



Environmental Plan SA Reliability Trials Championship

1. Introduction

The acceptance and realisation that mankind is responsible for rapidly depleting natural resources and polluting the environment, has now spread from pressure group thinking to the mainstream. Increasing attention is now being paid to the concept of sustainable development that meets the needs of the present generation, without compromising the ability of future generations, to meet their own needs.

All activities have an impact on the environment, through resources used, processes undertaken, and waste created. Pressures to change our way of operating are now impacting all types of sport and recreation.

2. General Principles

- 2.1 Motorcycling activities fall clearly into three main categories: competitive sport, recreation, and transport.
- 2.2 Motorcycle sport is a major constituent of international and national sporting calendars, attracting an ever-increasing audience and producing significant economic benefits. It is a sport that like most others, has an impact on the environment.
- 2.3 Motorcycling South Australia & the SA Reliability Trials Championship acknowledges the importance to develop a coherent environmental policy, taking into account the local, State and Federal legislative and regulatory requirements of Australia and the Australian community as a populous.
- 2.4 The Motorcycling South Australia & SA Reliability Trials Championship Environmental Policy, as defined in 'the Code', is based on mutual respect for the needs of the environment and for the reasonable practices of motorcycling in general.
- 2.5 Motorcycling South Australia & SA Reliability Trials Championship seeks to closely engage with all appropriate third party organisations to ensure that motorcycle activities are, at all times, environmentally acceptable and forward thinking.
- 2.6 According to the above General Principles, the Code seeks to improve the relationship between motorcycling and the community at large. These main principles refer, in particular, to:
 - a) Noise, fuel, protection of the ground through the controlled use of tear-offs, and clearing issues.
 - b) Behaviour of all persons, either directly or indirectly, involved in motorcycling.
- 2.7 Motorcycling South Australia & SA Reliability Trials Championship will seek to establish, at all times, the appropriate environmental standards during the organisation of motorcycle events, at all levels, and will promote environmental consciousness.

3. Sound

- 3.1 Motorcycles – Individual
 - Avoid all unnecessary running of engines.
 - Respect and adhere to all agreed and regulated sound level restrictions.
 - The sound levels, in all disciplines, must comply with the Supplementary Regulations and Manual of Motorcycle Sport (MoMS).

4. Protection of the Ground

4.1 Measures must be taken to prevent discharges of fuel, oil, cleaning fluids, degreasers, cooling and breaking fluids, etc. into the ground.

4.2 Tear-offs

Goggle tear-offs have become an environmental problem – In order to address the immediate disposal and to protect all areas, the SA Reliability Trials Championship have banned the use of Tear Offs during any of their events.

4.3 Ground protection (Enviromats)

The SA Reliability Trials Championship events will at times have remote refuelling locations set up on private property. In order to mitigate any ground effect via leakage or spills, each competitor is required to use an enviromat for the purpose of refuelling, changing oil, or lubricating the chain of the motorcycle. Event organisers may also provide spill kits at every refuelling stop.

In addition to any immediate repatriation conducted at the refuelling stop, a full inspection will be conducted after the event to ensure no pollutants are remaining. If identified they will be addressed immediately.

5. Cleaning of Motorcycles

All motorcycles must start the event in a clean & roadworthy condition without any dirt or mud build up.

Cleaning of motorcycles can only be carried out at places if designated by each organizing club or committee.

Cleaning facilities must be constructed and managed to avoid pollution of the ground.

6. Recommendations for the Public

Visitors to a motorcycle sport venue, track, rally, circuit and/or event, can play an important role in keeping the environment clean and undamaged. Suggestions for the event organiser to assist with protecting the general environment include:

Select the routes to and from the venue which will cause as little annoyance as possible within the surrounding area.

Provide clear signs to the venue, which must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the event.

Do not allow parking on vulnerable areas (verges, green lanes, etc), or where soil damage may occur (i.e. after heavy rain).

Avoid concentrations of people in sensitive areas.

Provide sufficient sanitary facilities and ensure/secure prompt treatment of effluent.

Inform the public about responsible behaviour on the site.

Specify in contracts with caterer's and vendors that all drinks and food packaging is to be removed from the site and that all generators are to be placed on an environment mat for protection of the ground during refuelling.

7. Event Environment Management Plan

It is useful to use a plan for the management of the facilities, to stimulate an environment-minded behaviour by the spectators and an environment-minded use of the facilities during events.

This plan must include at least the following points:

- a) An assessment of the environment impact of the event on the circuit and its surroundings, having regard to the number of competitors and the expected number of spectators.
- b) Measures taken to prevent the pollution of streams where used as a drinking source for either animals or humans.
- c) Cleaning area with high-pressure cleaners for motorcycles.
- d) Containers for used oil, brake fluids and cooling fluid or any other liquid.
- e) Containers for spectators general litter.
- f) Sanitary facilities.
- g) Judicious positioning of loud speakers.
- h) Provision of adequate and appropriate direction signs to the event.
- i) Provision of containers or waste bags in the pits of the mechanics area and collection of the contents during and after the event.

8. Rider's Paddock/Restricted Areas

Provide sufficient containers for the rubbish bags. Take care that there are enough containers for used oil. These containers must be marked "waste oil only" and have an opening sufficiently large to avoid spillage. Provide containers for oil filters and cleaning rags.

Provide sufficient and clean sanitation, for all personnel, with proper provisions for collecting waste and water.

Provide a special wash area in accordance with the appropriate discipline regulations for events where the cleaning of motorcycles is permitted.

9. After the Event

Signposts, billboards and posters must be removed immediately after the event.

Clear away tapes and markers around the event site.

The event site must be returned to its original condition as soon as possible.

Arrange for prompt removal of all waste and rubbish.

Ensure that the disposal of medical or other hazardous waste is managed by specialist companies.

At regular intervals make an evaluation of the event; correct any shortcomings and prevent future error.

Ensure soil/sand supplied by others be examined for possible pollution. Remove mud from public highways and remove direction signs etc.

Conduct a thorough examination after the event to ensure any remediation required is attended to before it is used.