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## FIM Road Racing World Championship Grand Prix

### Decision of the Grand Prix Commission

The Grand Prix Commission, composed of Messrs. Carmelo Ezpeleta (Dorna, Chairman), Ignacio Verneda (FIM Executive Director, Sport), Herve Poncharal (IRTA) and Takanao Tsubouchi (MSMA) in the presence of Javier Alonso (Dorna) and Mike Trimby (IRTA, Secretary of the meeting), in a meeting held on 13 October in Motegi (Japan), decided the following:

#### Sporting Regulations

##### Effective immediately:

The "season" will now be defined as starting on the day after the final race of the year and finishing on the day of the final race of the following year.

The reason for this change is that some regulations currently refer to restrictions on activities in a "calendar year". It is thought more relevant to determine that the new season starts with testing etc., immediately after the last race.

One effect of this change is that Manufacturers competing in the MotoGP class will now have to nominate their three designated testing circuits before the conclusion of the last race of the year.

Non-factory teams may now use a contracted rider or a non-contracted test rider, approved by Race Direction, to carry out testing using the "test tyre allocation".

##### Effective 01 January 2013:

There will be a new procedure for grid qualification for the MotoGP Class.

##### **New Procedure**

1. The three existing sessions of free practice will be unchanged, however, the combined times from those sessions will determine participation in the final qualifying practice.
2. The ten fastest riders will be seeded through to Qualifying Practice 2 (QP2).
3. All other riders will take part in Qualifying Practice 1 (QP1).
4. The fastest two riders in QP1 will progress to QP2, making a total of 12 riders competing for the first 12 grid positions.
5. The riders not in the fastest two places in QP1 will take grid positions 13 and above according to their times in QP1.



## New Practice Timings

### Day One

Free Practice 1            45 Minutes (Unchanged) Timed for Qualifying Practice Participation

Free Practice 2            45 Minutes (Unchanged) Timed for Qualifying Practice Participation

### Day Two - Morning

Free Practice 3            45 Minutes (Unchanged) Timed for Qualifying Practice Participation

### Day Two - Afternoon - New Schedule

Free Practice 4            30 Minutes            Not Timed for Qualifying Practice Participation

Break                            10 Minutes

Qualifying Practice 1            15 minutes

Break                            10 Minutes

Qualifying Practice 2            15 minutes

A regularly updated version of the FIM Grand Prix Regulations which contains the detailed text of the changes may be viewed on:

<http://www.fim-live.com/en/sport/official-documents-ccr/codes-and-regulations/>

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#### About the FIM ([www.fim-live.com](http://www.fim-live.com))

The FIM (Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme) founded in 1904, is the governing body for motorcycle sport and the global advocate for motorcycling. The FIM is an independent association formed by 107 National Federations throughout the world. It is recognised as the sole competent authority in motorcycle sport by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). Among its 50 FIM World Championships the main events are MotoGP, Superbike, Endurance, Motocross, Supercross, Trial, Enduro, Cross-Country Rallies and Speedway. Furthermore, the FIM is also active and involved in the following areas: public affairs, road safety, touring and protection of the environment. The FIM was the first international sports federation to impose an Environmental Code in 1994.