

SUMMARY FOR MNZ WEBSITE:

BEFORE THE MNZ BOARD:

In the matter of Sam Love; in relation to an incident at Manfeild raceway on 22nd August 2009, involving Bryce Meads.

Board: J Tuckerman, D Craig, C Davison, K Goddard, P Stewart (seconded)

Decision: November 2009

DECISION OF THE MNZ BOARD

Result:

MNZ Licence to be endorsed accordingly with the Manfeild incident

6 month probationary period, in which any offences of a similar nature within 6 months will be brought back to the MNZ Boards attention for further action, which may result in licence being suspended, a fine or both.

\$500 fine – which will be placed into the injured riders fund (Rider Welfare Trust)

In Making the above decision, the Board commented:

The MNZ Board met and discussed the issue at length on several occasions, and having viewed and considered all evidence including your letter, the stewards report, the video and other independent witnesses has come to the following conclusion:

1. Both riders involved in this incident are young and enthusiastic racers, but as competitors at a Motorcycling New Zealand event you are still required to manage your on and off bike behavior on and off the race track in accordance to the competition rules and the code of conduct of Motorcycling New Zealand.
2. The board acknowledges that you have a bright future in road racing, however your actions following the incident with Mr Meads showed a complete lack of control and maturity.
3. The act of physically attacking or assaulting any competitor, official or office of an MNZ permitted meeting is a direct violation of the MNZ Code of Conduct and is viewed very seriously. We believe that there are circumstances involved in this particular situation that have stopped us short of suspending your MNZ Racing licence. We believe that the act was a reaction to the incident and not a premeditated assault.