

31 TRIALS - ROAD

- 31.1 The following provisions shall apply as a guide to all New Zealand Reliability Trials held under the auspices of MNZ.
- 31.2 **TIME TRIALS:** Competitors must assemble at the starting point at least 15 minutes before the starting time and report to the Marshall in charge.
- 31.2.1 **PENALTY for REPORTING LATE** 5 points.
- 31.3 A maximum of 5 points may be lost due to faults in machines incurred during the trial. Machines will be examined before and after the events, points then being deducted on a sliding scale as may be decided by the examiner or organising committee.
- 31.4 All competitors on demand must produce to the appropriate official a warrant of fitness, driver's licence and MNZ Competition Licence.
- 31.4.1 **PENALTY** 5 points.
- 31.5 A machine once taken by the marshall or machine examiner must not be touched by the competitor or any other unauthorised person without the permission of the official in charge.
- 31.5.1 **PENALTY** 50 points.
- 31.5.2 All tools may be sealed with the exception of tyre levers, repair outfits and pumps. If these are sealed there will be a penalty for broken seals.
- 31.5.3 **PENALTY** 10 points.
- 31.5.4 The competitor must report any seal broken during the Trial to the nearest control and have it resealed.
- 31.5.5 **PENALTY** 50 points.
- 31.6 Competitors may draw for positions and will be started at the discretion of the starter. Competitors will wheel their machines to the starting line and on being instructed to start his/her machine will do so. Any competitor flooding his/her carburettor or using his/her kick starter before being told to do so will be penalised 5 points for each offence.
- 31.6.1 **MAXIMUM** 10 points.
- 31.6.2 If at the expiration of half a minute a competitor's machine has not started and is not moving forward along the route under its own power the competitor will be penalised 5 points.

- 31.6.3 Should the kick starter be defective the machine may be given a push start by the competitor only. Such start must be made in the distance defined by the starter. Failing to start in the required distance:
- 31.6.4 PENALTY 5 points.
- 31.7 The trial may be controlled by secret and timed controls with the exception of the luncheon control, which will be a timed control. Competitors must ride directly into these controls and not loiter or waste time outside. Competitors must stop at controls if requested to do so. Any competitor failing to observe these rules will be liable to a penalty of 20 points.
- 31.8 Competitors must observe all traffic regulations. Any competitor convicted of an offence during the trial will be excluded.
- 31.9 Only one competitor and pillion rider, if carried, will be allowed on each machine over the whole journey.
- 31.10 Competitors will be advised of the speeds to be averaged during the trial at the starting point. Each competitor must provide a plate fixed to his/her machine to be visible head on. Competitors may be supplied with a number to be carried on his/her back.
- 31.11 On arrival at controls, competitors may be requested to park their machines and must not touch them until instructed to do so by the marshall in charge.
- 31.11.1 PENALTY 50 points.
- 31.11.2 When observed sections are included in a timed section competitors will be timed in and out of 'sections'. Should a hold up occur the Trial organisers may eliminate the timed section.
- 31.11.3 Points will be lost for:
Arriving at check before appointed time: half a point per 30 seconds. Maximum 10 points.
- 31.11.4 Arriving at check after appointed time: Half a point per 30 seconds. Maximum 5 points.
- 31.11.5 Secret checks have the same points system.
- 31.12 Failure to give general road signals, obey the road code etc, 3 points per offence.
- 31.13 Failure to check in at an official point will discredit the rider with a maximum of 20 points for each section.
- 31.14 Any or all of the following tests may be used one or more times during the trial at the discretion of the marshall in charge: Timed Hill Climb, Quick Starting Test, Combined Stop and Restart Test and Observed Sections.

- 31.14.1 **TIMED HILL CLIMB:** A maximum time will be given for a known climb and competitors will be penalised 1 POINT for every half minute or part thereof taken in excess of this time.
- 31.14.2 **QUICK STARTING TESTS:** The machines will be handed to the competitors who will be told to start. Times will be taken. To the fastest time taken will be added 5 seconds: this will be the zero time to be taken in starting.
All competitors taking over this time will be penalised half a point for every five seconds in excess, with a maximum of 5 POINTS.
- 31.14.3 **BRAKE TEST:** Competitors will be required to coast downhill, from one point to another in neutral gear with hands and feet off the brakes. On reaching the second point brakes will be applied and the machine passing over a third point will be penalised 1 POINT for every metre or part thereof. Machines must stop parallel with the course. PENALTY 5 points. Brakes not to be applied before second point. PENALTY 5 points.
- 31.14.4 **COMBINED STOP AND RE START TEST:** Competitors will be required to stop their machines at a given point and proceed on as quickly as possible.
PENALTIES:
Footing: 1 point per foot, maximum 5 points.
Stalling: 5 points.
Falling: 10 points.
- 31.15 Any competitor once entered or presenting himself to the marshall in charge ON THE DAY OF THE TRIAL may be required to surrender any timing apparatus, wrist watch or otherwise and shall be excluded if found to possess a timing apparatus throughout the duration of the trial if such regulation is made.