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REGULATIONS

CROSS COUNTRY
MOTORCYCLES & QUADS

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REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Amendments and updates to the rules will be recorded in the Amendment Record, detailing the updated version, date of approval of the amendment and a short summary of the amendment.

AMENDMENT RECORD

Modified SSR/ART	Date Applicable	Date of Publication	Clarifications

NOTE:

These regulations are to be read in conjunction with the General Competition Rules (GCR's) and SA National Cross Country Motorcycle Standing Supplementary Regulations (National SSR's) of Motorsport South Africa (MSA).

These regulations must be read and understood by all competitors.

In the event that there is any conflict between regional and national rules, the national rules (2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSR's) shall, at all times prevail.

Link to the 2026 GCR Regulations:

<https://www.motorsport.co.za/publications/>

Link to the 2026 MSA Cross Country Motorcycle National Standing Supplementary Regulations:

<https://www.motorsport.co.za/regulations-motorcycles/>

1. VALIDITY OF REGULATIONS

These regulations are applicable to the 2026 calendar year

2. ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

- a) Refer SSR 325 in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSR's.
- b) **Competitors must have a valid MSA licence for the status of the class they are entering in for Cross Country Motorcycles**
- c) Competitors may not compete in more than one class in the same racing category, i.e. junior bikes category, senior bikes category and senior quad category.
- d) Competitors may, however, compete in a club class and a regional class at the same event.
- e) The Regional Championship will be open to riders/competitors from all MSA Regions. ~~Only riders/competitors resident in Northern Regions will be eligible to obtain Northern Regions Regional Colours.~~

3. ELIGIBILITY OF MOTORCYCLES & QUADS

Restrictions on modifications to engine, gearbox, frame, suspension or any other component as per class specifications. Refer to SSR 325, SSR 330 and SSR 331 in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSR's.

4. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Refer SSR 328 in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSR's.

5. THE ROUTE

- a) The Senior route shall consist of:
- b) Laps of a minimum of **thirty-five** (35) km and maximum of **fifty-five** (55) km and will be raced for three (3) hours.
- c) The period of three (3) hours will be calculated from the start time of the first class of that particular category, i.e. senior quads or senior motorcycles.

- d) The Junior route shall consist of:
- e) Laps of a minimum of **thirteen** (13) km and maximum of **twenty-five** (25) km and will be raced for two (2) hours.
- f) The period of two (2) hours will be calculated from the start time of the first class of that particular category, i.e. junior motorcycles.

6. STARTING ORDER – SENIORS

- a) Competitors will have a mass start per class in the following order:
 - **Senior Motorcycles:** OR1 Pro, OR2 Pro, OR3 Pro, Seniors, Masters, High School, OR4, Ladies;
 - **Senior Quads:** Q1 (as per club class), Q2 (as per club class), QMasters, QLadies
- b) Dust gaps of at least two (2) minutes will be given between the start of each class.
- c) Late entries will start at the back.

7. STARTING ORDER – JUNIORS

- a) Competitors will have a mass start per class in the following order:
 - Senior 85cc, Junior 85cc, 65cc, 50cc
- b) Dust gaps of at least two (2) minutes will be given between the start of each class.
- c) Late entries will start at the back.

8. ROUTE CHECK CONTROLS

Refer to SSR **328 f)** ~~342~~ in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSR's.

9. TO QUALIFY AS A FINISHER

- a) To be classified as a finisher of an event, senior competitors will be required to complete as many laps as possible in a period of (3) three hours, and junior competitors will be required to complete as many laps as possible in a period of (2) two hours, which will be calculated from the start time of the first class leaving the start line.
- b) A competitor will be deemed a finisher, once such competitor has completed at least 1 lap and passed through the timing tent at the end of such lap under his/her own power.
- c) The competitor with the least total time, including any penalties in each class, and most laps in the (3) three hour period for seniors and (2) two hour period for juniors, will be declared the class & overall winners of their respective categories.

10. NUMBER COLOURS OF NUMBERS AND BACKING PLATES

- a) As per SSR 329 in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSR's.
- b) If a competitor competes in any other discipline of offroad motorcycle racing from time to time, which requires different colour numbers with a different colour background, such competitor must get the permission from the Clerk of the Course via the Secretary of the Meeting to compete with such other numbering or colouring.
- c) Competitors with incorrect numbering or colouring will be permitted to start a race, but will receive a warning from the Clerk of the Course to comply with the provisions of b) above and must submit proof of the correct numbering or colouring to the race organizers before the start of the next event.

- d) In the event that a competitor does not comply with the warning by the Clerk of the Course, as contemplated in c) above, the provisions of SSR 329 g) of the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSRs will be enforced.

11. ROUTE MARKING

Refer to SSR 339 in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSRs. (Orange markers may also be used).

12. CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORING

- a) MSA NR Motorcycle & Quad Championship will comprise eight (8) events, with each competitor's seven (7) best results scoring towards the Championship.
- b) Every competitor's lowest race points at the end of the season will be deducted from his/her total score, notwithstanding the number of races he/she competed in.
- c) Competitors must ~~at least start an event~~ ~~to use the event as a dropped race~~ **for it to qualify to be deducted from their total score at the end of the season.**
- d) Should a competitor for any reason be excluded from an event by way of penalty imposed, such event ~~may not be used as a dropped race~~ **will not qualify as the lowest scoring race points at the end of the season.**
- e) For Class Championships, the following points will be awarded at each event:

1st	25 points	11th	10 points
2nd	22 points	12th	9 points
3rd	20 points	13th	8 points
4th	18 points	14th	7 points
5th	16 points	15th	6 points
6th	15 points	16th	5 points
7th	14 points	17th	4 points
8th	13 points	18th	3 points
9th	12 points	19th	2 points
10th	11 points	20th	1 point

13. MINIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS

- a) For a Championship to be declared there must be an average of **six** (6) starters per Regional class.
- b) Classes which do not field the required average number of starters will not be scored towards the Championship standings and the average calculated at the completion of the Championship.

14. AIM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

To declare a Northern Regions Motorsport motorcycle and quad Champion in each of the following classes:

- a) Senior Motorcycles:
- OR1 Pro, OR2 Pro, OR3 Pro, OR4, Seniors, Masters, High School, Ladies;
- b) Senior Quads:
- QOpen (Q1 and Q2 combined), QMasters, QLadies;

- c) Junior Motorcycles:
- Senior 85cc, Junior 85cc, 65cc, 50cc

15. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES

Refer SSR 330, 331 and 325 in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSRs.

15.1 Senior Motorcycles

15.1.1 OR1 Pro (OPEN)

- Any capacity motorcycle may be used.
- Wheel size of 21" front and 18" / 19" rear.
- Open to competitors from the year of their 18th birthday and older.

15.1.2 OR2 Pro (250cc)

- Two stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity greater than 201cc but not exceeding 251cc and four stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity greater than 251cc but not exceeding 401cc.
- Wheel size of 21" front and 18" / 19" rear
- Open to competitors from the year of their 18th birthday and older.

15.1.3 OR3 Pro (200cc)

- Two stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity not exceeding 201cc and four stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity not exceeding 251cc.
- Wheel size of 21" front and 18" / 19" rear
- Open to competitors from the year of their 16th birthday and older.

15.1.4 High School

- Open to competitors from the year of their 14th birthday to 31st December of the year in which their 18th birthday occurs.
- Wheel size of 21" front and 18" / 19" rear
- Restricted to motorcycles with an engine capacity not exceeding 125cc 2-stroke.
- **From the 2027 season this class will be restricted to two stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity greater than 120cc but not exceeding 125cc.**

15.1.5 OR4

- Two stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity not less than 125cc two stroke and two stroke motorcycles not exceeding 201 cc or four stroke motorcycles not exceeding 251cc.
- Wheel size of 21" front and 18" / 19" rear
- Open to male competitors from the year of their 13th birthday up to 31 December of the year in which their 15th birthday occur.
- Open to female competitors from the year of their 13th birthday up to 31st December of the year in which their 16th birthday occur.

15.1.6 Seniors

- Open to competitors from the year of their 36th birthday and older.
- Wheel size of 21" front and 18" / 19" rear
- Any capacity motorcycle may be used.

15.1.7 Masters

- Open to competitors from the year of their 46th birthday and older.
- Wheel size of 21" front and 18" / 19" rear
- Any capacity motorcycle may be used.

15.1.8 Ladies

- Open to competitors from the year of their 13th birthday to the year of their 15th birthday on a motorcycle with a capacity not exceeding 125cc.
- Open to competitors from the year of their 16th birthday and older on any capacity motorcycle.

15.2 Senior Quads

15.2.1 QOpen

- Open to competitors from the year of their 16th birthday, who are permitted to compete on a quad with a maximum capacity of 450cc.
- Open to competitors from the year of their 18th birthday, who are permitted to compete on a quad with any capacity larger than 450cc.

15.2.2 QMasters

- Open to competitors from the year of their 38th birthday and older.
- Any capacity quad may be used.

15.2.3 QLadies

- Open to competitors from the year of their 16th birthday and older.
- Any capacity quad may be used.

15.3 Junior Motorcycles

15.3.1 Senior 85cc

- Open to competitors from the year of their 12th birthday to 31st December of the year in which their 15th birthday occurs.
- The age for female competitors will be from the year of their 12th birthday to 31st December of the year in which their 16th birthday occurs.
- The maximum permissible capacity is 85cc 2-stroke or 150cc 4-stroke.
- Minimum wheel size 14" rear 17" front, Maximum 16" rear and 19" front.

15.3.2 Junior 85cc

- Open to competitors from the year of their 8th birthday to 31st December of the year in which their 13th birthday occurs.
- The age for female competitors will be from the year of their 8th birthday to 31st December of the year in which their 14th birthday occurs.
- The maximum permissible capacity is 85cc 2-stroke or 125cc 4-stroke air cooled.
- Minimum wheel size 14" rear 17" front, Maximum 16" rear and 19" front.

15.3.3 65cc

- Open to competitors from the year of their 7th birthday to 31st December of the year in which their 12th birthday occurs.
- The age for female competitors will be from the year of their 7th birthday to 31st December of the year in which their 13th birthday occurs.
- The maximum permissible capacity is 65cc 2-stroke or 85cc auto or 110cc 4-stroke.
- Minimum and maximum wheel size 12" rear 14" front.

15.3.4 50cc

- Open to competitors from the year of their 5th birthday, to 31st December of the year in which their 9th birthday occurs.
- The age for female competitors will be from the year of their 5th birthday, to 31st December of the year in which their 10th birthday occurs.
- The maximum permissible capacity is 50cc.

16. DECLARATION OF CHAMPIONS

The MSA Northern Regions Regional Motorsport Committee, at its sole discretion, and as the Controllers of the Championship, will declare the winners of the Championship, and is entitled to withhold such declaration from any competitor, should circumstances warrant such action. Refer to GCR 233.

17. SEPARATION OF TIES

Any ties will be in favour of the competitor having the greater number of firsts. If this fails, the greater number of seconds will count, then thirds and so on. If the tie still remains, the competitor who wins the last event of the season will be declared the winner. Refer SSR 322 (b) in the 2026 MSA SA Cross Country Mcycle & Quad SSRs.

18. CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES & ENTRY FEES

- a) Club membership fees for the 2026 season will be as follows:
 - i) Annual membership (early bird – up to 31 December 2025): R550.00
 - ii) Annual membership (from 1 January 2026: R600.00
 - iii) One-event membership: R180.00
- b) The entry fees for the 2026 season, including all levies but excluding the competitor's MSA licence and timing tag, will be as follows:
 - i) Junior bikes club entry only: R730.00
 - ii) Junior bikes club & regional entry: R900.00

- iii) Senior bikes club entry only: R900.00
 - iv) Senior bikes club & regional entry: R1,050.00
 - v) Senior quads club entry only: R900.00
 - vi) Senior quads club & regional entry: R1,050.00
- c) Where an event is a shared/combined event, (part of a regional race), the club shall be entitled to add a NR entry fee of no more than R150.00.

19. RACE STARTS

- a) Competitors will line up in the paddock area outside the start maze and will be called into the start maze in accordance with the gate picks posted on the event's electronic notice board prior to the event. **Gate picks will be based on Club Championship standings during that particular season. Gate picks for the first race of the season will be based on the previous year's club championship standings. Any competitor who has not scored in the Club Championship in the previous year or in a particular class will get a random gate pick.**
- b) Competitors will line up for the start of the race next to each other in a straight line with their motorcycles or quads switched on.
- c) Every competitor will have his/her left hand on top of his/her helmet and his/her right hand on the throttle while the race starter has the flag in the air.
- d) Once the flag drops, the competitor's hand may leave his/her helmet and the race will commence.
- e) In the event that it is found by any official of the event that a competitor's hand left his/her helmet prior to the flag being dropped, the Clerk of the Course will be notified and he/she may, in his/her sole discretion, "hotbox" such competitor at the timing tent after completion of the first lap for a period of **two** (2) minutes.

20. CHAPERONES

- a) All GXCC 50cc competitors, with the exception of competitors in the top 6 rankings of the Club Championship in the aforementioned class, will be allowed to be accompanied by a chaperone during a race. No chaperones will be allowed to accompany any 65cc or 85cc competitor.
- b) Chaperones have to sign the register at documentation.
- c) The chaperone shall at all times wear a yellow reflective bib, which can be collected from the race organizers prior to the event and which must be handed back after the event.
- d) Chaperones MUST assist any other junior competitor, who may need assistance on the race route and not only the competitor which he/she is chaperoning.
- e) Chaperones MUST wear full racing kit and comply with all safety regulations.
- f) Chaperones may only leave the start line, once all junior classes have left the starting line.
- g) Chaperones MAY NOT block any junior competitor on the race route or do anything that may adversely affect the flow of the race.
- h) Chaperones MUST immediately report any breakdowns or medical emergencies to the race organisers.
- i) The Clerk of the Course will be entitled, in his/her sole discretion, to refuse a person to act as chaperone in any one or all events.
- j) The Clerk of the Course, will be entitled, in his/her sole discretion, to award a penalty to the chaperone's competitor in the event of breach of these rules by the chaperone.

- j) Chaperones MUST remain behind the competitor he/she is chaperoning at all times and may not lead the competitor on the track in any way or form.

21. POSTPONEMENT, ABANDONMENT OR CANCELLATION OF COMPETITION

In the event of a postponement, abandonment or cancellation, in whole or in part, of a scheduled meeting or a competition forming part of a meeting, the Organisers reserve the right to apply the applicable below stated provision/s:

- a) Postponement – Should an event be postponed prior to the start of the event, and it is possible to reschedule the event on another date, entries already received/lodged for the postponed event will be reallocated to the rescheduled event. If this is not possible, for any reason, entry fees may be partially or fully refunded.
- b) Abandonment – Once an event has officially started, refer to GCR 31 and 261, and is abandoned due to Force Majeure or safety concerns, no entry fee refunds will be made.
- c) Cancellation – If an event is cancelled for any reason more than seven (7) days prior to its start, entries will be partially or fully refunded. All expenses already incurred for preparation of the event will be deducted and the remaining balance will be refunded – refer GCR 244. If an event is cancelled for any reason within seven (7) days prior to its start, no entry fee refunds will be made.
- d) Also refer to GCR's 62, 152 vii), 156 vi), 244 and 273 ii).

22. USE OF GPS DEVICES

- a) For safety reasons, the protection of landowners and competitor route compliance checks, the use of **the MSA Cross Country Motorcycles Working Group** approved GARMIN or GARMIN compatible GPS device will be compulsory at all events for regional classes. For the avoidance of doubt, no competitor may compete without a **MSA Cross Country Motorcycles Working Group** approved and fully operational GARMIN or GARMIN compatible GPS device. NOTE: The GPS device must record the complete route taken by the competitor from the start of the race to the end of the race. Competitors do not need to download the master route onto their GPS device prior to a race. They only need to record their route during the race and submit the GPS to race officials, when required to do so.
- b) The onus is on the competitor to ensure **that** the GPS is mounted or stored in such a way as to avoid loss or damage or accidental loss of track records. Multiple **MSA Cross Country Motorcycles Working Group** approved GARMIN or GARMIN compatible GPS devices are allowed as per SSR 345 g) in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Mcycle SSR's.
- c) GPS must be set to track the most GPS points as possible.
- d) GPS devices **may** be checked randomly by race officials and can be chosen from each Regional Class, to check for any route deviations and must be made available on request. Competitors **who are** unable to submit a GPS **unit** or competitors who submit a faulty or inoperable GPS **unit will receive an average field lap time plus thirty (30) minute penalty** – Refer SSR 351 e) (v) **of the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Mcycle SSR's**. NOTE: This could be increased to exclusion, should further investigation by the **officials** find **any breach of the regulations** -Refer SSR 351 e) (v), SSR 351 e) (vi), SSR 351 g) (xii) and SSR 351 g) (xiii) in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Mcycle SSR's.
- e) The onus is on the competitor to ensure the GPS device is in good working order for the entire duration of the race meeting and to ensure that the entire raced track, distance and all laps raced by the competitor are available for electronic download.

- f) **MSA Cross Country Motorcycles Working Group** approved GPS devices: Garmin – eTrex, Dakota, Montana, Oregon or Zūmo. **Any device other than Garmin eTrex, the competitor must provide the respective data communication cable for connectivity.**
- g) The Garmin GPS device must comply with the following:
 - i) Must be Garmin technology.
 - ii) Must be able to load custom maps onto a SD or Proprietary Garmin Data Card, SD, Micro SD and Garmin Data.
 - iii) Must be able to record track logs with a minimum of ten thousand (10 000) points or more.
 - iv) Must be IPX7 **or IP67** rated (can handle wetness but not submersion).
 - v) Ideally should take an external antenna which should be mounted on the top of the motorcycle with the cabling safely routed and protected. Units which do not have an external antenna capability should be mounted as much into the open as possible to obtain the best possible satellite coverage.
 - vi) **Power to any unit should be direct via dual fuses (positive and negative lines) from the battery.**
 - vii) **The GPS device must be cleared of all tracks before reporting to the GPS downloads officials.**
 - viii) **The onus is on the competitor to ensure that the GPS is fully functional and on for the duration of the event.**

23. **COMPETITORS CONDUCT**

Refer to SSR 346 in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSR's.

24. **CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL**

- a) Refer to SSR 346 h) ii) in the 2026 MSA SA National Cross Country Motorcycle SSR's.
- b) In general, there are no designated "bar" areas available at events hosted by GXCC. In the absence of a designated "bar" area, the following rules will apply to attendees and service crews:
 - i) Attendees, such as spectators, may consume a moderate amount of alcohol during an event. However, the competitor will at all times remain responsible for the actions of any such person associated with him/her and action may be taken against such person or the competitor as contemplated in GCR 118.
 - ii) Any person who is part of, or who is deemed to be part of, a competitor's service crew will not be permitted to consume alcohol before the start of the race, while the race is in progress and until such time that the competitor has completed the race or, if the competitor intends to lodge a protest, until the protest procedures have been finalised. This includes, but is not limited to, any person assisting with or being involved with **refueling** of a quad or motorcycle, any person doing any mechanical work on a quad or motorcycle and any person providing any other form of assistance to a competitor during pit stops.
 - iii) The rules, as provided for in GCR 118 in respect of competitors and related persons, as well as GCR 150 in respect of officials, will still apply.

25. **AWARDS**

- a) Any competitor not attending the prize giving will forfeit his/her award.
- b) In the case of a competitor having been injured, the Clerk of the Course prior to the prize giving taking place.

c) The following awards will be given to competitors at each event:

1st place to 3rd place: a medal

The 2026 Cross Country Motorcycle & Quad Championship consist of the dates as in the 2026 MSA Calendar only. Should any event be cancelled or date changes occur due to force majeure, these may only be approved by the 2026 Sub-Committee and the 2026 Northern Regions Regional Committee.