STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2016 No. 83

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Road Races (Mid-Antrim 150) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Made - - - -	*1st March 2016*
Coming into operation -	*31st March 2016*

The Department for Regional Development(**a**) in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 3 of the Road Races (Northern Ireland) Order 1986(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**), and after consulting the Chief Constable, orders and declares as follows.

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as The Road Races (Mid-Antrim 150) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 31st March 2016.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order—

"the course" means the roads specified in the Schedule;

"marshal" means a person of at least 18 years of age authorised in writing by the promoter to assist in connection with the proper conduct of the race;

"the promoter" means the Mid-Antrim 150 Motorcycle Club Limited.

(2) For the purposes of Articles 5 and 10, the "date of the race" means the date on which the practice is to begin.

Application

3. Subject to compliance with all the requirements of this Order, the course may be used by the promoter for motor races on 2nd April 2016 from 10.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. and for practices on 1st April 2016 from 11.00 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Suspension of right of way and notice

4. On 2nd April 2016 from 10.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. or until the time the race is announced by the promoter as completed, whichever is the earlier, and on 1st April 2016 from 11.00 a.m. to 7.30 p.m. or until the time the practice is announced by the promoter as completed, whichever is the earlier, the right of way on the course of all persons, vehicles and other forms of traffic shall be suspended other than to—

(**a**) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(**b**) S.I. 1986/1887 (N.I. 17)
(**c**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(*d*) and Schedule 4 Part IV

(a) persons appointed by the promoter as officials or marshals, constables, vehicles engaged in the race, persons in charge of or directly employed in connection with such vehicles and vehicles used by such officials, marshals, or constables;

(b) vehicles used to cross the course in an emergency by a medical practitioner or for fire and rescue, ambulance or police purposes; and

(c) persons with or without vehicles who reside in the race area crossing the course or proceeding on it for that purpose and persons so proceeding or crossing the course with or without vehicles in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

provided that such persons and vehicles referred to in (b) and (c) shall cross the course only at such times and places as may be specified by a person appointed by the promoter as the clerk of the course.

5. The promoter shall give notice to the inhabitants of the districts adjoining the course of the temporary suspension of the right of way thereon by—

(a) posting, not later than 7 days before the date of the race, placard notices specifying the course, the dates on which, and the times during which, the right of way is suspended, in prominent positions in the neighbourhood and in particular near the junction of all other roads within or adjoining the course; and

(b) publishing, during each of the 2 weeks preceding the date of the race, advertisements giving information as in paragraph (a) in 2 newspapers circulating in the locality of the course.

Prohibition of traffic

6. It shall not be lawful to cause or permit traffic, either vehicular or pedestrian, to use or remain on that part of any road between the barricades and its junction with the course during the period when the right of way on the course is suspended.

Cordonning off of the course

7. The promoter shall—

(a) close every road opening off the course by means of a proper and sufficient barricade or barricades placed at least 10 metres from the course;

(b) place notice boards on every road at or in the vicinity of the barricades stating that the right of way on the course is temporarily suspended;

(c) ensure that the barricades and notice boards referred to in this Article are—

(i) in position at least one hour before the start of the race; and

(ii) removed within one hour after the end of the race; and

(d) take all steps necessary to prohibit spectators and other persons, other than the promoter's officials, marshals and constables, from using the carriageway or sides of the course during the progress of the race.

8. The promoter shall not open the course to traffic until the last competitor has finished.

Provision of marshals

9. The promoter shall—

(a) provide a sufficient number of marshals for the proper conduct of the race;

(b) place marshals at the junction of each road, laneway and accommodation road adjoining the course and also at such intervals of about 45 metres alternatively on each side of the course; and

(c) provide each marshal with at least an armlet of distinguishing colour which shall be worn by the marshal during the period when the right of way on the course is suspended.