

Dirt Track, Track & Supermoto Commission Meeting Minutes Final

Minutes of the Dirt Track Commission meeting held via teleconference on the 7th May 2013 9.45pm AEDST

PRESENT: Chairman – Les Thomas
Keith Davies

APOLOGY: Jovian Haidle

IN ATTENDANCE: David White

Item No.	Issue	Raised By	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule Change & Rationale	Commission's Decision	MA Board Decision
DT520	Welcome / Apologies	LT	The Chairman welcomed those present and declared the meeting opened	Received	-	-
DT521	Confirmation of minutes	LT	Minutes of the last meeting were received as true and correct	-	-	-
DT522	Business arising	BA	DT514 and DT515 were discussed as to whether there is a need for further clarification/interpretation of the classes.	Complaints have been received from some competitors who disagree with the classes as defined.	Commission does not consider it necessary to elaborate.	
DT523	Eliminate rule 12.8.5.1.b	Gavin Cosway	12.8.5.1.b Footrests must: Not touch the ground at lean unless they are hinged or pivoted and controlled by a return spring	This rule should be eliminated or amended so road racing machines are excluded.	This rule 12.8.5.1.b does not affect Dirt Track. Therefore DT Commission has no recommendation.	

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DT524	Eliminate rule 12.8.3.1 a,d,e	Gavin Cosway	12.8.3.1 Exhaust systems must: a) Be fitted with silencers, b) Terminate at a point not more than 25mm beyond the rear extremity of the rear tyre tread, c) Be attached as closely as practicable to the machine and in a manner that does not, in the opinion of the Scrutineer, create a hazard to other competitors, d) Where separate silencers are fitted, have a minimum of 2 mountings or locking screws on all machines which have a capacity in excess of 85cc, e) Where silencers are re-packable, have safety wired securing bolts.	This rule should be eliminated. a) If this rule is under noise limit without silencer why is there a requirement for a silencer b) How many motorcycles have 2 mounting or locking screws? e) Most re packable silencers have pop rivets or self-tapping screws	Commission does not support this recommendation. This relates to sub-rules (a), (d) and (e) . NOT (b) DELETE ALL ABOVE DT Commission recommends that Sub-rule (e) may be amended as follows: e) Where silencers are re-packable, <i>they must</i> have safety wired securing bolts <i>or assembled with either pop rivets or self tapping screws</i> .	
DT525	Rule 12.8.8.3 If this rule cannot be interpreted or re written it should be eliminated	Gavin Cosway	12.8.8.3 If a plastic, fibreglass or part open chain guard is used, a steel bolt of not less than 10mm diameter, placed outside the bottom rear quadrant of the clutch sprocket. This bolt, if damaged, must be replaced.	If this rule cannot be interpreted or re written it should be eliminated	Commission does not support this rule change request and believes the rule should remain as is.	
DT526	Amend rule 12.8.9.2	Gavin Cosway	12.8.9.2 Valve caps must be used for all competitions.	Metal valve caps must be used for all competitions. Plastic valve caps should not be used	Commission does not support the recommendation.	
DT527	Amend rule 1.1.0.21(a)	Jeff Gleeson	1.1.0.21(a) Solo – a 1 track vehicle with 2 wheels with the drive through the rear wheel.	Provision be made for the CHRISTINI AWD motorcycle in the definition of a motorcycle.	Commission supports the recommendation with the following amended rule: 1.1.0.21(a) Solo – a 1 track vehicle with 2 wheels, with the drive either through the rear wheel, or both wheels where all wheel drive is OEM.	

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DT534	Amend rule 3.2.0.1	Karen Skate	3.2.0.1 Any rider, who is transported to hospital ,recommended to attend hospital or is advised by a medical practitioner that they require a medical clearance before taking part in any further competition event will have their license suspended until such time as they supply a medical clearance to MA, their SBC or a Key Official at a MA permitted race meeting event	I write in regard to this rule and base the reasons for the abolishment of this rule on my experience as being (Road Race) race secretary for some 10 years	Commission appreciates the process needs fine tuning within the current rule, but believes medical clearances should remain.	

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DT535	Amend rule 13.2.8, and rule 20.7.0.1	Rod Anderson	Note: where there are insufficient entries for the 250 " slider class, these machines may be combined with the events marked ## There is no specific provision for 500cc sliders in Dirt Track.	The proposed rule interpretation 13001 on the 27/2/13 by MA it bans sliders from all classes bar 1 class, in Dirt Track and Long track, at the moment it was fair that both types of bikes were combined	There has been no specific class for 500cc sliders in Dirt Track since 2007. Commission recommends that the 500cc slider class be re-introduced in Dirt Track classes, subject to Board approval and feedback from competitors/clubs. Suggest to amend GCR13.2.8 and 20.7.0.1: <table border="1" data-bbox="1429 587 1727 651"> <tr> <td>500cc slider</td> <td>Up to 500cc slider</td> </tr> </table>	500cc slider	Up to 500cc slider	
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DT538	Amend rule 12.17.1.2.d	Robert Beetham	Standard gear ratios must be retained	External gearing maybe altered. The standard gearing on dirt track or track events over rev engines and potentially cause damage to them.	Commission does not support this rule change request.			

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DT540	New rule 13.2.8	Robert Beetham	Class currently not included in Australian Championships	50cc auto class for Australian Championships. If 50cc division 2 is allowed a Australian Championship in Motocross then I can't see why Track and Dirt Track can't have one	Commission supports the introduction of a 50cc Auto Class Australian Championship at GCR 13.2.8 <table border="1"> <tr> <td>50cc Auto Div 2</td> <td>7 – U9 Yrs</td> </tr> </table>	50cc Auto Div 2	7 – U9 Yrs	
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