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## Joint Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting held 25th to the 26th March, 2017

PRESENT: Kevin Zarczynski, Steve Scragg, Colin Scott  
 APOLOGY: -  
 MEETING OPENS: Saturday 25th March

Item No.	Raised By	Rule # (Issue/Item)	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule Change & Rationale	Commissions Recommendation
TL634	MA	Welcome / apologies	MA welcomes those present and opens the meeting.	-	TC welcomes Colin Scott as a new member of the Commission. Colin has previously served on the TC.
TL635	MA	Confirmation of Minutes	Minutes of the 2016 meeting confirmed as true record of the meeting	-	Confirmed
TL636	TC	20.0.0.1	20.0.0.1 Promoters must ensure that the standards of sections must provide for all levels of competitor in each class.	<u>Add Rule</u> 20.0.0.1 Promoters must ensure that the standards of sections must provide for all levels of competitor in each class. <b>A rider advocate may be appointed by the Clerk of Course to assist with the standards of sections.</b>	TC recommend the additional as an experienced rider advocate assists the clerk of course with section standards, and acts as a point of contact for competitors concerning course safety.
TL637	TC	20.0.0.2	20.0.0.2 At all Australian Championships competitors must place an MA supplied logo on the front number plate of their machines.	<u>Change Rule</u> 20.0.0.2 At all Australian Championships competitors must place an MA supplied logo on the front <del>number</del> <b>identification</b> plate of their machines <b>prior to competition.</b>	TC recommend that the logo should be placed on the identification plate (not a number plate), and that it should be stipulated that it is done prior to the start of an event.

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TL638	Andrew Warnest	20.1 & 20.2	Competition Classes	<u>Revert to 2016 Rules</u>	TC discussed the submission from Andrew Warnest, and does not support his request to revert to previous rules or classes, or the inclusion of additional Australian Championship classes. Commission is encouraged that Mr. Warnest and the SA promoters have adopted the use of support classes for the 2017 Australian Trial Championships.
TL639	TC	20.1	Categories for Senior Australian Trial Championships Solo ... Post Classic	<u>Change Wording</u> Categories for Senior Australian Trial Championships <del>Solo</del> Expert ... <del>Post Classic</del> Twin shock	TC recommend the change to reflect the current terms used in Trial.
TL640	TC	20.2	20.2 CATEGORIES FOR JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS Junior 7 to Under 13 Junior Open 13 to Under 16 Junior Women 7 to Under 16	<u>Modify Classes</u> 20.2 CATEGORIES FOR JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS <del>Junior 7 to Under 13</del> Junior Open 13 to Under 16 Junior Women 7 to Under 16	TC recommend that in line with the minutes from 2016, Juniors under 12 shall not be included as an Australian Championship class. Junior Women's age brackets will change to 13 to align with Junior Open age brackets.  This will be as of 2018 competition year as previously advised.
TL641	TC	20.4	20.4 SENIOR COMPETITION CLASSES AND GRADES Open Solo Open Women Open Sidecar Veteran Classic Post Classic (Twin Shock) Air-Cooled Mono Shock Master Youth	<u>Modify Classes</u> 20.4 SENIOR COMPETITION CLASSES AND GRADES <del>Open</del> Solo <del>Open</del> Women <del>Open</del> Sidecar Veteran 40+ (remove separate age categories) Classic <del>Post Classic (Twin Shock)</del> Twin Shock <del>Air-Cooled Mono Shock</del> Master Youth	TC recommend updating the levels for competition with names currently used and recognised in the sport.  Promotors may run additional support classes as they see fit.

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TL642	TC	20.4	<p><b>20.4 SENIOR COMPETITION CLASSES AND GRADES</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Youth: This class will compete using the Master lines.</p>	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p><b>20.4 SENIOR COMPETITION CLASSES AND GRADES</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>Youth: This class will compete using the B level sections. This class will compete using the Master lines.</p>	<p>TC recommend an update to terms, reflecting those used in current Trial.</p> <p><u>TC seeking input as to whether to update Youth age brackets from under 21 to under 19 in the future.</u></p>
TL643	TC	20.5	<p><b>20.5 JUNIOR COMPETITION CLASSES</b></p> <p>7 to Under 13 - Up to 200cc Classic &amp; Post Classic</p> <p>10 to Under 16 - Open Capacity Classic &amp; Post Classic</p> <p>7 to Under 13 - Up to 200cc Classic &amp; Post Classic Women</p> <p>10 to Under 16 - Open Capacity Classic &amp; Post Classic Women</p>	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p><b>20.5 JUNIOR COMPETITION CLASSES</b></p> <p>7 to Under 13 - Up to 200cc Classic &amp; <b>Twin Shock</b> Post Classic</p> <p>10 to Under 16 - Open Capacity Classic &amp; <b>Twin Shock</b> Post Classic</p> <p>7 to Under 13 - Up to 200cc Classic &amp; <b>Twin Shock</b> Post Classic Women</p> <p>10 to Under 16 - Open Capacity Classic &amp; <b>Twin Shock</b> Post Classic Women</p>	<p>TC recommend an update to the term to reflect those used in current Trial.</p>
TL644	TC	20.6.0.1	<p><b>20.6 ELIGIBILITY: GENERAL</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>20.6.0.1 No person may participate in any competition, other than an Australian Championship, unless and until that person's protective clothing/equipment and machine have been examined and approved by the Scrutineer for that competition.</p>	<p><u>Delete Rule</u></p> <p><b>20.6 ELIGIBILITY: GENERAL</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><del>20.6.0.1 No person may participate in any competition, other than an Australian Championship, unless and until that person's protective clothing/equipment and machine have been examined and approved by the Scrutineer for that competition.</del></p>	<p>TC recommend that this rule is not required. It is covered by the amended of 20.6.0.2 (Item TL645)</p>

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TL645	TC	20.6.0.2	<p><b>20.6 ELIGIBILITY: GENERAL</b>            ...            20.6.0.2 No person may compete in an Australian Championship unless and until:            a) That person's protective clothing/equipment, and machine have been examined and approved by the Scrutineer for that meeting;            b) If stipulated in supplementary regulations, the person provides the Scrutineer with a signed checklist that the protective clothing/equipment and machine have been self-scrutineered.</p>	<p><u>Change Rule</u>  <b>20.6 ELIGIBILITY: GENERAL</b>            ...            20.6.0.2 No person may compete in <b>any competition Australian Championship</b> unless and until:            a) That person's protective clothing/equipment, and machine have been examined and approved by the Scrutineer for that meeting;            b) If stipulated in supplementary regulations, the person provides the Scrutineer with a signed checklist that the protective clothing/equipment and machine have been self-scrutineered.</p>	<p>TC recommend an amendment to improve accuracy, clarity and readability of rules. The same eligibility should apply to all competitions, including Australian Championships.</p>
TL646	TC	Promoter grading competitors	N/A	<p><u>Add Rule</u>  <b>20.6 ELIGIBILITY: GENERAL</b>            ...            20.6.0.7 A Promotor may grade competitors according to their respective skills</p>	<p>TC Recommends that the Promotor, not RCB, may grade all competitors.</p>
TL647	TC	20.7.0.6	<p><b>20.7 ELIGIBILITY: JUNIOR</b>            ...            20.7.0.6 A Relevant Controlling Body may grade Junior competitors according to their respective skills</p>	<p><u>Delete Rule</u>  <b>20.7 ELIGIBILITY: JUNIOR</b>            ...  <del>20.7.0.6 A Relevant Controlling Body may grade Junior competitors according to their respective skills.</del></p>	<p>Refer to TL646.</p>
TL648	TC	20.10.2.1	<p><b>20.10.2 Rider and Grade Identification</b>            20.10.2.1 The following grades will have the following Identification plates:            Open Solo A grade / Red Plate            ...            Veterans / Blue Plate            Post Classic / Blue Plate            ...</p>	<p><u>Add Rules</u>  <b>20.10.2 Rider and Grade Identification</b>            20.10.2.1 The following grades will have the following Identification plates:            Expert / Green Plate            Open Solo A grade / Red Plate            ...            Veterans 40+ / Blue Plate            Post Classic Twin Shock/ Blue Plate            ...</p>	<p>TC recommend an update to reflect current name plates and colours used in trial.</p>

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TL649	TC	20.11.1.3 Clause c)	<p><b>20.11.1 General</b> ...</p> <p>20.11.1.3 In the event of a tie in points, the tie is to be broken as follows: a) The competitor who completes the greatest number of sections without loss of points wins, b) If the tie continues, the competitor wins who completes the greatest number of sections with the loss of 1 point, 2 points, 3 points and so on, c) If there is still a tie, a ride-off must take place, starting from the 1st section at severity level decided by the Clerk of Course and continuing in numerical order until the tie is broken.</p>	<p><b>20.11.1 General</b> ...</p> <p>20.11.1.3 In the event of a tie in points, the tie is to be broken as follows: a) The competitor who completes the greatest number of sections without loss of points wins, b) If the tie continues, the competitor wins who completes the greatest number of sections with the loss of 1 point, 2 points, 3 points and so on, c) If there is still a tie, a ride-off must take place, starting at a section from the 1st section at severity level decided by the Clerk of Course and continuing in numerical order until the tie is broken.</p>	TC recommend that the "ride off" does not need to be started at the first section, it may start at any section chosen by the Clerk of Course.
TL650	TC	20.11.2.3	<p><b>20.11.2 Courses</b> ...</p> <p>20.11.2.3 Riders must attempt the sections in sequential order. Promoter has the ability to start individual classes at different sections of the course.</p>	-	TC provide further clarification : When parent or guardian are riding the event in support of a younger rider, they are permitted to start at the same section as the younger rider.
TL651	TC	20.11.2.3	<p><b>20.11.2 Courses</b> ...</p> <p>20.11.2.3 Riders must attempt the sections in sequential order. Promoter has the ability to start individual classes at different sections of the course.</p>	<p><u>Change Rule</u></p> <p>20.11.2.3 Riders must attempt the sections in sequential order. Promoter has the ability to start individual classes at different sections of the course.</p>	TC recommend that the starting section for each rider will be determined by the clerk of course; a riders last lap of each day should commence on section one.

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TL652	TC	20.11.3.1 Clause a)	<p><b>20.11.3 Penalties: Competitions</b></p> <p>20.11.3.1 The following terms have the following respective meanings:</p> <p>a) Footing occurs when:</p> <p>i) Any part of the body of the rider touches the ground and/or an obstacle (tree, rock etc.) either inside or outside of the boundary marker or tape.</p> <p>ii) Any part of the machine other than the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Footrests,</li> <li>- Wheels,</li> <li>- Tyres,</li> <li>- Engine casing,</li> <li>- Frame,</li> <li>- Protection plates under the engine, or</li> <li>- Sidecar body</li> </ul> <p>touches the ground or an obstacle without stopping progress of the machine,</p> <p>iii) Sliding a foot along the ground is deemed to be footing more than twice</p>	<p><u>Add Rule</u></p> <p><b>20.11.3 Penalties: Competitions</b></p> <p>20.11.3.1 The following terms have the following respective meanings:</p> <p>a) Footing occurs when:</p> <p>i) Any part of the body of the rider touches the ground and/or an obstacle (tree, rock etc.) either inside or outside of the boundary marker or tape.</p> <p>ii) Any part of the machine other than the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Footrests,</li> <li>- Wheels,</li> <li>- Tyres,</li> <li>- Engine casing,</li> <li>- Frame,</li> <li>- Protection plates under the engine, or</li> <li>- Sidecar body</li> </ul> <p>touches the ground or an obstacle without stopping progress of the machine,</p> <p>iii) Sliding a foot along the ground is deemed to be footing more than twice</p> <p>iv) For Super Trial, the skid plate or engine cases touches the ground or obstacle</p>	<p>TC recommend that it follows the precedent in use for X-trial competition worldwide; that touching the skid plate is scored as one point.</p>
TL653	TC	20.11.3.2	<p><b>20.11.3 Penalties: Competitions</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>20.11.3.2 The penalties on the follow tables apply: (refer page 251)</p> <p>...</p> <p>Missing a section</p>	<p><u>Add Rule</u></p> <p><b>20.11.3 Penalties: Competitions</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>20.11.3.2 The penalties on the follow tables apply:</p> <p>...</p> <p>Missing a section or not riding a section in sequential order</p>	<p>TC recommend an addition to the current rule to clarify the penalty for failing to follow 20.11.2.3 :</p> <p>20.11.2.3 Riders must attempt the sections in sequential order. Promoter has the ability to start individual classes at different sections on the course.</p>

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TL654	TC	20.16.1.6	<p><b>20.16.1 Eligibility</b>            ...            20.16.1.6 For the purpose of determining eligibility, machines are categorised as follows:            a) Pre 1965            i) Manufactured before 31st December 1964.            b) Pre 1965 Heavyweight Solo:            i) Non-unit construction engines with an original capacity over 250cc, or            ii) Unit construction engines with an original capacity of over 350cc.            c) Pre 1965 Lightweight Solo:            i) Non-unit construction engines with an original capacity of 250cc or less, or            ii) Unit construction engines with an original capacity of 350cc or less.            d) Special            ...            e) Post Classic (Twin Shock):            i) For models designed and first manufactured between 1st January 1965 and 31st December 1986,            ii) Disc brake models are not eligible.</p>	<p><b>Change Rule</b>  <b>20.16.1 Eligibility</b>            ...            20.16.1.6 For the purpose of determining eligibility, machines are categorised as follows:            a) Pre 1965            i) Manufactured before 31st December 1964.            b) <del>Pre 1965 Heavyweight Solo:</del>            i) <del>Non-unit construction engines with an original capacity over 250cc, or</del>            ii) <del>Unit construction engines with an original capacity of over 350cc.</del>            c) <del>Pre 1965 Lightweight Solo:</del>            i) <del>Non-unit construction engines with an original capacity of 250cc or less, or</del>            ii) <del>Unit construction engines with an original capacity of 350cc or less.</del>            d) Special            ...            e) <del>Post Classic Twin Shock:</del>            i) For models designed and first manufactured between 1st January 1965 and 31st December 1986,            ii) Disc brake models are not eligible.</p>	<p>TC recommend that the classes are updated to reflect terms used in current Trial.</p>
TL655	MA	Banning of Titanium Axles and Pivots	N/A	Refer to Draft Bulletin #1634	TC supports the use of OEM axles and pivots, titanium OEM parts are allowed.
TL656	TC	Re-Runs of Course	N/A	Rider being baulked, or when a section is in need of immediate repair while rider in section; should be entitled to a full re-run.	<p>TC recommends a rider baulked in the section be given a full re-run from the start of the section.</p> <p><u>Recommend this to be noted in Supp Regs.</u></p>
TL657	MA	Appendix C 2A	Fuel for Trial	-	TC supports the use of pump fuel for Trial.
TL658	MA	Concussion Testing	N/A	-	TC recommend that any rider who has a reported concussion in a competition supply the SCB with a baseline concussion report for future referral.

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TL659	MA	Trial des Nations team	N/A	MA advised the 2017 program will receive similar funding from MA to 2016. TC will send through the Commission's recommendation for the team as soon as possible after the close of applications for riders and manager.	TC to be more actively involved in assisting the preparation of the team, through new initiatives, with increased focus on optimizing the performance of the Australian teams in the des Nations competitions.
TL660	TC	Communication with MA Members	N/A	Trial will have a page within the MA Facebook pages to promote Trial initiatives and give timely Member feedback from the Commission.	TC to help members interact with the Commission. TC to share information about it's members, the way the Commission works, and to use new MA Facebook Trial page to provide accurate, relevant and timely information to members.
TL661	TC	Use of Trial des Nations uniforms	N/A	-	TC recommend that team uniforms and apparel are to be worn only by representative riders, and only for the promotion of the Trial des Nations team; not for individual or third party promotion or endorsements.
TL662	TC	X-Trial Championship	N/A	-	TC reviewed the successful running of the first round of the 2017 X-Trial championship in Perth.  TC support improved initiatives being considered by the promotor for future X-Trial competitions.
TL663	TC	20.11.6	20.11.6 Radio Communication 20.11.6.1 Radio Communications with riders is allowed in Trial	<u>Change Rule</u> 20.11.6 Radio Communication 20.11.6.1 Radio Communications with riders is <b>not</b> allowed in Trial	TC recommend this rule change to bring Trial into line with FIM practice, where such devices have not been allowed since the start of 2017.

MEETING CLOSES:

Sunday 26th March