

H - MCRCB MEDICAL CODE

The following applies to all MCRCB Permitted events.

1. Introduction

At all British and National Championship Meetings a thoroughly qualified, efficient and experienced medical service must be provided. A Medical Panel authorised by MCRB will set the conditions for the medical service at events, the panel will include the Series Chief medical Officer appointed by MCRCB.

2. The Medical Services

- 2.1 Medical services must guarantee assistance to all riders as well as any other authorised persons injured or taken ill at the circuit during the event.
- 2.2 The venue operator should provide a medical service for the public, strictly separate from the above service. This service is not described in this code but should conform to any regulations or guidelines published by the relevant authority and reflect the size of crowd expected.
- 2.3 Both medical services must be controlled by a single Chief Medical Officer (CMO).
- 2.4 The CMO, and other members of the medical service, are not authorised to make statements to any third party, other than immediate relatives, about the condition of injured riders, without references and authorisation from the MCRCB.

3 The Chief Medical Officer (CMO)

- 3.1 The CMO shall be a Doctor, holding a medical qualification, licence to practice and malpractice insurance. The CMO is responsible to the Race Director.
The CMO's duties shall include as follows:
- 3.2 **Pre-Event**
 - 3.2.1 At least 30 days before the event, the CMO shall contact in writing hospitals in the vicinity of the event, which are able to provide the specialist services required.
The CMO must give information concerning the event including dates and times of practice and racing to the hospitals. The above information must be available, in writing, to the Race Director prior to the first practice session.
 - 3.2.2 The CMO must ensure the medical centre and support vehicles are fully prepared and that Medical and Paramedical staff are fully briefed prior to the start of the first practice session of the event.
 - 3.2.3 The CMO is responsible for the stationing of Doctors and Paramedical staff alongside the circuit.
 - 3.2.4 The CMO shall inspect the circuit medical facilities together with the Race Director no later than 20 minutes before each day's practice sessions.

3.3 During Event

The CMO shall be responsible for all medical services during the event, as well as taking responsibility for all aspects of care of an injured rider. The other duties are:

- 3.3.1 The CMO, together with the Race Director, shall prepare a list of injured riders.
- 3.3.2 The CMO shall ascertain whether riders fallen during the event are fit, at his discretion.
Riders who fall in the first part of a stopped race should be examined before the re-start.
The riders who fall during the event and who refuse a medical examination shall be added to the list of unfit riders.
- 3.3.3 The CMO shall attend meetings of the Event Management at the request of the Race Director.
- 3.3.4 The CMO may be requested to attend a Stewards Meeting at the request of the Chief Steward.
- 3.3.5 The MCRCB Delegate is responsible for all matters of Safety and with the agreement of the Race Director take responsibility for the investigation of an incident liaising with all concerned including the CMO.

3.4 Post Event

- 3.4.1 The CMO, together with the Race Director, shall prepare a list of unfit riders.
 - 3.4.2 The incident statistics form, prepared by Race Control in conjunction with the CMO, must be completed and presented to the MCRCB Delegate.
 - 3.4.3 The CMO shall ensure that a room, suitably private, shall be available for any drug testing that may be requested.
 - 3.4.5 The CMO shall inform the Race Director of the condition of injured riders, and keep him updated.
 - 3.4.6 The CMO shall keep the MCRCB Delegate informed of the known progress of any injured rider in the period following the event. The MCRCB is responsible for all liaisons with Insurance Companies, Solicitors etc.
- 3.5 Procedure in the Event of an Injured Rider**
The management of an injured rider is under the control of the CMO.

4 Doctors, Paramedics, Vehicles and Medical Equipment

The number of Doctors and Paramedics required will be set by the Medical Panel. These must be separate to those in attendance for the public.

Individual Doctors must be suitably clothed and carry equipment for beginning resuscitation. There must also be available sufficient Fast Intervention (Medical Car) and First Aid Vehicles (i.e. ambulances) carrying appropriate equipment. For transfer to hospital, there must be available sufficient First Aid vehicles.

- 4.1 **Eligible Paramedics:** HPC/ MSA registered NHS employed Paramedics, with IHCD qualifications may be used to support Doctors at an event.
 - i) All Paramedics must be registered with the HPC (Health Professions Council) to maintain current state registration. www.hpc-uk.org
 - ii) A Paramedic holding a IHCD certificate currently employed by an NHS Trust attending a motor sport as a result of a commercial contract between the event organisers and his/her employers will be considered

as being an MSA registered Paramedic for the duration of that specific event and shall remain under the control of the CMO at all times.

- iii) To be MSA registered, a Paramedic must be currently registered by the Health Professions Council, hold an IHCD (Institute of Health Care Development) certificate as an Ambulance Paramedic.
- iv) The MSA Medical Advisory Panel, whose decision will be final, will vet applications and renewals.

Anyone who ceases to work for the ambulance service and/or does not maintain registration will be removed from the register immediately.

- 4.1.1 All registered Paramedics must carry a malpractice insurance.
- 4.1.2 Paramedics must "sign on" and produce their registration card at any event at which they are officiating.

4.2 **Fast Intervention Vehicles (FIV)**

These must be fast, 4/5 door cars, easily identifiable as medical vehicles,

4.3 **First Aid Vehicles (Ambulances)**

These should carry appropriately skilled staff, technical equipment and medical equipment.

The number of Ambulances required will be set by the Medical Panel.

These ambulances must be separate to those in attendance for the public.

5. **Medical Centre**

A permanent Medical Centre is compulsory and must be fully equipped with technical equipment and medical equipment and supplies; it will be approved by the Medical Panel who will set the minimum requirements.

6. **Fitness to Ride**

Fitness to ride is adjudged at the sole discretion of the CMO.

The CMO may refuse permission to ride for any rider he considers may have his ability impaired by drugs or alcohol. This decision is final unless medical evidence is provided by the rider to the contrary.