



FIRST AID QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICIALS CONDUCTING A PRIVATE PRACTICE

New regulations for 2014

Motorcycle tracks are unique in design and geographical isolation. As members of motorcycle clubs affiliated with Motorcycling WA we are in the privileged position of having access to these tracks to compete and to practice. Undeniably, with access comes responsibility.

It is unthinkable to hold a competition at a motorcycle track without some form of first aid strategy in place. As injuries to riders are not just restricted to competition, it has now become time to address the first aid strategy of private practice at club tracks.

Clubs have developed their own risk management plans regarding practice supervision and this usually incorporates the requirement of practice supervisors to have MA Level 1 Operational Official accreditation. MWA in its observations of Club level practice supervision and in developing the risk management strategies has recognised a gap in the provision of care to an injured rider at a private practice session conducted at a Club.

Currently, the First Aid requirements for a private practice are a First Aid kit and phone with coverage to call an ambulance. The time between a rider being injured and an ambulance arriving can be critical and it is this gap that we need to close. This makes it especially important to ensure that adequate plans are put in place to cater for any medical emergencies that may occur at these venues.

It is vitally important that appropriate risk management planning is carried out at the planning stage to ensure that measures for managing medical emergencies and first aid care are in place. Risk management is a key component to determine the resources necessary to manage any casualties.

First aid is the provision of initial care for an illness or injury.

First Aid is usually performed by non-expert, but trained personnel to a sick or injured person until definitive medical treatment can be accessed. It generally consists of a series of simple and in some cases, potentially life-saving techniques that an individual can be trained to perform with minimal equipment.

To ensure that suitably trained personnel are available to provide First Aid to a sick or injured person until definitive medical treatment can be accessed, MWA is now implementing a strategy to ensure that the people responsible for managing a practice session have these skills.

From the 1st of January 2014,

1. Any person **registering for new Level 1 Operational Official** accreditation will require proof of having completed a basic First Aid course with current accreditation, the minimum standard being – **“Apply First Aid”** code # HLTFA311A.



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2. Any person **renewing Level 1 Operational Official** accreditation will require proof of having completed a basic First Aid course with current accreditation, the minimum standard being – **“Apply First Aid”** code # HLTF311A.
3. Any **currently licenced Level 1 Operational Official** who intends to be the “signed on official” at a private practice session must provide proof to MWA before the 1st of January 2015, that you have completed a basic First Aid course with current accreditation, the minimum standard being – **“Apply First Aid”** code # HLTF311A.
Note: this is a phasing in period for this regulation of 12 months and failure to supply proof of First Aid accreditation in this time period will render your licence void.
4. Any person with **MA Official accreditation other than Level 1 Operational Official** who intends to be the “signed on official” at a private practice session must provide proof to MWA before the 1st of January 2015, that they have completed a basic First Aid course with current accreditation, the minimum standard being – **“Apply First Aid”** code # HLTF311A.
Note: this is a phasing in period for this regulation of 12 months. Failure to supply proof of First Aid accreditation within this time period will mean that you cannot be the “signed on” official at a private practice session after the 31st December 2014.

We hope that all officials recognize the need to fill this “gap” and act in a timely manner to raise the standard of care we can provide to all of our members.

MWA will be posting information on its website regarding suppliers of First Aid accreditation and if the numbers are there, will coordinate the running of First Aid training courses at the MWA offices.

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