

2019 HEAVEN VMX Inc. **Procedures and Guidelines**

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Introduction

Welcome to Holeshoot Evolution And Vintage Era National, known as HEAVEN VMX Inc. These procedures and guidelines have been produced to provide a safe, fair platform for the running of vintage motocross events and at the same time allow club officials ample scope to run the events with minimal administrative input.

It is envisaged that they will provide a clear definition of the sport in N.S.W. to encourage entry in our events from interstate and overseas competitors as well as newcomers.

Upon joining HEAVEN VMX Inc, you agree to abide by these procedures and guidelines as well as the Constitution of HEAVEN VMX Inc as registered with the Department of Fair Trading.

These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the Motorcycling Australia General Competition rules (GCR's) as set out in the Manual of Motorcycle Sport (MoMS).

Marshalling Responsibility

Having sufficient marshals is often the greatest challenge at our race meeting events. It is a condition of entry to a meeting that **every senior rider must flag marshal at every event/meeting they ride in.** If a junior enters without their parent or guardian also entering the meeting then their parent or guardian must make themselves available as if they were a senior rider. As part of the sign on process riders will be assigned marshalling duties in line with their ride schedule. This necessitates that riders cannot enter machines from all eras to ensure they are available to marshal at least one era. Partners or friends that flag marshal will be greatly appreciated but cannot marshal in place of a rider.

Records will be kept of marshalling duties and riders who do not satisfy their marshalling responsibilities will be referred to the Committee for possible disciplinary action.

Each racing round will be split into Eras or groups Pre75, Pre78, EVO, Pre85, Pre90 and Pre95, note that the groupings can change or be combined dependent on entry numbers. Each senior rider must flag marshal for a minimum of one of these eras/groups. Riders must also regularly make themselves available for flag marshal for one of the practice sessions/groups.

Rider Conduct & Race Entry

All riders must conduct themselves in a true sportsman-like manner on and off the track in accordance with the Motorcycling Australia GCR's code of conduct. The rider is the entrant, not the machine. A rider may change machines as long as the replacement machine is legal for the class to be ridden in. All machines and rider clothing must comply with Motorcycling Australia's GCR scrutineering and safety requirement.

A separate HEAVEN VMX Inc. **Rider Code of Conduct** policy is available to members on our webpage setting out the club's expectations of members and riders and our desire to run fun and safe events.

Health Insurance and Ambulance Cover

It is recommended that each rider take out private health insurance and Ambulance Cover as MNSW permits and licences do not cover these.

Race Meeting Officials – Explanation of Roles

See GCR's for complete description of the following roles.

Steward – has ultimate power. Must be MA licensed.

Race Secretary - responsible for all pre and post event paperwork, must be MA licensed.

Clerk of Course - ensures the efficient running of the event, must be MA licensed. The Clerk has control of all activities on the circuit. Oversees all of the following people:

Scrutineer - makes sure all motorcycles and protective clothing comply with MA regulations before they can take part in the meeting, must be MA licensed.

Race Co-ordinator - this person works with the Clerk of the course. They ensure that sufficient marshals are on the track including starters, finishers and lap scorers for practice and racing. This includes that they have signed indemnity forms, have radios and water. They also organise a marshal roster to allow the smooth progress of the meeting.

Starter - responsible for the start of a race, two (2) people are usually required for this task a Starter to operate the start mechanism and a 10 Sec Board person. This person has control of the start to ensure all entrants are gridded correctly and then releases the start grid to the starter by displaying the 5 sec board.

Finisher - has responsibility under guidance of the Clerk and Steward for the finish of all races. Determines the number of laps completed for the race and ensures that all riders are clear before the start of the next race.

Stopping and re-starting of a race

This can only be authorised by the Steward or the Clerk of the course.

Competition Classes

Riders may enter each bike in two classes plus an age group class. Each bike can only be ridden in **one ERA** with the exception of the 4 stroke and ladies classes, unless the flyer / supplementary regulations for a meeting specifies otherwise. Riders who ride only one bike during the race meeting are entitled to also take part in the '*Single Bike Entrants*' class.

Pre 1965

All mx/enduro and trail bikes manufactured prior to 31st December 1964 and designated a 1964 or earlier model. This class will be all powers inclusive. Maximum travel 7" front / 4" rear.

Pre 1970

All mx, enduro and trail bikes manufactured prior to 31st December 1969 and designated a 1969 or earlier model. This class will be all powers inclusive. Maximum travel 7" front / 4" rear.

Pre 1975

All mx, enduro and trail bikes manufactured prior to 31st December 1974 and designated a 1974 or earlier model. This class will cater for 125, 250 and >263. Maximum travel 7" front / 4" rear.

Pre 1978

All mx, enduro and trail bikes manufactured prior to 31st December 1977 and designated a 1977 or earlier model. This class will cater for 125, 250 and >263. 9" maximum suspension travel front & rear. Note we do not restrict this class to 1975, '76 & '77 models only.

EVO

All mx, enduro and trail bikes manufactured as being with non-linkage suspension, drum brakes and air-cooled motors. All major components must be originally from a machine that satisfied those 3 conditions (see '*Modifications to Motorcycles*' on page 4). All machines and components must be from Classic and Post Classic era. Modifications converting later equipment to comply will **not** be allowed.

Pre 1985

All mx, enduro and trail bikes manufactured prior to 31st December 1984 and designated a 1984 model or earlier. These bikes may have disc brakes, water cooling and linkage rear suspension. No later components can be adapted. This class will cater for 125, 250 & >263.

Pre 1990

All mx, enduro & trail bikes manufactured prior to 31st Dec. 1989 and designated a 1989 model or earlier. No later components can be adapted. This class will cater for 125, 250 & >263.

Pre 1995

All mx, enduro & trail bikes manufactured prior to 31st Dec. 1994 and designated a 1994 model or earlier. No later components can be adapted or modified. This class will cater for 125, 250 & >263.

Four Stroke Class

All four stroke mx, enduro and trail bikes manufactured prior to 31st December 1994 and designated a 1994 model or earlier are eligible. There will be a 250cc and an open class (greater than 263cc). Both four stroke classes may be run together however they will be separately point scored.

Ladies Class

This is an all powers event. Riders can ride bikes of any era from pre 65 to pre95 unless otherwise permitted by the race committee. There will be a separate point score for this class.

Juniors Class

HEAVEN VMX caters for 12 to 16 year old juniors. Juniors must attain the age of 12 before they can race. Juniors may ride up to 85cc two stroke or 150cc four stroke modern machines, or up to 125cc classic machines only. Appropriate licence endorsements are required. **Note:** No 250cc four strokes or modern 125cc machines are eligible. This class will cater for Classic/Post Classic (pre95) and modern bikes. There will be one event only with a single pointscore system.

Age group racing

HEAVEN VMX will offer age group classes in both Classic (Pre65 - EVO Incl.), and Post Classic (Pre85 - Pre95 Incl.) periods for <45 y/o, 45 – 54y/o & 55+y/o age groups (6 classes). These races are generally conducted as a longer than usual 'GP' style moto. A rider's 'race' age shall be their age in years at the start of practice for the first race meeting of the year. They may continue through the year in that age group. If a rider turns 45yo or 55 yo during the year they may choose to move up to the older age group but they cannot transfer their points between age groups.

Single Bike Entrants Class

This is an all powers class open to any senior entrant who only has **one** race bike at a meeting. Riders who enter multiple bikes but suffer damage or failure during **practice** leaving them with only one serviceable race bike become eligible. In the event of the latter occurring, the Race Co-ordinator must be notified.

Entry of a Later Model in an Earlier Era Class

Some later model bikes are eligible for an earlier period class. These are referred to in the "Tables of Machines and Components" under the Classic Motocross section of the Motorcycling Australia GCR's as carry over models. Models not included in the GCR's but accepted by HEAVEN VMX include;

Pre75 – '75 Suzuki TS250

Pre78 – '78 Harley Davison MX250, '78 Suzuki PE250C, Standard XT/TT500

Pre90 – '90 Honda XR600R, Yamaha TT250/350, Suzuki DR250/350

Pre95 – All Kawasaki KX500 & Honda CR500 models if fitted with Pre-95 43mm front suspension components.

Modifications to Motorcycles

Unless under a written exception, **no** later model components can be used on an earlier model bike. Forks, Engines, Swingarms, Frames and Brake systems are considered major components and may be changed, provided they were available during or before the ERA of the bike class to which they are fitted. Shocks are considered open although must be of period correct appearance (eg remotely mounted reservoirs were not available prior to 1975). This is outlined in the Classic Motocross section of the Motorcycling Australia GCR's.

Most non-performance parts are exempt (eg: Handlebars, grips, levers, cables, tyres, chains) although “spirit of the era” is encouraged. If a bike has later model components fitted as deemed by race officials, then that bike will be entered in the class of the later model parts.

Racing Format

All HEAVEN point score meetings will usually be one round of racing over the weekend. There are some meetings with trophy or special events only while others will be a combination of special events and one round of racing. Full details are notified in the online meeting flyer so please read them carefully. Usually races will be four (4) laps for seniors and three (3) laps for juniors, except for the HEAVEN *age racing GPs*, although this can vary depending on lap times. Race length and number of rounds will vary at the discretion of the organising committee due to track conditions, layout or time constraints.

Practice

Minimum of two (2) laps practice, unless otherwise stated. **The first lap will be completed under yellow flag conditions, that is, with caution and no overtaking.** Practice Sessions will be split into junior and senior sessions.

Racing Schedule

The schedule of racing may be altered to lessen the amount of back to back races some competitors may encounter. Classes may also be combined and scored separately. Generally there will be 5 race groups. The later Era or groups order may rotate progressively for each meeting. Example as follows Rd1 - Pre75, Pre78, EVO, Pre85, Pre90, Pre-95 then Rd2 – Pre78, EVO, Pre85, Pre90, Pre-95, Pre-75 and so forth. Any entrant with more than one bike entered in any ERA should expect back to back races. Age group races, 4 stroke, ladies, single bike entrant and juniors’ races will be distributed across these groups. **It should be noted that the combining of races and the race schedule is formulated using pre-entries received prior to the closing date. This schedule will not be changed to accommodate late entries or entries at the meeting. Please always Pre-Enter.**

Minimum Competitors for a Grid

To be classified as a race there must be three (3) participants, classes with 2 or less entrants will normally be combined. To have a separate grid or race there must be ten (10) participants. If there are not 10 riders in a class, then that class may be combined with another class. It is always the objective of the club to offer members the opportunity to ride their motorcycles if they bring them to a meeting.

E.g. Pre75 250 only has 6 entrants, not enough for their own grid, so they could be combined with possibly the pre75 >263. If this grid then totals 10 or more bikes then they can race. **Both classes will be scored separately. The option to run a race with fewer bikes on the grid will be at the discretion of the officials. The option of a dual gate drop to separate classes within a race is also an option.**

Sign On and Scrutineering

All riders must ‘sign on’ the first day on which they are racing or practicing and present their motorcycle(s) for scrutineering. Times for sign on will be included in the meeting documentation (flyer). For meetings held under Recreational riding Saturday and Racing Sunday, riders will be required to separately sign on each day. Competitors will be advised of an alternative time in the regulations. A separate detailed **Scrutineering Check Sheet** is available for download from our website which may assist competitors to present their machines in suitable condition to satisfy scrutineering at race meetings or for recreational rides.

HEAVEN VMX club require the following which are not covered or not clearly covered in the GCR’s:

- Handlebar hand lever protectors must be single mounted type. Double mount type can only be used on natural terrain (grass track licence type) MX or enduro cross tracks.

- Handlebar Cross Bar Pad – Must be fitted. If the handlebars do not have a cross bar then a pad covering the handlebar clamps must be fitted.
- Handlebar must be plugged at each end in such a way that the plug is fixed to the handlebar even if the grip is damaged. A coin inside the end of the grips is not sufficient.

Riders Briefing

This will be held immediately following Sign On. All riders must attend this briefing as it outlines any special or safety requirements. All riders must initial the rider's brief forms before riding commences. Practice and/or racing commences at completion of riders briefing.

Point Score

Points will be allocated to riders according to their finishing position in each race. Races will be scored as follows as per GCR's. Note there must be three (3) riders in an event to receive full points. For races with less than 3 riders only half points are awarded.

Position	Points	<3 rider race	Position	Points	Position	Points	Position	Points
1	25	12.5	6	15	11	10	16	5
2	22	11	7	14	12	9	17	4
3	20	N/A	8	13	13	8	18	3
4	18		9	12	14	7	19	2
5	16		10	11	15	6	20	1

Updated Point Score

Up to date point scores will be included on the HEAVEN VMX Inc WEB site as soon as available (see website below). It is the rider's responsibility to check that their points are correct. Any requested corrections must be made in writing to the club Secretary (email heaven.vmx@gmail.com) prior to the next race meeting or they may not be considered.

Race Numbers

Riders will be allocated a race number excluding numbers 0 through 10 as these numbers are reserved for the Club Championship Top 10 point score recipients (see "Club Championships" on page 7 below for details). **There will be only one (1) race number per rider, with exception of top 10 recipients who may use either or both.**

If a rider has a race number from the previous year, excluding numbers 0 to 10, then that number will be reserved until the member renews their membership or 1st March the following year, whichever occurs first. Members must also take part in at least three meetings in any 2 calendar year period to retain their allocated number. If a member has not renewed their membership or not satisfied the participation requirement then their race number may become open for any member to request. **Race numbers must be clearly displayed on three (3) number plates or as otherwise stated in the GCR's. The ERA letter set out below must also be displayed in the top left of the plate (the letter need only be 50mm as per the GCR's)**

Race Number Plates

Number plates must be presented in the following colours: As per GCR requirements.

125cc	Black background with white numbers
250cc	Green background with white numbers
>263cc	Yellow background with black numbers

At least the front number plate of each bike shall have the following letters as per the GCR's 50mm high on the left of the number plate in the same colours as the number.

Pre60	A	Pre70	H	Pre78	Z	Pre85	Y	Pre95	V
Pre65	N	Pre75	X	Pre82	E	Pre90	W		

Trophy Guidelines

There may not be trophies for classes with less than three (3) riders for the competition year. To be fair to classes with low numbers, trophies will be awarded only if at least half of race meetings have 3 or more entrants. e.g.: 4 rounds out of an 8 round series had 3 or more entrants then trophies will be awarded.

Perpetual Trophies

Perpetual trophies awarded at premier events through the year will be awarded to the winner for a period of twelve (12) months. They will be handed back to the club at or before the corresponding meeting the following year. It is the responsibility of the recipient to have them personally engraved.

Perpetual Trophies include:

- ❖ Club Champion
- ❖ Clubperson of The Year
- ❖ Over 50 Club Champion
- ❖ Pre65 – Roy East Shield
- ❖ Pre70 – John Hind Shield
- ❖ Pre75 – Geoff Eldridge Trophy
- ❖ Pre78 – Ray Ryan Shield
- ❖ EVO – Col Evans Trophy
- ❖ Bruce 'Magoo' McFarland Trophy

Loss or Damage to Trophies

Recipients are responsible for the safe keeping and return of club perpetual trophies. If for any reason they are lost or damaged the member has an obligation to repair, replace or financially compensate for the trophy concerned.

Club Championships

There will be a number of championships within the competition year. They are listed below and are not limited to:

Club Champion – Trophy & No. 1 Plate

This is a perpetual trophy as listed above. It will entitle the recipient to ride with the number 1 plate for the following race season. The Club Champion Trophy will be awarded to the rider with the most accumulated points for two (2) classes only. If a dead heat of the points occurs, the rider who has the greater number of higher places in the series will be awarded the number 1 position, however if a dead heat still exists, then the committee will make the final decision.

Championship - Top 10 Recipients

The members with the highest point scores from two (2) combined classes will receive their position in the top 10. The recipients of this award are allowed to either display their point score position race number and/or they may display their old existing race number for the following race season. The Committee and club members in general encourage the recipients of these prestigious numbers to enjoy the privilege by using and displaying the number during the following year.

The top 10 recipients are the only riders eligible to display a race number of 1 through 10 in the following calendar year. Recipients will have their old race number reserved for them provided they renew their membership prior to 1st March the following year.

Class Championship

Each class shall have a competition point score and trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters. NB. Only if 'Trophy Guidelines' are met (see above).

Clubperson of The Year Trophy

The Clubperson trophy will be awarded to the HEAVEN member that has highly contributed to the club by offering assistance at HEAVEN events and/or in general club business. The recipient is to be decided by voting of the committee. Each member of the main committee will be entitled to one (1) vote only. If there is a tied vote, the president will cast a deciding second vote.

Race Meeting Entry Fees

Pre Entry Fees for a normal 1 or a 2 day club/interclub race meeting are as follows.

\$80.00 for an adult.

\$50.00 for an aged pensioner or dependent of another competitor.

\$35.00 for a junior.

\$160.00 capped for a family.

Vinduro/Practice/Social/Special meeting ride fees may vary.

Licence Fees

Event Licence Fees

These may change due to MNSW fee increases.

A One Event race Licence (OEL) is presently \$90.00. This covers the entire duration of the meeting.

Recreation Licence Fee

These may change due to MNSW fee increases.

A One Event Recreational Licence (OERL) fee is presently \$40.00

No racing participation is allowed on this licence.

On the Day Entry Fees

An additional fee of \$20 will apply for each entrant who enters on the day of a meeting. The maximum late entry fee for a family is \$30.

Whilst all entries are welcome, entry at the meeting is discouraged to lessen the demand in formatting classes and race schedule on the race committee and officials. **The race schedule and format will be formulated using the pre entry data and late entrants will need to accept that this will not change.** In order to avoid any issues - please pre-enter online.

NB: New members on the day are exempt any additional fees. Scheduled standard fees apply (see above).

Entry Fee Refunds

The club wishes to encourage pre-entries therefore if a competitor has entered and for some reason cannot make the meeting they should give the club secretary or race secretary notice in advance, to be automatically refunded their entry fee. Non-attendance without notifying the committee or race secretary may result in a nil refund for the entrant. Notification of withdrawal from the meeting can be in the form of a phone call or SMS to 0407970388, or email (heaven.vmx@gmail.com) prior to 10am on the first day of the event. Once your bike enters the track no entry refund can be given. Once any One Event Licence or One Event Recreational Licence has been issued no refund or transfer is available.

Club Membership

Memberships commence from the 1st January and expire on 31st December of the same year. New members who apply and pay fees after 31 Aug will have their membership continue through to 31 Dec of the following year.

Members from the previous years (Renewals) must renew their membership prior to 1st March the following year if they wish to secure their previous race number (see 'Race Numbers' on page 6).

New members only may join the club on the day at a race meeting – unless otherwise restricted. With the pre-entry system all membership renewals will be accepted with the pre entry only and **not** on the day. The committee is often required for other duties on these days.

Single Membership	\$ 60.00
Family Membership	\$ 90.00
One-Event Membership	\$ 30.00

Family membership is open to an adult and their dependent children (including foster children and guardianships) **or** cohabitating adult couple and their dependent children (including foster children and guardianships) generally up to 18yrs of age. A dependent child can be older than 18yrs if still a student and genuinely dependent but must provide proof in the form of a student card or similar. Members will be issued with individual membership cards.

One-Event Membership is available to any non-member for a given meeting/event. This option may be used unlimited times and requires no historical administrative processing. Entrants who choose a 'One-Event Membership' do not hold any voting rights for the purposes of club business transactions (GM/AGM etc) and no membership card will be issued.

Webpage and Social Media

HEAVEN VMX Inc. utilise various formats to communicate valuable information to its members. All memberships, event entries and information flyers, downloadable forms and pointscore updates can be found on the webpage – <https://www.heavenvmx.com.au>.

HEAVEN VMX Inc. has two separate Facebook pages. The general open to public page 'HEAVEN VMX', and the members' only 'HEAVEN VMX Members' closed page. Only financial members will be granted access to the members page after answering a few simple questions. General information will be shared on the public page, whereas more detail on all aspects of club business will be given on the members page.

All members are reminded to act in a courteous and respectful manner at all times on any social media. This will preserve the 'family friendly' culture and reputation we proudly hold within the club whilst allowing all to maximise the enjoyment on what it's all about – the golden years of MX bikes!

THESE PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE COMMITTEE AT LEAST ANNUALLY.