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## Trials Commission Meeting Minutes - Final

Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th & 19th April, 2015

PRESENT: Kevin Zarczynski (Chair), Bob McGlinchy, Steve Scragg.

APOLOGY: None

MEETING OPENS: 10:30AM

Item No.	Raised By	Rule # (Issue)	Existing Rule	Proposed Rule Change & Rationale	Commissions Recommendation	MA Board Decision
TL589		Welcome / apologies	Chairman welcomes those present and opens the meeting.	-	-	
TL590		Confirmation of minutes	Minutes of the 2014 meeting are confirmed as a true record of the meeting.	-	Minutes of 2014 Trials Commission (TC) accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.	

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TL591	Ian Pickering	23.1	SECTION 23B: COMPETITION CLASSES 23.5 SENIOR COMPETITION CLASSES AND GRADES	<p>Add a new class age category:</p> <p>Pre Masters - Aged 22 to 34 years (This class will compete using the Masters lines)</p> <p>There is currently no class for male riders aged 22-34 years that enables them to compete at a National level on a modern monoshock bike, unless they enter Open Solo. The new class would provide a stepping stone between Youth and Open Solo, therefore increasing the number of riders in an Australian Championship.</p> <p>It would also provide an unbroken career path for male riders, similar to the successful path available to female riders. Currently it is difficult to retain male riders in the 22-34 age group, as they seem drawn to other motorcycle disciplines that cater specifically for their age group with a class that will build their skills and confidence before expecting them to step into a more advanced class like Open Solo.</p> <p>The number of riders in the Open Solo would not be reduced; with the expectation that more riders would be comfortable competing at this level (Open Solo) after participation in the Pre-Masters.</p>	<p>TC feels that the Australian Championships is for riders competing in Australian Championship classes, the TC does not believe there can be a class for every competitor in an Australian Titles event.</p>	

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TL592	Bev Anderson	23.1	<p><b>SECTION 23A: AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS</b></p> <p><b>23.1 CATEGORIES FOR SENIOR AUSTRALIAN TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS</b></p> <p><b>TRIAL</b></p> <p>Solo Sidecar Classic Post Classic Youth Veteran-Aged 40 to 49 years Veteran-Aged 50 to 59 years Veteran-Aged 60 years and over Masters Women Air Cooled Mono Shock</p>	<p>Include the following class categories for Seniors:</p> <p>TRIAL Solo Sidecar Classic Post Classic Youth Veteran-Aged 40 to 49 years Veteran-Aged 50 to 59 years Veteran-Aged 60 years and over Masters <b>Open Women</b> <b>Masters Women-Aged 40 to 55 years</b> <b>Super Masters Women-Aged 56 to 69 years</b> <b>Grand Masters Women-Aged 70 years and over</b> Air Cooled Mono Shock</p> <p>Currently the "Women's" class in Trials has the highest number of entrants of any class in the championships. Just as Veteran classes cater for men competing at older ages, so should there be an available path for women. Older women in Trials are excellent role models for younger women and should be supported in their own classes.</p>	<p>TC recommend that it is not necessary at this time to create additional women's classes for potential class interest that may arise in the future. The Rule requirement from GCR 23.4.1.1 of 5 starters per class for a National Championship to be awarded will not be changed, and classes can not be created on the basis of possible future entries. There is no ruling that excludes women from entering the senior Championship classes such as Solo, Masters, or Veterans, and should women's participation in such classes increase a review of possible new classes can then be undertaken.</p>	

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TL593	Peter Hamer	23.12.3.2	<p>23.12.3.2 The penalties on the following table apply:</p> <p>Riding over, touching or riding on or dislodging a grade marker for a riders own grade.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>Dislodging a grade marker for a riders own grade where the observer considers it necessary to reinstate the marker prior to the section attempt of the next rider.</p> <p>The current Rule is open to interpretation and is subjective. The touching of a marker without altering the section or gaining advantage is not always visible to the Observer. The change proposed in the Rule is consistent with UK and ACU Rules and allows the Observer to make a decision based on the question "Has the rider touched, ridden over or moved the marker sufficiently to need me to replace the marker in its original position?". If YES, then 5 points deducted, if NO, then the penalty does not apply.</p> <p>The Rules need to be clearer in Trials, and although FIM WTC regard any touch of a marker as an infringement, the ordinary club Trial is not FIM WTC and riders need to be encouraged and supported without overly subjective infringements.</p>	<p>TC do not support a change to this Rule.</p> <p>Such a change would increase the burden on Observers to make difficult determinations and decisions, and to examine markers before each rider enters the section. The current rule is clear to understand, gives the minimum scope for discussion and reduces the likely hood of sections needing continuous repair.</p>	
TL594	David Ault on behalf of the NSW Trials Committee	23.12.3.2	<p>23.12.3.2 The penalties on the following table apply:</p>	<p>Include on table:</p> <p>Rider not wearing Engine Cut-out Lanyard in Section - 5 Points Lost</p> <p>The current rule stipulates that lanyards must be fitted, but does not go so far as to apply a penalty for non-compliance in using them.</p>	<p>TC recommend to change GCR 23.16.4.1 to read:</p> <p>23.16.4.1 All machines must be fitted with an effective ignition cut-out switch operating on the primary circuit secured to the handlebars and attached by a lanyard to the rider's wrist while the machine is in operation such that a separation of the machine and rider will activate the ignition cut-out circuit.</p> <p>TC recommend to add a new infringement penalty to GCR 23.12.3.2 table "ALL TRIAL" section:</p> <p>The rider does not have the lanyard cut-out switch attached to the wrist while in the section - 5 Points Lost.</p>	

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TL595	Bob McGlinchy	23.12.3.2	23.12.3.2 The penalties on the following table apply:	<p>Include on table:</p> <p>Rider not wearing Engine Cut-out Lanyard in Section - 5 Points Lost</p> <p>Whilst 23.16.4.1 requires all machines to be fitted with a lanyard, there is no penalty to the rider if they fail to attach it in a section. This has been a noted omission at Trails Championships, and brings the rule inline with FIM Trials Rules.</p>	TC agrees with principal. Refer to Item TL594.	
TL596	Paul Wright	23.12.2.5	<p>23.12.2.5 Where a section is marked by stakes they must be:</p> <p>a) Of flexible material, b) Connected by tape placed no more than 500mm above the ground, c) Coloured red for right, d) Coloured white for left.</p>	<p>Change clause a):</p> <p>23.12.2.5 Where a section is marked by stakes they must be: a) <b>Stakes made of flexible material,</b></p> <p>Some clubs are use flexible boundary tape holders but still fitting wooden stakes. This is a serious safety issue, with the possibility of impalement.</p>	TC recommends that 23.12.2.5 a) already covers the use of flexible stakes, therefore timber, steel or rigid stakes are not allowed. Clubs should ensure they are following GCR's for competitors safety.	
TL597	David Ault on behalf of the NSW Trials Committee	23.16.4	<p><b>23.16.4 Ignition Cut-Out Switch</b></p> <p>23.16.4.1 All machines must be fitted with an effective ignition cut-out switch operating on the primary circuit secured to the handlebars and attached by a lanyard to the rider while the machine is in operation such that a separation of the machine and rider will activate the ignition cut-out circuit.</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>23.16.4.1 All machines must be fitted with an effective ignition cut-out switch operating on the primary circuit secured to the handlebars and attached by a lanyard to the rider while the machine is in operation such that a separation of the machine and rider will activate the ignition cut-out circuit.</p> <p>23.16.4.2 Penalty for non-compliance for each section ridden without a lanyard attached to the rider shall be a 5 point deduction.</p> <p>23.16.4.3 Additional penalties and/or fines may be imposed for repeated breaches of this safety ruling.</p> <p>The current rule stipulates that lanyards must be fitted, but does not go so far as to apply a penalty for non-compliance.</p>	<p>TC agree in principal, however we recommend to change GCR 23.16.4.1 to read:</p> <p>23.16.4.1 All machines must be fitted with an effective ignition cut-out switch operating on the primary circuit secured to the handlebars and attached by a lanyard to the rider's wrist while the machine is in operation such that a separation of the machine and rider will activate the ignition cut-out circuit.</p> <p>TC recommend to add a new infringement penalty to GCR 23.12.3.2 table "ALL TRIAL" section:</p> <p>The rider does not have the lanyard cut-out switch attached to the wrist while in the section - 5 Points Lost.</p>	

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TL598	TC	23.8.1.1	<b>23.8.1 Junior Endorsements</b> 23.8.1.1 Endorsements will be issued for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 125cc</li> <li>• Up to 200cc</li> <li>• Trial Open Capacity</li> <li>• Trial Electric Bike (open Kw)</li> </ul>	Change Rule : 23.8.1.1 Endorsements will be issued for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 125cc</li> <li>• Up to 200cc</li> <li>• Trial Open Capacity</li> <li>• Trial Electric Bike (<del>open Kw</del>)</li> </ul>	TC recommends change as the Rule wording is not consistent with GCR 23.6.1.2: junior classes electric machines.	
TL599	TC	New guidelines be added to: Track Guidelines version 1.3 2012	N/A Similar to 23.12.2 Courses	<b>23.12.2 Courses</b> 23.12.2.1 Observed sections: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Must be clearly named or numbered,</li> <li>b) Must have a clearly marked start and finish,</li> <li>c) Must have clearly marked boundaries,</li> <li>d) Must be preceded by an observed area of the route where the competitors are controlled,</li> <li>e) Must, wherever possible, be bounded by natural obstacles, although artificial boundaries may be used to define the lateral limits of sections,</li> <li>f) May be reduced in places by the use of gates at a minimum width of 1200mm for solos and 2000mm for sidecars.</li> </ol> 23.12.2.2 A machine is deemed to be in an observed section from the time the front axle passes the "Section Begins" gate until the front axle passes the "Section Ends" gate. 23.12.2.3 Passage through section must be indicated by gates which consist of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Two arrows pointing inwards,</li> <li>b) An arrow and a natural obstacle or boundary,</li> <li>c) Coloured rectangles, red for right and white for left may be used to indicate section outer boundaries.</li> </ol> 23.12.2.4 The available width between two successive gates may be limited by means of tape which must be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Placed no more than 500mm above the ground,</li> <li>b) Not inside the line of markers on the same side.</li> </ol>	TC recommends that GCR 23.12.2 be added to the track guidelines version 1.3 2012. Currently there are no existing Track Guidelines for temporary trial courses.	

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TL599 (continued)				<p>23.12.2.5 Where a section is marked by stakes they must be:</p> <p>a) Of flexible material,  b) Connected by tape placed no more than 500mm above the ground,  c) Coloured red for right,  d) Coloured white for left.</p> <p>23.12.2.6 The Promoter:</p> <p>a) May modify the design of a section between the passage of the last competitor on one lap and the first competitor on the following lap, and  b) Must give adequate notice to competitors of these modifications provided that such modification will not justify a supplementary time allowance for the modified section to be inspected.</p>		
TL600	Connor Hogan	Letter from Connor Hogan dated 22-3-15  Request to compete in Youth Class at the age of 15 yrs.	N/A	<p>This request would require an exemption to GCR 23.5:</p> <p><b>23.5 SENIOR COMPETITION CLASSES AND GRADES Youth</b>  For competitors aged between 16 and under 21 years at the first day of the event</p>	TC cannot over-ride a Rule that applies in the 2015 MoMS, that state that a rider in the Youth class must be aged between 16 and 21 yrs of age on the opening day of the event. TC will recommend a rule change for MoMS 2016. The chairman will reply to Connor Hogans letter on behalf of the commission.	
TL601	TC	23.5	<p><b>23.5 SENIOR COMPETITION CLASSES AND GRADES Youth</b>  For competitors aged between 16 and under 21 years at the first day of the event</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p><b>23.5 SENIOR COMPETITION CLASSES AND GRADES Youth</b>  For competitors aged between <b>13</b> and under 21 years at the first day of the event</p>	TC believes riders should be allowed to compete in the Youth class should they choose from the age of 13yrs. This gives the opportunity for junior riders to compete at a higher level without having to wait until they are 16yrs.	
TL602	TC	3.8.0.4	<p>3.8.0.4 Endorsements will be issued for:</p> <p><b>Trial</b>  Up to 125cc  Up to 200cc  Trial Open Capacity  Trial Electric Bike (open Kw)</p>	<p>Change Rule:</p> <p>3.8.0.4 Endorsements will be issued for:</p> <p><b>Trial</b>  Up to 125cc  Up to 200cc  Trial Open Capacity  Trial Electric Bike (<b>open-Kw</b>)</p>	TC recommend the change as Rule wording is not consistent with 23.6.1.2 junior classes electric machines.	

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TL603	TC	23.1	23.1 CATEGORIES FOR SENIOR AUSTRALIAN TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Evaluate class: Air Cooled Mono Shock		
TL604	TC	23.1	23.10 PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND HELMETS 23.10.0.1 No competitor may practice, start or compete in any Trial competition unless wearing the following protective equipment and clothing: 23.10.1 Helmet	N/A	TC believes the current Rules regarding helmets are sufficient, except that a production date for the AS1698 helmets is not identified. TC recommend that helmets for competition use should be less than 10 years old.	
TL605	TC	X-Trial and Super Trial	N/A		The inaugural X-Trial championship was held in Thornlie, WA on 11-12th April  TC discussed the successful running of the X-Trial championship, and encourages the promotion of similar events in the future.	
TL606	TC	23.12.3.2	23.12.3.2 The penalties on the following table apply:  <b>Super Trial:</b> Stopping whilst footing once - 5 points lost Footing twice whilst stopped - 5 points lost Footing more than twice whilst stopped - 5 points lost	Change Rule:  23.12.3.2 The penalties on the following table apply:  <b>Super Trial:</b> Stopping whilst footing once - 1 point lost Footing twice whilst stopped - 2 points lost Footing more than twice whilst stopped - 3 points lost	TC recommend updating the Rule to bring them in line with current event requirements for Super Trial competitions.	
TL607	TC	MoMS distribution to Officials and Members	N/A	N/A	TC recommends that all MA officials and MA members receive a printed copy of the MoMS each year. This will greatly improve understanding and awareness of the Rules.	
TL608	TC	Trial des Nations: Rider Team Selection	N/A	N/A	TC recommend men's teams riders Kyle Middleton, Tim Coleman, Colin Zarczynski and Chris Bayles. Minder Zachary Mularczyk and Connor Hogan. Women's riders Kristie McKinnon, Ina Halls and Kaitlyn Cummins.	



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TL609	TC	Trial des Nations: Team Application Form	N/A	N/A	TC recommend men's teams riders Kyle Middleton, Tim Coleman, Colin Zarczynski and Chris Bayles. Minder Zachary Mularczyk and Connor Hogan. Women's riders Kristie McKinnon, Ina Halls and Kaitlyn Cummins.	
TL610	TC	Trials des Nations: Team Applications for Minders	N/A	N/A	TC recommend that the application for the Trial des Nations rider applications form be amended to include a statement that team minders will be selected from team rider applications based on performance at recent events.	
TL611	TC	Trial des Nations: Manager Applications	N/A	N/A	Commissioners Bob McGlinchy and Steve Scragg to discuss with Sian Smith, and review the written manager applications to select a team manager.	
TL612	TC	International Women's Day 2016	N/A	N/A	TC support initiatives for International Women's Day 2016, including women's Come & Try Days to tie in with this initiative. Discussion in conjunction with Women's Commission.	

MEETING CLOSES: 3.30PM Sunday 19th April