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PARAMETERS FOR THE AWARDING OF REGIONAL COLOURS AND FOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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The following are the agreed parameters for the awarding of regional colours.

COMPETITOR COLOURS

1. ELIGIBILITY

- i) Domicile:
 - Must be permanently domiciled in the region in which the Regional Championship took place.
 - If for geographical reasons, it is more advantageous for a competitor to compete in a regional championship in a region other than that in which he/she resides permanently, then – after obtaining permission from his/her own region – the competitor may apply to another region for permission to participate in that region's championship. Consideration for such permission/dispensation will only be considered for competitors who live in a 30 kms radius from the other region.
 - Should this permission be granted, the competitor will forfeit the right to compete in his/her own regional championship; may only compete in Regional Championships in the other region, and will only be eligible for the nomination of Regional Colours for the region in which he/she actually competes.
- ii) Competitors will be considered for the award of regional colours if they comply with at least one of the following criteria:-

2. SENIOR COLOURS

The Nominee

- i) Must have won two MSA Approved regional championships – not necessarily in consecutive years.
- ii) Must have won one MSA Approved Regional Championship and must have already been awarded Junior colours.
- iii) Must have won one MSA Approved Regional Championship and already be the holder of Regional Colours from another region.
- iv) Must have won one Regional Championship and have finished in the top three of the National championships in the same year in the same class.
- v) Must have won an MSA Approved South African Championship and competed in a minimum of three rounds of the equivalent Regional Championship in the year under consideration.
- vi) Must have won a National or International Championship where the region does not cater for that class or category.
- vii) If there were 15 or more starters per class or category for the first heat of each event of the regional championship concerned, the competitor need only win one regional championship to be eligible for nomination.
- viii) Winners of Regional Championships based solely on index or time handicap results will not be considered for the award of colours.
- ix) Awards shall only be considered if the Regional Committee concerned is satisfied not only as to the performance of the champion, but also the quality of the opposition.
- x) Where a Regional Championship series is based solely on classes, the champions emerging shall not be considered for the award of colours, unless there were at least six actual starters in each class for the first race of each event counting towards the Championship.
- xi) The above requirement regarding a minimum of six starters for the first race of an event applies equally to Regional Championships on overall results or on overall results combined with class results. In each event there must be at least six starters on the line regardless of class.
- xii) A minimum of six rounds must have actually been held for a Regional Championship to qualify for its winner/s to be considered for the award of colours.
- xiii) In respect of championships, (not colour awards) Regional Committees are free to raise the minimum number of entries/starters required for their respective Championships.

- xiv) Notwithstanding the above minimum requirements, the Regional Committee may have the discretion to nominate a Champion for regional colours where the category does not meet these requirements if the Committee believes that the competition was of an **exceptionally high standard** and the award of colours is justified. The decision of the Committee in this regard shall be final.

3. JUNIOR COLOURS

- i) As with senior colours the competitor must comply with all of the above criteria with the exception that the nominee need only win one championship if there were more than ten starters for each championship round.
- ii) Junior colours may be awarded to competitors of 12 years old or younger, age being determined as at 31 December of the year under consideration, unless the competitor competes in a Junior category which allows for an older age limit.
- iii) In the event of a junior competitor being eligible to compete in a class which allows competitors older than the junior colours age limit, and his/her performance justifies colours, senior colours may be awarded. The provisions for the award of Senior Colours detailed in paragraphs 2 i) to 2 xiv) shall apply.
- iv) In order for colours to be considered, junior events must take place on the same circuit as senior events. Where this is not possible e.g. Junior MX, this requirement may be waived.
- v) A competitor who has already received junior colours and then goes on to earn senior colours shall be awarded a senior colours badge.

4. NOMINATION PROCEDURE

- i) Colours nominations for competitors other than those who have won Regional Championships, must be submitted on the stipulated nomination form which is available from MSA offices.
- ii) Nominations shall only be considered if submitted by MSA or one of the designated committees/commissions, or a club committee.

5. GENERAL

- i) Colours shall only be awarded once (except as mentioned in 2e above) and shall not reflect either the category of motorsport or the year concerned.
- ii) Categories which do not have Regional Championship status and wish to obtain same, must run on a trial basis for a period of at least one year before being considered for Championship status. (See MSA Regional Circular Number 02/04).

6. ADMINISTRATOR COLOURS

- i) Colours awarded will embody the same emblem as for competitors, with the addition of a scroll stating "Administrator"
- ii) The nominee must be currently active in the administration of motorsport at Regional Championship level and/or upwards.
- iii) The nominee's period of service to the sport should be a minimum of ten years, not necessarily consecutively.
- iv) Written nominations detailing an individual/body's services to the sport must be submitted to the Managing Director of Motorsport South Africa.
- v) The Managing Director and MSA ManCom (in consultation with interested parties, if applicable) will adjudicate on the nominations received. Their decision shall be final.

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RATIFICATION OF NOMINATIONS

Regional Committees must submit all Nominations for Regional Colours (for both competitors and administrators) and Regional Championships to the MD of MSA **no later than 2 (two) weeks** prior to the date on which the committee intends presenting the Colour Awards, for ratification by the MSA ManCom. The two-week deadline is essential to provide sufficient time for the MSA ManCom to study each nomination received and to advise regional committees concerned of their decision – and allowing sufficient time for recipients to be invited to the function at which the Colours are to be presented.