

# TERMS OF REFERENCE



# FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

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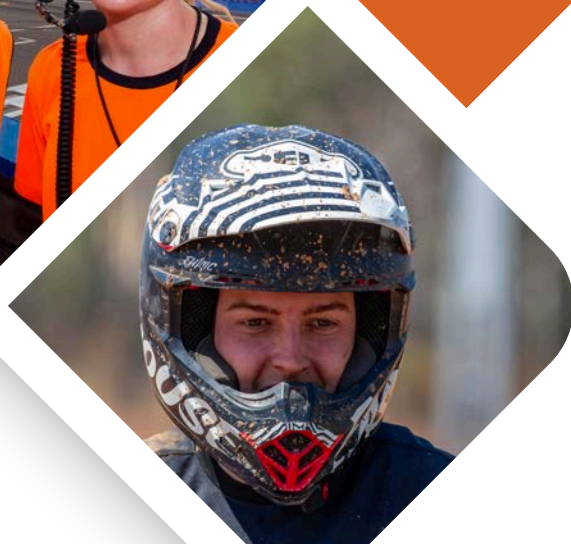
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## 1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 1.1. *The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee ('**Committee**') is a committee of the Motorcycling Northern Territory Board ('**Board**').*
- 1.2. *These Terms of Reference is the written charter of the Committee and sets out the role and responsibilities, composition and operation of the Committee ("ToR")*

## 2. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

- 2.1. *The purpose of the Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to the:*
  - 2.1.1. *preparation and integrity of the Company's financial accounts and statements;*
  - 2.1.2. *internal controls, policies and procedures that the Company uses to identify and manage business risks;*
  - 2.1.3. *Company insurance activities;*
  - 2.1.4. *qualifications, independence, engagement, fees and performance of the Company's external auditor;*
  - 2.1.5. *external auditor's annual audit of the Company's financial statements;*
  - 2.1.6. *risk management processes of the Company; and*
  - 2.1.7. *Company's compliance with legal, regulatory requirements and compliance policies.*
- 2.2. *The existence of the Committee does not imply the fragmentation or diminution of the role of the Board to ensure the integrity of the Company's financial reporting.*



### 3. ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

**3.1.** *The Board has authorised the Committee, within the scope of their duties and responsibilities set out in this Charter to:*

- 3.1.1. perform the activities required to address its responsibilities and make recommendations to the Board;*
- 3.1.2. resolve any disagreement between management and the external auditor, with areas of significant disagreement advised to the Board;*
- 3.1.3. select, engage, and approve fees for any professional advisers that the Committee may require to carry out its duties;*
- 3.1.4. require the attendance of any Company manager or staff member at meetings as appropriate;*
- 3.1.5. have unrestricted access to management, employees and information it considers relevant to its responsibilities under this ToR; and*
- 3.1.6. perform other such other functions as the Board may from time to time assign to the Committee.*

### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

*In assisting the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities, the duties of the Committee shall be:*

#### **4.1. Assessment of financial information**

- 4.1.1. Review any significant accounting and reporting issues, including professional and regulatory announcements and to understand their effect on the Company's financial statements.*
- 4.1.2. Review the annual financial statements of the Company which require approval of the Board and discussion of the financial statements with the external auditor and management before submission to the Board.*
- 4.1.3. Review, at least annually, the written attestations provided by the CEO (or equivalent).*
- 4.1.4. Review, for potential conflict of interest situations, and pre-approve all related party transactions on an on-going basis.*



## **4.2. External Auditor**

- 4.2.1. *Recommend to the Board the appointment, evaluation and dismissal of the external auditor, including independence matters.*
- 4.2.2. *Review and approve the external auditor's proposed audit plan and audit approach, including materiality levels.*
- 4.2.3. *Review and agree on the terms of engagement and the audit fees for the external auditor prior to the commencement of each audit.*
- 4.2.4. *Review the external auditor's summary management report, detailing the results and significant findings from the audit, and management responses.*
- 4.2.5. *Meet as regularly as it considers reasonably necessary with the external auditor, without management present.*

## **4.3. Business Risks and Internal Controls**

- 4.3.1. *Recommend the approval of the Company's risk management policy to the Board and oversee the risk management system and its resourcing.*
- 4.3.2. *Recommend to the Board and monitor the Company's risk profile developed by management, covering the principal enterprise-wide risks, including strategic, operational, legal and financial.*
- 4.3.3. *Review the operational effectiveness of the policies and procedures to risk and the Company's internal control environment.*
- 4.3.4. *Review the effectiveness of the Company's insurance activities.*

## **4.4. Compliance**

- 4.4.1. *Review the effectiveness of the Company's approach to achieving compliance with laws, regulations, industry codes and Company policies.*
- 4.4.2. *Review any correspondence from regulatory bodies regarding significant issues.*
- 4.4.3. *Ensure that there is a process for the Board Chairperson and Committee Chairperson to be immediately informed of any issues of significant non-compliance or litigation; when implemented.*



#### **4.5. Reporting**

- 4.5.1. *The Committee Chairperson will report to the Board on the Committee meetings regarding all relevant matters and appropriate recommendations in a written report (with supporting material) for noting or approval by the Board.*
- 4.5.2. *The Committee Chairperson will ensure that the Board Chairperson and the Board are immediately informed of matters that may impact significantly on the financial condition or reputation of the Company.*

### **5. MEMBERSHIP**

- 5.1.** *Members of the Committee will be appointed by the Board for a term to be determined by the Board, subject to a maximum term limit that must not exceed nine years.*
- 5.2.** *The Committee shall comprise of no fewer than three (3) and no more than five (5) members.*
- 5.3.** *The Committee members shall be:*
- 5.3.1. *financially literate as defined by the Board (i.e. able to read and understand financial statements and challenge information presented in Committee meetings); and*
- 5.3.2. *Have at least one external and independent member who shall be a Certified Practicing Accountant or Chartered Accountant*
- 5.4.** *Committee member rotation is encouraged.*
- 5.5.** *In appointing the Committee the Board will have regard for diversity amongst the members of the Committee.*
- 5.6.** *The Company Secretary or their designate is the Committee Secretary.*
- 5.7. Chairperson**
- 5.7.1. *The Committee Chairperson will be an independent member approved by the Board.*
- 5.7.2. *The Committee Chairperson must not be the Chairperson of the Board.*
- 5.7.3. *Should the Committee Chairperson be absent from a meeting, the Committee Members present must appoint a Chairperson for that particular meeting, who should not be the Chairperson of the Board.*



## **6. MEETING PROCEEDINGS**

- 6.1.** *The Committee must meet at least four times per year and participants may attend by video conference and/or teleconference.*
- 6.2.** *The Committee Chairperson, any Committee Member or the Committee Secretary may call a meeting of the Committee.*
- 6.3.** *Any person may be invited by the Committee Chairperson to attend meetings of the Committee, but not necessarily for the full duration of the meeting. A standing invitation shall be issued to:*
  - 6.3.1. Chief Executive Officer;*
  - 6.3.2. Chief Financial Officer (or equivalent);*
  - 6.3.3. Engagement Partners of the External Audit Firm*
- 6.4.** *A quorum must consist of one more than half the number of members of the Committee.*
- 6.5.** *The Committee Chairperson shall not have a second or casting vote*
- 6.6.** *The Committee Secretary or delegate must prepare the minutes of the Committee within seven (7) working days. After the Committee Chairperson has given preliminary approval, the draft minutes are circulated to all Committee members and the other Directors*
- 6.7. Education**
  - 6.7.1. The Board is responsible for providing new Committee members with an appropriate induction program and ongoing educational opportunities.*

## **7. TERMS OF REFERENCE REVIEW**

- 7.1.** *The Committee will review at least annually this Committee ToR and recommend to the Board for approval any appropriate amendments.*

## **8. ADOPTION BY THE BOARD**

*This Terms of Reference was approved by the Board on 26th November 2024.*