

# THE 2024 NORASPORT SPORTING CODE

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## 1. SPORTING CODE

The Auto Cycle Union (ACU) is the FIM recognised body for the sport of motorcycling throughout the British Isles, excluding Ireland. NoraSport Supermoto Ltd (hereafter referred to as NoraSport) will regularly consult with the ACU and permit issuer Nora92 to ensure that NoraSport's policies and practices, wherever possible, reflect the current policies and practices of the ACU and Nora92 with a view to ensuring consistency across motorcycling competitions.

The NoraSport Sporting Code is a set of rules established by NoraSport that governs sporting meetings held under its own authority. In order that the control of motorcycle sport shall be exercised in a fair and equitable manner, NoraSport have approved these rules designated "The NoraSport Sporting Code", (hereinafter called "the Code"). The Code generally conforms to the Sporting Code of the Federation Internationale de Motorcyclisme (FIM).

### Authority

Authority under the Code is established by NoraSport.

### Application of the Code

This Code supersedes all previous editions of the NoraSport Code. Every NoraSport Competition or Official Test Day shall be held under this Code.

### Organisation of Meetings and Official Test Days

No Meeting or Official Test Day shall be held unless authorised by NoraSport under this Code.

## 2. APPENDICES TO THE CODE

Appendices to the Code are established according to the Code and shall form part of this Code and have the same force in their application. In the event of any conflict between the Code and its appendices, the Code will prevail.

## 3. RECOGNITION OF AUTHORITY

Any club or corporate body organising, or any individual participating in a meeting is deemed to know and understand the Code and its appendices, and undertakes to submit, without reservation to all provisions and consequences thereof. Furthermore, the organisers or participants renounce the right to all legal proceedings before a Civil Court which is not provided for in the Judicial Procedures, which are part of this code, until the procedure for protests and/or appeals as provided for in the Code has been exhausted.

## 4. INTERPRETATION OF THE CODE

In case of dispute at a permitted event, a Tribunal appointed by NoraSport shall be empowered to decide any question raised within its territory concerning the interpretation of the Code and its appendices. In interpreting any regulations, the word "his" is deemed to include "her" and persons referred to in the singular includes where the context so admits, the plural.

## 5. MODIFICATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE CODE AND ITS APPENDICES

This Code and its appendices may be altered from time to time. No revised rule in the Code shall be effective unless it has been approved by NoraSport. No revised rule in the appendices shall be effective unless it has been approved by NoraSport. Such changes will be published in a Bulletin issued by NoraSport if the changes take place within a championship season.

## 6. JUDICIAL

A Tribunal may be nominated by NoraSport to adjudicate upon any matter related to this code. The Tribunal shall also be empowered at its sole discretion to arbitrate between a Competitor and the organisers on any matter directly connected with motorcycle sport but excluding any dispute in connection with the result of a race, or championship, or in connection with matters, which are, or have been, the subject of Protest or Appeal.

## 7. TYPES OF MEETINGS

NoraSport distinguishes between the following types of meetings; British Championship and Non-Championship.

### **British Championship Meetings or Races**

Meetings or Races held under the Code and listed in the Official Calendar.

### **Non-Championship events or Practice meetings**

Meetings or Races held under the Code but not required to be listed in the Official Calendar.

## 8. CIRCUITS, TRACKS AND COURSE

The course must be approved by NoraSport prior to practice or racing.

## 9. MINIMUM PRACTICE PERIOD

For any race, there will be a minimum period of practice on the actual course. Practice details will be stated in the Championship Conditions, Final Instructions or in an Official Bulletin.

## 10. THE CALENDAR

Each year NoraSport will agree and publish the Official Calendar with details of the various Championships, Classes etc. NoraSport may vary the Calendar from time to time and changes will be notified in a Bulletin/Website.

## 11. PROTECTION OF DATE

No event either competitive or for practice shall be held on the Sunday in November each year designated as “Remembrance Sunday”.

## 12. LIABILITY FOR MATERIAL DAMAGE

Neither the NoraSport members nor the organisers may be held responsible for any damage sustained to a race machine or to its accessories or equipment present at the meeting, howsoever caused, either by fire, accident or by any other means, or by theft or deterioration. Participants undertake to the organisers, such persons or bodies as may be authorised by the organisers to act on their behalf, other Competitors and any of the directors, employees, Officials, agents and/or representatives of the organisers, to release them and indemnify them and hold them harmless from and against any claims, demands, actions or suits arising from any death, personal injury, illness, loss or damage of or to the participants’ person or the participants’ property arising directly out of an entry in or by taking part in a Meeting and whether made or claimed before or after the termination or expiration of this Code, and including all associated costs (including without limit, legal costs of the indemnified party or parties on a solicitor and own client basis), demands and expenses as well as any amounts which they or any of them may pay as a settlement or compromise of any such claims or liabilities.

## 13. LICENSING

### Licensing of Competitors

All Competitors wishing to compete at a NoraSport event must hold an appropriate Competition Licence. Specific Championship Conditions will detail the types of competition licences which will permit Competitors to compete in that specific championship. Licence holders from a body not detailed in specific Championship Conditions may not compete at a NoraSport event.

### Riders Licence

A rider's licence entitles the holder to enter and ride in a competition of a status up to that stated on the licence but does not permit the holder to nominate any other licensed rider as a replacement.

### Refusal or Withdrawal of Licence

Bodies listed in the Championship Conditions may refuse to issue, or may withdraw any licence at any time, subject to a right of appeal.

### Production of Licence

All Riders shall carry their licence duly signed by them and must produce their licence when signing on at a meeting. Any Competitor unable to produce their licence may be permitted to take part in a meeting only at the discretion of the Secretary of the Meeting and may be liable to a fine.

### Officials Licences

All Officials of the meeting must be in possession of the relevant NoraSport Official's licence. NoraSport will organise seminars for their own personnel as and when required. Equivalent grades of Nora92, ACU, AMCA, FIM or other internationally recognised bodies will be permitted in lieu of a NoraSport Officials licence.

## 14. JUDICIAL

### Breach Of Regulations

Any of the following offences, will be deemed to be a breach of the Code; Attempted bribery, acceptance of or offer to accept a bribe, any fraudulent act or proceeding in connection with a meeting, any act or proceeding prejudicial to the interests of NoraSport, dangerous or reckless riding during a meeting, fraudulently attempting to enter a Competitor or machine at a meeting when the Competitor or machine is ineligible (for whatever reason), disregard of flag signals, refusal to obey the instructions of any Executive Official at a meeting, misuse of paddock bikes, race machines or other means of transport whilst in the paddock, misuse of official passes, abusive language directed at or assault on any Official at a meeting.

Any Member/Competitor, Entrant, Team Member, Manufacturer or any other person committing a breach of the Code, may be penalised as follows;

a) Reprimand, b) Time or Position Penalty, c) Penalty Points, d) Fine, e) Disqualification f) Suspension g) Exclusion. One or more penalties may be applied at the same time and the severity of the penalty is solely at the discretion of the Race Director.

Competitors will also be penalised for the following offences; False start, not correctly following the starting procedure, riding on the course in the opposite direction to the meeting, gaining a positional advantage by unfair means (whether inadvertently or not), using a machine not prepared in accordance with the Championship Conditions, deviation from the course in order to gain advantage, time or position (short cuts).

Penalties for these offences are as follows;

1. False or jump start - 10 second time penalty.
2. Gaining a positional advantage by course cutting – two position deduction or 20 sec penalty.
3. Riding the course in the opposite direction of racing, exclusion from the race.
4. Excessive speed in the paddock – deduction of 1 race points, 2<sup>nd</sup> offence exclusion from the meeting.
5. Not displaying the correct or no race number – deduction of that race points.
6. Overly aggressive riding/driving – deduction of race points, 2<sup>nd</sup> offence exclusion from the meeting.
7. Foul or abusive language to a race official – exclusion from the meeting.

The above penalties are not exhaustive, and one or more penalties may be applied at the same time and the severity of the penalty is solely at the discretion of the Race Director considering the information provided. The additional penalties may include a) Reprimand, b) Time or Position Penalty, c) Penalty Points, d) Fine, e) Disqualification f) Suspension g) Exclusion.

## 15. PROTESTS & APPEALS

### Protests

The right to protest lies solely with any Member/Competitor who is party to a dispute concerning the act or omission of another Member/Competitor in an event which he is or has been taking part. Every protest shall be in writing on an official NoraSport protest form, stating the grounds for the protest and shall be signed by the party making the protest. The protest form must be accompanied by the appropriate protest fee in cash (shown in the section 19). This must be lodged with the Secretary of the Meeting or the Race Director within the appropriate time limit.

### Time Limit for Protests

A protest against another Member/Competitor must be made within 30 minutes of the protester finishing the competition. A protest against the eligibility of any motorcycle must be made within 30 minutes of the performance that gives rise to the protest.

The Race Director may amend the above time limits if he thinks that the circumstances of lodging a protest physically impossible within the time quoted. If he deals with the protest “out of time”, by doing so he will be deemed to have extended the time limit.

### Adjudication of Protests

All protests shall be adjudicated upon by the Race Director and selected committee. A protest hearing will be convened as soon as is practicable. All parties to the protest are required to attend the protest hearing. Judgement may be issued in default if parties fail to attend the hearing. Both the protester and the other party must state their own case in person – no advocates will be allowed to deputise. Witnesses for each party may be allowed by the Race Director. The Race Director may also request Officials of the meeting to provide evidence as independent witnesses. If it is proved that the author of the protest has acted in bad faith, he may be deemed to be in breach of the Code and will be penalised accordingly.

### Protests against Machine Eligibility

In the event of a protest against the eligibility of a machine or engine, the Race Director can request that the machine be examined immediately or with the aid of the Chief Technical Officer,

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sealed for subsequent examination. The party protesting the eligibility of a machine is NOT entitled to be present at the technical examination of the machine. The technical examination and a written report on its findings must be completed prior to a protest hearing. The Senior Technical Official is deemed to be A JUDGE OF FACT, against whom there is no right of appeal. The costs for a machine eligibility protest reflect the element of mechanical work involved and are shown in section 19.

## Appealing against the Decision of the Race Director

Any Entrant or Member/Competitor who is a party to a decision or penalty given by the Race Director may appeal to the Stewards of the Meeting against the decision or penalty. Every appeal shall be in writing on an official NoraSport appeal form, stating the grounds for the appeal and shall be signed by the party making the appeal. The appeal form must be accompanied by the appropriate appeal fee in cash (shown in the section 19). This must be lodged with the Secretary of the Meeting or Race Director within the appropriate time limit.

## Time Limit or Appeals

An appeal to The Stewards of the Meeting against a decision or penalty given by the Race Director must be made within 30 minutes of the decision being given or the penalty being applied to the Competitor or Entrant.

## 16. JUDICIAL FEES AND FINES

<b>Protests Against Another Member/ Competitor</b>	<b>£ 50.00</b>
<b>Machine Eligibility Protests</b>	<b>£300.00</b>
<b>Appeal to the Stewards of the Meeting against the Decision of the Race Director</b>	<b>£250.00</b>
<b>Appeal to a NoraSport Tribunal</b>	<b>£500.00</b>
<b>Maximum Fine to be issued by the Race Director</b>	<b>£500.00</b>
<b>Maximum Fine to be Issued by Noraport Tribunal</b>	<b>£750.00</b>

## Forfeiture of Protest and Appeal Fees

The protest fee will be returned to the protesting party if a protest is upheld. The protesting party will forfeit the protest fee if a protest is not upheld.

In the case of Machine Eligibility protests, an allowance of £250.00 will be deducted from the £300.00 protest fee and allocated to the owner of the machine in-lieu of mechanical expenses, subject to the machine being proved to be eligible and the protest against it not being upheld. The appeal fee will be returned to the appealing party if an appeal is upheld. The appealing party will forfeit the appeal fee if an appeal is not upheld.

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## Fines

Fines imposed by the Race Director are payable in cash before a Member/Competitor may participate at another NoraSport event. Fines imposed by a NoraSport Tribunal are payable within 28 days of the written decision of the Tribunal.

## 17. ANTI-DOPING ALCOHOL & MEDICAL

### Anti-doping

Doping is the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations which are the presence of a prohibited substance in a rider's bodily specimen. The use of a prohibited substance or a prohibited method. The possession of prohibited substances and methods. Prohibited drugs is the list agreed & published by UK Sport and WADA and also in the FIM anti-doping code. NoraSport will undertake any testing within the guidelines laid down by the ACU, using ACU approved testing equipment, or any other legitimate procedure currently undertaken in the UK.

### Alcohol

Tests may be carried out on any participant at an event, prior to practice, race or at any time during the event by means of the standard approved breath test system. A nominated Breath Alcohol Technician will carry out the tests. A positive breath test or refusal to undergo a test will result in the disqualification from the event as a minimum sanction. The permitted level of alcohol is 0.10g/L.

### Medical Examination

At any time during an event the Race Director or the Chief Medical Officer may request a Medical Examination or an Approved Swab Test to be carried out on any competitor or Official to test for the use of recreational drugs. Should a test prove positive, the competitor/Official will be disqualified/suspended from any form of competition/their respective activities for the remainder of that event. Any competitor or Official who refuses to participate in a medical examination/approved Swab Test will be disqualified/suspended from any form of competition/their respective activities for the remainder of that event. Details of any medical examination/testing/non-compliance to examination/testing will be reported to the ACU/MSA. On receipt of such a report these bodies may decide to:

- Request the individual to undergo further tests, the costs associated with any test to be borne by the competitor/Official.
- Suspend the competitor/Official from further competition/activity for a period of time not exceeding those penalties outlined in NSC 9.07.
- Convene a Sport Committee Hearing/Court of Enquiry in accordance with NSC Chapter 10.

## Supporting documents which must be read in association with the NoraSport Sporting Code:

NORASPORT Supermoto Standing Regulations  
NORASPORT Supermoto Championship Conditions  
NORASPORT Supermoto Technical Regulations