

## DUNLOP MASTERS SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP – 2022 COMPETITOR INFORMATION

### 1. THE 2022 DUNLOP MASTERS SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Dunlop Masters Superbike Championship is the most professionally promoted and organised Irish Motorcycle Racing Championship offering the highest profile Short Circuit events on the Island of Ireland. Since its inception it has provided the first steps for a number of riders who have gone on to compete successfully on the British Superbike package.

The championship is co-ordinated and promoted by Mondello Park and is organised in conjunction with Motorcycling Ireland's Short Circuit Racing committee. With pre-event publicity and advertising, in-event social media coverage, live timing and post event coverage, the championship is the best platform for riders looking to maintain or develop a career in Motorcycle Racing.

For 2022 the Championship will be made up of seven events. The season will begin with a three day test weekend which will be followed by six race events in Mondello Park using two different circuit layouts. All race events will be over two days.

### 2. CHAMPIONSHIP FEATURES

Six championship events evenly spread over the season.

Cost savings available through Mondello Park's entry and testing discount packages.

Cost control measures in Superbike and Supersport.

Standard timetable and race duration.

Consistent race organising team.

Superbike and Supersport prize fund.

Event promotion.

Social media and web presence.

End of season prize giving.

### 3. 2022 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES & CLASSES

The list of dates and classes racing is shown below. The schedule of races for each class at each event is set out below.

#### **Rounds 1 - 3 – Saturday & Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park National Circuit**

Superbike, Supersport, Twins, Pre-Injection, Classic Superbikes & Moto 400, Superbike & Supersport 'B' – 1 Race Saturday, 2 Races Sunday.

Sidecars, Junior Supersport and Moto 1 – 2 Races Saturday, 1 Race Sunday.

#### **Rounds 4 - 6 – Saturday & Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> - Mondello Park International Circuit**

Superbike, Supersport, Twins, Pre-Injection, Sidecars – 1 Race Saturday, 2 Races Sunday.

Classic Superbikes & Moto 400, Superbike & Supersport 'B' – 2 Races Saturday, 1 Race Sunday.

Junior Supersport and Moto 1 – 3 Races Sunday.

FIM MiniGP Ireland Series – 3 Races Saturday

#### **Rounds 7 - 9 – Saturday & Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park National Circuit**

Superbike, Supersport, Twins, Pre-Injection, Classic Superbikes & Moto 400, Superbike & Supersport 'B' – 1 Race Saturday, 2 Races Sunday.

Sidecars, Junior Supersport and Moto 1 – 2 Races Saturday, 1 Race Sunday.

#### **Rounds 10 - 12 – Saturday & Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park International Circuit**

Superbike, Supersport, Twins, Pre-Injection, Sidecars, Junior Supersport and Moto 1 – 1 Race Saturday, 2 Races Sunday.

Classic Superbikes & Moto 400, Superbike & Supersport 'B' – 2 Races Saturday, 1 Race Sunday.

#### **Rounds 13 - 15 – Saturday & Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park National Circuit**

Superbike, Supersport, Twins, Pre-Injection, Classic Superbikes & Moto 400, Superbike & Supersport 'B' – 1 Race Saturday, 2 Races Sunday.

Junior Supersport and Moto 1 – 2 Races Saturday, 1 Race Sunday.

Sidecars – 3 Races Sunday.

FIM MiniGP Ireland Series – 3 Races Saturday

#### **Rounds 16 - 18 – Saturday & Sunday September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park International Circuit**

Superbike, Supersport, Twins, Pre-Injection, Classic Superbikes & Moto 400, Superbike & Supersport 'B', Sidecars, Junior Supersport & Moto 1 – 1 Race Saturday, 2 Races Sunday.

#### 4. POINTS SCORING

For 2022 the championship points for all classes will use the following system;

- The season will be split into two sections.
- Section one will be the first four events and each rider will only count their best three race weekends from the four.
- Section two will be the final two events and each competitor will count all points scored at the final two events.
- The final two events will count for the Masters Superbike Championship and also as the Souther Star awards.

In the Superbike and Supersport classes all riders will be eligible to score points in the overall championship while only Cup designated riders will be eligible to score Cup points. Cup points can be scored in the main race or, if there are less than fifteen Cup finishers in the main race, in the 'B' Race.

#### 5. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

For 2022 we will introduce a Junior championship which is open to all riders who are twenty years old or younger at the start of the opening race event of the season, irrespective of which class they are competing in. Points in the championship will be awarded for the number of points-scoring riders that each rider beats in their race. There will also be bonus points for finishing first, second or third overall. For the full points scoring system see the Championship Sporting regulations. The Junior Championship will have an end of season prizefund which will be announced before the beginning of the season

#### 6. 2022 SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT TYRE RULES

Dunlop will be the sole supplier of tyres for the Superbike and Supersport classes and no other manufacturers tyres can be used in Masters Superbike or Supersport races, qualifying or warm up sessions. At all Masters events, rules regarding restriction of the quantity of tyres used by each rider in Superbike and Supersport will apply. There will be no restrictions on the tyre sizes or compounds used as long as the tyres comply with the regulations for the class they are being used in and are Dunlop tyres. The previously specified tyres, as shown in the table below, will continue to be available at discounted prices to all Superbike and Supersport riders registered for the championship. To avail of the reduced prices, tyres must be purchased from Ernie Coates. For prices for any other Dunlop tyre size or compound, please contact Ernie Coates (contact details shown in the next section). All riders competing in the Superbike and Supersport classes are required to carry Dunlop decals as provided by Dunlop or the event organisers.

Each rider is allowed to use three dry weather tyres over the course of their three races at an event. In order to police this rule each rider will be supplied with three tyre stickers at sign-on for each event. The correct tyre stickers must be in place for each race but are not required for qualifying or warm-up sessions. Tyre stickers from previous events may be present on any tyre used so long as the correct sticker for the current event is also in place. Tyres may be checked in the pit lane before riders go on track for their races, so please allow extra time for delays at the pit lane exit when heading to the grid. Tyres may also be checked on the grid or in Parc-Ferme at the end of a race, and any rider found without the correct stickers may be excluded from the results. There are no restrictions on the number of wet tyres used. Tyre stickers are not required to be used for qualifying or warm up sessions but tyres must still be Dunlop tyres. There is no option to use tyres other than Dunlop tyres and not score points, Superbike and Supersport are Dunlop only categories. Any competitor found attempting to go on track for any Superbike or Supersport session, either qualifying, warm-up or race, using tyres other than Dunlop may be excluded from the event and may forfeit any points scored at that event as well as being penalised in accordance with the championship and event regulations.

DESCRIPTION	TYPE	CLASS	COMPOUNDS	STG PRICE ex VAT
120/70R17 KR106	DRY	SUPERBIKE	Available compounds - MS1 & MS2	£120
195/65R17 KR108	DRY	SUPERBIKE	Available compound - MS2	£160
200/70R17 KR108	DRY	SUPERBIKE	Available compounds - MS1 & MS2	£190
120/70ZR17 D213GP Pro	DRY	SUPERSPORT	Available compound - 1	£120
180/60ZR17 D213GP Pro	DRY	SUPERSPORT	Available compound - 2	£160
120/70ZR17 D212 GP Racer S	DRY	SUPERSPORT	Available compound - Soft	£110
190/55ZR17 D212 GP Racer E	DRY	SUPERSPORT	Available compound - Endurance	£140
125/80R17 KR191	WET	SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT	Available compound - MS1	£120
190/55R17 KR393	WET	SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT	Available compound - MS2	£160

**Note:** For 2022, the above are the standard sizes and compounds which will be available at all Masters events, compounds or sizes other than those shown above can be supplied but must be pre-ordered.

#### Purchase of Dunlop Tyres from Ernie Coates

Tyres will only be provided to Masters Superbike Registered competitors at the above discounted prices when purchased from Ernie Coates. Ernie will have all tyres available from the Friday test day for each Dunlop Masters Superbike event. Tyres can also be purchased in advance and couriered to the customer if required, next day delivery of up to four tyres can be provided for in the region of £15.00 (prices may vary, please check at time of order). Ernie Coates will be in possession of a list of registered riders and all purchases will be monitored across the season. Riders from any class racing at the

Masters who can use the sizes listed above can avail of the reduced prices and do not have to be racing in the Superbike or Supersport class. Ernie Coates can be contacted on 00447767271633 from ROI and 07767271633 from NI.

## **7. CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION**

All competitors taking part in Dunlop Masters Superbike Championship events must be registered for the championship. If you were registered in previous years you are still required to re-register in order to ensure your information is up to date. Registration is free of charge and entries will not be accepted unless the entrant is registered for the championship at the time of entering. The championship registration form can be found under the Competitor Info heading on the Masters Superbike Championship web site [www.masterssuperbike.ie](http://www.masterssuperbike.ie).

## **8. ENTRIES**

All Mondello Park Motorcycle event entries are made through our on-line entry system. The on-line entry system requires each riders race entry information to be pre-entered into an individual rider profile. Competitors will access their profile using a login and password and once they are logged in they will be able to enter any or all of the Masters events at the push of a button. If you previously had a login and password those details will still apply. If you have not previously had login details, you can set up your login by visiting [www.mondellopark.ie/motorbike-racing-login](http://www.mondellopark.ie/motorbike-racing-login). Your login details are known only to you and are not your registration to the championship, this must be completed separately.

## **9. TEST WEEKEND**

The 2022 Masters Test Weekend will run over three days, from March 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Testing on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> will be for Solo Newcomers, Junior Supersport and Moto1 and Sidecars.

All riders who are new to racing for 2022 or who have raced previously but are still racing on a novice licence will be eligible for Friday's testing. Once a rider has completed Friday's test day they will then be able to also book in for Saturday or Sunday if places are still available. Friday 25<sup>th</sup> will be on the National Track.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> will be for all Solo classes and Junior's and will run on the National Circuit. Numbers will be limited and bookings will be reserved for registered riders only until the initial closing date of March 18<sup>th</sup>. After this date the remaining spaces will be opened up to all riders and the prices will increase.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> will be for all Solo classes and Sidecars and will run on the International Circuit. Numbers will be limited and bookings will be reserved for registered riders only until the initial closing date of March 18<sup>th</sup>. After this date the remaining spaces will be opened up to all riders and the prices will increase.

We are planning on having some experienced riders on hand for the Friday test to assist newcomers and may also have some coaching available on Saturday and Sunday.

## **10. ENTRY FEES & PRIZE MONEY**

For 2022 Entry fees will remain at 2021 levels. Packages of entry fees, testing and garage rental are on offer including discounts for multiple events booked and paid for together. At present, to purchase any of our packages you must contact the Mondello Park office. Prices for garage space as part of a package are available on request from the Mondello Park office on +353(0)45860200. Riders entering more than one class at each event will have to contact Mondello Park to have their second race entry discount applied, as the system cannot currently do this automatically. To encourage junior riders to compete at the Masters, entry fees for junior riders competing in the Junior Supersport and Moto 1 classes continue to be available at a reduced price. To qualify for this lower entry fee riders must be sixteen or under on the day of the event they are entering and must be racing in Junior Supersport or Moto One.

### **Late Entries**

Due to issues created by entries being received later and later in recent years, all event closing dates will be strictly adhered to. This will mean that a late entry fee will be applied to all entries paid after the closing date, which will be the Friday of the week before the event (eight days before the event).

When entering, competitors will have two payment options;

1. Pay when entering.
2. Complete your entry and return at a later date to pay.

Option 1: if a rider enters with payment prior to or on the event closing date they will be charged the normal entry fee. If a rider enters with payment after the event closing date they will be charged an additional late entry fee of €25.

Option 2: if a rider enters prior to the event closing date without payment and then returns and pays prior to or on the event closing date, they will be charged the normal entry fee. If a rider enters prior to the event closing date without payment and then returns and pays after the event closing date they will be charged an additional late entry fee of €25.

### **Prices**

Entry fee for Superbike or Supersport prior to closing date: €240

Entry fee for all other classes (except junior riders in Junior Cup or Junior Supersport): €210

Entry fee for junior riders competing in Junior Cup or Junior Supersport: €150

Rider entering more than one class, additional entry fee per class €170

Superbike or Supersport entry fee and full day test, if paid in one payment by event closing date – €360 (normally €380)

All other classes two day entry fee and full day test, if paid in one payment by event closing date – €330 (normally €350)

Superbike or Supersport entry fee and 1/2 day test, if paid in one payment by event closing date – €325 (normally €335)

All other classes two day entry fee and 1/2 day test, if paid in one payment by event closing date – €285 (normally €305)

### Entry & Testing package prices

	Full Price	Reduced Price	Saving
<b>SUPERBIKE &amp; SUPERSPORT ENTRY AND TESTING PACKAGE PRICES</b>			
6 entries	€1,440	€1,296	€144
6 Entries plus pre-season test weekend	€1,655	€1,483	€172
6 Entries plus 6 ½ day test	€2,010	€1,793	€217
6 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 6 ½ day tests	€2,225	€1,976	€249
6 Entries plus 6 full day test	€2,280	€2,016	€264
6 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 6 full day tests	€2,495	€2,196	€299
<b>SUPPORT CLASS ENTRY AND TESTING PACKAGE PRICES</b>			
6 entries	€1,260	€1,134	€126
6 Entries plus pre-season test weekend	€1,475	€1,322	€153
6 Entries plus 6 ½ day test	€1,830	€1,632	€198
6 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 6 ½ day tests	€2,045	€1,816	€229
6 Entries plus 6 full day test	€2,100	€1,856	€244
6 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 6 full day tests	€2,315	€2,037	€278
<b>JUNIOR RIDER ENTRY AND TESTING PACKAGE PRICES</b>			
6 entries	€850	€765	€85
6 Entries plus pre-season test weekend	€990	€887	€103
6 Entries plus 6 ½ day test	€1,420	€1,267	€153
6 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 6 ½ day tests	€1,560	€1,385	€175
6 Entries plus 6 full day test	€1,690	€1,494	€196
6 Entries plus pre-season test weekend plus 6 full day tests	€1,830	€1,610	€220

### Superbike & Supersport prizefund

An increased prize fund will be offered for 2022, increasing in value to €5273 per event. This fund is provided subject to a minimum entry level of 50 riders for the Superbike & Supersport Classes combined. Each entry below 50 will result in a reduction of this prize fund for the current or next event by €80 per entry.

Prizefund	CHAMPIONSHIP RACE								CUP (awarded on aggregate of 3 races)		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	1st	2nd	3rd
Superbike Race 1	250	190	140	110	90	70	50	30			
Superbike Race 2	250	190	140	110	90	70	50	30			
Superbike Race 3	250	190	140	110	90	70	50	30	Rear Tyre	Front Tyre	Half Day Test
Supersport Race 1	150	110	90	70	50	30					
Supersport Race 2	150	110	90	70	50	30					
Supersport Race 3	150	110	90	70	50	30			Rear Tyre	Front Tyre	Half Day Test

### 11. TESTING AND RACE ENTRY CREDIT POLICY

**Test days:** In order to cancel an entry to a test day a competitor must give 24 hours' notice. The cancellation notice must be communicated to the Mondello Park office, by either phone or email, by 5.00pm of the day preceding the test day. It is not sufficient to say that you tried to call the office and got no response, the best method of communication is by email to [info@mondellopark.ie](mailto:info@mondellopark.ie). Full credit will be allowed for the test event once a competitor cancels within the required period. If a competitor books for a full day and has a mechanical issue or otherwise in the morning session and is unable to take part in the afternoon session a credit of 40% of the value of the full day can be brought forward to another test or race event. A competitor must contact the event manager in the control tower on the day of the event, prior to the completion of the morning session, and inform him/her that they are unable to complete the day.

If a competitor books a morning or afternoon session and is unable to complete the session due to a mechanical issue or otherwise, no credit will be given. All credits must be used with the calendar year and will not be carried forward to subsequent seasons.

**Race events:** In order to cancel an entry to a race event a competitor must give notice of the cancellation to the Mondello Park office by 5.00pm on the Friday of the race event. The cancellation notice must be communicated to the office, by either phone or email. It is not sufficient to say that a competitor tried to call the office and got no response, the best method of communication is by email to [info@mondellopark.ie](mailto:info@mondellopark.ie). Full credit will be allowed for the race event once a competitor cancels within the required period. Once a competitor takes part in any practice session, qualifying session or race, he/she is deemed to have started the event and no credit will be given if they are unable to take part in the remainder of the event due to a mechanical issue or other circumstances. All credits must be used with the calendar year and will not be carried forward to subsequent seasons.

## 12. GARAGES

A limited amount of garage space may be available at some events but in past seasons garages have been fully booked prior to the start of the season so riders looking for garages are asked to contact the Mondello Park office prior to the start of the season. Any rider who books and pays in advance for garages for the full Mondello Park season will receive their garage space at a reduced price.

## 13. EVENT FORMAT

The Masters will have a standardised timetable at all events and the following pre-race procedures will be used, with one procedure for Superbike and Supersport and another for all support classes apart from Sidecars who will have their own procedure. Please note that for 2022 the open pit lane duration has been reduced to three minutes for all classes

### **Superbike and Supersport Championship race pre-race procedure (times shown are sample times)**

**13:00 pit lane opens:** There will be a countdown clock on the start finish straight which will count down from three minutes to zero. All riders have three minutes to exit the pit lane complete a lap and take their place on the grid. During the three minute period, riders may complete more than one lap and if doing so they must enter the pit lane at the end of each lap, ride slowly down the pit lane and rejoin the circuit. A pit lane speed limit of 60kmph will be enforced. A rider can pass through the pit lane as many times as they wish as long as they are on track once the pit lane closes.

**13:05 pit lane closes:** Once the countdown clock reaches zero the pit lane will be closed. Any riders who arrive after the pit lane is closed will start the warm up laps from the pit lane and following the warm-up laps will take their position at the back of the grid in the order in which they arrived at the top of pit lane.

**13:06 three minute board:** When the three minute open pit lane time has elapsed a three minute board will be displayed to all riders already on the grid.

**13:08 one minute board:** Once the one minute board is displayed all team personnel must leave the grid.

**13:09 green Flag:** When the final minute has elapsed the green flag will be waved and riders will start their warm up laps. Any riders who had been held at the top of pit lane will be allowed to complete the warm up laps but they must start from the back of the grid. Any rider who joins the warm up laps from pit lane and then moves to their original grid position will be black flagged from the race and disqualified. Superbike and Supersport will receive two warm up laps on the Mondello Park National Track and one warm-up lap on the Mondello Park International Track. Any rider who arrives at the top of the pit lane after the warm up laps have commenced will not be allowed to start the race.

### **Support Class, including 'B' and 'C' but excluding Sidecar pre-race procedure (times shown are sample times)**

**13:00 three minute warning:** Once the previous race and podium has been completed and the track is clear and ready for racing a three minute warning will be given, by verbal announcement over the PA and by use of a pit lane hooter or siren. Once the first announcement is given riders have three minutes to exit the pit lane and make their way to the grid. At this time a countdown clock on the main straight will start counting down from three minutes to zero. This will give riders three minutes to get from wherever they are in the paddock to the top of the pit lane and out to take their grid positions. Tyre warmers and personnel will not be allowed on the grid and riders must decide how early they wish to leave pit lane. During the three minute period, riders may complete more than one lap and if doing so they must enter the pit lane at the end of their first lap, ride slowly down the pit lane and rejoin the circuit. A pit lane speed limit of 60kmph will be enforced. A rider can pass through the pit lane as many times as they wish as long as they are on track once the pit lane closes.

**13:06 approx. Green Flag:** When the three minute count down is complete a one minute board will be shown to the grid. Once the one minute board is displayed all team personnel must leave the grid. Once all riders who left the Pit Lane have reached their grid positions a 5 second warning will be given before the green flag waves to commence the warm up lap or laps. All classes will receive two warm-up laps on the National Track and one warm-up lap on the International Track, apart from sidecars, who will receive one warm up lap on either track. Any riders who arrive after the pit lane is closed but before commencement of the warm up laps will start the warm up laps from the pit lane and following the warm-up laps will take their position at the back of the grid in the order in which they arrived at the top of pit lane. Any rider who

arrives at the top of the pit lane after the warm up laps have commenced will not be allowed to start the race.

#### **Sidecar pre-race procedure (times shown are sample times)**

**13:00 three minute warning:** Once the previous race and podium has been completed and the track is clear and ready for racing a three minute warning will be given, by verbal announcement over the PA and by use of a pit lane hooter or siren. Once the first announcement is given riders have three minutes to exit the pit lane and make their way to the grid. At this time a countdown clock on the main straight will start counting down from three minutes to zero. This will give riders three minutes to get from wherever they are in the paddock to the top of the pit lane and out to take their grid positions. If at any point during the three minute countdown all sidecars are on their grid positions the starter will wave the green flag and start the warm-up lap even if this is prior to completion of the full three minute countdown.

**13.06 approx. Green Flag:** Once the starter waves the green flag the sidecars will commence their warm up lap. Any riders who arrive after the pit lane is closed but before commencement of the warm up laps will start the warm up laps from the pit lane and following the warm-up laps will take their position at the back of the grid in the order in which they arrived at the top of pit lane. Any rider who arrives at the top of the pit lane after the warm up laps have commenced will not be allowed to start the race.

#### **14. SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT QUALIFICATION & GRID POSITIONS**

Riders will be split for qualifying in the Superbike and Supersport classes into the following sessions. The Cup session will be for all 'Cup' designated riders apart from 'Cup' riders who are eligible to compete in the 'Pro' qualifying session based on the following rules, which are included in the Championship sporting regulations and event regulations.

For 2022, in order to reduce the speed difference between the faster Cup riders and slower Cup riders in qualifying, the following system will be introduced on safety grounds.

- All Pro riders will qualify in the Pro session
- Some Cup riders will qualify with the Pro riders in the Pro session.
- To be eligible to qualify in the Pro session the following criteria must be met. A rider must have achieved at least one lap within 107% of the fastest lap time in their class, in at least one of the three races for their class at the two previous Masters race events in which they competed.
- Being eligible to qualify in the Pro session at one event does not make a rider eligible to continue to qualify in the Pro session at subsequent events, as eligibility will be reviewed after each event.
- All newcomers to the Masters 'Cup' along with all riders who do not fit the above criteria will qualify in the Cup session.
- Qualification for the championship race will still be dependent on a rider achieving a time within 110% of the fastest time in qualifying, irrespective of which session they have qualified in, with all those Cup riders who do not achieve the 110% standard racing in the 'B' race for race one, even if they participated in the Pro session.

#### **The grids for Superbike & Supersport will be formed using the following system.**

**Race 1:** The grid positions for race 1 will be formed using combined qualifying times from the Pro and Cup qualifying sessions for each class. All Pro riders will automatically qualify for the championship race. Any Cup rider who is outside 110% of the fastest time in their class will race in the 'B' race, where grids will be formed based on lap times irrespective of class.

**Race 2:** The grid positions for championship race 2 will be formed using the combined fastest lap times from championship race 1 and 'B' race 1. Any rider who has lapped within 110% of the fastest lap time in their class will race in Championship race 2 along with any rider who qualified for championship race 1. Any rider who raced in 'B' race one and is outside 110% of the fastest time in their class will remain in the 'B' race for race 2, where grids will be formed based on lap times irrespective of class.

**Race 3:** The grid positions for championship race 3 will be formed using the fastest lap times from championship race 2. All riders who qualified for Championship race 2 will automatically qualify for championship race 3. Any rider who raced in 'B' race 2 will remain in the 'B' race for race 3.

#### **15: GRIDS**

Following representations from competitors and observations of the movement of riders across the track at race starts, a decision was taken at the beginning of 2019 to change the way grids will line up and this arrangement continues into 2022. Pole position is now on the right hand side of the track bringing the circuit in line with common practice which is to have pole on the racing line, i.e. the side of the circuit which is most used and therefore cleaner.

#### **16. RACE ORGANISATION**

In order to create consistency in the running of events Masters events are run by personnel from all of the Short Circuit Racing clubs with the aim of having the same clerk of the course and assistant at all events. There will also be a Championship co-ordinator on hand for all events. The timetable and running order for all events has also been standardised.

## **17. RIDER GRADING IN SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT**

The Masters rider grading splits Superbike and Supersport competitors into Pro and Cup riders with Pro riders eligible for overall awards while Cup competitors are eligible for both overall and 'Cup' awards. This gives all riders a realistic chance of competing for wins, podiums, championship points and prize money, whatever their level of ability or experience. The list of riders being upgraded is posted on the Masters Superbike web site. Any rider whose name does not appear on the upgrade list will retain their previous grading. In a case where a rider due for upgrade in Supersport swaps to Superbike they may be given a one season exemption from upgrade. This exemption option remains a possibility until a rider has raced as a Pro rider in Supersport or until the championship organisers deem it no longer available. Riders upgraded from Cup to Pro in the Ulster Centre may not necessarily be upgraded for the Masters, if in doubt please contact the Championship co-ordinator.

## **18. EVENT PROMOTION**

All Master Championship events will be heavily promoted through the following;

- ✓ Media coverage
- ✓ Print advertising.
- ✓ Social Media.
- ✓ Radio advertising on Radio Nova.
- ✓ Championship web site.
- ✓ Mondello Park web site.
- ✓ Direct marketing through our email alerts service.

## **19. SOCIAL MEDIA AND WEB**

The Masters Championship continues to be the only championship with a dedicated social media and web presence at all of its events. For 2022 our social media activities will be organised by Zigen Promotions who will provide video and photographic coverage of all events both in the build up, during and after events. Our social media activity will be hugely increased and we focus on building our audience through highlights videos, rider and class profiles and other features.

In the build up to the new season we are seeking information for our social media posts and web site. We are looking for news, pictures and videos of Masters competitors preparations for the new season. We would be happy to publicise information on riders changing classes, new machinery, new logo's or colour schemes, pre season testing plans, images and videos from testing, bike builds or preparations. All information can be emailed to [info@masterssuperbike.ie](mailto:info@masterssuperbike.ie).

## **20. ON-BOARD CAMERAS**

Only Competitors authorised by the Clerk of the Course will be permitted to film from on-board cameras. Where such approval is granted by the COC, the installation of a camera & associated equipment shall be inspected during scrutiny. All such equipment shall be mechanically fastened to a suitable mounting point in a manner that the scrutineer deems acceptable. The use of tape, tie wraps or Velcro fastenings etc. is strictly prohibited. Approval is only valid for the duration of the event. Any rider using an onboard camera must provide footage recorded on the camera to the organisers or event promoters when requested. Riders using on-board cameras are precluded from making public any footage from an event, through social media, web sites or other outlets, until the official Dunlop Masters Superbike Championship footage has been released. Competitors will be notified when they are free to publicise or release footage.

## **21. END OF SEASON AWARDS NIGHT**

Our popular Masters Championship awards night will continue to be held at the end of the season. All class award winners will receive free admission to the event.

**For all Dunlop Masters Superbike Championship queries**

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