

## **PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CLUBS AND MEMBERS (AND POTENTIAL MEMBERS)**

It has recently come to the attention of Motorcycling Victoria that there is a significant risk exposure to each of the clubs, committee members, delegates as well as riders in Victoria.

This risk comes from a developing practice of other organisations offering coaching, training, practice, or competition riding sessions either in breach of the Motorcycling Victoria (MV) and or Motorcycling Australia (MA) rules, or whilst unlicensed or uninsured.

Motorcycling Victoria thanks all clubs and members for their continuing membership with Motorcycling Victoria however understands that occasionally there may be other opportunities you wish to explore. Motorcycling Victoria encourages you to investigate all other options in motorcycling to ensure that you obtain the best value, enjoyment and most importantly safety and protection when you are doing what you love most – engaging in the sport of motorcycling.

In relation to the last two points, when either considering other offerings or riding with other providers, please note the following:

- If that provider does not hold an appropriate MA/MV affiliation, track licence or permits (collectively ‘approvals’), any club, member or rider participating in riding activities will NOT be covered by Motorcycling Australia Insurance Limited’s (MAIL) insurance;
- For your own protection and safety, you ought to ensure that there is a valid approval to offer the activity legally and which you are participating in;
- You should ask whether the service provider has rider personal accident and public liability insurance (as opposed to other types of member funds which ARE NOT insurance);
- If not, you are NOT covered by a policy of insurance – any injury or fatality will not be covered, and you risk being left without any support or compensation;
- If a policy of insurance is offered – please CAREFULLY read the terms and conditions – there is a reason why ALL states and MA use the insurance offered by MAIL – it has been specifically designed for the sport by the peak authority and there is no other offering currently available on the market for insurance of motorcycling, with appropriate coverage that we are aware of;



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- For clubs – where it is determined that clubs knowingly or actively use services of either unlicensed or uninsured service providers – your membership and status as a club may be affected;
- In circumstances where club registration is cancelled or suspended, the MAIL insurance policy will not apply – any incidents will lie with the club (and ultimately may expose committee members and delegates to personal legal action);
- Individuals that hold MV/MA licences who are members only of non-affiliated, non-approved or suspended clubs may also lose their license as it is a requirement to be a member of an affiliated body to hold an MA licence;
- MV is aware of instances where rider training has occurred with other service providers that have resulted in near fatalities due to non-compliance with the rules (it's not 'just a matter of paperwork')! MV does not wish to see any member or in general any rider in the sport of motorcycling finding themselves in this tragic situation, particularly with no insurance protection or coverage.

If clubs seek to join additional service providers and are not clear regarding:

- the legal structure within which that service provider is operating;
- whether there is a valid policy of insurance;
- the terms of the provision of the service/s

**PLEASE SEEK INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE.** Of course, should you wish to discuss any policy or other matter with MV, we are happy to receive your call, however note that we cannot give legal or other advice – our discussions will be limited to our professional, accredited experience.