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MOTOR CYCLE UNION OF IRELAND

CONSTITUTION

Any reference to Centre (s) / Body (s) in the following Rules includes the MRA

1/ The Body shall be known as the **MOTOR CYCLE UNION OF IRELAND** hereinafter called "**The Union**".

2/ Objects:- To make and administer rules to govern and control the sport and pastime of motorcycling; to promote motorcycling in its different forms: to protect and safe-guard members of the Union as far as possible in the exercise of all their legal rights as motorists; to protect the interests of Irish Motorcyclists by entering into relations with the governing bodies of motorcycling in other countries.

MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE

3/ The Union shall consist of the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland (Southern Centre) Limited hereinafter called the Southern Centre, the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland (Ulster Centre) Limited hereinafter called the Ulster Centre, the Motor Cycle Racing Association (Ireland) Limited hereinafter called the MRA and any such Centre's or Bodies as may from time to time be formed. The jurisdiction of the Southern Centre shall cover the provinces of Leinster, Munster and Connaught and that of the Ulster Centre and MRA the province of Ulster. The Ulster Centre will control Road Racing, Short Circuits and Trials. The MRA will control Motocross, Grass Tracks, Super Motos and Enduros.

The Union will delegate the management of its affairs to Sporting Commissions representing;

A/ Road Race

B/ Short Circuits

C/ Motocross and Enduro

D/ Trials

E/ Touring

F/ Veteran and Vintage

G/ Medical Panel

The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the administration and finances of the Union and take instruction from the Commissions, which will be final. New Commissions shall be formed with the consent of the Centres/Bodies. Each Centre/Body shall act under the Union's rules but shall otherwise be independent. Each Centre/Body shall be empowered to frame byelaws for the regulation of its own affairs and shall be responsible for its own financial obligations. Each Centre/Body shall, in all official documents, letter-headings etc., clearly distinguish itself from the Union and shall not describe itself as "The Motor Cycle Union of Ireland", The MCUI or "The Union". New Centre/Body shall only be formed with the consent of the existing Centres/Bodies.

4/ The Secretary of the Union shall neither be secretary of a Centre/Body nor of an affiliated club.

5/ Affiliation fees to the FIM/EUM and all expenses of the Union shall be shared equally by the Centres/Bodies.

The Centres/Bodies shall be empowered to set their own fees for issuing an **MCUI** Competition Licence and Officials Licence.

6/ The Centres/Bodies shall forward, on demand and without delay, moneys requested by the Secretary of the Union.

ANNUAL MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

7/ The Annual General Meeting of each Centre/Body shall be held before the end of November of each year, and whenever possible on the second Saturday in November.

8/ The Inter Centre Conference of the Union shall be held in the month of January of each year, and whenever possible on the third Saturday of the month.

9/ The business of the Inter Centre Conference shall be as follows:

- (a) Nomination of voting delegates.
- (b) To approve the minutes of the previous Mini Conference and of any special Conference(s) held since the Mini Conference. (if held)
- (c) Receive the report of the Honorary Secretary.
- (d) To approve the Financial Report.
- (e) To consider and approve the Reports of the Commissions.
- (f) Election of office bearers for the following years.
- (g) To approve any new rules or amendments to existing rules already decided on by Commissions.
- (h) To approve Irish Championships to be held in the coming year decided on by Commissions.
- (i) To arrange for the formation of new, or abolition of old Centre's/Bodies
- (j) Any other business.

10/ Delegates to the Inter Centre Conference shall elect:

- (a) A President subject to the terms of rule 22
- (b) An Honorary Secretary subject to the terms of rule 4.
- (c) An Honorary Auditor
- (d) Such other offices and or Commissions as may from time to time be determined.

11/ A Mini Inter Centre Conference (Mini Conference) shall be held in the month of May or June.

12/ The business of the Mini Conference shall be as follows:

- (a) Nomination of Voting delegates
- (b) To approve the minutes of the previous Inter Centre Conference and of any special Conference(s) held since the Inter Centre Conference (if held)
- (c) To consider and approve the Reports of the Commissions.
- (d) Any other business.

13/ Matters for consideration by a conference shall be exchanged between Centre's/Bodies and notified to the Secretary of the Union no later than fourteen days before the date fixed for the conference.

14/ The decision of a Conference shall be final and binding on the Centre's/Bodies and shall unless directed by the Conference be effective immediately.

15/ Representations to Conference shall consist of the following number of delegates from each Centre/Body:

- (a) Two members from each Commission, plus an agreed number of other delegates from each Centre/Body with the following voting rights;
- (b) Southern Centre 50%
- (c) Ulster Centre 33%
- (d) MRA 17%

The number to be agreed beforehand.

Each delegate shall have one vote.

Any amendments to the Constitution of the Union must be agreed with an 85% majority of the voting members present.

16/ Only delegates to a conference shall be allowed to speak at the Conference, except with the express permission of the meeting.

17/ A copy of the Minutes of each Conference shall be circulated to the Centre's/Bodies within one calendar month of the date thereof. The minutes shall be considered for their content and accuracy at a meeting of the Centre's/Bodies held within one calendar month of the date of dispatch of the minutes. They should be signed by the President/Chairperson of the Centre's/Bodies and returned to the Union Secretary. Each Centre's/Bodies shall notify the Union Secretary in writing, of any errors or omissions relating to the minutes within one calendar month.

COMMISSIONS

18/ The Commissions shall manage the affairs of the Sporting Discipline for which it is responsible. Meetings of the Commissions must be held every two months minimum or as required. An attendance record for members of 60% must be attained, otherwise the member is replaced.

If a majority of a commission agree then a meeting may take place using audio/visual conference facilities. Decisions agreed at such meetings will carry the same status as in-person meetings.

Failure of the Commission to meet within four months will result in the Commission been dissolved and new members appointed. A copy of the Minutes signed by both Centre/Body representatives to be sent to the Union Secretary and the respective Centre/Body Secretaries within two weeks of the date of the meeting.

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19/ The Commissions shall be empowered to:

- (a) Select teams for Irish and International Competitions.
- (b) Grade competitors for International Competitions.
- (c) Deal with matters arising out of Irish Championships.
- (d) Agree a Dates Calendar for the following year by the 31st. October.
- (e) Consider and amend Rules and Regulations. Any new and amended Rules and Regulations would require approval at the Inter Centre Conference.
- (f) Investigate matters relating to the safety of events including the investigation of serious accidents. Reports to be filed with the Union and Centre/Body secretaries within one month of the accident.
- (g) Raise or obtain funds from various sources and/or respective Centre's/Bodies for its own discipline.
- (h) Budgets for events/teams shall be presented to Centre's/Bodies prior to approval
- (i) Appoint Courts of Appeal to deal with matters arising out of Events.
- (j) To appoint members to attend or represent the MCUI at the FIM/UEM
Each Commission will be responsible for all costs relating to the appointments.
- (k) Each Commission shall have the Commercial Rights to its discipline.

20/ The Constitution of a Commission shall be ten, five from each Centre/Body with the exception of the Medical Panel, Touring, Veteran and Vintage Commissions. Centre's/Bodies shall nominate each member for membership in writing. Each Commission shall elect a Chairperson and Secretary and there shall be an equal number of voting delegates at each meeting. The Chairperson will not have a casting vote. In the event of a member not being able to attend a meeting a pairing system will be used.

The members of the commissions will be elected for one year and no substitutes will be allowed.

ADMINISTRATION

21/ The Honorary Secretary shall conduct the administration function of the Union and take instructions from the commissions.

PRESIDENT

22/ The President shall alternate annually between the Centre's/Bodies. The President shall act as Chairperson at all Conferences. In the absence of the President, the members present shall elect one of their number to act as Chairperson. The President will not have a casting vote, nor be a member of any Union Commission.

CONTROL OF COMPETITION

23/ Each Centre/Body shall have power to issue permits for competitions to clubs or bodies situated within the territory controlled by such Centre's/Bodies. and also to affiliate such clubs or bodies; but shall not issue permits to, or affiliate any club or body situated within the territory of any other Centre/Body, save with the permission of that Centre/Body.

24/ A dates calendar must be agreed and approved by the Commissions on or before the end of October in any year and distributed to the Union and Centre/Body Secretaries for publication.

25/ Applications for the inscription of events on the International sporting Calendar must be made to the promoters Centre/Body, on or before the 31st. August in each year, and must receive the approval of the respective Commissions, signed by both Centre's/Bodies representatives and distributed to the Union secretary before being forwarded to the FIM/UEM.

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

26/ The makeup of the Consultative Committee shall consist of the following members:

The Honorary Secretary MCUI (non-voting)

Chairman of the Ulster Centre

President of the Southern Centre

Chairman of the MRA

ANTI-DOPING PANEL.

27. The Anti-doping Panel shall consist of the appointed Anti-doping Officer from each of the MCUI Centres.

MCI (Motorcycle Union of Ireland –Southern Centre)

MCUI (UC) Motorcycle Union of Ireland –Ulster Centre

MRA –Motorcycle Racing Association

The MCI (MCUI SC) Anti-doping Officer should be the main point of contact with the Irish Sports Council for Anti-doping correspondence.

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