

Interview Questions – Safety & Risk Management Guidelines

Annual Practice Facilities

Risk management control measures are critical and important aspects the responsible OHV (off-highway vehicle) facility, promoter and/or event management team must establish in the general operations of their off-highway vehicle recreational business. An established set of management controls must be in place and utilized responsibly to protect our Motorsports insurance package ratings and the loss ratio of the insurance company providing our OHV specific products.

Before submitting applications for races, special events or practice racing facilities, our field underwriting must determine the management efforts, styles and basic operating philosophies of the perspective Motorsports accounts. It's important to identify unfavorable conditions before submitting an application, at which time we can determine if the operation managers are willing and able to meet our own basic safety operational guidelines.

Listed below are topics that relate to the management principals described above. By asking the operators and management staff to explain their system of oversight and management, our staff will be in a better position to determine the acceptability of the application.

Questions:

The following apply to motocross practice facilities, races and/or special events.

- 1) Is the entire property facility defined and appropriately protected by ample fencing?
Descriptions of fence type and height along with pictures are necessary for review process.

- 2) Are the entrance gates locked when not in use? Describe the lock systems and provide pictures.

- 3) Are sufficient barriers and trackside fencing established around the track to protect the non-riders and/or spectators and pit crews from the race or practice event participants? Some race events and practice facilities chose to establish specific viewing areas, fencing off all other access. Descriptions and pictures of each location are required before consideration for application can be submitted.

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- 4) Ample distance between the edge of race / practice track and the spectator viewing areas are vital risk management controls. Do you have at least 30' between the track and trackside fencing?

- 5) Does the facility have rules of expected conduct and safety regulation signage prominently posted at a number of highly visible locations throughout the area? Pictures showing such wording are necessary. We can quote you signage if you need it. Please request a sign catalog from our office for more information.

- 6) What type of "directional flow" signage or control measures establish the traffic patterns for the tow vehicles, spectator traffic (if applicable), emergency vehicles, water trucks and participant ATV / dirt bikes through the entire pit to track areas? Descriptions on the sketch with sample pictures should show these.

- 7) What types of controls are used to establish directional flow that riders are clear on the direction to go when entering the track area or event, as well as clearly understanding exit point directions?

- 8) If applicable to the type of event being run, explain the procedures used for determining who can be on the practice track during structured practice racing / riding (in other words outside of the wheel-to-wheel racing classes or on competition race days)?

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- 15) Is there a maximum time limit allowed each rider on the practice track for fatigue purposes?
How are the riders monitored and / or observed and alerted by the track management team if fatigue or other issues arise?

- 16) What is your medical emergency evacuation plan and who determines when to implement it?

- 17) Are your course workers / flaggers trained and updated on procedures to improve track and practice conditions? Explain and describe.

- 18) What are the means and/or method of communication between facility and/or event workers with each other?

- 19) What is the system to schedule workers and what / who determines if they are properly trained?

- 20) If a sufficient number of facility / event / race workers are not present at the designated start time, how does the event management handle the shortfall?

- 21) Explain when they are contracted and what type of EMT's, paramedics, or medical first responders are utilized?

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22) Is the medical assessment team able to access and retrieve the injured patron at any part of the facility via a reliable trackside response vehicle(s)? Explain or describe the vehicle or access available.

23) What kind of facility first aid station is provided?

24) What are your rider safety gear minimums? Does your event facility post and promote the minimum requirements and how is it enforced?

25) How often is the track groomed? We do carry grooming equipment that can quickly grade, remove rocks and level your track area. Please let us know if you want more information on the grooming equipment.

26) How far away is the grooming equipment from the track?

27) Do you have adequate dust control? Please explain your procedures for watering. Also, we do carry dust suppressants that are EPA approved. If you would like to learn more please notify us.

28) What procedures do you have in place that makes sure no riders are on the track / can access the track while grooming equipment is out doing maintenance?