



BULLETIN

TO: ALL CLUBS/RACE SECRETARIES

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SUBJECT: Annual Recreation Licences

It is no secret the fastest growing segment within our sport is the Recreation sector. Evidence of this can be seen in the uptake of Annual Recreation licences, which are outstripping Competition licences many fold. Many clubs are now offering riding opportunities to cater for this type of club member.

One of the reasons that riders are simply coming to clubs to ride rather than race is the ease in which they can participate in an informal and fun way which is safe.

From an administration point of view there are still some basic requirements to be met to ensure risk is managed and our insurance coverage is maintained, one of which requires a permit to be issued and all riders to have a licence.

In order to maintain a simple and easy licence process for Recreational riders to stay involved with the sport, and to ease the burden on overworked club and Race Secretary's over the last few years there are now two ways to issue licences to riders:

1. One Event Recreation Licence (\$25)

- Main objective is to cater for riders wishing to only ride the occasional event.
- Allows rider to try the sport without too much expense
- Is issued on the day of the event
- Very little administrative 'red tape' for the rider
- Does not require a rider assessment, however does require officials to be satisfied rider is capable of controlling machine
- Can easily upgrade to a competition licence by paying the difference in cost

The drawbacks to the One Event Licence are:

- Expensive for rider if participating regularly
- Time consuming for race secretary – each one has to be hand written
- Holds up rider registration
- Expensive for club – books have to be purchased up front and sold at cost.
- Clubs have to hold in stock
- If books are sold out creates problems for race secretary.
- If wishing to take out a competition licence, must pay the full amount of the new



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2. Annual Recreation Licence (\$105)

- Better value for riders – can be used as many times as wished
- Encourages riders to ride more often – more income for club
- Can be issued by club 'on the spot' (see more info below)
 - Saves rider money
 - Rider doesn't have to wait for plastic licence, they can ride straight away.
- Save race secretaries much time in filling out licences
- Saves clubs money in not having to stock so many one event licences
- Rider registration is quicker
- Still little administrative red tape for rider
- Renewals are direct to MWA
- Requires officials to be satisfied rider is capable of controlling machine
- Can easily upgrade to a competition licence by paying the difference in cost

There are very few drawbacks to issuing annual recreation licences.

How to issue an Annual Recreation Licence

The criteria for the issuing of recreation licences are as follows:

- First ensure your club has supplies of the triplicate application forms (available in booklets of 10 free of charge from the Motorcycling Western Australia office).
- Licence applications may be lodged with Club secretaries.
- Applicants do not have to be a member of a club (though your club may insist they be a member to ride).
- Club officials must be satisfied that the applicant can competently control a motorcycle.
- Rider completes the information and pays the race/club secretary \$105.
- The Club secretary will issue applicants with the top copy of the application form which may be used as proof of licence and is valid from the date of countersigning for 14 days. The rider can then participate immediately
- Club retains completed booklet with bottom copy for their records
- Club returns second copy for processing to Motorcycling Western Australia within 48 hours of countersigning along with \$105. Important, payment **MUST** be made with the licence application. If payment is not made the club will be issued an invoice.
- Applicants will be issued a plastic licence by Motorcycling Western Australia within 14 Days.
- The Recreational Licence is valid for 12 months from date of issue.

Given the benefits, Motorcycling Western Australia would strongly urge all clubs to encourage the take up of Annual Recreation licences

Recreational activity is outlined in more detail in the Manual of Motorcycle Sport.

Riders can also apply for their Annual Recreation licence using the traditional application form used by Competition Licence holders, however like Competition licence holders, riders cannot participate until the plastic licence is issued and received.

Please Note: Recreation Licence holders (annual or one event) may only participate where a Recreational Permit has been issued or where Recreational activity is noted on a Competition Permit. Competition Licence holders may participate in any recreation event regardless whether a competition or recreation permit is issued or whether the event may or may not include recreation riders