

## AINTREE MOTORCYCLE RACING CLUB

**RIDERS BRIEFING: R2 2023** 

- 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION Any new riders Please stay behind until after the briefing.
- 2. **COMMENTATOR INFO SHEET**: A reminder those of you haven't filled in an info sheet, can you do so they are available at signing ON.
- 3. **MINI-CYCLES and SCOOTERS** If you have children with you, please discourage them from riding minicycles and scooters in the paddock area. Similarly, to riders, please be aware that a child can easily ride out from behind a parked vehicle into your path. **There is a 5 MPH speed limit in the paddock.**
- 4. ELECTRIC SCOOTERS please do not use electric scooters this applies to adults and children, the paddock is very crowded and we do not want any injuries caused by speeding scooters.
- 5. **ALCOHOL and DRUGS** There is a ZERO tolerance on alcohol and drugs . Please DON'T drink alcohol or take drugs if you are competing.
- 6. **PADDOCK ROADS** Please keep all paddock roads clear for emergency vehicles. At the end of a session, when leaving the circuit and, as stated earlier, there is a **5 mph limit** on the paddock roads. Please beware as there are spectators and children around and we don't want any accidents.
- 7. PUNCTUALITY Please listen to announcements / look which race format is running and be in Assembly on time. DO NOT Blame the Paddock Address System
- 8. **OFFICIALS / MARSHALS REQUESTS SAFETY** It's usually for your benefit. Please DO NOT attempt to repair a machine at the edge of the circuit. If your engine blows or you have brake failure etc., please get off the racing line and stop in a safe place ASAP.
- 9. **RACING NUMBERS** The ACU Handbook shows the style of racing numbers, which should be shown on the front and both sides of the machine. Even though this meeting is using transponders, you still need to have racing numbers to be credited with a lap time in case your transponder fails or falls off.
- 10. ON BIKE CAMERAS Can we remind you that if you want to use an "On bike camera", you must have prior permission of the Clerk of the Course IN WRITING. To save a bit of time, we now have a form that you can complete and hand to one of the Clerks of the Course for authorization. This is also available on the website.
  - a. The installation of the camera must be to the satisfaction of the Chief Technical Officer.
  - b. Cameras MUST be mounted on the machine and NOT on helmets or clothing.
- 9. REAR RED LIGHTS ALL MACHINES machines MUST have a rear facing (Non Flashing) RED Hazard light, mounted on the tail piece which is to be switched on in ALL Wet Practice / Races. Vintage and Classic machines are exempt from this regulation were competing in their own event,
- **10. NOVICE RIDERS** Novice riders MUST wear Hi-Viz jackets in ALL events entered.
- **11. ASSEMBLY AREA** Please be in the Assembly Area in good time for your event. Nobody may enter the track without going through the Assembly Area. Your machine / engine must be running BEFORE you can leave assembly.
  - Please, No abuse to Assembly team. If you are reported for abusive behavior, you WILL be excluded.
- DRY / WET RACES Boards will be displayed at the Assembly Area. If on slicks and the weather changes (from dry to wet) during a race, the race will be stopped and restarted later to allow tyre change. we will allow the leaders to indicate to the Start line Officials if they consider it too dangerous to continue should rain fall during an event.
- 13. **Timed Practice**,9.30am, practice is in race order, 10 minutes per session, you may enter the pit lane and make adjustments and rejoin, if you miss you practice you will be allowed to practice with another session but you will then have to start from the back of the grid. Please check you have a working transponder

14. **START PROCEDURE** You will leave the Assembly Area and proceed to your allocated grid position. At the start of the Warm Up lap you will be waved off by a Green Flag from the Start line. Please DO NOT use this as a practice Race Start as there will probably be slower riders in front of you. At the end of the warm up lap you are to return to your allotted grid positions, when you should STOP. The Red light(s) will be on for up to 5 seconds, When the Red light goes off.................................. GO!

We would remind you that a 10 second penalty will apply for any jump / anticipated starts, for which there is no appeal. Also, anyone who delays the start will be given a min. 20 second penalty.

- 16. SIDECAR GRIDS Sidecar crews, please remember, you are on the YELLOW grid numbers.
- 17. **GREEN FLAG LAPS** The Green flag will be shown at all flag positions for the first 2 laps of Practice and during the Warm Up lap.
- 18. **FALLERS** Marshals will provide assistance to fallers. You MAY NOT restart after falling. Dropped machines must be re-scrutineered and riders MUST go to the Medical Centre to be checked over and obtain a "FIT TO RIDE" slip from the medical team. Without this, you will not be allowed to continue racing. The slip will need to be given to the assembly team before you will be allowed out again.

## 19. CHANGE OF MACHINE, RIDER OR PASSENGER

We would remind riders that, in accordance with National Sporting Code (NSC) Section 7.17 it is illegal to change a machine, rider or passenger once the event has commenced, unless the replacement machine has been previously presented for scrutineering.

- 20. **PROTESTS & APPEALS** If you wish to Protest an event, result or decision, we have the appropriate forms, but it will cost you £100.
  - Protests must be lodged, with the Secretary of the Meeting, within 30 minutes of a result being posted or a decision being issued.
- 21. **THEFT** Please look after your belongings. Lock your vehicles if there is no-one to keep watch over your gear. We want you to go home with all you came with.
- **22. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS** You are required to have a min. 2 Kg dry powder fire extinguisher in each working vehicle. It must be mounted at or near the rear of the vehicle (NOT buried in the depths) so you can get at it quickly, if necessary. Failure to comply will result can a £25.00 fine. Road Race regulation 13.3

## 23. DRONES

The use of remote-controlled aerial drones to take photographic footage of racing is NOT allowed, as para. 3.16.1 of the National Sporting Code.

## 24. RED FLAGS

Red flags mean's STOP or be prepared to stop. If / when red flags are displayed, please slow down and keep to the left-hand side of the track in order that medics or officials can get to the incident. We may deploy "STOP HERE" signs located at the entry into Beechers Corner and at the Railway Straight flag point dependent upon the location of the incident. When used, you must STOP and you will be directed when to continue.

- **25. Environmental mats Aintree** golf club have requested you have an environmental mat under your bike /sidecar to absorb any oil spills when working on it, if you do have an oil spill inform a club official so we can deal with it. See section 7 of the ACU environmental code.
- **Generators** It has been noted that generators have been left running unattended with fuel cans close by this is a fire hazard, please switch off generators when not attended and store fuel safely away from the generator.

Any Questions? Have a safe and enjoyable days racing.