

## New motor sport apparel standards

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In 2010, CAMS will introduce its revised apparel standards for all disciplines and levels of motor sport.

Having undergone a lengthy and rigorous stakeholder consultation process, lasting over 15 months, the integration of current and new standards into a single document will be presented in the 2010 CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

Importantly, the new format will be easy for participants at all levels to identify the minimum requirements for any type or level of activity.

The actual requirements for apparel are heavily based on existing standards and include clarifications and recommendations for equipment. In the case of recommendations, while not considered to be mandatory, they have nevertheless proved to be useful in some situations.

The near-final draft was presented to attendees at the CAMS Summit and received universal acclaim. The document was then issued to each CAMS sporting commission for approval.

As a result of the wide stakeholder consultation process, some further minor amendments were made prior to the final recommendation being approved by the Board of CAMS at its teleconference in September 2009.

An essential ingredient in the sport's acceptance of the new document was the introduction of two consequent moratoriums, one which allows apparel previously approved (for non-international events) in 2009 to be permitted until 31 December 2010, and another which "locks-out" any further changes (save for those which are required to address urgent and unexpected safety related concerns) to current apparel requirements until 1 January 2012.

This will ensure that those who have invested in previously permitted protective apparel will be able to appropriately amortise the cost of the equipment and to use it over an extended period. Its second moratorium provides for surety of use for any new equipment which may be purchased. In general the changes have been minor in nature, but it is important that you check that your existing apparel will comply with the new rules when they come into full effect.

To view the revised apparel standards, effective January 1, 2010, [click here](#).