

# Want to start Observed Trials?



Trials is perhaps the most specialised of all the facets of motorcycle sport. Speed has no determination on the winner; it is more a test of the rider's skill and endurance.

## **You will need to join a MNSW affiliated club:**

Bankstown Wiley Park Motorcycle Club has had a strong interest in Observed Trials since its formation in 1952.

## **You will need a competition licence:**

As in Roadrace, you will need to follow the same steps to gain a competition licence.

A Senior and Junior National Licence entitles the holder to compete in any authorised competition under the jurisdiction of Motorcycling Australia. It must be purchased before the event. This licence is suitable for use at both Club and Open competitions.

A Senior and Junior Club Licence entitles the holder to compete in "Closed to Club" and interclub competition only. Must be purchased before the event.

A One Event Licence entitles the holder to compete in one only "Closed to Club" or interclub competition. They can be purchased on the day.

## **Grading**

The following are the grades for Trials events: Expert, A grade, B grade, C grade, Clubman and Junior. At Open events, there are classes also for Greybeards (Riders over 40), Masters (For B Grade riders over 40) and Post Classic (Twin shock, for bikes manufactured before 1984).

Most riders start trials at the Clubman level.

## **You will need a bike:**

A purpose built Trials bike is required for this phase of the sport. Most riders prefer the modern mono-shock bikes such as Beta, Gas Gas, Scorpa, Bultaco etc. but an older style of bike is more than suitable to start on. It is best to come and observe a meeting first, to see what others are riding and to see in fact that you actually want to ride in this sport before outlaying any money.

## **You will need protective clothing and a helmet:**

Due to the speed that trials are ridden, safety equipment is minimal, but the following is compulsory. You must have a helmet, which fits correctly, and it must carry the Standards Association of Australia AS1698 label, or be approved under the FIM Technical Rules for Trials. Trousers and shirt are required, as are calf length boots constructed of leather, or similar durable material.

**Accidents are rare in Trials but do happen. It is recommended that Ambulance Insurance be taken out.**

# Safety Points to Remember

To obtain a licence you have to be a member of a club affiliated to Motorcycling Australia.

You must attend the riders briefing and bring your motorcycle and gear to scrutineering before practicing at a race meeting.

These items may be checked at Scrutineering:

Throttle	Chain adjustment	Spokes
Brakes	Correct Numbers	Handle bar ends
Fluid Leaks	Wheel & Frame Bearings	Clutch free play & effectiveness

Nitrous oxide and Nitro-methane are prohibited from all motorcycle sports.

Noise emissions can not exceed 105db, and can not exceed 95dba at 30 metres.

You must remove side and centre stands before engaging in Road Racing, Motocross and Dirt Track.

You will need to produce your licence at scrutineering.

Some Safety Equipment:

Helmet	Gloves	Racing Outfit (Leathers)
Boots	Back Protector	Visor

All motorcycles must be fitted with ball ends on the handlebar levers. All handlebar ends must be plugged.

You as a competitor are responsible for the conduct of your pit crew, manager, mechanics and parents. Further information regarding this is in the Code of Conduct.

If an event is not covered by an MA permit you are not insured.

The main officials at a race meeting are: the Steward, the Race Secretary, and Clerk of Course.

The Steward has the ultimate authority at a race meeting and will inform you if you are to be drug tested.

A protest is to be lodged with the Clerk of Course

Some prohibited substances are : Alcohol, Stimulants, and Anabolic Steroids.

Present yourself at the dummy grid at least 2 minutes before the start of the race.

A red flag means the race has been stopped. Slow down and return to the pits carefully, there may be an ambulance on the track.

A blue flag held stationary means you are soon to be overtaken. A blue flag waved means you are about to be overtaken.

To compete at club or inter-club level you will need a Club or One Day Event licence, or a National licence. To compete at a National Championship event you will need a National licence.

Your licence will be valid for one year.