

# **Vectis Motocross Club**

**Affiliated to the MCFederation**

**Founded 1993**



## **Code of Conduct**

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These supplementary Rules will be read in conjunction with and also in addition to, and Rules or Regulations stated in the current official MCF Handbook.

**Vectis Motocross Club** accepts no responsibility for errors or omissions in this booklet, for verification of all rules and regulations, please see the official MCF Handbook.

## **WARNING**

### **MOTOR SPORT CAN BE DANGEROUS**

Despite the organisers taking all reasonable precautions, unavoidable accidents can happen. Please comply with all instructions of the Officials, Marshals and Notices, and remain in Permitted Areas only.

### **THEY ARE CONCERNED FOR YOUR SAFETY**

**Jurisdiction:** Held under the National Sporting Code and Standing Regulations of the MCF and Southern Centre, Motocross Regulations, plus Supplementary Regulations and Final Regulations as issued by **Vectis Motocross Club**.

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### **Objectives**

The objectives of **Vectis Motocross Club** are the encouragement and protection of motorcycling for sport and pleasure, and its endeavours to cater for competition riders, by organising sports meetings and social events.

### **Subscriptions**

The Annual Subscription, in the form of Membership to Vectis Motocross Club, will be fixed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) this includes the club affiliation to the (MCF) but does not include individual affiliation to the MCF.

## Rules

1. The club shall be called **Vectis Motocross Club** and shall be affiliated to the MCF.
2. The objectives of the club shall be the encouragement and protection of motorcycling for sport and pleasure, and it shall be conducted independently of personal interest.
3. All **Vectis Motocross Club** members, by joining the club, will agree to abide by the rules of the MCF and the club.
4. All **Vectis Motocross Club** members will agree not to bring the club into disrepute either individually or collectively.
5. The club shall be conducted by a committee consisting of the Officers elected at the AGM, which includes the Treasurer, the Secretary and up to 10 other members. Any one-third members of that committee shall constitute a quorum when the Chairman agrees the meeting properly constituted.
6. Special meetings may be convened by direction of the Committee, or by written request of not less than one-fifth total membership, provided fourteen days notice be given to all members, when one-third total membership shall constitute a quorum.
7. Any member may have any pertinent matter placed on the Committee's agenda by verbal or written request to any Committee member, or to the Club Secretary.
8. For the AGM, any items for the agenda must be in writing to the Club Secretary, at least fourteen days before AGM.
9. At General Meetings, both Ordinary and Extra-ordinary, a majority vote decides a Resolution, the Chairman having the casting vote when even voting occurs.
10. The committee shall, at the AGM produce a Report and Balance Sheet for the previous twelve-month period, latter being duly certified by and Auditor appointed at the Previous AGM.
11. Every elected member shall bind himself or herself to abide by the rules of the club. In cases of dispute or disagreement over interpretation of Club Rules, the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.
12. In the event of a grave breach of these rules by a member, or the if his/her conduct appears to be un-sportsmanlike or prejudicial to motor cycling, he/she may be called before the Committee to give an explanation, and failing this being considered satisfactory he/she may be

cautioned, suspended or required to resign, as the committee decide. No member may be suspended or expelled without agreement of two-thirds of the Committee members present.

13. Every member shall be provided with a copy of these rules on election to membership and when joining the club. Only the AGM shall have the power to change these rules in any way.
14. The rules shall apply to both the Race and Practice Events held by **Vectis Motocross Club**.

### **Events**

1. All entrants must be fully paid up members of an MCF affiliated club, only rider members of **Vectis Motocross Club** will have any points awarded at a club event added to their overall championship points.
2. The appropriate race entry fee must be paid by all competitors before racing.
3. All riders must complete two practice laps, prior to racing.
4. The finisher has a Black Flag and board to pull off any offending rider, as well as a Yellow and Black Cross 'Last Lap' Flag and a Chequered Finishing Flag.
5. The Clerk of the Course and the Starter have Red Flags for stopping a race prematurely, for whatever reason.
6. A race that has done more than half distance when stopped will be deemed completed.
7. A race less than half distance can be rerun or considered as a result at the discretion of the club officials.
8. Protests must be registered with the MCF Steward of the meeting within 30 minutes of the race finishing to be valid.
9. Overall meeting results must be protested to officials within 124 hours of the publication of the results to be valid.
10. Protest fees (as per MCF Handbook) will be submitted at the time of protest, this will be returned if successful and forfeited if invalid.
11. Race length and content at the discretion of the club officials on the day of the event.
12. Date and venue of the event at the discretion of the club officials.
13. Dust and other conditions governing safety and environmental concerns are the responsibility of the Clerk of the Course, the Steward(s) and

Safety Officer, and any decision to curtail or otherwise an event is to be taken by them.

14. Every rider must sign on after walking the track, and before going out for practise.
15. After practice, bikes may be started in the Pit Area at any time (times subject to local Planning Conditions) but must not be ridden in the Pit Area under any circumstances; all bikes must be pushed to the start of every race.
16. All riders must have a valid MCF Licence available for inspection when signing on or purchase a one day licence.
17. All riders must be a member of **Vectis Motocross Club**, annual or one day memberships are available.
18. All riders must be aware of the following use of flags:
  - a) **YELLOW** - Warning Flag - slow down and no overtaking
  - b) **WHITE** - First Aid Required
  - c) **RED** - Race Stops Immediately
  - d) **BLACK** - Flag with board to pull off offending rider
  - e) **YELLOW & BLACK** - Last Lap
  - f) **CHEQUERED** - Finish of Race

### **Paddock Areas**

1. Vehicles must be parked in such a way that an emergency vehicle can get to each one easily.
2. No riding in the Pit Area under any circumstances. Instant dismissal at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course of the Steward is available.
3. Exits and Access roads must be kept clear at all times.
4. Parents/Guardians must control their children at all times and will be held responsible for the results of the children's actions or behaviour.

## **Riders Behaviour**

1. Riders will be expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Racing is a competitive sport but no deliberate foul riding will be tolerated, e.g. attempts to kick opposition, deliberately knocking a rider off, brake checking etc.
2. Riders will be expected to behave respectfully to all officials acting in any capacity at a meeting. Aggressive or insulting behaviour towards officials will not be tolerated, riders will be asked to leave and their membership may be withdrawn. This rule applies at all times when officials are acting on VMX business.
3. Minor Offences—in proven cases the offender can be punished by the club officials, with race or meeting disqualification at their discretion. The panel for minor offences will consist of the Clerk of the Course and the two Stewards.
4. Serious Offences—will be judged by an independent panel of three persons at an adjudicated date. Where the case is proven offenders face punishments of suspension and/or deduction of points.
5. Fighting will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Instant dismissal from the meeting and/or a report to the Off Road Promoters Association at the clubs discretion is available.
6. Riders are responsible for the behaviour of all accompanying personnel, adult or child. Bad behaviour will not be tolerated and will be treated in exactly the same manner whether committed by the rider or entourage.
7. Riders must not go on the track without the correct numbers being displayed on their machine.
8. Riders must complete two practice laps prior to competing in a race. If a rider turns up late he/she must still complete two practice laps in the first available race, starting behind the field (non scoring).

## **Riders Equipment**

1. Riders must wear approved crash Helmets as specified in the current MCF Handbook. Crash Helmets must be in good condition with securely fixed strap. Non fibre glass Crash helmets must not be painted. Fibre glass crash Helmets should be checked thoroughly for any sign of crash damage. Crash Helmets will be inspected by a Scrutineer prior to being used in a race meeting.
2. Riders must wear properly constructed racing jeans. Hips and knees we advise should be protected with fixed or removable padding.

3. Racing shirts should be of strong tear resistant material.
4. Chest/ body protection must be worn.
5. Gloves should be of leather or similar protective quality material, and must be worn when racing.
6. Calf length leather, or equivalent strength material, boots must be worn.
7. Goggles and other protective clothing, as well as the aforementioned mandatory protective equipment, may be worn but it must be of good quality and comply with the relevant MCF Regulations.
8. All equipment must be in good serviceable condition.
9. All riders are requested to wear ID discs around the neck or wrist during practice and racing. The disc should bear the wearers full name and date of birth.
10. All competitors must have a 2kg (minimum) dry powder fire extinguisher for immediate use.

#### **Riders Machines**

1. All machines must be equipped with a silencer to the required standard.
2. Ball end handlebar levers must be in good condition.
3. Footrests must be round ended preferably folding.
4. All bearings must be in good condition.
5. No play in either forks or rear suspension.
6. Spokes must be complete and tight.
7. Tyres must not be ripped or any canvas showing.
8. There must be no unprotected beyond the rear mudguard.
9. Silencers must not protrude beyond the rear mudguard.
10. Brakes must work efficiently.
11. Throttle must be self returning.
12. Numbers must be clear:
  - a) **Auto, 65cc, 85cc** - Black background white numbers
  - b) **125cc–500cc** - White background black numbers

13. Each bike will be technically inspected before each event by an official whose decision will be final.

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