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Speedway Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th April, 2015

PRESENT: Ivan Golding (Chair), Matt Jones, Shane Parker.

APOLOGY: None

MEETING OPENS: 10:30AM

Item No.	Raised By	Rule # (Issue)	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule Change & Rationale	Commissions Recommendation	MA Board Decision
SW788		Welcome / apologies	Chairman welcomes those present and opens the meeting.	-	-	
SW789		Confirmation of minutes	Minutes of the 2014 meeting are confirmed as a true record of the meeting.	-	Minutes of 2014 Speedway Commission (SWC) accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	

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SW790	Warren Monson	Referees	N/A	<p>a) For all National and State Titles no less than two (2) Referees should be present. One Referee is to observe the front 2 riders and the other to watch the 2nd two riders One Referee is given authority to final decisions.</p> <p>b) Two (2) Corner Stewards should be made available to ensure bikes do not go infield.</p> <p>There is limited scope for one Referee to watch 4 riders at one time. Interpretation of the rules is becoming haphazard with only one Referee present, and Speedway requires consistency and support from following the rules of the Moms.</p>	SWC recommend that for National & State Championships the Referee will be appointed by RCB and an Assistant Referee will be appointed by the SCB in the state holding the Championship. This will assist the Referee when distance between riders is apparent, and to assist in decision making.	
SW791	Warren Monson	No Section on Stopping Events	N/A	<p>Within the Speedway Rules there is no section on Stopping Events or Stopping and Re-running, see 13.12.13 / 13.12.14 as an example:</p> <p>13.12.13 Stopping Events 13.12.13.1 Where an incident causes an event to be stopped, the Steward or Clerk of Course may declare the event complete if at least 75% of the event distance or time, whichever is the less, has been run. 13.12.13.2 The results so declared will be based on the placings at the finish line of the last full lap completed before the incident but will exclude those competitors who: a) Caused the incident, or b) Having been involved in the incident, could not continue in the event.</p> <p>This should have been included in the 2013 Moms but was left out of Speedway.</p>	SWC do not agree with including the rule for this discipline. Referees already have the power to make a decision regarding these incidents.	

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SW792 JO776	Ivan Golding	19.2	<p>19.2 CATEGORIES FOR JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIPS JUNIOR SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>125 Solo Under 16 years – Individual 125 Solo Under 16 years – Teams 250 Solo 13 to Under 16 years – Individual 250cc Sidecar 11 to Under 16 years – Rider 9 to Under 16 years – Passenger</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>125 Solo 9 to Under 16 years – Individual 125 Solo 9 to Under 16 years – Teams 250 Solo 13 to Under 16 years – Individual 250cc Sidecar 11 to Under 16 years – Rider 9 to Under 16 years – Passenger</p> <p>Change so that 19.4.1.1 Age Group is complied with:</p> <p>7 to under 9 years – 125cc single 4-stroke solo 9 to under 16 years – 125cc single 4-stroke solo</p>	SWC feel there is no change to 2015 GCRs required.	
SW793	Rick Gill	19.2 / 19.4.1.1 / 19.4.2.1 / 19.19.0.3	<p>9.2 JUNIOR SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>125 Solo Under 16 years - Individual</p> <p>19.4.1.1 Junior - age groups and capacities - solo and sidecar 13 to under 16 years 250cc solo</p> <p>19.4.2.1 Juniors only to compete in junior competitions.</p> <p>19.19.0.3 Riders using these machines must be: a) A minimum age 250cc 13 years to under 16 years, minimum age 350cc 14 years to under 16 years, e) No juniors are permitted on track with seniors.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>9.2 JUNIOR SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIPS</p> <p>125 Solo Under 17 years - Individual</p> <p>19.4.1.1 Junior - age groups and capacities - solo and sidecar 13 to under 17 years 250cc solo</p> <p>19.4.2.1 No person under who is under the age of 16 years may compete in other than junior competition. Senior competitors aged 17 as at 1 January may compete with Junior competitors in the 250cc Solo 13 to under 17 age group.</p> <p>19.19.0.3 Riders using these machines must be: a) A minimum age 250cc 13 years, minimum age 350cc 14 years, e) No juniors are permitted on track with seniors, excepting senior riders aged 17 as at 1 January who may participate in the junior class of 250cc Solo machines.</p>	SWC do not agree with this proposed rule change. MA licences require riders aged 16 years from January 1st to have a Senior licence. Also SWC do not agree with 17 year old riders competing with riders under 16 years.	

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SW793 (continued)				<p>These changes fix an anomaly that affects more than 33% of all junior speedway riders. Speedway being a summer sport, has a season that runs between calendar years; resulting in juniors losing the chance to finish junior seasons, and even not having the opportunity to compete in nation championships at a senior level (when the change over is from 31 December).</p> <p>This rule will only apply to 250cc machines, as this is the class affected the most by the age restrictions. The 350cc class is no longer viable, and should not be accommodated in the rule change to discourage participants further.</p> <p>No licencing changes are required.</p> <p>May also want to delete 19.19.0.3 e) as it repeats earlier Rules.</p>		
SW794 JO778	Ivan Golding	19.4.2	<p>19.4.2 Junior Eligibility Endorsements will be issued for:</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>19.4.2 Junior Eligibility Endorsements, from an MA licenced coach, will be issued for:</p> <p>Specifies how competitors are endorsed to avoid confusion.</p>	SWC agree with this Rule change as it is a safety issue.	
SW795	Ivan Golding	19.10.8.2	<p>19.10.8 Competitors 19.10.8.2 The Referee may require any: a) Newly licensed competitor, or b) Competitor whose abilities are not known to the Referee, to submit to such test as the Referee considers proves that the competitor is able to perform safely in competition.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>19.10.8.2 The Referee must require all: a) Newly licensed senior and junior riders moving to senior 500cc competition to be endorsed by a licensed MA Coach, or b) Competitor whose abilities are not known to the Referee, to submit to such test as the Referee considers proves that the competitor is able to perform safely in competition.</p> <p>There is nowhere in the GCR's that states a new senior or junior rider requires an endorsement. This is a safety item.</p>	SWC agree with this Rule change as it is a safety issue.	

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SW796	Tony Watter	19.23.6	<p>19.23.6 Classic Class: British, European & American Sidecars</p> <p>19.23.6.1 This class will cover machines using original factory motorcycle frames and standard forks, i.e. one made by a recognised motorcycle manufacturer.</p> <p>a) Motors will be 4-stroke 2 valves per cylinder, air cooled and a maximum of two cylinders, manufactured and raced prior to Dec 31st 1974,</p> <p>b) Rules and regulations covering this class as per SCB 1975 rule book appendix J,</p> <p>c) Riders of machines in this class must be at least 30 years of age at the date of competition.</p> <p>19.23.6.2 This class will cover machines with factory motorcycle frames and standard forks, i.e. one made by a recognised motorcycle manufacturer:</p> <p>a) Motors will be Japanese 2-stroke and 4-stroke SOHC multi cylinder engines with a maximum of 2 valves per cylinder,</p> <p>b) Engines must be manufactured and raced prior to Dec 31st 1974,</p> <p>c) Rules and regulations covering this class as per SCB 1975 rule book appendix J,</p> <p>d) Riders of machines in this class must be at least 30 years of age at the date of competition.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>19.23.6.1 This class will cover machines using original factory motorcycle frames and standard forks, i.e. one made by a recognised motorcycle manufacturer.</p> <p>a) Motors will be 4-stroke 2 valves per cylinder, air cooled and a maximum of two cylinders, manufactured and raced prior to Dec 31st 1974,</p> <p>b) Rules and regulations covering this class as per SCB 1975 rule book,</p> <p>c) Riders of machines in this class must be at least 30 years of age at the date of competition.</p> <p>19.23.6.2 This class will cover machines with factory motorcycle frames:</p> <p>a) Motors will be Japanese 2-stroke and 4-stroke SOHC multi cylinder engines with a maximum of 2 valves per cylinder,</p> <p>b) Engines must be manufactured and raced prior to Dec 31st 1974,</p> <p>c) Rules and regulations covering this class as per SCB 1975 rule book,</p> <p>Delete clause d)</p> <p>These changes will simplify the Rules and entice more competitors.</p>	<p>SWC agree with changes to 19.23.6.1 b) and 19.23.6.2 c) but do not agree to change to 19.23.6.2 d). SWC believe deleting Rule 19.23.6.2 d) is not necessary for Classic Speedway.</p>	
SW797	Tony Watter	19.23.7	<p>19.23.7 Post Classic Class Sidecars</p> <p>19.23.7.1 This class will cover machines using original factory frames and standard forks, i.e. one made by a recognised motorcycle manufacturer:</p> <p>a) Motors will be 2-stroke and 4-stroke 2 valve DOHC multi cylinder air cooled engines,</p> <p>b) Rules and regulations covering this class as per MA rule book.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>19.23.7.1 This class will cover machines using original factory frames:</p> <p>a) Motors will be 2-stroke and 4-stroke 2 valve DOHC multi cylinder air cooled engines,</p> <p>b) Rules and regulations covering this class as per MA rule book.</p> <p>These changes will simplify the Rules and entice more competitors.</p>	<p>SWC agree to this Rule change; to tidy up the Rule.</p>	

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SW798	Tony Watter	19.23.8	<p>19.23.8 Evolution Class Sidecars 19.23.8.1 Low Line and custom frames fitted with 2 valve DOHC multi cylinder air cooled engines: a) Rules and regulations covering this class as per MA rule book.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>19.23.8 Evolution Class Sidecars 19.23.8.1 Period style customer and purposed built frame. 19.23.8.2 Motors will be maximum 2-valve DOHC multi-cylinder air cooled manufactured and raced prior to 31st December 1985. 19.23.8.3 Bodywork and fairings to be type and material relevant to the period. 19.23.8.4 Rules and regulations covering this class as per MA rule book.</p> <p>This is to formalise the class and to maintain period appearance and performance level.</p>	SWC agree to this addition in the GCR's. These changes will define the Evolution Class Rules.	
SW799	SA Speedway Comm.	19.10.2.1	<p>19.10.2 Change of Machines 19.10.2.1 Subject to the supplementary regulations, a competitor may compete on a machine other than that described in the competitor's entry application but: a) Must inform a key official of any change, and b) May not, in any heat or final, use the machine on which another rider has qualified for the same heat or final. Competitors must use the machine presented at scrutineering. The machines that go through machine examination must match frame and engine numbers used by the rider in said meeting.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>19.10.2.1 Subject to the supplementary regulations, a competitor may compete on a machine other than that described in the competitor's entry application but: a) Must inform a key official of any change, and b) May not, in any heat or final, use the machine on which another rider has qualified for the same heat or final.</p>	SWC recommend reverting back to previous GCR. The new rule is too limited and confusing to competitors.	
SW800	SA Speedway Comm.	19.10.12.1	<p>19.10.12 Sidecar Passenger 19.10.12.1 In the event that the nominated sidecar passenger is unable to continue during the meeting, they may be replaced providing the new passenger signs the relevant forms and is authorised by the Clerk of Course and Referee prior to taking part.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>19.10.12.1 In the event that the nominated sidecar passenger is unable to continue during the meeting, they may be replaced providing the new passenger signs the relevant indemnity forms and is authorised by the Clerk of Course and Referee prior to taking part.</p>	SWC recommends the new wording to clarify the Rule.	

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SW801	SA Speedway Comm.	19.17.1.1	<p>19.17.1 Solo 19.17.1.1 Rear chain guards must: a) Be fitted to the back end of the rear assembly of machines, b) Provide protection where the rear chain enters onto the rear wheel sprocket.</p>	<p>Add Rule: 19.17.1.1 Rear chain guards must: a) Be fitted to the back end of the rear assembly of machines, b) Provide protection where the rear chain enters onto the rear wheel sprocket, c) Ensure rear Wheel adjusters is totally enclosed with a rounded or enclosed end so that no thread is exposed.</p>	<p>SWC recommends the additional Rule due to open threads causing injury.</p>	
SW802	SA Speedway Comm.	19.22.2.2	<p>19.22.2.2 Machines must be fitted with an unmodified 4-stroke production engine and may be fitted with an operating gearbox. OEM engine electrics must also be used.</p>	<p>Change Rule: 19.22.2.2 Machines must be fitted with an unmodified 4-stroke production engine and may be fitted with an operating gearbox. OEM engine electrics must also be used.</p>	<p>SWC recommend removing the section on OEM electrics being used, as older engine electrics are hard to find.</p>	

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SW803	Shane Parker	19.10.13.1	<p>19.10.13 Starting</p> <p>19.10.13.1 Competitors must be ready for the start when called upon to do so by the relevant official.</p> <p>a) The Referee may will sound a two minute warning signal and illuminate the amber flashing light (if available) in the pit area,</p> <p>b) At the order of the Clerk of Course, competitors must leave the pit area together and proceed by the shortest practical route to the starting tapes and there stop under the control of the starting Marshal,</p> <p>c) Any competitor not ready to start at the expiration of two minutes after the signal will may be excluded from the race,</p> <p>d) A competitor so excluded may be replaced by a reserve,</p> <p>e) Unless otherwise directed by the Referee, the time between the finish of one race and the start of the next will not exceed five minutes.</p>	<p>Add clause f):</p> <p>19.10.13.1 Competitors must be ready for the start when called upon to do so by the relevant official.</p> <p>a) The Referee may will sound a two minute warning signal and illuminate the amber flashing light (if available) in the pit area,</p> <p>b) At the order of the Clerk of Course, competitors must leave the pit area together and proceed by the shortest practical route to the starting tapes and there stop under the control of the starting Marshal,</p> <p>c) Any competitor not ready to start at the expiration of two minutes after the signal will may be excluded from the race,</p> <p>d) A competitor so excluded may be replaced by a reserve,</p> <p>e) Unless otherwise directed by the Referee, the time between the finish of one race and the start of the next will not exceed five minutes.</p> <p>f) In non-Championship Events, if a rider is excluded on the two mintue rule, or a tape touching offence, they will start the re-run from 15 metres back and move to gate position four (4). All other riders will move to the inside positions. In the event of two riders having been excluded, they both will move 15 metres back from gates three (3) & four (4).</p>	<p>SWC agrees with the recommendation. It is better to have all 4 riders in a race; for all aspects of the sport, including crowd, competitor and competitions.</p>	

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SW804	SWC	19.5.3.3	<p>19.5.3.3 To qualify for selection for an Australian championship event, a competitor must apply in writing no less than 30 days prior to the event, and:</p> <p>a) Be the current Australian Champion, or</p> <p>b) Be the best performing competitor in the State championship of the State which issued the competitors' licence, held a minimum of 30 days prior to the Australian Championship, or</p> <p>e) Competitors who are not Australian citizens may nominate to compete in the Australian Speedway Championships and may be considered by the Speedway Commission for inclusion.</p> <p>d) Medallions and points will be awarded in Australian Speedway Championships where there are:</p> <p>Senior & Under 21 Solo - 16 starters Senior Sidecar - 16 starters Junior 250/350 Solo - 13 starters Junior Sidecar – 9 starters Junior 125 Solo - 16 starters.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>19.5.3.3 To qualify for selection for an Australian championship event, a competitor must apply in writing no less than 30 days prior to the event, and:</p> <p>a) Be the current Australian Champion, or the current Top Four riders in the Australian Championship, plus the current GP Rider, or</p> <p>b) Be the best performing competitor in the State championship of the State which issued the competitors' licence, held a minimum of 30 days prior to the Australian Championship, or</p> <p>c) Competitors who are not Australian citizens may nominate to compete in the Australian Speedway Championships and may be considered by the Speedway Commission for inclusion.</p> <p>d) Medallions and points will be awarded in Australian Speedway Championships where there are:</p> <p>Senior & Under 21 Solo - 16 starters Senior Sidecar - 16 starters Junior 250/350 Solo - 13 starters Junior Sidecar – 9 starters Junior 125 Solo - 16 starters.</p>	<p>SWC recommend the change to clarify and tidy up the wording of the Rule, and also to Reinstate clause c), to allow the entry of overseas competitors to be considered by the SWC for inclusion in Australian Championships.</p>	
SW805	SWC	19.19.0.6	<p>19.19.0.6 For junior 250cc machines only, tracks must be no more than 350 metres in length, and licensed by MA or the relevant State Controlling Body.</p>	<p>Delete Rule.</p>	<p>SWC recommend to delete the Rule from the Manual of Motorcycle Sport, and have it included in the "Track Guidelines" instead. This will assist with consistency in Rules between the MoMS and Track Guidelines for content.</p>	

MEETING CLOSES: 5.30PM Saturday 18th April