



RRAI

Road Race Alliance of Ireland



GENERAL RULES OF AGREEMENT FOR ROAD RACING

First Draft

Abstract

These are the General Rules of Agreement for Affiliated Clubs and the Governance of the RRAI in supporting the RRAI Constitution

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our organization exists to oversee, manage, and develop the discipline and Sport of Motorcycle Road Racing within the structure of the Motorcycle Union of Ireland alongside MCUI Ulster Centre, Motorcycling Ireland (MCI), and Motorcycle Racing Association (MRA).

The goals and direction of our organization are to actively promote our discipline of Road Racing, secure the sports' future while supporting those communities who play a significant role within our sport for the last Century of Road Racing, assist clubs in the running of Road Racing on closed public roads, manage the governance of the Sport through competitions, events and shows, fundraising, licenses, club affiliations, training and certification of officials, pursuance of grants, technical and competition rules and regulations, and enhanced safety measures and procedures.

Fundamental to our mission statement is to foster positive communications with a significance emphasis on transparency, accountability and openness to all stakeholders involved within our Sport of Road Racing, the riders, businesses, communities, teams, sponsors, Clubs, fans, officials, and the Motorcycle Union of Ireland and its respective Centers and Associations.

Above all our organization is focused on the well-being of all stakeholders, the future of Road Racing and ensuring that those with a vested interest in our Sport have the platform to play their part in securing the future of Road Racing for the next generations of riders, fans and clubs.



ROAD RACE ALLIANCE OF IRELAND LIMITED.

- 1) This body shall be called the ROAD RACE ALLIANCE OF IRELAND Limited, hereinafter termed “the Alliance”, and shall have jurisdiction in all questions and governance relating to the sport of motorcycling road racing* within the Republic of Ireland, excluding the counties under the M.C.U.I. Ulster Centre jurisdiction, (Cavan, Monaghan and Donegal).
- 2) The objects of the RRAI shall be:
 - a. To act as Governing Body within the territory controlled by the RRAI in all matters relating to motorcycle road race* competitions.
 - b. To assist in the promotion of motorcycling as a pastime and hobby, and to act as a society of encouragement and positive empowerment for all motorcyclists.
 - c. To secure a fair and equitable administration of justice as regards the rights of motorcyclists as such.
 - d. To watch the course of any legislative measures by local and national governments that will affect the interests of motorcyclists and to make such representations on the subject and take such action as occasion may demand through working groups, commission groups, and the Motorcycle Union of Ireland.
 - e. To make and administer rules and regulations for the government of motorcycle road race competitions of any kind within the area of its jurisdiction. Through its formation and governance of this entity to ensure equality, respect for others, moral conduct and a sense of what is right within the sport and the Union.

The RRAI will not condone violence, bullying, breaking the rules, abuse of drugs, lack of fair play, discrimination, financial irregularities and all other unethical behaviours which are deemed wholly unacceptable, and the Alliance reserves the right to discipline any of its affiliated clubs and bodies, members, officials or competition licence holders involved in such activities, on any media platform, in person, club activities or in competitions.

The RRAI agrees to:

- Always set a good example through positive leadership and governance.
- Sign and agree to all relevant Codes of Conduct, Governance policies and ethics.
- Follow to the letter all policies as required e.g. Equal Opportunity Policy.

Competitors, officials, members, instructors, coaches, volunteers and employees and will be mindful of the need to carry out its functions in a manner which promotes equality of opportunity between:

- i. Persons of different religious belief, political group, racial group, age.
- ii. Persons regardless of marital status, gender identity or sexual orientation.
- iii. Persons with a disability and persons without.
- iv. Persons with dependants and persons without.
- v. The RRAI will ensure that certain groups are not unfairly disadvantaged, provided such action does not adversely affect the standard, quality and integrity of its schemes.
- vi. Reserves the right to discipline any of its affiliated clubs and bodies, members, officials or competition licence holders who practice any form of discrimination in breach of this statement.

CHILD PROTECTION STATEMENT

- 3) The RRAI and its affiliated clubs and bodies are committed to safeguarding the well-being of all competitors, officials, members, instructors, coaches, volunteers and employees, and as such comply fully with the up-to-date policy, practice and/or procedures.

The term child protection has been expanded to safeguarding as it reflects the wider responsibility for health, safety and prevention as well as just protection from abuse.

We acknowledge the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and are committed to ensuring. safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance and complies with the requirements laid.

The RRAI has their safeguarding and child protection policy and procedures document within its records, and all clubs will adhere to the policy document in its entirety. Copies of the document will be made available to all clubs, officials, members and stakeholders and officers to ensure complete compliance.

GENERAL RULES

OBJECTS

- 4) CODE OF ETHICS – the RRAI agrees that sporting integrity is based on the acceptance of rules, fairness, equality, inclusivity, respect, openness, and transparency.
- 5) The RRAI, its Clubs, officials, members, and volunteers abide by and agree to international/national policies and guidelines for example anti-doping, Child Protection procedures.

EQUALITY STATEMENT

- 6) the RRAI aims to promote the sport of motorcycle road racing, motorcycle sport for all present and potential participants without prejudice of any kind.

Furthermore, the RRAI:

- Aims to make its services and training programmes accessible to all and may take special measures to ensure that all stakeholders, participants, supporters can access all relevant programmes equally and openly.
- Will ensure its affiliated clubs and bodies to adopt similar policies and procedures.

MOTORCYCLE ROAD RACING (Definition)

Motorcycle Road Racing is defined as any permitted event taking place on closed Public Roads within this jurisdiction following a Road Closure Order from local Government agencies such as County Councils. These events must be solely for motorcycle events, excluding all 4 wheeled vehicles, that involve either a massed start, over a prescribed number of laps, or events such as motorcycle sprints, time trials, drag races or hill-climbs on closed public roads.

This also includes the above events taking place on private roads on private lands (excluding tarmac events on purpose-built track circuits such as Mondello Park, Bishopscourt or karting tracks.

CONSTITUTION

- 7) The RRAI Offices shall consist of:
- i. President
 - ii. Secretary
 - iii. Treasurer/Finance Officer
 - iv. Public Relations Office/Media Officer
 - v. Women in Sport Officer
 - vi. Road Race Principal
 - vii. Affiliated Clubs
 - viii. Affiliated Bodies such as Sub-Committees, RRAI Council, Technical Working Groups.
 - ix. Honorary Trust

AFFILATED CLUBS AND BODIES

- 8) Membership and Affiliation
- a. Clubs wishing or intend on affiliating to the RRAI must forward with its application a statement of the number of its members, a copy of its rules, the name and address of its secretary, and the names of the persons whom it is proposed shall represent the club if affiliated.
 - b. The application shall be considered at the next meeting of the Alliance and, if supported by a clear majority of those present and voting, the club shall become affiliated to the RRAI.
 - c. Every application for affiliation shall be deemed to imply the intent, on the part of the applicant club, of complying with the rules of the Centre. During the first twelve months following affiliation, no club may secure an “Open” date for the promotion of an “Open” competition.
 - d. Affiliated Body shall be affiliated for such purposes and under such terms and conditions as shall be determined at the time of its affiliation.
 - e. An Affiliated Body shall pay an affiliation fee to the Centre and, shall, if it promotes events, be liable for all permit and insurance fees associated with the promotion of the said events.
 - f. Each affiliated body/club shall be entitled to representation by one duly appointed delegate, who shall be the official representative of the body at all meetings of the Alliance.
 - g. The membership of the Organisation is open to all Clubs with an interest in the Sport of Road Racing and see themselves as stakeholders in the Sport of Road Racing.
 - h. Clubs who have ran Road Races (See appendix) on closed public roads.
 - i. Clubs who have ran events on closed public roads, such as (but not limited to) hill climbs, drag races, stage sprints, and/or parade laps or demonstrations on closed public roads.
 - j. Clubs representing stakeholders such as Riders, Machinery Classes, Officials, technical officials and/or representative bodies, rider welfare, marshals, medical support, and/or media.
 - k. Road race supporters Clubs.

- l. Representative bodies, such as Rider Representative groups, Road Race working groups or road race community groups.
- m. National or International Road Race promoters/Event organizers.
- n. The affiliation of a club may be terminated by either party giving three months' notice to end 31st October in any year.
- o. If any member of an affiliated club shall cease to be a member of that club, notice shall be given within 14 days to the Centre, whereupon the member shall cease to be entitled to any of the privileges of affiliated membership.

FEES

9) Each club shall pay annually to the RRAI a set affiliation fee. The exact amount shall be recommended by officers of the Finance Office to the members at Annual General Meeting (or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose) and shall be subject to the approval of that Annual General Meeting (or Extraordinary General Meeting) by majority of delegates/representatives.

- The subscriptions are due upon affiliation and thereafter on the 1st of November each year and should be paid promptly and diligently.
- Until these fees are paid, no club shall be entitled to the benefits of affiliation to the Alliance.
- A nominal roll of members in respect of whom fees are paid, giving their names and addresses shall be sent to the Alliance at the same time as the affiliation fees are paid.

AFFILIATED CLUB MEETINGS

10) The RRAI will conduct all meetings as set out in the RRAI Constitution under the following headings:

- i. **Annual General Meetings:** The RRAI will conduct its Annual General Meetings by 30th of November each calendar year. The Annual General Meeting will be held in a location suitable for every affiliated club and delegates/representatives to attend.
 - Notice of Annual General Meeting must be given no later than 28 days prior to the date of the meeting, by both electronic means and by post, with an outline of the agenda, to all affiliated clubs and memberships.
 - Subsequently, notice must be given to Motorcycle Union of Ireland, MCUI Ulster Centre, Motorcycle Racing Association and Motorcycling Ireland.
 - An AGM is called by the Executive Panel of Road Race Alliance of Ireland or Board of RRAI.
- ii. **Extraordinary General Meetings:** In certain circumstances there may be a need to hold and an EGM from time to time, however, unlike an AGM, the following conditions must be adhered to:
 - A minimum of 21 days' notice must be given to clubs and members by both post and electronically.
 - An EGM may be called by the Executive Panel/Board of RRAI (Alliance).
 - An EGM may be called by several Affiliated Clubs/Bodies by a simple 1/3 of all affiliated Clubs/Members/Bodies.

- An EGM may have only one item on the agenda for discussion/debate, which must be submitted both by electronic and postal means.
- An EGM may be called with the written backing of 3 Executive Panel members.
- The Executive Board must give a written explanation for the refusal of an Extra-ordinary General Meeting, both digitally and in hardcopy format.
- Concerned Affiliated Clubs/Bodies may appeal the decision by the Executive Board in refusal of an EGM within 21 days of notification of refusal.

VOTING

11) The strength of the Alliance is embracing different opinions and backgrounds to secure the future for motorcycle road racing in this jurisdiction. The Alliance recognises that different opinions, insights and experiences are crucial to the sport going forward. The Alliance is based on strong democratic values and in doing so, values the vote each club and body has within the Alliance.

- At any Annual General Meeting, Extraordinary General Meeting, or Road Race Trust Meeting where a Vote is to be carried out, each Club is entitled to 2 votes per club.
- Annual General Meetings and EGM ballots must be recorded by a secret paper vote, that is independently verified and recorded, and archived for 12 months (from the date of the ballot) by the Alliance.
- The Road Race Trust Principal also is entitled to a vote of their own, separate to their club's vote. In addition, each member of the Executive Panel also has 1 vote each, separate to their Clubs vote.
- **Motion:** a formal proposal for action made to a deliberative assembly for discussion and vote which may be carried by a simple majority.
- **Resolution:** is a formal decision taken at a meeting by means of a vote to change RRAI Policy, Principals, Objects, Rules and Regulations and/or Constitution. A resolution must be carried by minimum of 75% in favour of the Resolution.
- All motions must be carried by a simple majority.
- All members of the Executive Panel are entitled to one vote each on matters needing to be decided by consensus through a ballot such as Elections, and in the event of a tie, the President has the deciding vote.
- In the event of a resolution ballot, which is tied, the resolution is considered defeated.
- Every motion shall be duly proposed and seconded by one of the under-mentioned methods before it can be considered.
 - a. Two members of the Council, irrespective of whether such members have the right to vote. A member of the Council and a delegate from a Club.
 - b. Two delegates from the same Club and/or Two delegates from separate Clubs.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, RRAI COUNCIL and ROAD RACE TRUST MEETINGS SCHEDULE

- 12) To ensure good governance and oversight it is crucial that the following is adhered to by each representative and club delegates.
- a. **Executive Panel Monthly Meetings:** The Executive Panel must meet once a month to discuss administrative issues, forward planning and developments, financial governance, and other business-related matters. These meetings may be held on digital platforms; however, the majority of Executive Panel Meetings must be held in person. The Executive Panel may set an appropriate day for these meetings i.e. 3rd Thursday of each month.
 - b. **The Executive Panel** must publish/make available the minutes of Meetings with all affiliated Clubs once they have been seconded into the Alliance records and archive.
 - c. **Road Race Trust Meetings:** Members of the Road Race Trust must meet once a month, either in person or on a digital platform, however most of the meetings must be held in person, with an appropriate agenda being sent either digitally or by post to the Road Race Trust delegates. The Road Race Trust must appoint a designated day (last Wednesday of the month) for delegates to attend. The day and agenda must be decided by consensus between all delegates and the Road Race Principal who will Chair the meeting.
 - d. **The Road Race Trust** is compiled of two delegates from each of the Club membership, along with members of the Executive Board. The Road Race Trust will decide all matters pertaining to Road Race matters, but not limited to such: as rules and regulations, rider licenses and upgrades, club issues and recommendations, event calendar, safety issues and review, track/circuit certifications, fundraising and storage requirements.
 - e. **The Road Race Trust** will elect a **Road Race Principal** who will convene Road Race Trust meetings, Chair Road Race Trust meetings, represent Road Race Trust at Inter-centre Conferences, partake in MCUI Road Race Commissions, and represent the Road Race Trust at Road Race Events.
 - f. The Secretary from the Executive Panel may also be the Road Race Trust Secretary supporting the Road Race Principal in their role.

HONORARY TRUST

- 13) **Honorary Trust:** The Honorary Trust is made up of Honorary Members nominated by the affiliated club membership and do not have a vote in relation to decisions or organisational direction including but not limited to finances, regulation, governance, or administration. The Honorary Trust do have an advisory role in relation to all matters both with the Road Race Trust and Executive Panel.
- i. The Alliance may elect/nominate an individual to a position within the Honorary Trust Panel for a period as may be determined. Any person who has rendered conspicuous service to the Sport of Motorcycle Road Racing or to the motorcycle sport, in any capacity as rider, team principal, club member, sport promotion and or services within motorcycle sport.
 - ii. A person can only be elected to the position of Honorary Trust Member at an Annual General Meeting and the name of the person must have been proposed for nomination at an Executive Panel or Road Race Trust meeting not less than

- three months prior to the Annual General Meeting at which the nomination is to be considered.
- iii. An individual member or a club is only entitled to make one nomination in any year.

RRAI COUNCIL

14) The RRAI Council comprises of representatives of the Executive Board, Road Race Trust, Honorary Trust and ACs.

- The President/CEO of the RRAI Executive Board
 - The Secretary of the RRAI Executive Board
 - One other person from the Board nominated by the Executive Board
 - Road Race Trust Principal
 - One other from the Road Race Trust (who cannot be from the same Affiliated Club)
 - Honorary Trust President
 - Honorary Trust Secretary
 - Rider/Participant Representative
- i. The RRAI Council must meet at least 3 times a year which may be prior to, or immediately after an AGM to discuss motions under the RRAI Constitution. Resolutions, motions and recommendations passed by the RRAI Council must be brought to the Executive Board for their considerations and ratifications.
- ii. The RRAI Council is to oversee the workings of the RRAI Executive Board and make recommendations in line with RRAI Principals and Objectives. In addition, it also has a remit to:
- Discuss Sporting matters associated with safety, medical, technical and future planning to support the work of the RRAI, participants, members and Clubs.
 - Bring motions to the Executive Board of the RRAI or to seek clarification of motions and operational decisions such as disciplinary measures, complaints critical events.
 - Removal of a Board member/Director.
 - Review and make recommendations on the RRAI Constitution in line with future political and social changes such as a Border Poll between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.
 - Hold the Executive Board of the RRAI to account.

GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT

15) EXECUTIVE BOARD: The affairs of the RRAI shall be managed by the Executive Board which shall meet monthly. The Executive Board shall exercise collective responsibility in all matters following discussions and debate.

i. The Executive Panel shall be made up of the following:

- Alliance President
- Alliance Secretary
- Finance Officer & Treasurer
- PRO and Media Officer
- Road Race Trust Principal
- Training and Development Officer
- Women in Sport Representative
- Safeguarding Officer
- Honorary Trust Principal

16) COMMITTEES: To maximize both efficiency and overall governance in the RRAI and the Sport, it will be necessary to form several dedicated committees. There shall be several main Committees as follows:

- i. Safety and Track Inspection Committee (7)
- ii. Finances and Insurance (5)
- iii. Training, Development and Licensing (5)
- iv. Sporting Competition Committee (5)
- v. Community, Welfare and Marketing Committee (5)

- Each committee shall consist of five members, apart from the Safety and Track Certification Committees, which shall consist of 7 members, elected by the club membership at each Annual General Meeting.
- In addition, the Committees shall consist of one Nominated Delegate from each organising club, if not already represented on Committee.
- Committee nominees may be required to submit in writing their suitability for consideration and participation on the various committees.
- Each Committee shall also have power to co-opt not more than two additional persons who the committee considers can bring special skills/interest to the committee or for the purpose of developing future potential officers and officials of the organization.
- Each Committee shall also have power to co-opt persons from within the organization to fill any vacancy that arises, for any reason, on a committee between Annual General Meetings.
- All co-options are subject to approval by the Executive Panel; such approval shall not unreasonably be withheld.

GOVERNANCE OF AFILIATED CLUBS

- 17)** Affiliated Clubs shall hold their annual general meeting not later than 28th of February in each year. The Executive Panel shall have power to suspend any club whose meeting is not held before this date subject to discussions and appeals.
- 18)** The affiliation of a club may be terminated by either party giving three months' notice to end on the 31st of October in any year.
- 19)** The members of an affiliated club shall be understood to be those members who have paid the ordinary club subscription for the previous year, or who have paid life composition for the same. The minimum annual club membership subscription shall be €1.
- 20)** At a meeting to be held upon a specified date each year the Executive Panel shall consider applications from affiliated clubs for permits to hold open competitions during the year. Upon request from the Secretary of the Alliance, affiliated clubs must supply a list of dates upon which they propose to promote open/race events, and this list must be in the hands of the Secretary on the date specified in the request no later than November 1st.
- 21)** Failure on the part of an affiliated club to supply a list of dates upon request by the date specified may result in such affiliated club forfeiting the right to have any subsequent application for open permit considered until the next annual meeting for consideration of dates.
- 22)** In the event of the clashing of the proposed dates for holding open motorcycle events, the Management Committee shall have power to call upon Clubs or Promoters to mutually avoid clashing dates, and failing a mutual agreement, the fixtures shall be adjusted by the Training, Development and Licensing Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.
- 23)** Dates will be submitted in conjunction with Motorcycle Union of Ireland for ratification and confirmation to support and enhance the sports reputation, and rider participation, usually at Inter-centre Conferences.
- 24)** No meeting or competition shall be held without a permit from the RRAI. Such permit shall only be granted upon the formal application of the promoting body or club, and it shall be deemed a condition attaching to all permits that no permit is assignable or transferable, except by the Executive Board.
- 25)** No entries shall be invited for any competition until the permit for same has been granted by the RRAI. The Executive Board reserves the right to withdraw any permit.
- 26)** No permit to promote an open competition shall be issued at the request of a newly affiliated club and not until that club has been affiliated to the RRAI for a period of not less than twelve calendar months.
- 27)** MCUI licences to ride in competitions shall be issued to individual members of the Alliance or to members of clubs affiliated thereto at the current fee.
- 28)** All MCUI ROAD RACE/ALLIANCE/MCI Competition Licence Holders residing within the Southern Centre must complete the official Flag/Drugs Seminar (Online or in Person) to obtain their competition licence.
- 29)** MCUI ROAD RACE ALLIANCE/MCI Competition Licence Holders residing outside of the jurisdiction of Ireland must complete the RRAI online seminar or show proof they have attended in person, or they will be required to attend an ACU or FIM approved seminar.
- 30)** The RRAI may appoint a steward or stewards to supervise all competitions.
- 31)** Such steward shall not be otherwise connected with the competitions. To be eligible for election to the panel of stewards, nominees must be active members of the Alliance and

must, during the preceding year, have a minimum attendance record of 75% at Road Race Trust meetings. Illness, business commitments, or other extenuating circumstances will not render a nominee who has not attained the minimum attendance record ineligible for election to the panel.

- 32)** Where a club affiliated to the RRAI applies for and is granted an open date for any competition and on that date fails to promote such competition, without reason which is acceptable to the Executive Panel, it shall be subject to a maximum fine as follows:
- Where the event is a road race €350.
 - Where the event is a sprint/hill-climb/drag race €200
- 33)** Should such an event not be run, the club shall nonetheless be liable to pay to the Alliance all irrecoverable permit and insurance fees relating to such event.
- 34)** It shall be the responsibility of a club promoting an event to render promptly such statistics of the event, which the Alliance/Insurance Company may require, together with any fees due to the Alliance arising from the promotion.
- 35)** In the event of an affiliated club failing to fulfil its obligations to the RRAI in regard to events promoted by it, in that it fails to furnish the fees required within the time specified by the Executive Board, then that club may be expelled and shall not become an affiliated member of the RRAI until formal application is again made and accepted by the RRAI in meetings.
- 36)** Date applications are required to be submitted, and received, by 1st of November, each year, for the promotion of events the following year, and will be considered and approved by the Training, Development and Licensing Committee.
- A deposit of 1/3 of the applicable insurance payment is required to be paid in full before the end of the calendar year.
 - A second payment of a further 1/3 of the agreed sum is required to be paid at least one calendar month prior to the event taking place.
 - The final payment of 1/3 due, must be paid within fourteen days of the conclusion of the event, in addition to all post event returns. Any promoting club in default of payment of the previously noted second payment, will forfeit the applicable permit, thus nullifying the previously granted permission for their event to take place.
 - The final decision and approval on this course of action will be sanctioned by the Executive Panel. Any Club who defaults on payment of the final payment (either non-payment or late payment) will be required to pay for any future event in advance and in full –no exceptions.
 - For events with a total of less than €100.00, no deposit will be required. For events between €101.00 and €500.00 the initial deposit will be required with the balance due within fourteen days of the conclusion of that event. Default on this will also result in future credit being withdrawn from the promoter.
- 37)** It is also noted that the first deposit may be slightly more or less than 1/3 of the final total, as there may be a timing difference, between payment due dates and the agreed Scale of Charges for the promoting year.
- 38)** All deposits and balances of sums due will be duly invoiced by the RRAI to the promoting clubs in a timely manner to allow sufficient time for invoices to be processed for payment and payment made by the said promoting clubs.
- In addition to the above, a promoting club can apply to pay for their event insurance by instalments, provided they agree the payment plan with the Finance

and Insurance Committee and at least 2/3 of the insurance due is paid at least one month prior to their event.

- Applications for such proposed payment plans must be submitted in writing, by the promoting club to the Finance and Insurance Committee, at least six weeks prior to the due date of the deposit payment.
 - Any other monies owed to the Alliance will be invoiced by the organisation to the clubs in a timely manner to allow sufficient time for these invoices to be processed for payment and payment made by the clubs.
- 39)** Neither the Executive Board, Road Race Trust nor the RRAI shall accept any liability for any accidents occurring in competitions run under the foregoing rules.
- 40)** No competition held under the rules of the RRAI shall be styled a championship unless with the approval of the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall make provision for the holding of such championships as come within its jurisdiction and may delegate authority to promote such events to affiliated clubs.
- 41)** No new rules shall be made, nor shall any of these rules be amended, altered, or rescinded, unless at the Annual General Meeting of the RRAI or a Special Meeting called for that purpose.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE

- 42)** A two-thirds majority of the Council present and voting is empowered upon such grounds as shall seem reasonable to it to suspend or permanently disqualify any person, club or body as listed in our General Rules, charged with an offence against the rules of the Alliance, and also to re-instate any person, club or body as listed in our General Rules, suspended or disqualified by it; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify such suspension or re-instatement to such person in writing by letter to such person's last known place of address, or in the case of a club or body, to the last known place of address of the secretary thereof.
- 43)** No person, club or body as listed under our General Rules, shall be cautioned, suspended, required to resign or expelled unless an opportunity has been given of explaining the charge, and unless the resolution is supported by at least two thirds of the Executive Panel present and voting,
- 44)** Any person, club or body as listed in our General Rules, cautioned, suspended, required to resign or expelled under the rules of the Alliance shall forfeit all right to, or claim upon the Alliance, or its property or funds, or services.
- 45)** When it is necessary to appoint a court under the Motorcycle Union of Ireland General Competition Rule 202, the court shall be appointed as follows:
- The disciplinary/appeals committee will be selected at our annual AGM and will be made up by volunteers from the Alliance (and affiliated clubs) who are willing to sit on a court.
 - The Secretary shall, when notifying the parties to the appeal, complaint or dispute, of the date, time and place of the hearing, also advise them of the possible members of the court.
 - Each party shall be entitled to object to not more than two of the possible members of the court. Such objections must be advised either by telephone or letter to the Secretary within five days of the date of the original notice. If no objections are received, the first six members selected shall form the court.

- If objections are received, the first six members selected, excluding the member(s) objected to shall form the court. The Secretary shall advise each of the members as to whether they are/are not required to serve on the court.

46) The Executive Panel shall have power to deal with any question arising out of or not covered by the foregoing rules.

OFFICIALS LICENCING REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS (Aligned to MCUI Governance and Regulations)

47) OFFICIALS: The integrity and safety of all stakeholders is paramount to the Alliance, and it is crucial to the safe and enjoyable running of events, is that the officials and members are correctly accredited.

- i. To be eligible to act in the capacity of Clerk of the Course or Club Steward at an event a person must hold an MCUI Officials licence.
- ii. An Officials licence will be valid for three calendar years. To qualify for such a licence a person must have attained his/her 18th birthday and must attend an MCUI/Alliance/MCI training seminar (IN PERSON OR ONLINE) and successfully complete a written examination which will form part of the seminar.
- iii. All new Officials Licence applications will have to undertake an online seminar and achieve the minimum required pass mark.
- iv. All first-time licence holders will only be issued with a Club Stewards licence in the first year.
- v. If they wish to upgrade to CoC licence in their second year they will have to undertake a training period of 12 events over a two-year period. Training must be completed at both 6 Road Races and 6 Short Circuits.
- vi. A Trainee record card must be signed by both the Clerk of the Course and Centre Steward at each event attended by the trainee; this will show proof of competency and experience.
- vii. Participation in a seminar is obligatory at least once every three years. At least one training seminar shall be held annually.
- viii. RRAI shall maintain a register of all persons to whom an Officials Licence has been issued and shall licence those members who comprise its Panel of Stewards and will provide a copy of the register to other Centres for their records.
- ix. Other applications for an Officials licence shall only be accepted from an affiliated club/body which shall make application to its respective Centre on behalf of the official(s) it wishes to have licensed.
- x. The timekeepers, scrutineers, travelling marshals, etc. shall, for Road Race and Short Circuit events and if possible, for all other events, be selected from the approved panels.
- xi. All other appointed officials shall be competent and experienced.

TECHNICAL INFRINGEMENTS AND UPDATES

48) TECHNICAL INFRINGEMENTS

Any Competitor found guilty of breaking any MCUI, MCUI (UC), Alliance or MCI Technical Regulations, shall have **ALL THEIR** Championship points gained prior to the Technical Infringement struck off their records. Other avenues of recourse may be available and will be pursued in the interests of competition fairness and safety. *(This does not affect their right of appeal within our rules)*

