

## DIRT BIKE EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

If you are providing your own dirt bike and riding gear, you do so at your own risk. Below are the compulsory standards and recommendations for your equipment when participating in Youth Encounter events. Only off-road motorcycles are permitted at our dirt bike riding activities. Youth Encounter staff reserve the right to deny any bike or riding gear deemed unsafe – the compulsory dirt bike and riding gear requirements will be checked upon arrival and only signed off once they meet the standards.

### Compulsory Dirt Bike Standards:

- ✓ **Exhaust** systems must be fitted, securely mounted, and not excessively noisy.
- ✓ No cracks in the **frame**.
- ✓ **Fuel tank** cap must seal properly, not allowing leakage, with a breather hose fitted.
- ✓ **Handlebar padding** MUST be fitted.
- ✓ Handlebar **levers** must have rounded ends.
- ✓ Efficient **braking** on both front and rear wheels (brake pads must **not** be worn).
- ✓ **Fork seals** and rear shock must be leak-free.
- ✓ Front and rear **sprocket teeth & chain** must be effective for use.
- ✓ **Throttle** must have a snappy and free return.
- ✓ Wheel, swing arm, steering head, and linkage **bearings** must not have play.



### Recommended for your Dirt Bike:

- ✓ Chain adjustment should be correct and lubricated.
- ✓ Handlebar grips should be glued or wired tightly.
- ✓ Foot pegs should be secure and spring-loaded.
- ✓ Check the condition of tires and ensure tire pressures are suitable for track conditions.
- ✓ Perform a wobble test before use to check all bolts are tight and nothing is falling off your dirt bike.
- ✓ Spokes should be checked and tight.
- ✓ Air filter should be clean and oiled.

### Compulsory safety riding gear standard;

- ✓ **Helmets** –
  - During all Youth Encounter operations, helmets will be worn when any rider or passenger is on a motorcycle which is in motion, whether these be 2 or 4 wheeled.
  - Youth Encounter has the authority to impound any helmet considered of insufficient standard or in a damaged or unsound condition.
  - Only helmets with a strap retaining system are permitted.
  - Each participant will be required to prove a good fit of his/her helmet.
  - All helmets must be purpose-built full-face motocross helmets.
  - Helmet peaks, if worn, must be of flexible material attached by press studs, straps, plastic screws, magnets or tape. The peak must be capable of being torn from the helmet in the event of an incident.



- ✓ **Boots** – must be purpose built or well-constructed, either all leather or leather uppers or leather substitute and solid rubber sole not less than 25cm from the inner sole to the top of the boot. Sufficiently secured.
- ✓ **Body armour** - body protection specifically designed for motorcycle use that must include front and back protection
- ✓ **Jersey** -purpose made dirt bike riding jersey or heavyweight cotton or similar type fabric with long sleeves.
- ✓ **Trousers** – purpose-built dirt bike riding pants or long leather, nylon, heavy worsted (e.g. ex-army type)
- ✓ **Gloves** – closed finger tips and correct fit



### Recommended safety riding gear;

- ✓ Goggles – if using goggles there needs to be sufficient viewing through the lens
- ✓ Knee pads/braces and elbow pads
- ✓ Neck protector or brace

**If you are unsure if your dirt bike riding equipment meets our regulations, please do not hesitate to contact us on 07 218 2113, or via email [info@youthencounter.co.nz](mailto:info@youthencounter.co.nz)**