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## Speedway Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 12th to the 13th March, 2016

PRESENT: Ivan Golding (Chair), Shane Parker  
APOLOGY: Matt Jones  
MEETING OPENS: Saturday 12th March

Item No.	Raised By	Rule # (Issue/Item)	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule Change & Rationale	Commissions Recommendation	Rules & Technical Committee Recommendation	SCB, Club & Member Feedback	Final Decision
SW808		Welcome / apologies	Chairman welcomes those present and opens the meeting.	-	Apology from Matt Jones	-	-	-
SW809		Confirmation of minutes	Minutes of the 2015 meeting are confirmed as a true record of the meeting.	-	Confirmed	-	-	-

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SW810	MA	Log Books		<p><b>Discussion</b></p> <p>Are these mentioned in the MoMS at all? Are they still required. If not, what notification needs to be released to ensure that competitors are not penalised for not having them.</p>	<p>SC recommend that Log Books are completely faded out by 1.1.2017</p> <p>Rationale: With the introduction of Computers, SC believe it is time to fade out log books</p>			
SW811	Mark Lemon		<p>The riders for the FIM World Cup teams will be chosen by the MA Speedway Commission in consultation with the Australia Speedway Manager</p> <p>To be eligible for selection in the World Cup Teams, both Senior &amp; Junior, riders must participate in the Australian Senior Solo or the Under 21 Championships for that year. In addition Team selection will be based on current form, previous achievements, suitability to the venue and willingness to represent Australia. Note: Australian GP riders are exempt from this requirement.</p>	<p><b>Change Rule</b></p> <p>16.14.3.1 The riders for the FIM World Cup teams will be chosen by the <b>Australian Speedway Manager</b> in consultation with the <b>MA Speedway Commission</b>.</p> <p>16.14.3.2 <b>World Cup Teams, both Junior and Senior, selection will be based on current form, previous achievements, suitability to the venue and willingness to represent Australia.</b></p> <p>This has been ignored for as many years as I can remember and for good reason - we need to be able to field the best possible riders for selection at the time of the events and avoid zealous parents getting involved as we witnessed in 2015, remembering its a World Championship and not a training program.</p>	<p>SC support the proposal.</p> <p>Rationale: Team Manager is in a better place to judge riders performance at the time of selection.</p>			
SW812	Mark Lemon	16.4	<p>19.2 AGE RANGE CAPACITY / CLASS</p> <p>13 to under 16 250cc Solo Individual 19.4</p> <p>Age Range Capacity / Class 13 to under 16 250cc Solo 19.4.1</p> <p>Juniors only to compete in junior competitions</p> <p>19.19.0.3 Riders using these machines must be:</p> <p>a) A minimum age 250cc 13 years to under 16 years, minimum age 350cc 14 years to under 16 years</p> <p>e. No juniors permitted on tracks with seniors</p>	<p><b>Change Rule</b></p> <p><del>13 to Under 16</del> : 250cc Solo</p> <p>Allow the limit for the minimum age (13 years) to start on the date of the rider's birthday and the limit for the maximum age finish at the end of the year that they reach the age of 17, pursuant to FIM Medical Code.</p> <p>This is an FIM rule and we are on of the few nations not in compliance with age groups, so we send riders to compete in the Youth 250cc World Cup against older riders.</p> <p>Hopefully on day we can host the FIM Youth Training Camp and the World Cup and we would have to adhere to FIM rules. It would also allow some Youth riders who develop and mature at different rates to build confidence before transferring to seniors. It will give kids more options to remain in the sport. Under current rules Senior riders can ride 250cc or 350cc machines.</p>	<p>SC support the proposal.</p> <p><b>Proposed Rule Change</b></p> <p>16.2 Categories for Junior Australian Championship Classes &amp; 16.4 Junior Competition Classes</p> <p>13 to Under <del>16</del> 17 250cc Solo   250cc Solo</p> <p>16.6.1.1 Juniors only to compete in Junior competition except when a rider is competing in the 13 to Under 17 250cc Solo Class.</p> <p>16.21.1.2 Riders competing on these machines must be:</p> <p>a) a Minimum age of: i) 13 to under <del>16</del> 17 years 250cc ii) 14 to under 16 years for 350cc</p> <p>Rationale: To allow riders to compete at FIM events in the same age groups.</p>			
SW813	Terry Poole	Neck Support	N/A	<p><b>Add Rule</b></p> <p>Under Protective Clothing &amp; Equipment: <b>For all Speedway competition a neck support must be worn.</b></p> <p>This is a safety issue in Speedway and should be improved.</p>	<p>SC do not support this proposal. SC recommend that it is left to riders choice at the moment.</p> <p>Rationale: Some Rider cannot adapt to the use of neck braces.</p>			

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SW814	Paul Slade	16.24 Sidecar Tyres	N/A	<p><b>Add Rule</b></p> <p>For 1045cc Sidecars the rear tyres must be a minimum of 4ply and a load rating minimum of 280 kg.</p> <p>This rule ensures all competitors have a tyre that is safe for Speedway sidecar competition.</p>	<p>SC do not support this proposal. The current rules are sufficient, but recommend if tyres are a issue at a Venue the Referee should look at cutting laps to 3 Laps.</p>			
SW815	Steve Kurtz	16.19.4	N/A	<p><b>Add Rule</b></p> <p>For all Speedway solo competition a maximum of two (2) rear tyres per race meeting may be used.</p> <p>This is to bring the cost of Speedway down, and make it a more even playing field.</p>	<p>SC recommend that this is not a rule - it can be applied in Supplementary Regulations by event.</p>			
SW816	Paul Slade	16.3.2.2	<p>Medallions and point will be awarded in Australian Championships where there are:            Senior &amp; Under 21 Solo : 16 starters            Senior Sidecar : 16 starters            Junior 250cc Solo : 13 starters            Junior Sidecar : 9 starters            Junior 125cc Solo : 16 starters            Junior 125cc Solo Teams : 14 starters</p>	<p><b>Change Rule</b></p> <p>Medallions and point will be awarded in Australian Championships where there are:            Senior &amp; Junior Solo : 10 riders            Senior &amp; Junior Sidecar : 6 riders</p> <p>To make Speedway the same as every other discipline and encourage participation in the sport.</p>	<p>SC do not support this proposal. SC recommend that the current rule is effective.</p>			
SW817	SC	16.21.1.7	16.21.1.7 For 250cc machines only, Refer to the relevancy MA Track specifications for track length.		<p>Re-instate GCR that was removed</p> <p>16.21.1.7 For 250cc machines only refer to the relevant MA Track specifications for track length track must be no more than 350 metres in length, and licenced by MA or the relevant SCB.</p> <p>Rational: SC recommend that it has NOT worked putting this rule in the Venue Standards. Parents and Commission have concerns of safety for Riders.</p>			

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