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Anti doping warning from ASADA

Motorcycling Australia (MA) has received the following information from the Australian Sports Anti Doping Authority (ASADA) regarding the use of supplements:

ASADA Warning: Methylhexaneamine

Australian athletes are being warned by the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority to carefully consider their use of supplements following nine positive Australian test results for the prohibited stimulant: methylhexaneamine.

There has been increasing evidence that methylhexaneamine is present in supplements and other products and this spike in positive test results is a timely reminder to the sporting community to exercise the utmost caution in checking the contents of supplements and other products that athletes use.

Athletes need to be aware that, under the policy of strict liability, they are responsible for any substance found in their body.

Athletes using supplements do so at their own risk and, because of supplement manufacturing processes can lead to their contents varying from batch to batch; ASADA cannot advise if supplements contain prohibited substances.

Further important information on methylhexaneamine and supplements can be found on the ASADA website – www.asada.gov.au – or by calling the ASADA Hotline on 13 000 ASADA (13 000 27232).

MA, in conjunction with ASADA, condemns the use of performance enhancing, recreational drugs, and doping practices in sport.

ASADA is a government statutory authority that is Australia's driving force for pure performance in sport, whose mission is to protect Australia's sporting integrity through the elimination of doping, and is the organisation with prime responsibility for implementation of the World Anti-Doping Code (the Code) in Australia.

The use of performance enhancing and recreational drugs and doping practices is contrary to the ethics of sport and potentially harmful to the health of riders and poses increased safety risks.

The only legitimate use of drugs in sport is under the supervision of a physician for a clinically justified purpose in accordance with rule 11.8 of the anti-doping policy, contained within the MA Manual of Motorcycle Sport.

MA aims to stop doping practices in sport by:

- imposing effective sanctions on persons who commit anti-doping violations;
- educating and informing persons about drugs in sport issues;
- and supporting the drug testing programs and education initiatives of the Australian Sports Drug Agency and other anti-doping organisations.

A copy MA's anti-doping policy can be found on the MA website at: www.ma.org.au by clicking on the Competition link, Rules and selecting Anti-Doping.

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