

To all Life members, clubs and members,

No doubt you are just as excited as us to hear that come the 1st of July, competition Nationally, will be returning. Motorcycling Australia just released a statement outlining our Sports plans (from a National standpoint) to reactivate licence sales as at 15th June in preparation for competition to begin on 1st July. This is of course subject to each state's current restrictions at that point in time. Each state governing body also needs to submit a 'return to racing' proposal for their specific state government to approve.

We have submitted all required documents to the Minister of Health the Hon. Bradley Hazzard and the Office of Sport 'taskforce' team for review and approval based on a July 1st start to competition. As we see it, if the easing of restrictions continues as it has been, competition initially from July 1st, will look like the below:

- Club competition can resume as long as they adhere to all current NSW government restrictions
- Group gatherings need to adhere to the social distancing ruling i.e riders briefing
- Restricted personnel – riders, officials and necessary support persons to be in attendance
- No crowds

Come 1st August, we hope to see the restrictions eased even further and a return to bigger open and National events.

To help clubs across Australia prepare for a return to play, the Federal Minister for Youth and Sport, the Hon Richard Colbeck MP, launched a toolkit to help guide the return of community sport. The Toolkit builds on the AIS Framework for Rebooting of Sport and the Australian Government's National principles for the resumption of sport and recreation activities and includes easy to use templates and step-by-step checklists for organisations to follow when planning their resumption of sporting activities. <https://www.sportaus.gov.au/return-to-sport>

Please note that the nationwide Return to Sport Toolkit is not currently endorsed by the NSW Government or the NSW Office of Sport, but its release has been acknowledged as providing general guidance for a return to sport and a useful 'planning base'. So, it is our strong suggestion that Clubs and members keep up to date with all information shared by the below organisations:

NSW Office of Sport

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/novel-coronavirus-covid-19>

NSW Government

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/what-you-can-and-cant-do-under-rules/changes>

Considering the pandemic and the impact that it has had on the restriction of sporting activities, MNSW in consultation with the other State Controlling Bodies (SCBs) and Motorcycling Australia are pleased to confirm an extension of active annual licenses for members affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. All annual licenses sold in the period between April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020 will automatically receive a 3-month extension. Members do not have to apply for the extension, it will be updated on your Ridernet profile. To view your new licence with the updated expiry date you can utilise the virtual licence through the Motorcycling Australia App or you can purchase a replacement licence via your Ridernet profile from the 15th of June. Links to the App are below.

The iOS app is available via the membership profile as per below or online at: <https://itunes.apple.com/cg/app/motorcycling-australia/id1084802579?mt=8>

The Android app is available via the membership portal or online at: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.omnisportsmanagement.mcau&hl=en>

Like all members, we are keen for motorcycle riding to resume. As a community there will need to be an understanding that it will not be a return to sport as usual, prior to the pandemic. Certain State and Federal Government restrictions and measures will likely remain for some time. To ensure no further restrictions are imposed on our sport all members are encouraged to follow government guidelines and practice good personal hygiene.

To support our clubs, promoters' officials and members return to the sport, MA have recently created a tab on the MA website for easily accessible information on COVID-19 (<https://www.ma.org.au/covid-19-toolkit/>). We will also continue to provide regular updates on all the necessary information to recommence activity.

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