



Press Release

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Junior MX selection process

Applications are currently open (note: they close on Friday 27 February) for riders to be a part of the Australian contingent to compete in the 2009 World Junior Motocross Championship in New Zealand.

A steady flow of applications have been received by Motorcycling Australia in the past week, and we urge any riders wishing to apply to get their forms in ASAP.

To clear up some confusion as to how the team will be selected the following selection processes have been put in place:

- To be eligible to be a part of the Australian Team, riders who apply must compete in either of the opening two rounds at the 2009 Australian Motocross Championship.
- The first round of the 2009 Australian Motocross Championship (5 April, Wodonga, VIC) will feature an 85cc 2-stroke and 150cc 4-stroke Support Class.
- The second round of the 2009 Australian Motocross Championship (18-19 April, Canberra ACT) will feature a 150cc 2-stroke and 250cc 4-stroke Support Class.
- Anyone who applies for a place on the Australian Team will still need to fill in an Entry Form to compete in the appropriate round of the 2009 Australian Motocross Championship. Entry Forms can be found at www.ozmotox.com.au.
- An initial 24-rider squad will be proposed by the Australian Team Manager and Coach (Mark Willingham and Greg Moss), with the results from the Championship rounds being of high regard. This squad will be put forward to both the MA Motocross and Junior Commissions who will discuss and ratify selections.

- All riders who are named in the final 24-rider squad will be required to attend a camp at the Australian Institute of Sport from 6-8 May (tentative dates). MA will cover the costs involved with running the camp, but riders will need to make their own arrangements with regards to travel arrangements before and after. Limited travel assistance will be provided.
- From the camp, the squad will be reduced from 24 to 20 riders. This will involve the same process for selection used previously, whereby 16 riders (eight per class) as well as two emergencies for each class will be put forward by the Australian Team Manager and Coach. The MA Commissions will then review these selections before announcing the team.

Other coaching initiatives will be implemented following the AIS Camp, but this will be finalised at a later date.

Application Forms are available to download from the following web link:
www.ma.org.au/wjmx09.

If you have any general enquiries about the application process, feel free to contact Andrew Weiss at MA via andrew@ma.org.au, or 03 9684 0503.

If you have any general enquiries about the Australian Team at the Junior World Championship event, feel free to contact Mark Willingham via mark@eagerpig.com.au, or 0439 397 757.

If you have any general enquiries about the coaching, preparation or training for Junior World Championship event, feel free to contact Greg Moss via mossy@mossyonline.com.au, or 0409 853 901.

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