A mini or junior rider is one aged 4 to 16 years old.
- Junior riders may participate subject to the following:
  - they enter with the consent and support of their guardian
  - their guardian completes the required indemnity

## 7. Alcohol and Recreation Drugs

- Riders are not to consume alcohol, recreation or performance enhancing drugs prior to or during the event.

## 8. Riders Returning to Racing and New Riders

- Riders returning to after a long break or who are new to MX are exposed to greater risk due to potential over/under confidence, lack of fitness or not being totally aware of the regulations.
- Senior Novice class is for first year riders only.

## 9. Riders Briefing

- All riders are to attend the Riders Briefing
- Failure to attend will result in elimination from participation.

## 10. Practice

- All riders are to participate in at least one practice session to familiarise themselves with the operation of their bike and any track hazards.
- Practice sessions are not to be treated as race sessions.

## 11. Race Control

- The primary means to control races is through the use of flags. Riders are to take actions required when the following flags are displayed:
  - **Yellow** (Held) - Incident has occurred. Exercise caution, slow down and do not pass any other rider.
  - **Yellow** (Waived) – Danger, Walking pace, prepare to stop, no overtaking.
  - **Red** - Major Incident has occurred. The race is stopped. Slow down and return to the pits.
  - **Black** – Major Mechanical, Safety or Conduct Infringement. The rider who is black flagged is to stop racing immediately and return to the pits. Continued participation will then be determined by Northland MX Champ officials.
  - **White** - Final lap.
  - **Chequered** - Race Finished. Return to the pits.
  - **White/Red Cross** – First aid assistance is required/ambulance on course.

## **12. Race Numbers**

- Each rider will only have one race number.
- No double classing.

## **13. Environment**

- No Smoking at the venue (prevent fire)
- Do not leave behind waste or rubbish.
- Do not deliberately spill fuel or other hazardous substances to the ground or to waterways.
- No dogs allowed.
- Camp only in designated area.

## **14. Spectators and supporters**

- Spectators (including riders who are spectating) and supporters are:
  - Not to cross the start gate area at any time
  - Not to cross the track when riders are approaching
  - Not to stand in corners
  - To maintain a safe distance from the track edge at all times.

## **15. Failure to Comply with Rules**

- Northland MX Champs reserve the right to stop the participation of any person in an event or series of events at any time for a failure to comply with its Rules.
- If the failure to comply with the rules is deliberate, then depending on the seriousness, the Northland MX Champs Committee may exclude the participation of the person.

## **16. Protests**

- Riders may make protests regarding other riders failing to comply with the rules. To do so, the protest is to be made to the Riders Rep in the first instance stating what rule has been infringed and what evidence there is to support the allegation.
- Protests must be well founded - mischievous protests intended to cause disruption to a rider or Northland MX Champs may result in exclusion by the person making the protest.
- The person being protested may offer any defence before a final decision or sanction is made by Northland MX Champs.
- Should Northland MX Champs require technical proof of compliance of their motorcycle or safety equipment, then the rider being protested is to present their motorcycle or safety gear for inspection.

## **17. Awarding of Points**

- Points will be scored as per MNZ Rules 1st = 25 pts, 20th =1 pts.

## **18. Indemnity**

- Yes you must acknowledge that you have read the rules and know how to ride safely when undertaking the online entry or if you enter on the day. Junior riders guardians MUST complete an indemnity on the day.

## **19. Payment**

- Sorry no cheques, eftpos, credit cards or credit.
- No pay - no ride.