



# Injured Rider and Safety Fund

## Standard Operating Procedure

### Purpose

The WMRRA Injured Rider and Safety Fund (IRSF) is a program to help riders who crash at the track get back on the track, allocate funds for safety-related improvements, and as a way for WMRRA to acknowledge the consequences of serious injuries that occur to members of the WMRRA community as a direct result of motorcycle racing.

The IRSF is not automatic or an entitlement and is focused on addressing incidents that occur while racing at a WMRRA event. It is not applied to off-track incidents or for incidents occurring at non-WMRRA events. In general, WMRRA expects riders to be self-sufficient, ride within their limits, to understand the risks inherent in motorcycle racing, and to apply to the IRSF only if their personal resources have been exceeded. Payments to a recipient under the IRSF program are in most cases to be provided only once per race season.

### Funding

Within the WMRRA financial system the IRSF exists as an account within the general fund.

Funding for the IRSF comes primarily from the following sources:

1. Voluntary contributions via race registration.
2. Taste of Racing when this event is run.
3. External donations to the club.
4. Club membership dues and entry fees as a backup only.

At the January Executive Board meeting each year, 5% of the available cash on hand will be earmarked for use within the IRSF. This is in addition to any donated funds.

When donated funds exceeds \$5000, or after the conclusion of last scheduled race event for the year, excess funds will be available for use in expenditures to help reduce injuries, rather than treating them after the fact. Examples: air fence, non-slip paint, fire extinguishers, 2-way radios, etc.

### Guidelines

IRSF payments are largely for current WMRRA license holders. Exceptions can be made for riders from other clubs who have raced regularly with WMRRA, and for long-time WMRRA volunteers injured at a WMRRA event.

IRSF requests are handled on a case-by-case basis, dependent on incident details and the current balance in the IRSF account. WMRRA race day staff will take a proactive approach, documenting the names and injuries of riders, contacting riders and family members, and sending assistance to racers injured or hospitalized.

IRSF funds may also be requested in writing by a rider, the rider's family, or close friends utilizing the Rider Rep as a central point of contact. Requests should briefly explain the incident, the resulting injury or damage, and the amount of support the rider would like from WMRRA.

The Executive Board may not make donations in the name of the Injured Rider Fund exceeding the current balance of the IRSF account.

## Payments

The following payments are used, based on historic practices:

- \$200-300. Injury that keeps someone from racing the rest of the weekend, such as head trauma that results in concussion screening or irreparable damage to the helmet.
- \$300-\$500. Broken bones and other non-life-threatening or life-altering injuries.
- \$400. Donation to WMRRA rider memorials.
- \$400. Donation to memorials for long-time WMRRA volunteers.
- \$500-\$1000. Serious injury, extended hospitalization, family assistance.
- \$1500-\$2000. Permanent disablement or death, WMRRA members only. This category is not contingent on the pre-earmarked 5% of cash on hand voted on at the January Executive Board meeting but does require a majority vote.

Payment requests will be sent by the Rider Representative to the President for signature as expeditiously as possible, but no later than the next scheduled Executive Board meeting following the qualifying injury.

Payments/donations exceeding \$500 require majority Executive Board approval.

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