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Memorandum

TO : All Clubs

FROM : Motorcycling New South Wales

DATE : 11th September 2009

SUBJECT : Photographs on Licence

RE: Licence Photos

At the recent General Meeting of the Motorcycling Australia Council, it was resolved to support a proposal to remove photographs from riders licences. From today 11th September 2009 NSW licences are being produced without photos and will be valid at all MA sanctioned events. Instead, Licences will have a signature strip on the reverse, which needs to be signed to be validated.

Photographs are being phased out for a number of practical reasons:

- Many photos are outdated and no longer resemble the person
- There is no way to verify that the photo supplied is that of the person applying for a licence.
- MA are moving to online licence renewals in the near future, the supply of photos electronically adds another level of complexity for applicants – particularly since the concept of online applications should simplify the process

What does this mean for you:

If you are a parent or rider, you no longer have to search around or pay for a passport photo. You no longer have to put up with photos that were taken years ago and no longer resemble the licence holder.

What do I need to do?

Simply sign your licence when it is received. For junior riders it needs to be the junior rider who signs the card. Parents may sign for junior riders who cannot yet write.

Hang on; doesn't a rider have to be over 18 before being able to sign anything?

Yes, for legal documents. The licence has been produced after the legal document (the licence application) has been signed by a parent/guardian. The signature is one means to identify a rider, should it be required. In this case the rider is not signing anything that requires compliance or understanding; this has already been done by the parent/guardian in the licence application, and the event for which the rider is producing the licence.

If you have any enquiries please contact the office on 02 9635 9177.

Yours faithfully

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