

## DUNLOP MASTERS SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP

### RE-START 2020 COMPETITOR INFORMATION – Version 4

#### 1. THE 2020 DUNLOP MASTERS SUPERBIKE CHAMPIONSHIP

The re-scheduled 2020 Dunlop Masters Superbike Championship will consist of two race events, to be held in September and October. Due to restricted track time availability the September event will not include races for all classes and the October event is scheduled to take place on a Friday and Saturday instead of a Saturday and Sunday. To help us determine the appetite amongst competitors we will be asking for riders to fill out a form indicating which test and race dates they will be interested in attending and details of this along with all of the championship information can be found in this document

#### 2. 2020 CHAMPIONSHIP DATES & CLASSES

The list of dates and classes racing is shown below along with the number of races they will compete in.

**Pre-season Testing 1** – Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> – Mondello Park International Track

**Pre-season Testing 2** – Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> – Mondello Park National Track

**Pre-event 1 Testing** – Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> – National Track

**Event 1 – Saturday & Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park National Track.**

Superbike, Supersport, Twins, Pre-Injection – Saturday Qualifying and 2 races, Sunday warm-up and two races.  
Sidecars, Classic Superbikes & Moto 400 – Saturday Qualifying and 1 race, Sunday warm-up and two races.

**Pre-event 2 Testing** – Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> – National Track

**Event 2 – Friday & Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Mondello Park National Track.**

Superbike, Supersport, Twins, Pre-Injection – Saturday Qualifying and 2 races, Sunday warm-up and two races.  
*Sidecars, Classic Superbikes & Moto 400 – Saturday Qualifying and 1 race, Sunday warm-up and two races.*

#### 3. ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted from all riders who registered for the championship prior to the lock-down and any additional riders who wish to register. We have changed our software supplier for 2020 so all registered riders will be sent a link to our new entry system where they can set up their username and login.

Closing dates for entries will be the Friday of the week prior to the week of the event.

Late entries will be accepted up until the Wednesday prior to the event at an additional fee.

No entries will be accepted after the Wednesday prior to the event under any circumstances.

All entries must be booked and paid in advance as no cash will be taken on the day

#### 4. 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).

#### 5. ENTRY FEES

It has been necessary to increase entry fees due to the increased costs of running an event under Covid-19 restrictions, however, to offset this we have endeavoured to increase track time in line with the increases. Entry fees will be the same for all classes competing in four races and will be the same for all classes competing in three races.

Four races at an event: €260

Three races at an event: €210

Additional class entry: €160

There will be no option to do a portion of a weekend, i.e. Sunday only or Saturday only.

#### Late Entries

Due to Covid-19 restrictions and the additional planning required when running an event under the current restrictions late entries will be accepted only until the Wednesday prior to an event. There will be an additional late entry fee of €50.

#### Entry and testing package prices

A discount of 10% is available to any rider who books and pays for both events prior to the closing date for event 1. A discount of 10% will be available to any rider who books and pays for more than one test day prior to taking part in their first test day.

Discounts and entries for more than one class can only be organised by contacting Mondello Park, they will not be available through the on-line entry system.

## 6. PRIZE FUND

All classes will have an end of season prize fund based on the number of entries received in each class across the two events. The prize fund will differ across classes in line with their individual entry numbers.

## 7. 2020 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 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.

DESCRIPTION	TYPE	CLASS	COMPOUNDS	RIDER PRICE ex VAT
120/70R17 KR106	DRY	SUPERBIKE	Available compounds are MS1 & MS2	£115
195/65R17 KR108	DRY	SUPERBIKE	Available compounds are MS2 & MS3	£150
200/70R17 KR108	DRY	SUPERBIKE	Available compounds are MS1 & MS2	£176
120/70ZR17 D213GP Pro	DRY	SUPERSPORT	Available compounds are #1 & #2	£115
180/60ZR17 D213GP Pro	DRY	SUPERSPORT	Available compounds are MS2 & MS3	£150
125/80R17 KR191	WET	SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT	Available compound MS1	£115
190/55R17 KR393	WET	SUPERBIKE & SUPERSPORT	Available compound MS2	£150

Each rider is allowed to use four dry weather tyres over the course of their four races at an event. In order to police this rule each rider will be supplied with four 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 a tyre used so long as the correct sticker for the current event is also in place. Tyres will 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 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.

### 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.

### Notice from Ernie Coates Race Support:

To all riders who intend to use VAT numbers when purchasing tyres. We will require a copy or photograph of the company Vat Registration Certificate from each rider before we can deduct VAT. All riders will be required to provide the company name and vat number each time a purchase is made. Sorry for the inconvenience, but this is a requirement of the Northern Ireland H.M.R.C.

Thank you

Ernie Coates Race Support

## 8. EVENT FORMAT

As the Masters will take place behind closed doors, i.e. closed to spectators and under social distancing rules the event

format will not include grid interviews or podium presentations. The timetable will no longer be standardised and will differ across the two events due to different constraints at each event. The open pit-lane procedures will continue along similar lines to previous years and details of any changes, if required, will be communicated well in advance.

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

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

For 2020, following representation from 'Cup' competitors and 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.

- Some Cup riders will qualify with the Pro riders in the newly named 'A' session.
- To be eligible to qualify in the 'A' 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, or 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 'A' session at one event does not make a rider eligible to continue to qualify in the 'A' 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 newly named 'B' 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 even if they qualified in the 'A' session.
- At the September event Classic Superbike competitors will qualify with the Superbike Cup riders in the 'B' session.

**The method of deciding grids for Superbike & Supersport races other than race one will be advised closer to the event.**

## **10: GRID LAYOUT**

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 grid will line up and this arrangement continues into 2020. 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.

## **11. 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. The organisers reserve the right to decide on any riders grading prior to them competing at a Masters event, based on their previous record and ability.

## **12. POINTS SCORING**

All points for every round of the championship in every class will count towards the final championship points total.

## **13. MOTORSPORT INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM**

The newly introduced Motorsport Incident Support Team is a peer support team for the motorsport industry which assists with critical incident stress management, following any racing incident which causes an individual distress. We aim to offer any individual a private and confidential forum to discuss the incident in an empathic, understanding and non-judgemental way, thereby reducing the effects of a traumatic incident on the individual.

## **14. 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.

## **15. 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 2020 the web presence and social media will continue to be enhanced with increased activity and

additional features such as rider profiles, polls and competitions.

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 or bike builds or preparations. All information can be emailed to [info@masterssuperbike.ie](mailto:info@masterssuperbike.ie).

#### **16. 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 programme has been broadcast on TV. Competitors will be notified when they are free to publicise or release footage.

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