



FIM AFRICA MOTOCROSS OF AFRICAN NATIONS 2026

MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ACCREDITED MEDIA

Issued jointly by the Namibia Motorsport Federation (NMSF) and Windhoek Motor Club (WMXC)

Event: FIM Africa Motocross of African Nations 2026

Venue: Gallina Motocross Park, Windhoek, Namibia

Event Dates: 29 - 30 August 2026

PURPOSE AND APPLICATION

This Media Code of Conduct sets out the standards, responsibilities and expectations applicable to all media representatives accredited for the **FIM Africa Motocross of African Nations 2026 (MXoAN 2026)**.

Media accreditation provides privileged access to an international motorsport event and carries corresponding responsibilities.

This Code is binding on all accredited photographers, videographers, journalists, broadcasters, content creators and other persons issued with MXoAN 2026 media accreditation.

It applies throughout the event venue and during all official MXoAN 2026 activities, including media activities, interviews, correspondence and social media activity relating to the event.

By accepting accreditation, media representatives agree to comply with this Code, all applicable FIM/FIM Africa and NMSF requirements, venue rules, safety requirements and instructions issued by authorised event officials.

The structure and principles of this Code have been adapted for MXoAN 2026 from the media conduct framework provided, which establishes that accreditation requirements apply not only at the event itself but also to correspondence and social media activity.

1. PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Accredited media representatives are expected to conduct themselves professionally and in a manner appropriate to an international sporting event.

Media representatives must:

1. Treat riders, team members, officials, volunteers, organisers, spectators and fellow media representatives with courtesy and respect.
 2. Respect the rights, dignity and privacy of everyone involved in the event.
 3. Cooperate with NMSF, WMXC, FIM Africa representatives, event officials, marshals, security personnel and other authorised personnel.
 4. Refrain from interfering with officials, competitors, teams or event operations.
 5. Avoid conduct that could reasonably compromise the professional integrity of the event or their position as an accredited media representative.
 6. Avoid conflicts of interest that may reasonably be seen to compromise their professional position.
 7. Comply immediately with reasonable instructions issued by authorised event personnel.
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2. MEDIA ACCREDITATION AND ACCESS

Media accreditation is issued to an individual and may not be transferred, shared or used by another person.

Accreditation must be visibly displayed at all times while carrying out media duties.

No Track Access

Accredited media representatives are not permitted access to the motocross track or any restricted areas surrounding the track at any time. All photography and filming must take place from designated spectator areas, the pit and paddock areas, or other areas specifically approved by the organisers.

Barriers, fencing, signage and restricted-area markings must be respected at all times.

Pit and Paddock Access

Accredited media representatives are permitted access to the pit and paddock areas, subject to the rules and instructions of NMSF, WMXC and authorised MXoAN 2026 officials.

The pit and paddock areas are active working environments and access is granted for legitimate media coverage. Media representatives must therefore:

- remain aware of motorcycles, equipment and movement within these areas;
- keep access routes clear;
- give riders, mechanics and team personnel sufficient working space;
- not obstruct motorcycles, equipment or team operations;
- not interfere with rider preparation;

- respect requests from riders, parents/guardians, team managers or officials for privacy or space; and
- immediately comply with instructions from authorised event personnel.

A media accreditation pass does not override an instruction from an event official.

3. RIDER PREPARATION AND PIT CONDUCT

The pit and paddock areas are working areas first and media environments second.

Riders and teams must be allowed to prepare for competition without unnecessary interruption.

Interviews, photographs and filming are permitted where appropriate, but media representatives are expected to exercise reasonable judgement regarding timing and proximity.

A rider must not be unnecessarily interrupted while:

- preparing for a race;
- putting on or adjusting protective equipment;
- working with mechanics;
- receiving instructions from a team manager, coach or other team personnel;
- preparing to leave the pits or enter staging;
- returning from a race and requiring immediate attention from their team; or
- otherwise clearly engaged in race preparation.

Where a rider, parent/guardian, team manager or event official asks a media representative to provide space or discontinue an interaction, that request must be respected immediately.

4. SAFETY

Motocross is inherently dangerous and media representatives remain responsible for their own conduct and safety while attending MXoAN 2026.

Media representatives must remain alert and aware of their surroundings, particularly within the pits, paddock and other areas where motorcycles or event vehicles may be moving.

Media equipment, including cameras, tripods, bags and other equipment, may not be positioned in a manner that obstructs access routes or creates a hazard for riders, officials, spectators or other persons.

Instructions given by officials, marshals, security or authorised event personnel regarding safety must be followed immediately.

No photograph, footage, interview or other piece of content takes priority over safety.

5. ACCIDENTS, INJURIES AND MEDICAL INCIDENTS

The dignity, privacy and wellbeing of any person involved in an accident, injury or medical incident must take priority over media coverage.

Images or video footage of an accident involving injury, suspected injury or medical intervention may not be published or distributed.

Media representatives must not:

- interfere with medical personnel, officials or emergency services;
- attempt to gain access to restricted areas in order to photograph or film an incident;
- photograph or film an injured person in an intrusive manner;
- interfere with the treatment or removal of an injured rider;
- approach an injured or distressed rider for an interview; or
- attempt to obtain confidential medical information from medical personnel.

Where a serious incident occurs, media representatives must avoid publishing speculation regarding the nature or severity of an injury.

Confirmed information should be obtained through the appropriate official channels.

This follows the underlying media framework, which expressly prohibits publication of images or video of accidents where injury has occurred or where there is a reasonable possibility of injury.

6. MINOR AND JUNIOR RIDERS

MXoAN 2026 includes competitors under the age of 18, including very young junior riders.

Accredited media representatives must exercise particular care when interacting with, interviewing, photographing or filming minors.

Media representatives must:

- respect the authority of a minor rider's parent, guardian or team manager;
- not pressure a minor to participate in an interview or other media activity;
- not approach a junior rider for an interview while the rider is distressed, injured or receiving medical attention;
- respect any request from a parent, guardian, team manager or official to discontinue an interaction; and
- ensure that all interaction with junior competitors remains professional and appropriate.

Where there is uncertainty regarding permission to interview a minor, the media representative must first approach the rider's parent, guardian or team manager.

7. INTERVIEWS AND COMPETITOR ACCESS

Accredited media representatives are encouraged to interview riders, team members and officials as part of responsible coverage of MXoAN 2026.

However, media activities must not interfere with sporting or event operations.

Interviews must not unnecessarily interrupt:

- rider preparation;
- official briefings;
- scrutineering;
- staging procedures;
- parc fermé procedures;
- medical treatment;
- podium or prize-giving procedures; or
- instructions being given by officials or team personnel.

Where access to a rider, team or official is restricted or an interview is declined, that decision must be respected.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

Accredited media representatives may encounter confidential or personal information within registration, administration, race control, event-secretariat or other operational areas.

Such information must be treated as strictly confidential.

Personal information, documents, computer screens, entry information not intended for publication, contact details or other private information may not be photographed, recorded, copied, stored or distributed without authorisation.

Media representatives must respect the privacy of riders, officials, volunteers, team members and event personnel.

This reflects the confidentiality requirements of the source Code, which prohibits photographing, recording, sharing or using private information visible during event registration and protects participants' and officials' personal contact information.

9. SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL CONTENT

Social media and digital platforms play an important role in promoting MXoAN 2026 and African motocross.

Accredited media representatives are encouraged to use these platforms responsibly and positively while remembering that online publication is immediate and potentially permanent.

Content relating to MXoAN 2026 must not:

- deliberately misrepresent an incident, rider, team, official or the event;
- publish confidential or private information;
- compromise safety or sporting operations;
- publish prohibited accident, injury or medical content;
- contain discriminatory, threatening or abusive material; or
- knowingly publish materially false information relating to the event.

Media representatives should carefully consider the potential legal, reputational and emotional consequences of content before publishing it.

Where a concern or complaint relates to event operations, safety, accreditation or the conduct of an official, the matter should be raised through the appropriate NMSF, WMXC or MXoAN 2026 channel rather than being addressed through public confrontation or inappropriate social media commentary.

The original Code similarly emphasises responsible posting, appropriate complaint channels and using media platforms to promote motorsport positively.

10. SUPPORTING THE PROMOTION OF MXoAN 2026

Media accreditation is provided in recognition of the important role media plays in documenting, promoting and growing motorsport.

Accredited media representatives are therefore encouraged to contribute positively to the visibility of MXoAN 2026, its riders, participating nations and African motocross.

Where reasonably requested, an accredited media representative may be asked to provide a limited selection of photographs to NMSF or WMXC for non-commercial event promotional, reporting, sponsor-reporting or communication purposes.

This is not intended to interfere with the media representative's ability to commercially sell or license their work.

Any images supplied remain the intellectual property of the photographer or media representative unless otherwise agreed in writing.

Where images are supplied:

- appropriate photographer or media credit will be provided where practicable;
- images will not be deliberately used in a manner that misrepresents the event or persons depicted;
- images will not be sold or sublicensed to third parties without permission; and
- requests will be made reasonably and professionally.

This maintains the intent of the original media framework, which specifically protects photographers' intellectual property while allowing reasonable image sharing to support motorsport promotion.

11. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND OFFICIAL CONTENT

Media accreditation does not grant ownership or unrestricted rights to the intellectual property, branding, logos or official materials belonging to FIM, FIM Africa, NMSF, WMXC, MXoAN 2026, participating organisations or event partners.

Official documents, internal communications or other non-public information obtained through privileged media access may not be published or distributed without authorisation.

Any separate commercial broadcast, livestreaming or media rights applicable to MXoAN 2026 remain unaffected by the granting of standard media accreditation.

12. VENUE AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Accredited media representatives must comply with all rules applicable to Gallina Motocross Park and respect the venue and surrounding environment.

Media representatives must not damage vegetation, fencing, barriers, signage, infrastructure or other property in order to obtain photographs or footage.

Waste must be disposed of responsibly and environmentally sensitive or restricted areas must be respected.

13. APPROPRIATE APPEARANCE AND EQUIPMENT

Media representatives must be appropriately dressed and equipped for the environment in which they are working.

Where accreditation cards, media bibs, vests or other identification are issued, these must be worn as instructed and may not be altered, exchanged or transferred to another person.

Media representatives are responsible for ensuring that their equipment does not obstruct riders, teams, officials, emergency personnel or other persons.

14. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

Accredited media representatives may not carry out media duties while under the influence of alcohol, recreational drugs or any substance that may impair judgement, behaviour or safety.

Any media representative considered impaired may have their accreditation suspended or withdrawn and may be required to leave restricted event areas.

15. OFFICIAL INSTRUCTIONS

All accredited media representatives operate under the authority of **NMSF, WMXC and authorised MXoAN 2026 officials** while carrying out media activities at the event.

Instructions relating to safety, access, movement, media activity or event operations must be followed immediately.

This includes instructions issued by event officials, marshals, security personnel and other persons authorised by the organisers.

Where an instruction requires a media representative to move, leave an area, stop an activity or provide space to riders, teams, officials or emergency personnel, the instruction must first be complied with.

Any concern regarding the instruction may subsequently be raised through the appropriate event channel.

Media accreditation does not provide exemption from any instruction issued by an authorised event official.

16. MEDIA ACCREDITATION MAY BE REVOKED

Media accreditation for MXoAN 2026 is a privilege and not an entitlement.

NMSF and WMXC reserve the right to restrict, suspend or revoke media accreditation where a media representative:

- enters the track or another prohibited or restricted area;
- ignores or refuses to comply with an instruction from an authorised official;
- interferes with rider or team preparation;
- obstructs event operations;
- behaves irresponsibly or inappropriately around junior riders;
- publishes prohibited accident, injury or medical content;
- compromises the safety, dignity or privacy of another person;
- misuses their accreditation or allows another person to use it;
- seriously or repeatedly breaches this Media Code of Conduct; or
- otherwise behaves in a manner incompatible with the responsibilities associated with MXoAN 2026 media accreditation.

For minor infringements, NMSF and/or WMXC may issue a verbal or written warning.

However, a warning is not required before accreditation is suspended or revoked where a breach is considered serious.

Where conduct presents an immediate safety, operational or welfare concern, accreditation may be withdrawn immediately and the individual may be required to leave the relevant event area or venue.

The original Code similarly provides for formal warnings, suspension or revocation of accreditation following breaches.

17. COMPLAINTS

Any complaint concerning the conduct of an accredited media representative should be submitted to the MXoAN 2026 Event Secretariat or an authorised NMSF/WMXC representative.

Where possible, complaints should include:

- the complainant's name and contact information;
- a clear description of the incident;
- the date, time and location of the incident; and
- supporting photographs, screenshots, video footage or witness information where relevant.

NMSF and WMXC may review the matter and determine whether a breach of this Code has occurred and what action, if any, is appropriate.

Complaints and investigations will, where reasonably possible, be handled confidentially and professionally.

BINDING AGREEMENT

I confirm that I have read and understood the MXoAN 2026 Media Code of Conduct and agree to comply with its provisions.

I further agree to comply with applicable event and venue rules, safety requirements and instructions issued by authorised NMSF, WMXC, FIM Africa and MXoAN 2026 officials.

I acknowledge that media accreditation does not grant me access to the motocross track or trackside racing areas and that I am required to remain within areas authorised for accredited media.

I understand that access to the pit and paddock areas is granted on the condition that I do not interfere with riders, teams or race preparation.

I understand that failure to comply with this Code may result in the restriction, suspension or immediate withdrawal of my MXoAN 2026 media accreditation.

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