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Club Standing Supplementary Regulations

Northern Regions Bridgestone Challenge Circuit Motorcycle Championship



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REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

Motorsport South Africa (MSA) will periodically review these rules and will present the revised version to all members for agreement to publish the updated version.

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

<i>Modified SSR / Art</i>	<i>Date Applicable</i>	<i>Date of Publication</i>	<i>Clarifications</i>

1. **Bridgestone Challenge Rules:**

Bridgestone Challenge is a category that aims to cater for new and social riders.

All participants are to be members of the Bridgestone Motorcycle Racing Club.

2. **Tyre:**

Riders are allowed to use any brand of tyre to be eligible to race.

3. **Eligibility of Motorcycle:**

3.1 Prospective competitors must ensure that the motorcycle entered for any event, must comply with the following rules as listed below:

- a. 600cc and 1000cc capacity motorcycles are permitted to take part. On application to the committee a smaller capacity motorcycle may be allowed to compete.
- b. Front brake pads and calipers must be lock-wired at all times.
- c. Full face helmets with double D-ring fasteners, full leathers, armor protective gloves and ankle protecting boots, all in good condition, to be worn at all times.
- d. No coolant of any kind will be allowed in the radiator. Water only.
- e. The use of tyre warmers is permitted.
- f. Modifications – There is no restriction on any performance modifications that may be done on the motorcycle, exhaust, air filter, suspension, tuning etc.
- g. Competitors may not fit turbos, super-chargers or Nos.
- h. All competitors are required to have the series sponsor's stickers on their motorcycle. Refusal to put the stickers in the position requested by the committee will result in the competitor being excluded from competition.

- i. Side and/or centre stands and mirrors must be removed.
- j. Oil filler caps, sump plugs and oil filter should be locked wired at all times whilst racing.

3.2 The following is highly recommended but not compulsory:

- a. Headlights, tail lights, brake lights, indicators etc. should be removed. If the lights are not removed they must be taped.

4. Eligibility of Rider:

Riders must hold a current social/club/regional circuit motorcycle MSA licence. A rider younger than 16 may apply to the committee who (in conjunction with MSA) will decide if the rider is eligible. Riders are on an invitational basis only, Committees decision will be final.

5. Classes:

5.1 A rider will be allocated to a class based on the capacity of his/her motorcycle.

5.1.1 A rider must be capable of lapping Zwartkops faster than 1:25.0 seconds. Riders that are slower than this lap time are encouraged to attend more track day sessions before entering Bridgestone Challenge.

5.2 The classes are as follows:

Zwartkops	
Class	Time
600cc Class A: From	01:06.00
To	01:09.99
600cc Class B: From	01:10:00
To	01:25:00
1000cc Class A: From	01:06.00
To	01:09.99
1000cc Class B: From	01:10:00
To	01:25:00

Ladies class – All female riders	
Masters class – All riders born before 1 January 1976	

Riders in the Ladies and Masters classes will score points in these classes as well as classes 600cc and 1000cc. Only points scored in classes 600cc and 1000cc will count towards the overall championships.

5.3 If a rider changes motorcycle to a different capacity motorcycle and/or significantly modifies his/her existing motorcycle then the rider may be re-classed based on the capacity of the motorcycle. The onus is on the rider to inform the committee if he/she has changed motorcycle or significantly modified his/her existing motorcycle.

5.4 If during the same season a rider breaks his/her class time by lapping faster in **any two different sessions** (qualifying, race 1 and race 2 are defined as sessions), the rider will be encouraged to move to Bridgestone Superbikes. If a rider exceeds the lap times in at least 4 laps in a session, then the rider will be encouraged to move to Bridgestone Superbikes.

- 5.5 If a rider breaks his/her class time after the 4th event of the season (and provided the rider does not change motorcycle), the rider will not move to the Bridgestone Superbikes class and will remain in his/her class for the remainder of the season. Example – A rider has competed in events 1 through 5 (i.e. 5 events) and at the 6th event this rider breaks his/her class time, rule 5.5 will apply and this rider will not move to Bridgestone Superbikes.
- 5.6 A rider may apply in writing to the Bridgestone Challenge Committee to be re-classed if the rider has changed to a smaller capacity motorcycle. The committee's decision is final.
- 5.7 If a rider is a first time rider in the Bridgestone Challenge and exceeds the lap time in qualifying, the rider will not be allowed to compete in the Bridgestone Challenge.
- 5.8 Riders that break the lap time are encouraged to race in Bridgestone Superbikes. A rider that breaks out of the lap time will no longer be eligible to enter Bridgestone Challenge for the remainder of the season, except if 5.5 applies. A rider will carry his/her overall and class points into Bridgestone Superbikes but with the reduced percentage as per rule 6.3, if he/she breaks out, based on point 6.3.

6. Scoring:

- 6.1 Points will be scored per race and separately in each class. Points will be scored per class as follows:

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

If there are three or less competitors in a class then points will be scored as follows:

Only 50% of original points table.

- 6.2 A rider must be classified as a finisher on the results in order to score points.
- 6.3 If a rider changes class then based on the below table he/she will carry the specified percentage of points (rounded to the nearest point) to the higher class.

Event	Points percentage carried
After the first event	100%
2 nd Event	90%
3 rd Event	80%
4 th Event	70%

Example: A rider breaks the lap time and has to move into Bridgestone Superbikes (per point 5.4) at the fourth event. This rider will carry 70% of his/her points into Bridgestone Superbikes.

- 6.4 Points will be awarded to the first 15 finishers at an event towards the overall championship per race.

Example: A rider finished race one 1st and race two 3rd his total points towards the overall championship will be 15+13 = 28 for the event.

1 st – 15 points	6 th – 10 points	11 th – 5 points
2 nd – 14 points	7 th – 9 points	12 th – 4 points
3 rd – 13 points	8 th – 8 points	13 th – 3 points
4 th – 12 points	9 th – 7 points	14 th – 2 points
5 th – 11 points	10 th – 6 points	15 th – 1 point

- 6.5 All races (even non-Zwartkops races) score points and count towards the championship.
- 6.6 A rider may elect to not score points. The points will then be scored as if the rider did not compete in the championship. This is for a rider joining for one or two races who doesn't want to affect the championship, and are only there to have fun.
The rider needs to put this in writing before Race 1.

6.7 Reserved.

- 6.8 Riders that join the series at the 7th event or later, will be classed as per the rules and will be eligible for trophies however these riders will not score points towards the championship. The points will be scored as if these riders had not participated.

7. Starting order

Race 1 – best lap in qualifying

Race 2 – race one finishing order

- 7.2 If there are exceptional circumstances (such as extreme weather), the committee may elect for the competitors to start in class in championship order.

8. Trophies

Although points will be scored on a per race basis, trophies are awarded on the combined race times of race 1 and race 2 (or race 3 in the event that there are three races on a day). Trophies will be awarded at the discretion of the promoters. Ladies and Masters Class will ONLY have 1st overall for both on the day and the year as they take part in the classes already. Riders are urged to enter early for each race before trophies are ordered. The number of trophies will be dependent on the number of riders entered.

9. Special Guest Riders:

Special guest riders (with higher than regional status) may be allowed to take part in specific events with the permission of the committee.

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