



SERIES SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS FOR THE
**2008 WRP-BRIDGESTONE NATIONAL
BEARS SERIES**

British, European, American & Australasian Race Series

Classes:

- BEARS Formula 1
- BEARS Formula 2
- BEARS National Twins
- BEARS Formula 3
- BEARS Formula 4 – Heritage
- BEARS Formula 5



1. ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2008 WRP-Bridgestone National BEARS Series will be conducted for A, B, C & D grade riders on solo machines of British, European, American, Australian and New Zealand design and manufacture from 125 – 1300cc under the General Competition Rules of Motorcycling Australia. The Series is held under the auspices of MA, Series Permit 1344 and permits issued by MNSW, MVIC and MSA. Motorcycles must be from an acknowledged BEARS manufacturer. The BEARS Australia Motorcycle Racing Club Inc. is the sole authority that determines machine eligibility. Other machinery not listed below may be included on application to the series co-ordinator Scott Brown 02-65536223 or 0427-536223. For more information on BEARS classes, history, past champions, lap records, series points, membership applications and event supplementary regulations visit <http://www.ozbearsracing.com>

2. SERIES DATES

All rounds will be held in conjunction with other motorcycle race meetings. Dates and venues listed below may be subject to change. These 5 rounds will constitute the 2008 WRP-Bridgestone National BEARS Series. In the event of a round being cancelled, no additional or substituted round will be added

- Rd 1 – Broadford, March 29-30 Victorian Historic Championships. Promoter HMRAV. Track License # TBA
- Rd 2 – Winton Raceway, May 3/4 Victorian Titles Rd 2. Promoter Benalla Autoclub. Track License # TBA
- Rd 3 – Eastern Creek, June 14-15 Honda R-Jays St George Series, Rd 2. Promoter St George MCRC License # 12065
- Rd 4 - MacNamara Park October 18/19 Masters of Mac Pack. Promoter Mt Gambier MCC. Track License # TBA
- Rd 5 - Phillip Island Nov. 15-16 East Coast Road Race Series Rd 6. Promoter Circuit Breakers. Track License # TBA

3. JURISDICTION

The races will be National Competition in which holders of current Senior National Licenses issued by MA, and holders of current licenses issued by Motorcycling New Zealand who have a start permission indicating current insurance to FIM standards to compete in Australia are eligible. All competitions will be conducted in accordance with the General Competition Rules of Motorcycling Australia, and these supplementary regulations and individual event instructions, which have approval of MA. The implementation and co-ordination of the Series will be the responsibility of the BEARS Australia Motorcycle Racing Club Inc.

4. DESCRIPTION OF 2008 BEARS FORMULAS (Fuel used as per GCR's)

FORMULA 1 (tyre choice open)

APRILIA RSV1000; BENELLI 900/1130; BMW K1200S, K1200R (A & B), K1200 Power Cup; BUELL 1125; DUCATI (4 valve) 926cc – 1198cc, Desmosedici RR; BIMOTA, HARRIS, SPONDON, SEGALE, etc. (less than 10 years old); KTM 990 (A & B), RC8; MV AGUSTA over 751cc;

FORMULA 2 (tyre choice open)

APRILIA Tuona; BMW R1200S, K1200R (C & D), HP2; BUELL 1200 Lightning, Cyclone (A & B), XB12R, XB12S; CAGIVA Raptor 1000; DUCATI (2 valve) 944cc – 1100cc, ST3, (4 valve) 748 (A,B & C grade), 749, 848, 851, 888, 916cc, S4, S4R, S4RS; KTM 990 (C & D), 950; MOTO GUZZI (4 valve) 1000-1200; BIMOTA, MACINTOSH, SPONDON, EGLI, HARRIS, MOTOPLAST, MOTO MARTIN, etc. (10 or more years old); MV AGUSTA F4 & Brutale 750; TRIUMPH Daytona 650 - 675, Speed Triple & Sprint over 900cc, 675 street triple (A&B); VEE TWO Squalo;

BEARS NATIONAL TWINS

All twin cylinder machines in F1 and F2 are automatically entered in National Twins.

FORMULA 3 (tyre choice open)

APRILIA Shiver, RS250, RXV/SXV 550; BIMOTA DB1; BMW F800, R850-R1200, K100-K1200; BUELL 1200 Lightning, Cyclone (C & D), XB9R, XB9S; CAGIVA Raptor 650; DUCATI (2 valve) 750-904cc, 4 valve 748 (D Grade only); MOTO GUZZI (2 valve) 1000-1200; SINGLE CYLINDER 2 & 4 stroke in modified/GP type frames. Eg. Husqvarna, KTM, MuZ, TRICK; TRIUMPH 750-885cc, Trophy, 675 street triple (C&D); HARRIS/BIMOTA 2 stroke;

FORMULA 4-HERITAGE (tyre choice open)

Motor Design - Pre 1980, including head and crankcases; Motor Manufacture can be after 1980; Frame - tubular steel; Final Drive - chain = twin shock, shaft = single or twin shock; Front Forks - no USD forks; Wheels - 18" minimum diameter; e.g. BULTACO; BMW boxer R60 - R100 (4 valve heads may be fitted); DUCATI, all Bevel drives, Pantah; HARLEY DAVIDSON 883-1200, XR750 -1000; LAVERDA SFC 750, Jota, RGS; MOTO GUZZI Mk1-Mk5; SINGLE CYLINDER - BSA, Norton, Velocette etc; TRIUMPH Bonneville, Trident, Thruxton;

FORMULA 5 - CLUBMAN (C and D grade riders - treaded street tyres only)

SINGLE CYLINDER – APRILIA; BIMOTA; BMW; CAGIVA; GAS GAS; GILERA; HUSABERG; HUSQVARNA; KTM up to 691cc; MuZ; RICCI; TM; TRICK; VOR; _NB - There are no development restrictions on single cylinder machinery. TWIN CYLINDER - APRILIA RXV/SXV 450; BMW R850; DUCATI Pantah (up to 750cc), 600SS, 600M (up to 705cc, no EFI models), 620i, 620 Sport, M695, M696; TRIUMPH Bonneville, Speedmaster (new) etc;

THRUXTON CUP

Triumph Thruxton motorcycles manufactured after 2000. Limitations in tuning apply please see BEARS website for more info: <http://www.ozbearsracing.com>

5. BRIDGESTONE TYRE RULE

All competitors with 17" wheels are required to use Bridgestone tyres to score points in the 2008 WRP-Bridgestone National BEARS Series. Competitors who have non 17 inch wheels are not required to use Bridgestone tyres. In the event that Bridgestone full wet weather tyres cannot be supplied at a particular event, only then may non-Bridgestone full wet weather tyres may be used at that meeting. In the event that dry weather Bridgestone tyres can not be supplied for a particular event, only then may non-Bridgestone dry weather tyres be used.

Competitors not complying with the Bridgestone Tyre Rule will be permitted to compete, and they are eligible to score points and win trophies at each round but they shall not accrue any points towards the National BEARS Series. For the purpose of scoring the points for the Bridgestone National BEARS Series, competitors not compliant with the Bridgestone Tyre Rule will be removed from the finishing order. These non complying competitors cannot take points away from those using Bridgestone tyres. I.e only the Bridgestone competitors will score series points and these points will be awarded as per GCR's. ie. 25, 20, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

ie. there are effectively 2 point scores. One is completed by the round promoter and totalled after all legs that comprise that round, and that score is used to determine placegetters within formulas at that round. The points score for the 2008 National BEARS Series will be completed by the Series Co-ordinator after each round and will appear on www.ozbearsracing.com within 7 days after the completion of each round.

Bridgestone tyres can be obtained from Craig White (mob 0413-461353) or (home 02-46207715).

6. BEARS RIDER LEVY

Each competitor in the 2008 National BEARS Series will be required to contribute a \$10 per meeting rider levy to the BEARS Australia Motorcycle Racing Club. If a competitor intends to compete in all 5 rounds they will only be required to contribute a maximum of \$40 if this is paid at the first meeting they attend. This levy will be used to assist the BEARS Australia MCRC to cover the costs incurred in running the Series. This levy may be collected by the promoter on behalf of BEARS Australia (if advised in each event Sup Regs), alternatively representatives of BEARS Australia will collect it immediately after riders briefing at each event.

7. RACE DISTANCES, GRADING, GRIDS, RULES, REGRADING

Each of the five rounds will be held over four legs. Each leg will be of approximately 20 kilometres. The exact race distances will be advised in the supplementary regulations of each round. The maximum number of legs is twenty.

Whenever possible, BEARS grids will be split to allow any combination of BEARS formulas to run together, with the intention of separating F5 from F1 for reasons of safety. However depending upon the number of BEARS entries received, all classes (F1, F2, F3, F4 & F5) may be run concurrently.

If the number of BEARS entries received exceeds the capacity of the grid, the round promoter must ensure all BEARS formulas may compete by combining any combination of BEARS formulas with another class of similar lap times.

In the event of the number of applications to enter being greater than the number of competitors allowed on the grid, timed practice will be held with the 115% of the fastest qualifier being the cut of off, or at the discretion of the series co-ordinator.

A rider may nominate to compete in a higher BEARS formula (by nominating on the supplementary regulations for each individual round, and providing they can qualify within 115% of the fastest qualifier), upon subsequently return to the formula of original classification, any points earned in the higher formula cannot be transferred to the lower formula.

If a BEARS grid is to be split to separate the various formulas, competitors with a second machine may ride this second machine in another BEARS formula providing they had already entered both formulas on the event supplementary regulations. eg. a competitor may compete in BEARS F1 on one motorcycle, and in F4 on another motorcycle. Points do not accrue between formulas. Riders are only eligible to score points and win prize money and trophies within the particular formula that their motorcycle is eligible, or nominated for.

Should any rider change their motorcycle (and subsequently the formula that they were in) during the series, then they shall maintain all series points that they may have accumulated within each formula, but these points may not be added together for the overall series. In the event of a rider being re-graded during the series, the rider may continue in the series according to their original grading. A rider's grade for the purposes of BEAR formula classification, is deemed to be the highest grade held by that rider over the last four calendar years at the commencement of the first round of this series.

8. POINTS and SCORING

The riders amassing the greatest number of points within each formula across all legs at each round will determine the placegetters per round. The winners of the National BEARS Series will be the riders amassing the highest number of points within each formula over all rounds. In the event of a race being cancelled in its entirety, no points will be awarded although the race will have deemed to be run in regard to the overall series. Points will be awarded within formulas after every leg as per current GCR's, 1st – 20th. I.e. 25, 20, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. For the purposes of scoring any race that does not complete full distance, the current GCRs in this regard will apply. The maximum number of points at each round is 100. The maximum number of points available during the 2008 series is 500.

9. PRIZE MONEY and AWARDS

Round Trophies, for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each formula (F1, F2, F3, F4 & F5) are the responsibility of the promoter. Prize money at each round is the responsibility of the promoter and will be advised in the supplementary regulations of each round if available.

Series trophies, for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each formula (F1, F2, Twins, F3, F4 & F5) over the 5 rounds is the responsibility of the BEARS Australia Motorcycle Racing Club Inc. and will be distributed at the presentation ceremony of the final round. Series prize money will be paid to the 1st place only in each formula. I.e. F1 \$300, F2 \$300, F3 \$300, F4 \$300, F5 \$300.

Thrupton cup, prize money to be paid per round: 1st \$300, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$250, 4th \$200, 5th \$150. Trophies to be allocated to 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the completion of the series.

BEARS NATIONAL TWINS, Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd at the completion of the series.

10. ENTRIES and FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

Entries shall be lodged on the official entry forms available from www.ozbearsracing.com or the event promoters. Competitors must ensure their eligibility for the BEARS formulas F1, F2, F3, F4, or F5. Final instructions will be issued by the promoter of each round and sent out with entry acceptances.

11. ENTRY FEES and PASSES

Entry fees will be set by the individual promoters and may include cross entry into other events if eligible. Each rider will receive at least 2 pit passes. Additional passes may be purchased by arrangement with the promoter.

12. NUMBER PLATES and RIDING NUMBERS

Riding numbers shall be at the discretion of the promoter of each round. Riders will be notified of their riding number in the final instructions issued prior to each round. To assist with lap scoring, it is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their number plates meet the requirements specified in the current GCR's.

13. SCRUTINEERING, PRACTICE and RACE SCHEDULE

Will be as per the supplementary regulations and final instructions issued by the event promoter for each round.

14. STARTING POSITIONS and MANNER OF STARTING

Timed qualifying will be held. If timed qualifying cannot be held the allocation of grid positions for the first leg will be at the discretion of the Series Co-ordinator and approved by the Clerk of Course. Grid positions for subsequent legs will be as per previous finishing order. All events shall be from a clutch start. Competitors shall be given at least one warm up lap prior to each leg. Lights will be used to start all events. Should the lights fail, the race maybe started by raising the flag.

15. CHANGE OF MACHINE

A rider may change their machine before the start of a race providing the following is adhered to: a) a change of machine may be permitted if submitted in writing to the Clerk of Course and with the approval of the MA Steward at least 20 minutes prior to the start of the event in which the substitution is required: B) no rider may change to a machine that has not been officially scrutineered for the round.

16. PROTESTS and APPEALS

All protests and appeals must be in accordance with the current MA manual of motorcycle sport.

17. POSTPONEMENTS or ABANDONMENT

The promoter of any round reserves the right to shorten, combine, postpone, cancel or abandon events at a meeting with the approval of the MA Steward, Clerk of Course, LCB or MA road racing commission should conditions warrant.

18. NOISE LIMITS

Noise limits will be enforced. Competitors exceeding limits will be black-flagged.

19. CONTACT

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