

WMCC Grading Policy

Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to create a racing environment that is competitive, fair and encouraging.

WMCC is a racing club. We want to ensure that its members race at the right level and not at a level that is below their ability.

Policy

1. This policy comes into effect at the start of the 2018/19 racing season¹.
2. This policy applies to 2017/18 members and members who subsequently join the club.
3. This policy does not apply to the WMCC Two-Day Tour.
4. Ensuring the health and safety of members, visiting riders and the public takes priority over grading. If the number of riders in a grade is deemed, by the handicapper or the race manager, to be too large for the course conditions then grades will be split into more than one start group.
5. Each member is allocated a grade (A to E) by the Club Handicapper at the end of the racing season. Grade allocation considers how a member has performed in the grade(s) they have raced in during the season.
 - A member who has placed higher in the GRR/HRR series than most other riders in their grade (due to dominating performances rather than frequency of racing) may move up a grade.
 - A member who has easily beaten others in their grade in a GRR/HRR, but has not placed in the series due to limited attendance, may move up a grade.
 - A member who has consistently placed at the bottom of their grade in GRR/HRR races may move down a grade.
6. Members are informed of their grades before the start of the next racing season.
7. A member can request a change to their grade up to two weeks before the racing season starts. Requests are considered by the Club Handicapper who may discuss the request with the WMCC Committee.
8. A list of members and their racing grades for the season will be published on the WMCC website.

¹ Season is defined as the period from Aug – Apr.

9. Where a member's performance is between grades, they will be placed in the lower grade but the member is encouraged to ride up a grade in some events to try out the higher grade.
10. During the season, on the day of a GRR/HRR a member (or any non-member who has registered for a race online) can choose to move up one grade. The race manager has the discretion to discuss a grade change with the racer.
11. In exceptional circumstances (e.g. injury, illness or a new member finding their correct grade) a member may consider that he or she cannot ride in their allocated grade. In this case the member must make a request to the Club Handicapper for a re-grade. This request must be made at least one week before the next event to which the grade applies. The Club Handicapper may discuss the request with the WMCC committee.
12. If a member chooses to move down a grade on the day of the race that rider will not be eligible for any series points for that race.
13. Non-members who register online or on the day can choose which grade they want to ride although the race manager has the discretion to review this choice.
14. New members can choose which grade they want to ride in for their first couple of events. The club handicapper and/or the member can then consider a change to this grade based on the member's race performance.

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