



Phoenix Motorcycle Club of SA

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CHANGES TO RIDER NUMBERS

The MSA Road Race Panel has voted to make side numbers mandatory in SA from 2017.

The Supplementary Regulations for events will specify that numbers must be fitted on both sides of your bike using the font Arial Rounded MT Bold. *While the GCR's allow for other locations and fonts to be used, those rules are over ridden by the Supp Regs.*

WHY HAS THIS BEEN CHANGED

When there is a problem on the track, Officials and Flag Marshall's have difficulty identifying the rider. There is little time to read the front number and in many cases numbers on belly pans and tail pieces cannot be seen or are not legible.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO

Numbers must be Arial Rounded MT Bold 140mm high x 75mm wide (except for the numeral "1") as specified in MoMS.

- Colours for numbers and backgrounds must be those specified for your class in MoMS.
- Superbike style numbers are not permitted.
- Belly pan or tail piece can use 100mm Junior numbers if space is restricted, but only there is sufficient background.

Front numbers must be either in the centre of the fairing or slightly off to one side. Number plates must have a solid 10mm border.

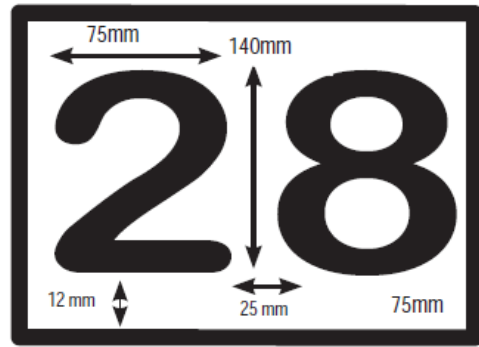
Side numbers must be placed on both sides in a location that is clearly visible from the side and not obstructed by the riders legs as per MoMS.

- Numbers can be on the fairing side panels, belly pan or sides of the tail piece.
- Where there is no suitable location on body panels, number plates must be fitted. These can be bolted onto brackets or zip tied to the bike as long as they are secure. Edges must be safe and corners rounded. Mounting brackets must have rounded corners to prevent injury.
- Number backgrounds can be oval or round as long as they meet minimum sizes.
The minimum size Background for a 2 digit number is a rectangle 164mm high x 200mm wide
The minimum size Background for a 3 digit number is a rectangle 164mm high x 300mm wide
Note: the width can vary if the number contains a "1"
- Advertising and designs on fairings must be kept 25mm clear of the background. If your fairing is the same colour as your background, you need to put a 10mm border around the background.

Rider numbers are described in the Manual Of Motorcycle Sport and you can download latest version from www.ma.org.au Below is an extract from the 2017 version.

- *Number plates must:*
 - a) Where they are not an integral part of the machine or streamlining and are under 1.6mm thickness, have rolled or wire edges,*
 - b) In the case of rectangular plates, have corners formed to a 38mm radius,*
- *If used, side number plates must:*
 - a) Be fitted above a horizontal line drawn through the rear axle on faired machines, be placed on the fairing flanks in a position where they are not obscured by the riders legs, or in the mid to rear section of the lower fairing (belly pan),*
 - b) Be fitted so that the front edge of the plate is behind a vertical line drawn at 200mm to the rear of the rider's footrest, on unfaired machines be located behind the rider in a position where they are not obscured by a seated rider and do not present a safety hazard*

Here are some common mistakes with race numbers that will not pass the Scrutineer.



no background, no border



numbers too close to background edges



background wrong colour and no border



Number hidden by rider position



fit side plates or use 100mm Junior numbers



Numbers too small, fit side plates



What's wrong - everything