



DSMRA
DUAL SPORT MOTORCYCLE RIDERS ASSOCIATION
DIRT RIDING ADVENTURE

Membership terms and conditions (DSMRA constitution)

Membership generally

1. A person is eligible to be a member of the DSMRA if:
 - a. the person is a natural person, and
 - b. the person has applied and been approved for membership of the DSMRA in accordance with clause “[Application for membership](#)”
2. A person is taken to be a member of the DSMRA if:
 - a. the person is a natural person, and
 - b. the person was a member of an association that is amalgamated into the DSMRA

Application for membership

1. An application by a person for membership of the DSMRA must include an acknowledgement that they will comply with published DSMRA procedures policies and where applicable, and
2. must be made in writing, or by email or other electronic means such as an online form, as agreed to by the committee, and
3. must be accompanied by the fee identified in the Schedule of Rates, and
4. must be processed by the membership coordinator of the DSMRA as soon as practicable such that:
 - a. The member details are appended/updated in the membership register.
 - b. The member is advised of their financial status.
 - c. Membership identification is issued.

Family membership

1. A family membership covers family members living at the same address.
2. Notwithstanding other limitations in this Constitution (e.g. voting rights), members listed under a family membership are regarded as full members.

Cessation of membership

1. A person ceases to be a member of the DSMRA if the person:
 - a. dies, or
 - b. resigns their membership in accordance with Clause 8 below,
 - c. is expelled from the DSMRA, or
 - d. fails to pay the annual membership fee prior to their renewal date.
2. For administrative purposes, a grace period of 1 calendar month will allow members who are late in renewing their membership to participate in DSMRA events that they were previously registered for.

Membership entitlements not transferable

1. A right, privilege or obligation which a person has by reason of being a member of the DSMRA:
 - a. is not capable of being transferred or transmitted to another person, and
 - b. terminates on cessation of the person's membership.

Resignation of membership

1. A member of the DSMRA may resign from membership of the DSMRA by first giving to the secretary or membership coordinator written notice of at least one month (or such other period as the committee may determine) of the member's intention to resign and, on the expiration of the period of notice, the member ceases to be a member.
2. If a member of the DSMRA ceases to be a member under "Cessation of membership", and in every other case where a member ceases to hold membership, the membership coordinator must make an appropriate entry in the register of members recording the date on which the member ceased to be a member.

Register of members

1. The membership coordinator of the DSMRA must facilitate the establishment and maintenance of a register of members of the DSMRA in either hard copy or electronic form that includes at least the name and postal or residential address of each person who is a member of the DSMRA together with the date on which the person became a member.
2. The register of members must be available in New South Wales:
 - a. at the membership co-ordinator's residence or place of work, or
 - b. at the main premises of the DSMRA if it exists and is in NSW, or
 - c. at the public officer's address, ie the DSMRA's official address.
3. The register of members must be open for inspection, free of charge, by any member of the DSMRA at any reasonable hour.
4. A member of the DSMRA may obtain a hard copy of any part of the register on payment of a fee identified in the Schedule of Rates for each page copied.
5. If a member requests that any information contained on the register about the member (other than the member's name) not be available for inspection that information must not be made available for inspection.
6. A member must not use information about a person obtained from the register to contact or send material to the person by themselves or by a 3rd party, other than for:
 - a. the purposes of sending the person a newsletter, a notice in respect of a meeting or other event relating to the DSMRA or other material relating to the DSMRA, or
 - b. any other purpose necessary to comply with a requirement of the Act or Regulation, and
 - c. no member may forward membership information to a 3rd party
7. If the register of members is kept in electronic form:
 - a. it must be convertible into hard copy, and
 - b. the requirements in subclauses (2) and (3) apply as if a reference to the register of members is a reference to a current hard copy of the register of members.

Fees and subscriptions

1. A member of the DSMRA must, on application for membership, provide to the DSMRA a membership fee as identified in the Schedule of Rates.
2. Annual, or prorated, membership fees of an amount identified in the Schedule of Rates are due on or before the anniversary date of the member being accepted by the DSMRA as a member.

Members' liabilities

1. The liability of a member of the DSMRA to contribute towards the payment of the debts and liabilities of the DSMRA or the costs, charges and expenses of the winding up of the DSMRA is limited to the amount, if any, unpaid by the member in respect of membership of the DSMRA as required by "[Fees and subscriptions](#)"

Resolution of disputes

1. A dispute between a member and another member (in their capacity as members) of the DSMRA, or a dispute between a member or members and the DSMRA, are to be referred to a community justice centre for mediation under the Community Justice Centres Act 1983.
2. If a dispute is not resolved by mediation within 3 months of the referral to a community justice centre, the dispute is to be referred to arbitration.
3. The Commercial Arbitration Act 1984 applies to any such dispute referred to arbitration.

Disciplining of members

1. A complaint may be made to the committee by any person that a member of the DSMRA:
 - a. has refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of this constitution, or
 - b. has wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the DSMRA, or
 - c. has failed to comply with relevant DSMRA , policies or procedures.
2. The committee may refuse to deal with a complaint if it considers the complaint to be trivial or vexatious in nature.
3. If the committee decides to deal with the complaint, the committee:
 - a. must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned, and
 - b. must give the member at least 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the committee in connection with the complaint, and
 - c. must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
4. The committee may, by resolution, expel the member from the DSMRA or suspend the member from membership of the DSMRA if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint, it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved and the expulsion or suspension is warranted in the circumstances.
5. If the committee expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member of the action taken, of the reasons given by the committee for having taken that action and of the member's right of appeal under clause **"Right of appeal"**
6. The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
 - a. until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned, or
 - b. if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the DSMRA confirms the resolution under clause **"Disciplining of members"**, whichever is the later.

Right of appeal of disciplined member

1. A member may appeal to the DSMRA in general meeting against a resolution of the committee under clause **"Resolution of Disputes"**, within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the secretary a notice to that effect.
2. The notice may, but need not, be accompanied by a statement of the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purposes of the appeal.
3. On receipt of a notice from a member under subclause (1), the secretary must notify the committee which is to convene a general meeting of the DSMRA to be held within 28 days after the date on which the secretary received the notice.
4. At a general meeting of the DSMRA convened under subclause (3):
 - a. the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both, and
 - b. the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
5. The appeal is to be determined by a simple majority of votes cast by members of the DSMRA.