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Portsmouth Motocross Club

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7<sup>th</sup> September 2015

**The late Bradley Mark Harry HOOPER**

**Your Ref:** ██████████

Dear Sir

Further to the investigation and inquest following the death of Bradley Hooper at Down Farm, Headbourne Worthy, Winchester on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2014 and the subsequent actions required to take place following the conclusion of Accidental Death.

Please be aware that the following actions have been in place from the initial meeting hosted by Portsmouth Motocross Club, following Bradley's death, and have been and will be in place for the remainder of the season and all further race meetings.

These actions will continue to remain in place in order to add further preventative procedures to avoid any further risks of death.

I have attached the updated Rules of Marshalling, which is read out at every race meeting, in the Marshals Brief, and also handed out to each individual Marshal allocated to a Marshal Point on the day of the event.

- All Marshals are briefed before going to their allocated Marshal Point, and ALL Marshals are asked if they understand the Rules of Marshalling before they are permitted onto a Marshal Point.
  - ♦ If any Marshal is unsure of any Marshalling ruling, they will not be permitted to sign the declaration form, and therefore will not be permitted onto a Marshal Point.
- Experienced Marshals (with 6 or more sessions of Marshalling history) are placed on "high-risk" Marshal Points.
  - ♦ "High Risk" Marshal Points will be determined by the MC Federation, and highlighted on the course map which will be followed by the Club.

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- Less experienced Marshals (with no or limited Marshalling history) are placed on “low-risk” Marshal Points.
- ALL Marshals are instructed what each marshalling flag is to be used for:
  - ◆ Static Yellow Flag – fallen rider
  - ◆ Yellow Flag Waved Vigorously – fallen rider in danger, suspected injury
  - ◆ White Flag with Red or Green Cross – rider requiring urgent medical attention
- ALL Marshals are informed that they are not to use mobile telephones on the Marshal Point when motorbikes are on the course circuit.
- ALL Marshals are informed that they are to look the opposite way of the oncoming motorbikes (ie. with the bikes travelling from behind their Marshal Point).
- Additional “floating” Marshals will be positioned at various locations on the circuit to ensure those Marshals placed on Marshal points, are acting in the correct manner.

Portsmouth Motocross Club believes these new measures can prevent any further serious injury or death in the future.

Yours faithfully




**Event Secretary**  
**Portsmouth Motocross Club**

*Enclosed: Appendix A - Portsmouth MX Club – Rules of Marshalling*

cc  – DAC Beachcroft Claims Limited  
 – MC Federation Limited  
 – Chairman, Portsmouth MX Club

## APPENDIX A

### PORTSMOUTH MX CLUB

#### RULES OF MARSHALLING

YOU MUST ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE TRACK BETWEEN YOUR MARSHAL POINT AND THE NEXT

Marshals should be 16 years of age or over

(If aged over 65 years, you must be physically able to carry out marshal duties)

You must always **LOOK IN THE DIRECTION THAT THE RIDERS ARE TRAVELLING (with the bikes coming behind you)**

Make sure you can see the next marshal point

You must **NOT USE A MOBILE PHONE** whilst any racing or practicing is taking place

You must **keep the yellow flag in your hand AT ALL TIMES**

You must **NEVER LEAVE** your marshal point to assist a fallen rider

You must **NEVER LEAVE** your marshal point unattended during racing

You must **RAISE THE YELLOW FLAG** if a rider falls in your area

You must **WAVE THE YELLOW FLAG** energetically if the incident is of a serious nature

You must **RAISE THE RED/WHITE or GREEN/WHITE FLAG** if a rider appears to need medical attention

Only the person signed on as a marshal is allowed on the point

You are duty bound to stop unauthorised persons from entering prohibited areas

If you wish to leave your marshal point you must inform an Official

Do not allow a person who has not signed on to take over your marshal point

NO CHILDREN or DOGS are allowed on the marshal point

**The YELLOW FLAG warns others riders to proceed with caution and maintain their position – there is to be NO OVERTAKING when a yellow flag is raised. If any rider ignores your flag, you must report them to an Official for the safety of the others riders, Officials or Medics**