



# BMX Australia Officiating

## Welcome!

## To the BMXA World of Officiating

## General Duties and Roles

The Official's **overriding goal** is to promote the normal progress of a contest, as it was meant to process, with as little interference as possible.

### Officials:

- ❖ Are the essential 3<sup>rd</sup> dimension of an athletic contest.
- ❖ Should try to prevent infractions before they occur – be proactive – and establish a subtle influence over the competition.

### Competition Rules:

Are formulated on behalf of all competitors to encourage safe, honest, fair and good sportsman like competition.

### Officiating:

- ❖ It's all in the **HOW!**
- ❖ Rules are not weapons!
- ❖ Riders are not the enemy!
- ❖ Don't be over-zealous!

### Officials are scrutineers

Your role as an Official is to observe the riders at all times where you are stationed.

*Have they got their helmet done up?  
Does their clothing and equipment meet requirements?  
Do they all have gloves on, transponders attached to the bikes, bar ends etc.*

**REPORT** infringements to the Chief Commissaire or nominated Club Official

### Bullying, Foul Language, Anti- social behaviour

If you observe or hear any Bullying or Foul Language, pushing, shoving general bad behaviour, throwing a helmet or bike **REPORT** to the Chief Commissaire or Club Official. This behaviour is not condoned by BMXA.

### First Aid

1. First Aid qualified staff must be on track during racing and practice sessions.  
Recommendation 2 on track, 1 off track
2. First Aid should hold a First Aid & CPR Certificate, exemption would be Doctor, RN Nurse etc
3. If a rider falls on the track and is coherent always check if they wish assistance. **DO NOT TOUCH ANY RIDER** or their equipment unless given permission to do so.
4. Follow the BMXA Concussion Policy if concussion is suspected.
5. Ensure the BMXA Accident Report Form is filled out and signed and forwarded to BMXA within 48 hours of the event
6. Wear Hi Vis Vests to be visible on track



## Staging

Staging officials are responsible for directing riders into the proper staging lanes. They shall announce each race number, age group, and the names of every rider in each race and check each rider's bike to confirm their transponder has been attached correctly.

If you are allocated to a staging role you should:

1. Collect your clipboard with moto sheet and biro from Registration or Club Officials location.
2. If using Radios collect with your sheets. If unsure how to use the radio ask for instructions.
3. Move to your staging station Bottom, Top, Front
4. Control noise in your area
5. Call the riders by Class, Name, Plate No, Lane
6. Stager ticks off riders and mark on sheets any rider who DNS (Did Not Start)
7. If Finals Sheets **Sequence** 1<sup>st</sup> rider has lane choice etc (If the Rider is not at staging on time, then they are allocated the last lane pick) Rider can only make 1 lane selection and cannot change it or swap with another rider.
8. Only Top Stager & Front Stager record rider lane choice in **sequence** Finals
9. If using transponders the Front Stager to call through to Scoring any riders who Do Not Start (DNS).

## Berms

Berm Officials are responsible for monitoring the conduct of the riders on the track and for notifying other officials of conditions on the track which may warrant their attention. Berm officials should make notes of any rule infringements or incidents that they witness. These notes shall be made available upon request by the Chief Commissaire.

1. Collect your clipboard with moto sheets and biro from Registration or Club Official
2. If using Radios collect with your sheets  
If using Flags collect with your sheets. If unsure how to use ask for instructions
3. Move to your allocated Berm and be aware of what area on the track you are responsible for.
4. Watch for any infringements and record on your sheets. Identify rider by plate, helmet colour, shirt colour.  
Record anything you see even if it doesn't seem relevant at the time.

5. Radio – Call through any riders down and when track is clear, call through any infringements noted.

## Flags

**Green** Flag to start the race

**Yellow** Flag if rider has fallen

**Red Flag** to Stop racing

Only Chief Commissaire (or delegate) to use red flag

## Last Straight Official

If Transponders are being used, report any infringements to the Chief Commissaire or Club Official.

## Finish Line Judges

### (If NOT Using transponders)

If transponders are not in use, there shall be an adequate number of finish line Commissaires (ideally an odd number), who shall be responsible for recording the finish positions of every rider as he/she crosses the finish line in each race.

1. Collect your folder with scoring sheets and biro from Registration or Club Official.
2. If there are 3 lines persons - 1 Lines Person shall straddle the finish line on each side of the track and the other Lines Person shall stand 1m from the next Lines Person
3. The Lines Person records the plate numbers of each rider in order of their finishing position for each race.
4. A simple majority of the Finish Line Judges results shall be transmitted to the Head Scorer.
5. If you miss a plate put a dash on the scoring sheet and record next plate. Do not change your sheets to reflect end result.
6. Finish Line sheets may be used if any finishing position is disputed.
7. Finish Line Judges to report any infringements to the Chief Commissaire
8. If number on plates are not clear to read, rider has impeded another rider on the last straight.

