

# MOTORCYCLE STANDARDS POLICY



## TRIATHLON NSW's RESPONSIBILITY

As part of its Duty of Care, TNSW requires that all technical officials are provided with a safe workplace. This document is provided to Event Organisers to ensure that all motorcycles and motorcycle riders that are assigned to technical officials, meet minimum safety standards.

## EVENT ORGANISER'S RESPONSIBILITY

In accordance with the WHS legislation, the Field of Play is considered to be a workplace, which is controlled by the Event Organiser. As part of its WHS responsibilities, the Event Organiser is required to provide a safe workplace to technical officials that are pillion passengers on motorcycles.

Prior to the event, the event organiser shall inspect the Field of Play, and advise each motorcycle rider and also the TNSW Technical Delegate of any hazards on the Field of Play.

## MOTORCYCLE RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY

The motorcycle rider is engaged by the Event Organiser, and is in control of the motorcycle. The rider is responsible for:

- Understanding the hazards of the bike course, as communicated by the Event Organiser at a Site Induction
- Maintaining a safe environment for competitors and technical officials
- Obeying normal traffic rules
- holding a current, valid driver's license for their motorcycle, with appropriate insurance

At all times, the safety of competitors, technical officials and the rider, shall take precedence. This may require the rider to refuse a request from an official where the rider feels that the requested action may introduce an unsafe environment.

## **MINIMUM STANDARDS**

TNSW considers that the Event Organiser must ensure that the following minimum standards, in relation to the provision of motorcycles and riders to technical officials, are met:

### 1. Competency of Motorcycle Riders

1.1 Each rider must have at least 5 hours accident-free experience with a pillion passenger on board

1.2 The size and weight of the pillion passenger must be within the capabilities of the rider. Riders can refuse to carry a passenger at any time.

1.3 The rider must not be suffering from fatigue whilst performing his/her duties. This matter should be discussed with the technical official regularly throughout the assignment, and control measures implemented to manage fatigue if necessary.

### 2. Safety of Motorcycles

2.1 The motorcycle must be currently registered and in a road worthy condition

2.2 The motorcycle must be equipped with a back rest or top box, to enable the technical official to safely perform their clerical duties

2.3 The motorcycle shall be ergonomically designed to support a pillion passenger in a normal seated position. For example, the foot pegs must be at an appropriate height

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### Related Documents:

*These documents can be found on the Triathlon Australia website.*

“The Good Gear Guide for Motorcycle and Scooter Riders” – by the National Roads Safety Council.

“Motorcycle Pillion Passenger Behaviour”

“Technical Officials’ Fatigue Policy”