



Rules for the 2010

BRIDGESTONE/RAPID/PROCYCLES NATIONAL BEARS CHALLENGE



Classes:

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

1. ANNOUNCEMENT

The **2010** National BEARS Challenge will be conducted for A, B, C & D grade riders on solo machines of British, European, American, Australian and New Zealand design and manufacture that meet the General Competition Rules of Motorcycling Australia. Motorcycles must be from an acknowledged BEARS manufacturer. The elected 7 member BEARS Club committee of 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 challenge co-ordinator Scott Brown 02-65536223. The names of the elected 7 member BEARS committee are on page 4 of this document. For more information on BEARS classes, history, past champions, lap records, series points, membership applications and event supplementary regulations visit www.ozbearsracing.com.

2. COMPETITION 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 2010 National BEARS Challenge. In the event of a round being cancelled an additional or substituted round may be added at the discretion of the committee of the BEARS Australia MCRCL Inc.

Rd 1 – Broadford	VICTORIA	20-21 March	PRESTON MCC
Rd 2 – MacNamara Park	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	2-4 April (Easter)	Mt GAMBIER MCC
Rd 3 – Morgan Park	QUEENSLAND	8-9 May	MOTORCYCLE SPORTSMEN
Rd 4 – Phillip Island	VICTORIA	1-3 October (long W/E)	MRRDA
Rd 5 – Eastern Creek	NEW SOUTH WALES	13-14 November	St GEORGE MCC

Entry forms for these events will be available from www.ozbearsracing.com

3. JURISDICTION

The races will be National Open meetings in which holders of current Senior National Licenses issued by MA, and holders of current licenses issued by Motorcycling New Zealand who have written clearance to compete in Australia are eligible. All competitions will be conducted in accordance with the General Competition Rules of Motorcycling Australia, individual event instructions, and these National BEARS Challenge Rules. The implementation of the National BEARS Challenge will be the responsibility of the committee of the BEARS Australia Motorcycle Racing Club Inc.

4. DESCRIPTION OF 2010 BEARS FORMULAS (Fuel as per GCR's)

Any new classifications are shown in bold font.

BEARS FORMULA 1

APRILIA RSV1000R, RSV4;
BENELLI 1130 Tornado & TNT;
BMW S1000RR, K1200S & K1200R (A & B), K1200 Power Cup;
BUELL 1125 (A & B);
DUCATI (4 valve Testastretta) 998cc – 1198cc, Desmosedici;
BIMOTA, HARRIS, SPONDON, etc. (less than 10 years old);
KTM RC8;
MV AGUSTA F4 over 751cc;

BEARS FORMULA 2

APRILIA RSV1000 (Pre 2004), Tuona;
BENELLI 900 Tornado & TNT;
BIMOTA (2 valve less than 10 years old)
BMW K1200S & K1200R (C & D);

BUELL 1125 (C&D Grade);

DUCATI 2 valve 944cc-1100cc, all 4 valve 748cc - 996cc (No 998 except for S4RS);

KTM 950-990;

BIMOTA, HARRIS, SPONDON, etc. (10 or more years old);

MV AGUSTA F4 750cc & Brutale 910;

TRIUMPH 650-675, Speed Triple & Sprint (over 900cc);

BEARS FORMULA 3

APRILIA RS250, RXV/SXV 550, Shiver;

BIMOTA DB1;

BMW F800, R850-R1200, K100-K1200;

BUELL 2 valve up to 1200cc;

DUCATI 2 valve 750 – 904cc (A&B Grade), 904 - 1000cc (C&D Grade), 4 valve 748cc, **851 – 888cc (C & D); NO DUCATI 848-853cc**

HARLEY DAVIDSON XR1200;

MOTO GUZZI (4 valve) and 2 valve over 1200cc

SINGLE CYLINDER 2 & 4 stroke in modified/GP type frames.

TRIUMPH 600-900cc, T595; Excluding 675

HARRIS/BIMOTA 2 stroke;

VEE TWO Alchemy;

BEARS FORMULA 4 – HERITAGE

(New Cut Off Date 1985 – No Tyre/Wheel Restrictions)

Motor Design - Pre 1985, including head and crankcases; **Motor Manufacture** can be after **1985**; Frame - tubular steel; Front Forks - no USD forks; **Wheels - Free; Brakes – any available “over the counter” in 1985**.e.g. BULTACO; BMW Boxer R60 - R100 (4 valve heads may be fitted); DUCATI all Bevel drives, Pantah, **TT2, 750F1**; HARLEY DAVIDSON 883-1200, XR750 -1000; LAVERDA SFC 750, Jota, RGS; MOTO GUZZI Mk1-Mk5, **V7, Classic**;

SINGLE CYLINDER - BSA, Norton, Velocette etc;

TRIUMPH Bonneville, Trident, Thruxton;

BEARS FORMULA 5 (Open to C and D grade riders only on treaded street tyres)

SINGLE CYLINDER – APRILIA; BIMOTA; BMW; CAGIVA; HUSABERG; HUSQVARNA; KTM; MuZ; TRICK;

TWIN CYLINDER - APRILIA RXV/SXV 450;

DUCATI (2 valve) up to 904cc;

MOTO GUZZI (2 valve) up to 1200cc;

BEAR's NATIONAL TWINS (Open to all twin cylinder machines in F1 and F2)

5. COMPULSORY BEARS CLUB MEMBERSHIP

To score points in the 2010 National BEARS Challenge competitors must hold current financial membership of BEARS Australia Motorcycle Racing Club Inc. prior to commencement of the first leg at every round of the Challenge. Membership forms are available from www.ozbearsracing.com.

Single event membership may be available on the day prior to commencement of racing from any one of the 7 member BEARS Club committee for a fee of \$10.

If a competitor becomes a financial member of BEARS Australia MCRC (either as a fully paid up annual member or as a single event member) after any leg of the Challenge, then any leg competed in when non-financial will not earn Challenge points. Challenge points can only accrue once the competitor is financial.

6. BRIDGESTONE TYRE RULE

All competitors with 17” wheels are required to use Bridgestone tyres to score points in the 2010 National BEARS Challenge. Competitors who have non 17 inch wheels are not required to use Bridgestone tyres. In the event that Bridgestone tyres cannot be supplied at a particular event, only then may non-Bridgestone tyres be used at that meeting.

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 Challenge. For the purpose of scoring the points for the Bridgestone National BEARS Challenge, competitors not compliant with the Bridgestone Tyre Rule will be removed from the finishing order. A non-Bridgestone competitor cannot take points away from those using Bridgestone tyres. I.e. only the Bridgestone competitors will score Challenge points and these points will be awarded as per GCR's. i.e. 25, 20, 18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

NOTE - 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 2010 National BEARS Challenge will be completed by the Series Co-ordinator after each round and will appear on www.ozbearsracing.com within 14 days of the completion of each round.

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

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 of the 2010 National BEARS Challenge is therefore 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 and 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 Challenge co-ordinator. Competitors who have already scored points in the 2010 National Challenge will be given starting priority.

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), but if wishing to return to the formula of original classification, any points earned in the higher formula cannot be transferred back 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. For example 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 for, or nominated in.

Should any rider change their motorcycle (and subsequently the formula that they were in) during the 2010 National BEARS Challenge, then they shall maintain all 2010 National BEARS Challenge 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 2010 National BEARS Challenge, the rider may continue in the 2010 National BEARS Challenge according to their original grading.

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 2010 National BEARS Challenge 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 2009 National BEARS Challenge. Points will be awarded within BEARS Formula's 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 will apply.

The maximum number of points at each round is 100. The maximum number of points available during the 2010 National BEARS Challenge is 500. The points score for the 2010 National BEARS Challenge will be completed by the Challenge coordinator after each round and will appear on www.ozbearsracing.com within 14 days after the completion of each round.

9. PRIZE MONEY, AWARDS and QUALIFYING FOR PRIZEMONEY

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

National Challenge Trophies and specially embroidered caps for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd in each formula (F1, F2, 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.

National Challenge Prizemoney – A maximum of \$5500 prizemoney is available after the completion of the 5th and final round.

Prizemoney is allocated equally across all BEARS Formulas and will be distributed as shown below.

Formula	% of \$5500	Prizemoney	1 st 50%	2 nd 30%	3 rd 20%
1	20%	\$1100	\$550	\$330	\$220
2	20%	\$1100	\$550	\$330	\$220
3	20%	\$1100	\$550	\$330	\$220
4-Heritage	20%	\$1100	\$550	\$330	\$220
5	20%	\$1100	\$550	\$330	\$220

- To qualify for any Challenge prizemoney competitors must be a financial member of the BEARS Australia Motorcycle Racing Club Inc.
- To qualify for any Challenge prizemoney competitors must have used only Bridgestone tyres.

- To qualify for any Challenge prizemoney riders must participate in at least 60% (3 out of 5) rounds. I.e. if a rider competes in only one or two rounds of the National BEARS Challenge, then for the purposes of distributing prizemoney they will be deemed to have not competed.
- If less than 5 riders qualify within any class Formula throughout 2010, then only prizemoney for 1st place within that class will be paid.
- If more than 4 but less than 9 riders qualify within any class Formula throughout 2010, then prizemoney for 1st and 2nd place only within that class will be paid.
- If more than 8 riders qualify within any class Formula throughout 2010, then prizemoney for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place within that class will be paid.
- In the event that any advertised prizemoney within a Formula is not distributed due to the aforementioned criteria then any remaining prizemoney may be either retained by the BEARS Australia MCRC, or redistributed at the club's discretion.

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.

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 2010 National BEARS Challenge 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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