

MEDICAL SERVICES

TERMINOLOGY

Medical Officer (MO)

Doctor: A medical practitioner (Doctor), who holds:

- full registration and a licence to practice from the General Medical Council (GMC)
- medical malpractice cover appropriate for pre-hospital immediate care (NHS Crown Indemnity is not applicable).
- if subject to GMC Approved Practice Setting regulations (APS, ie before first revalidation), must have agreement from their Education Supervisor

Paramedic (PM)

State Registered Paramedic who holds:

- registration from the Health Professions Council (HPC) medical malpractice cover (NHS Crown indemnity is not applicable). If a Paramedic or Junior Doctor with full GMC registration is present at an event as an individual volunteer (being paid expenses) and not present in a commercial capacity, then they are indemnified for Medical Malpractice under the ACU's insurance policy. This concession does not apply to GPs or Consultants.

First Aid Personnel

A person holding a current certificate of First Aid competency.

Ambulance

An ambulance, by law, must be registered with the DVLA (Driver and Vehicle licensing Authority) and be CQC-registered in order to transport a casualty to hospital. An ambulance must have an appropriately qualified driver to transport a casualty under blue lights. It must comply with the FIM the minimum equipment regulations for a type C vehicle; that is:

- **Medical:** A stretcher (preferably standardised), oxygen supply, apparatus to immobilise limbs and vertebral column. First aid medicaments and materials.
- **Technical:** Radio communication. Visible and audible signals.
- **Staffing:** An Ambulance must be staffed by 2 First Aid Personnel who can be the two minimum First Aid Personnel required at an event.

An Ambulance may act as a Medical Centre **but** if so, it must be a vehicle additional to the minimum Ambulance requirement.

GENERAL

For each motorcycle sporting discipline, the individual 'minimum medical requirements' are listed in the Handbook within their own sections under the heading 'Medical Services'. This is because, understandably, the minimum medical requirements vary between the types of motorcycle sport.

CQC registration of medical providers is recommended at ACU events as the UK government are expected to announce a law that mandates this requirement at some point during the 2025 season.

The points listed below, where relevant to a discipline, will apply to ALL competitive motorcycle sports and the wording will be the same for all:

1. If only one Ambulance is listed as the minimum requirement at an event, Organisers are reminded that if it has to leave the event all practising and racing **must** stop until its return or replacement. It is incumbent therefore on Organisers of events to remember their commitment and duty of care to competitors in ensuring that sufficient medical services for the type of event, dictated by a risk assessment of the expected number of injuries, are in place prior to the start of practising and racing and remain in place until the event has completely finished.
2. When medical cover is required at an event, the Doctors and Paramedics should have available resuscitation drugs conforming to Resuscitation Council Guidelines and a supply of parenteral and oral analgesics.
3. Organisers should ensure that such systems, equipment, and supplies are available at the venue by discussion with their medical provider. Any further drugs and equipment that may be deemed to be appropriate by way of specialist expertise are the responsibility of the individual Doctor or Paramedic.
4. Auxiliary vehicles, such as 4x4 with a stretcher, cannot replace an Ambulance but such vehicles might, at certain event sites, be used in addition to and as the final form of transportation to the Ambulance for the event.
5. If there is a requirement for first aid personnel to be present then they can be the two crew members of an Ambulance, assuming that one is present as a minimum requirement, but they must be available for all the practices and races. Such first aid personnel are an additional requirement to any Doctors or Paramedics required to be present at the meeting.

6. If there is a requirement for full first aid equipment, including a stretcher, then this can be the same equipment as that defined in the minimum equipment requirements for an Ambulance.
7. If the minimal medical cover required is for only one Doctor or only one Paramedic to be present then, if the only one available has to leave, for whatever reason, the practices or races **must** stop until their return or replacement.
8. If a Doctor is required at an event, then they must be on site. It is not sufficient to have the name and address of a distant Doctor, who would or might be available if required.
9. The nearest Trauma Centre and/or Trauma Unit should be identified and notified in writing of the time, date, and place for the meeting.
10. If a Doctor is involved in the treatment of competitors or spectators at an event, they should not normally be involved with drug or alcohol testing of competitors.
11. If a medical centre is available at a circuit or the site of an event, then it should be fully operational and staffed appropriately. If deemed acceptable, an Ambulance or similar unit may act as a medical centre but if so, it must be additional to the minimum Ambulance requirements.
12. If no MO or PM is required at an event then at least one of the two Ambulance crew must be qualified as an IHCDEmergency Technician (EMT) or the Voluntary Aid Society (VAS) equivalent, rather than just a first aid person.
13. If a competitor is involved in an incident involving potential injury, but is not, at the time, taken to Hospital for further treatment, then a relative, or a member of their crew, should be given a copy of the medical assessment or Ambulance report form completed by the event medical personnel following the incident.