

Queensland Ride On Mower Racing Association

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Risk Management for all Clubs including Members Code of Conduct

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(New Amendments and Clarifications are in Blue)

Tracks:

- * Should be approx 450 to 500 metres long with approx a 60 to 80 metre straight
- * Must have left and right turns with a mixture of both fast and slow corners.
- * Tracks must be purpose built with a suitable substrate so that it doesn't become soft mud when watered which renders it unsafe. If raining with no fore seeable break, then racers are given the choice if they want to continue or abandon the event due to their or their spectators safety.
- * Tracks must be pre watered during the week and dampened during race day to minimise dust.
- * The inside of the track must be marked with witches hats or other suitable items approved by the QROMRA.
- * The track must have suitable Safety Barriers at least 10 metres from the outside of the track in all spectator or public areas. Barriers must be either fencing, tyres or approved plastic tanks which are securely bound to each other so that they cannot be pushed apart under normal expected circumstances. The safety of spectators and racers must be the main priority of all clubs.
- * Tracks must be inspected at the start of every event to ensure there are no obstacles or sharp objects that could lead to accidents or compromise Safety.
- * Display a sign at the entrance of the venue stating:
"Mower Racing is Dangerous and You Enter At Your Own Risk"

Spectator Areas:

- * Must be clearly designated by Track Barriers and sign posted plus any other bunting as deemed appropriate by the Club. Everything possible must be done to ensure safety is the main priority.
- * A designated observer should be monitoring the spectators to ensure they don't breach the boundaries and that there is no unruly behaviour.
- * Rubbish bins should be placed in suitable positions.
- * Noise and Dust levels should be monitored.
- * It is recommended that all clubs should either provide or outsource food and cool drinks.

Pit Area:

- * A separate area away from the public must be provided for all racing mowers.
At Least 2 fire extinguishers must be provided to cover the designated refueling areas.
- * No speeding in the Pit Area or entrance onto the track. Maximum speed should be just above idle as to allow the mower to move forward at a slow pace.

Race Director, Marshalls and First Aid:

- * Every race / event must have a Race Director who oversees the event and adjudicates racing incidents, infringements, complaints and allegations. Their decision in consultation with a QROMRA and Club delegate is final.
- * All Clubs must provide Marshalls that have been suitably briefed on their responsibilities and posted at designated points around the track. Marshalls should be provided with shade and drinking water.
- * First Aid volunteers must hold current certificates and have suitable First Aid supplies.
Must have direct access to Ambulance and or Emergency Services.

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Eligibility to Enter a Race Meeting or Event:

Before any Mower is allowed on the track:

- * All mowers must be scrutineered using the QROMRA checklist by the designated scrutineer to ensure they comply with the Rules and Regulations before registering for the event. They must be fully conversant with the rules and if in doubt, liase with the Technical Delegate. Special consideration must be applied to Steering, Brakes, Tyres and the Kill Switch. If safe and in compliance with the rules, their Log Book must be signed off with No Apparent Faults Found (NAFF) by both the scrutineer and entrant. If any defect is found or non compliance to the rules, it must be noted in the log book and must be fixed before the next race meeting. If it is a safety issue, the scrutineer must advise the racer that the mower is not allowed on the track untill the fault is fixed and it is deemed safe and signed off in their Log Book. All entrants must show their Safety Gear including Helmet with Goggles or Visor, Neck Brace, Gloves, Boots and approved Racewear.
- * The member must then produce their signed off Log Book and must then sign the Risk Management / Code of Conduct form and Indemnity Form and pay the entrants Race Fee.
- * That mower and member would then be eligible to practice and race at the designated times.

Competing and Racing:

- * It is the Members responsibility to ensure their mower complies with all the Rules and Regulations of the QROMRA.
- * A Drivers Briefing must be held prior to commencement of racing on the day, reiterating the Rules, Regulations and Risk Management and Code of Conduct requirements..
- * All members must race in a safe manner with no biffing and barging and remember that this is a family friendly sport and dangerous and unsafe racing will not be tolerated.
- * Any members driving in a manner deemed to be a danger to themselves or to others will be given a stationary Black Flag warning. If they continue to drive in an unsafe manner, they will be Black Flagged and disqalified from racing.
- * No intimidation of Juniors, Ladies or any other members will be tolerated under any circumstances.
- * Do not approach or disturb the Race Director during a race. If any member wants to challenge the Race Director or Marshall's decision, they must wait untill the end of that race and approach the Race Director in a cool and controlled manner.
- * If you have a complaint to make or want to report an incident concerning another drivers behaviour, discuss it with the race director after the race in a cool and controlled manner.
- * Aggressive behaviour and or ranting and raving will not be tolerated under any circumstances
- * **Karts and Mowers are not allowed on the track together. They must be independant of each other..**

Emergency Procedures and Evacuation:

Fire

- * In case of fire in the pits, members are required to activate the nearest fire extinguisher and take control of the fire. The Race Director or delegate will co-ordinate further action if required.
- * Water truck and designated driver and hose handler has full authourity to do whatever action is necessary to extinguish any bush or ground fires as quickly as possible. If a fire gets out of control, they must contact the Fire Brigade immediately.
- * If any dangerous situations arise, the public will be requested to leave the premises in a safe, orderly and controlled manner via the Entrance / Exit gate or as directed by the event organiser or

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designated person.

Disorderly Conduct:

- * If any members or spectators become unruly and or a threat to anyone, they will be asked to leave the premises. If the club or it's delegates cannot control the situation, the Police will be called.

Other Disruptive or Emergency Events

- * The Race Director and or attending Delegates of QROMRA have the authority to execute an Evacuation Procedure should the public or members come under any unexpected or uncontrollable dangers or threats.

Drugs and Alcohol:

- * Alcohol is not allowed to be consumed by any competitor racing or official until all racing is finished
- * Illegal drugs are strictly prohibited and not allowed onto the premises

General Conduct and Social Media:

- * Members are requested not to air their personal grievances or gripes on social media including but not limited to Facebook and Twitter, as this promotes a negative atmosphere and unfriendly sport and Club to the public and puts off future members thinking of getting involved in our sport.
- * If anyone has a problem, please discuss it with the concerned person face to face, the Race Director, your Club President or a QROMRA delegate. If you cannot sort out the the issue face to face, QROMRA offer unbiased delegates to help discuss your issues to an acceptable and amicable result.
- * Anyone found to be putting the sport into disrepute, breaking the rules or driving in an unsafe manner, will face disciplinary action starting with being banned from racing for up to 3 race meetings and in extreme cases, up to 12 months.

Always remember:

This is a family friendly sport
It's all about having fun racing Ride On Racing Mowers and Karts.
We're not racing for money or million dollar Cattle Stations
We're racing for the fun of it and having a good social life.

**Always think of your Safety
and the Safety of Everyone Else,
Especially the Public & Spectators.**

**You must sign the acceptance of this Risk Management and Code of Conduct
Terms on your Race Entry Form to be eligible to race..**

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