

Stannmore Update

New Race Order

Through 2010 we tried the following two race formats;

- 2 rounds – more laps
- 3 rounds – less laps

It became increasingly obvious that there are two different requirements from riders and neither format on its own was going to keep the masses happy.

The juniors, younger and newer senior riders and vets preferred shorter races and to be on the track more often. The junior parents commented that their riders were going stir crazy in the pits with such long breaks between races.

Whereas the faster seniors (A&B grade) were more interested in building the stamina and race craft to endure the larger meetings like SEQ, State and National Titles.

Well, we have been listening and after throwing around various ideas for some time, have basically broken the mould and given both groups exactly what they wanted by combining both formats. The Senior A&B grade riders will get 2 longer motos that will be run so that with the combination of the unlimited class (for those that want to race both classes), there will 4 longer races spread across the day with the remaining classes sticking to a slightly amended 3 round format.

The new format is as follows;

ROUND 1

1. SNR OPEN A+B 7 Laps
2. SNR OPEN C 4 Laps
3. JNR LITES A+B 4 Laps
4. JNR LITES C 4 Laps
5. MINI LITES 9-11yrs 4 Laps
Double gate for 25+ Riders. C first then Open
6. SNR UNLIMITED 7 Laps
7. MINI LITES 12-15YRS 4 Laps
Double gate for 25+ Riders. C first then A+B
8. VETS over 35 - 40 - 45 4 Laps
9. 65cc Open + C 4 Laps
Double gate for 25+ Riders. C first then Open
10. SNR LITES A+B 7 Laps
11. SNR LITES C 4 Laps
12. Div 2 50cc 4 Laps
13. Div 1 50cc 4 Laps
(reduced track length)

ROUND 2

14. SNR OPEN C 4 Laps
15. JNR LITES A+B 4 Laps
16. JNR LITES C 4 Laps
17. MINI LITES 9-11yrs 4 Laps
Double gate drop for 25+ Riders. C first then Open
18. SNR UNLIMITED 7 Laps
19. MINI LITES 12-15YRS 4 Laps
Double gate drop for 25+ Riders. C first then A+B
20. VETS over 35 - 40 - 45 4 Laps
21. 65cc Open + C 4 Laps
Double gate drop for 25+ Riders. C first then Open
22. SNR LITES C 4 Laps
23. Div 2 50cc 4 Laps
24. Div 1 50cc 4 Laps
(reduced track length)

ROUND 3

25. SNR OPEN A+B 7 Laps
26. SNR OPEN C 4 Laps
27. JNR LITES A+B 4 Laps
28. JNR LITES C 4 Laps
29. MINI LITES 9-11yrs 4 Laps
Double gate drop for 25+ Riders. C first then Open
30. MINI LITES 12-15YRS 4 laps
Double gate drop for 25+ Riders. C first then A+B
31. VETS over 35 - 40 - 45 4 Laps
32. 65cc Open + C 4 Laps
Double gate drop for 25+ Riders. C first then Open
33. SNR LITES A+B 7 Laps
34. SNR LITES C 4 Laps
35. Div 2 50cc 4 Laps
36. Div 1 50cc 4 Laps
(reduced track length)

The first race day will obvious be a bit of a test. There will be race order sheets up in the usual places so have a look and be sure you understand the format. After doing this it would be a shame if you missed a race because they weren't on the gate in time!

We would love to have as much rider feedback as possible so please come along to the next committee meeting on March 1st and let us know your thoughts.

Split Practice Days

Once again you told us what you wanted and that has brought on another big change. Running practise days where all classes/ages got to ride on the same day meant long delays between rides and with the senior classes being so big, the juniors were sitting around for extended periods.

The new practise schedule should see both groups on the track more often. Safety is always high on our list which often meant quite a slow changeover between junior and senior groups on practise days. This has been reduced considerably on junior days and eliminated on senior days.

The roster will change regularly so ALWAYS check the website www.stanmoremx.com.au before hand to be sure you are heading off on the right day. Practise day categories will be very strictly enforced so if you arrive on the wrong day, no amount of pleading will work – you will NOT be riding.

Once again, only time will tell. Here are the new formats;

JUNIOR DAY FORMAT

- 1) **50cc** 12 Minutes
Including all 50cc riders and developing 65cc riders
- 2) **65cc** 12 Minutes
Including all competent 65cc riders & developing 85cc riders)
- 3) **85cc/150cc** 12 Minutes
Including all competent 85cc 2 stroke / 150cc 4 stroke riders & developing 125cc riders
- 4) **125cc/250cc** 12 Minutes
Including all competent 125cc/150cc 2 stroke riders and all 250cc 4 stroke riders
- 5) **Senior Support** 12 Minutes
This will **ONLY** include the following groups and will be **STRICT ENFORCED – no exceptions**
 - Parents – MUST have a junior riding on the day (Can NOT be a Guardian, Uncle, Friend etc)
 - All Vets over 40 (you don't need to have a junior riding)
 - All Senior Females (you don't need to have a junior riding)
 - 16/17 year old seniors – MUST have a junior brother or sister riding on the day

The above format will rotate throughout the day with the first junior day commencing on;

Saturday 5th February: JUNIOR PRACTISE

SENIOR DAY FORMAT

- 1) Senior Competition/Fast Rec riders 15 Minutes
All capacities/ages, maximum 25 riders per group
- 2) Senior Recreational/Casual Race riders 15 Minutes
All capacities/ages, maximum 25 riders per group)

This format will rotate throughout the day in single gate lots i.e. Race/Rec/Race/Rec etc. As we will not need to wait for junior riders to clear the track, the gate will be dropped with minimal delay between groups so if you arrive to find the gate full you won't have long to wait for the next session. The first senior practise day will be;

Sunday 6th February: SENIOR PRACTISE

Please note that the days are not set and will change regularly so ALWAYS check the website BEFORE heading to the track.

Ride For Free

You love the sound of that don't you? It is simple, come to the working bee, put in a minimum of 2 hours work, and you will get a practise day pass... what could be easier?

We get some great helpers who deserve all we can do for them but as usual there are a few that religiously turn up and abuse the system. These passes are issued at a large cost the club so will be strictly enforced. If you plan on turning up in your favourite white shirt and best skate shoes, ready to stand around talking to your mates for ½ hour, and then expect a race day pre nomination and a practise pass for your efforts... **DON'T**.

I can assure you that the response to your request is likely to offend you!

Working Bee Summary

What a great day, we had an excellent turn out and everyone put in a huge effort before enjoying the sausage sizzle (with many continuing work after).

Little can be seen around the track as a result because the majority of the work was on infrastructure like repairs to damaged underground water lines (one of which has been out of action for almost a year!) and associated irrigation items, generators and pumps servicing, giving the canteen the annual 'spring clean' etc.

There is still a lot to be done so PLEASE come along on Saturday 13th February and lend a hand.

We will start at 7am with the predominant tasks being tyre walls, safety barriers, sprinkler testing and repairs, track watering and weed trimming. Bring along weed trimmers, rakes, shovels and a bucket load of enthusiasm ☺