



## BMX NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL QUALIFYING MEETING (NQM) INFORMATION

### WHAT IS AN NQM?

A NQM is a National Qualifying Meeting. Meaning that a race meeting/event has been noted by BMXNZ as a meeting where rider can compete to take a step towards qualifying for the BMXNZ National Championships. Each completed NQM meeting is one NQM, where riders need a MINIMUM of four(4) NQMs to qualify for the Nationals event.

### WHY WE HAVE NQMs

The BMX racing is one of the only sports where you can self-nominate to participate in the sports National Championship Event. Most other sports, their participants need to be selected by their club or through results-driven criteria.

So within our sport self-nominating format, the only check process BMXNZ puts in place is one based around the experience of racing, understanding of eventing & a seasonal involvement in the sport here in New Zealand. The NQM process requires the riders an absolute minimum number of race meetings that they must attend & complete before they are eligible to attend a Nationals Event. BMXNZ actually want riders to do more than the bare minimum, as that then generates more experience & understanding of the processes of an event, also more participation with the general sport during the season.

To have people learning the sport and how to navigate an event at the National Championships is unacceptable. The delays & issues this creates is unfair for all the other participants and the volunteers running the event. Hence BMXNZ recommend that riders do as many NQMs prior to going to Nationals, you and the sport will be better off for it.

### THE REGULATIONS OF NQMs

#### 1.024 National Qualifying Meetings (NQM)

A current Challenge or Sprocket licenced rider wishing to attend the National Championships must complete a minimum of 4 NQM meetings per bike type (20" or 24"). These can be obtained by completing events in either 20" or Cruiser bikes, in any age group classes or Superclasses or Mixed Open Classes, in the calendar year prior to the National Championships.

Championship licence holders shall not be required to meet NQM provisions.

When a rider has completed 4 or more NQMs in the calendar year prior to the National Championships they will be eligible to enter a 20" and/or Cruiser class at the event, depending on the bike they attained their NQM on.

At each completed NQM meeting a rider will receive 1 NQM point per bike type ridden, regardless of the number of classes entered/completed at the meeting.

BMXNZ will keep a register of all riders who have attended these meetings as the official record thereof.

An NQM shall be held at specified meetings and shall be held between the dates of January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 24<sup>th</sup> in the calendar year prior to the National Championships, or as approved by BMXNZ.

4 NQMs will be allocated, annually, to each Region. In addition, the North Island and South Island Titles shall be NQMs. The National Championships Event itself, shall not be an NQM.

BMXNZ reserves the right to allocate additional special NQMs or promotional NQMs within any region.

An NQM can be held on either a single day meeting or over a two-day meeting as advertised. A rider must complete all qualifying motos at the meeting to gain the NQM point.

Riders seeking dispensation for not attending sufficient NQMs must complete an application via the online Dispensation Application System by the end of January prior to the National Championships event. Full detail regarding reasons for not attaining required NQM for event entry must be supplied in the application. A fee will be payable as determined by the BMXNZ Executive for each NQM not attended

## NQM BASIC FACTS

- 1 - You need four(4) NQMs for each type of bike (20"/CR), to race them at Nationals
- 2 - The NQMs must be gained in the calendar year prior to the Nationals event you wish to participate in
- 3 - NQM can be a one or two-day event
- 4 - The club may choose the day/s and or motos which are required to attain the NQM qualification. If no criteria are specified on the event flyer, then ALL qualifying motos are needed to be completed to get the NQM for that event.

## ADDITIONAL NQM INFORMATION

The automated system that calculates the NQM results from the event race files works to the rules & indicates to an admin person three sets of riders,

- 1 - those who completed the required motos (complete)
- 2 - those who have not completed the required motos (not complete)
- 3 - anomalies that need attention. (pending)

The admin person then goes through all riders in sets 2 & 3 to define why they are in these groups, then details any reasons why they are a 'not complete' and updates all the 'pending' to either complete or not complete.

Further notes regarding NQM allocation;

- There is a level of compassion to riders who have in race incidents & may be held at medical stations.
- Riders who signed up for an event but did not attend for any reason are not covered for an NQM.
- There is no cover for random missing of motos marked as a DNS (Did Not Start), this is a key indicator of lack of attentiveness by a parent or rider, so this is not covered for an NQM
- NQM allocation can be questioned, but first, you need to read the rules & ask yourself, does my situation fall into the framework of the rules.

## CHECKING YOUR NQMs

You can check you NQMs total at any point in time at the following web address;

<https://www.cyclingnewzealand.nz/bmx/events/nqm-detail/>

## DISPENSATION

As per the regulations, a missed NQM can be made up by applying for an NQM dispensation. These dispensation applications need to include reasoning why the NQM was missed, why the application should be accepted & the riders involvement in the sport & riding experience. Each NQM dispensation has a fee & is charged if the dispensation is accepted.

**This is NOT a "buy an NQM" process.** Dispensation generally covers medical stand downs with proof of a medical cert from a registered doctor.

Offshore based riders with New Zealand citizenship may attend Nationals only if they apply through the NQM Dispensation process & are accepted by the Officiating Team.

## SUMMARY

NQMs are a level of competence and seasonal participation within our sport. BMXNZ set these requirements to see in newer and smaller riders & their guardians a higher experience level so that when they attend a National event, they have the skills to attend & race to their fullest. The Nationals is no place for a new rider. Local & regional NQM meets are the best way to get this experience.

For our experienced riders, NQMs are about setting a minimum participation level, so that the sport continues to be active and vibrant at the local level.

The NQM process is 99% black & white. It is built to be fair & transparent for all riders.

Any questions regarding this process should be directed to [admin@bmxnz.co.nz](mailto:admin@bmxnz.co.nz)