

REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

2023 ZWARTKOPS THUNDERBIKES SOCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP



1. FORMAT:

The Zwartkops ThunderBikes Social Championship is intended for experienced and expert riders. It is intended as the premier motorcycle championship on the tour.

The Zwartkops ThunderBikes is open to anyone. Anyone from any series is welcome to race within the Zwartkops ThunderBikes series. (No License Needed) A rider younger than 16 may apply to the committee who decide if the rider is eligible.

Entry fee is capped at R720 per rider.

2. CONTROLLED TYRE: OPEN TYRE RULE: IF YOU CAN RACE IT, YOU CAN USE IT!!!

3. ELIGIBILITY OF MOTORCYCLE:

3.1 Prospective competitors must ensure that the motorcycle entered for any event, must comply with the following rules as listed below:

- a) 600cc and larger capacity motorcycles are permitted to take part. b. Front brake pads and calipers must be lock-wired at all times.
- b) Full face helmets with double D-ring fasteners, full leathers, armor protective gloves and ankle protecting boots, all in good condition, to be worn at all times.
- c) No antifreeze will be allowed in the radiator.
- d) Any tyre is accepted to race with, there will be no controlled tyre rules.
- e) The use of tyre warmers is permitted.
- f) Modifications – There is no restriction on any performance modifications that may be done on the motorcycle, exhaust, air filter, suspension, tuning etc. Unless specified elsewhere.
- g) Competitors may not fit turbos, super-chargers, or Nos.
- h) Headlights, taillights, brake lights, indicators, mirrors etc. should be removed. k. Side and/or center stands must be removed.
- i) Oil filler cap, sump plugs, and oil filter should be locked wired at all times whilst racing.
- j) All competitors are required to have the series sponsor's stickers on their motorcycle. Refusal to put the stickers in the position requested by the committee will result in the competitor being excluded from competition.

3.2 Numbers:

- a) One number must be displayed on the front of the motorcycle, facing forward. The number must be of black, non-reflective material, and mounted on a white background. Each digit must be at least 150mm high, 74mm wide and of a minimum stroke width of 32mm. The number must be displayed directly on the fairing or if one is not fitted, on a suitable plate. Additional numbers must also be displayed on each side of the motorcycle, facing outwards.
- b) Numbers must be clearly visible to the timekeepers/ lap scorers. Modifications may be required if deemed necessary by these officials.
- c) Numbers must be displayed at all times that a motorcycle is on the circuit. Any other number plates or markings which may cause confusion in respect of the official number must be removed before the motorcycle will be permitted onto the circuit.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF RIDER:

Riders don't need to hold any type of race license to enter. A rider younger than 16 may apply to the committee who will decide if the rider is eligible.

5. CLASSES:

- 5.1 The committee will decide in which class a rider will ride. A new rider will be allocated to a class after race 1. This will be based on his/her best lap time in qualifying and race 1.
- 5.2 The class times for are as follows:

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Class		Time
X		Anyone racing or raced national series
B	from	01:05.00
	to	01:06.99
C	from	01:07.00
	to	01:10.00

The lap times for each class at non-Zwartkops events will be determined by the committee and communicated to the riders before qualifying at the event. If a rider exceeds the class lap time point 5.5 applies. Only points scored in classes A-C will count towards the overall championship.

- 5.3 If a rider changes motorcycle to a different make or cc and/or significantly modifies his/her existing motorcycle (the committees decision is final), then the rider will be re-classed based on the lap times achieved as per rule 5.1. The onus is on the rider to inform the committee if he/she has changed motorcycle or significantly modified his/her existing motorcycle.
- 5.4 If a new rider joins Zwartkops ThunderBikes at a non-Zwartkops event the committee will allocate the rider to a class based on the lap times achieved by the new rider in qualifying and race 1. (Allocation only after race 1)
- 5.5 A class change to a higher class will take place at the next event (unless point 5.6 applies), if during the same season a rider breaks his/her class time by lapping faster in **any session** (qualifying, race 1 and race 2 are defined as one session). If a rider exceeds the class lap times in at least 2 laps in a session, then the rider will automatically move to a higher class at the next event (unless clause 5.6 applies).
- 5.6 If a rider breaks his/her class time but has already participated in 5 events of the season (and provided the rider does not change motorcycle), the rider will not move up to the higher class and will remain in his/her class for the remainder of the season. Example – A rider has competed in events 1 through 7 (i.e., 7 events) and at the 8th event this rider breaks his/her class time, rule 5.6 will apply and this rider will not move up a class.
- 5.7 A rider may apply in writing to the ThunderBikes Committee to be re-classed if the rider has changed to a smaller capacity motorcycle and/or a different make of motorcycle. The committee’s decision is final.
- 5.8 Lap times achieved in Brunch-Run and ThunderBikes will be taken into account for ThunderBikes class allocation.
- 5.9 Official Lap times from any other series/ club race will be taken into account to move a new rider into another class, should the rider be found quicker than he/she is in their current class. The committee’s decision is final.

6 SCORING:

- 6.1 Points will be scored per race and separately in each class. The points will be scored per class as follows
- 6.2 Unless there are less than 5 riders per class half points will be scored

1 st – 25 points	6 th – 10 points	11 th – 5 points
2 nd – 20 points	7 th – 9 points	12 th – 4 points
3 rd – 16 points	8 th – 8 points	13 th – 3 points
4 th – 13 points	9 th – 7 points	14 th – 2 points
5 th – 11 points	10 th – 6 points	15 th – 1 point

6. Jump starts will be penalized by 30 seconds added to the rider's overall time for the race.

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