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Motocross Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Motocross Commission meeting held at the Airport Convention Centre-Melbourne on 3rd & 4th May 2008.

PRESENT: John Tisdale – Chairman
Kevin Mortimer
Robert Mestrom
Paul Foster
Mark Luksich

APOLOGY: Nil

IN ATTENDANCE: Nil

Item No.	Issue	Raised By	Recommended / Proposed Action	Decision	Rationale / Consultation	Lead	Action Date
MX706	MX687	Comm	Double jumps 17.9.1.2 (c)	MX687 was approved and not included in 2008 GCRs		MA	[date to action by]
MX707	MX690	Comm	150cc Junior MX Sidecars	MX690 was approved and not included in 2008 GCRs		MA	
MX708	MX691	Comm	2-Strokes vs. 4-Strokes	Commissions to ask for dialogue from the board.	The Commission recommends this alteration and is supported by a majority of the SCB's MX691 was approved and not included in 2008 MOMS.	Comm	
MX709	MX698	Comm	GCR 22.0.3.1.c Rule 22.0.3.1. (c) refers to Boots, and currently reads: Of a length that must at least cover 3/4 of the length of the lower leg with the rider in a racing position on the machine.	The Commission recommends that this be altered to read: Of a length that must at least cover 1/2 of the length of the lower leg with the rider in a racing position on the machine	Rationale: This rule, which refer to "Quad" racing, recognises the common practice of using a short boot when racing quad machines. The longer boot can restrict rider movement and make racing less safe. The Commission recommends this alteration and is supported by a majority of the SCB's	MA	

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MX710	New Rule 17.12.3.7	Comm	The Commission recommends that the following rule be added to the rule book as rule 17.12.3.7 All competitors eligible for the U19 Championships in their first year of senior national competition must compete in the U19 years event. Exception will be given to Pro-Lite riders for a wildcard entry into a maximum of 3 rounds in their first year, providing they can demonstrate a minimum racing experience of 5 events at state level. On having moved to Pro-Lite or a Pro-Open event except for a wildcard entry then a competitor will no longer be eligible for the U19 years championship series.	The Commission discussed with this Kevin Williams and both parties agree to this wording. This will help with the development of younger senior riders which is in the interests of the sport and the riders. The restriction on the 250cc class is for safety reasons.	The Commission recommends this new rule <i>In 2007 the MA Board believes it has merit but requires further discussion and needs refining. First sentence after Competitors add "Eligible for the U19 Championship"</i>	MA	
MX711	Meeting With WEM	MA/ Comm	The commission met with Kevin Williams from WEM and discussed the following topics: U19 Qualifying U19 revised "lite" class Class allocations for the proposed rounds			Comm	
MX712	Under 19 Qualifying	WEM/ Comm		It was agreed to revert back to the 2007 qualifying method that comprised of selection by promoter in consultation with the MXC.	This information will be communicated with the request for expressions of interest and supplementary regulations	Comm	
MX713	Under 19 Machine Class Descriptions	WEM/ Comm	Change GCR 13.2.8 - Category for Australian Motocross Championship - U19 Change to read "Under 19 Lites" to " UNDER 19 "		Rationale: 1. To encourage more competitors by allowing a lower cost machine to compete in this class. 2. To align with changes within the FIM.	MA	
MX714	Under 19 Machine Class Descriptions	WEM/ Comm	Change GCR 17.12.1 - Senior Championship Classes.	Change Under 19 to read - (2-stroke) / up to 250cc.	Rationale: To encourage more competitors by allowing a lower cost machine to compete in this class.	MA	

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MX715	AUSTRALIAN MX CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS ALLOCATION.	WEM/Comm	Privateers in Pro-Open	An entrant's overall championship score will be the cumulative score of their round points from 9 of the 12 Championship rounds.	These 9 results MUST include 2 rounds from the Tasmania, Nth Qld or WA rounds.	MA	
MX716	MEETING WITH RUSH SPORTS	MA/Comm	The commission met with Tony Manson, Operations Manager of Super X Australasia Pty Ltd and discussed the following issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Proposed points scoring system - Proposed race format. - Proposed rider number allocations. - Proposed Team Championship award. - Proposed SX Wildcard entry. - Seeded riders selection - Grid selections - GCR 5.1.1.1.a - Event Officials - Supercross rider development - Ongoing commission communication 	The above discussions were valuable for the Commissions better understanding of the promoters intentions and it was agreed in general that we offer complete support for their proposed changes to SX. These changes will however require changes to the below items 717-724.		Comm	
MX717	SX CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING	Comm	Delete GCR 17.14.4.2/3	The Commission recommends this deletion.	Rationale: The proposed changes within the new SX Championship format will not require the above GCR. The qualifying will be included in the SR's.	MA	
MX718	SX CHAMPIONSHIP GRID POSITIONS	Comm	Delete GCR 17.14.5.1 - 17.14.5.2 - 17.14.5.3	Add new 17.14.5.1 to read: Grid selection will be determined by qualifying times.		MA	
MX719	SX CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE & QUALIFYING	Comm	Change heading of GCR17.14.6 from "Practice" to "Practice and Timed Qualifying".	Delete GCR 17.14.6.1.b.		MA	
MX720	SX CHAMPIONSHIP SUPPORT EVENTS	Comm		Delete GCR 17.14.7.		MA	

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MX721	SX CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS	Comm		Delete GCR 17.14.8		MA	
MX722	SX CHAMPIONSHIP TRACK DESIGN	Comm		The commission recommends that the current SX venue guidelines be sent to the promoters track building contractor to consider the parameters of the guidelines for comments.	The Commission is concerned that the MA safety standards be followed by the SX Promoter.	MA	
MX723	GCR 5.1.1.1.a - IN PROMOTER DRAFT SR's	Comm		Whilst the commission understands the promoters concerns with this rule, we have determined that the GCRs will cover their concerns.		MA	
MX724	SX CHAMPIONSHIP RESTARTS		The commission would like to ask the promoter for their thoughts on restarts. Refer to GCR17.8.3 - Stopping And Restarting of Events where electronic timing is used.	The commission recommends: Restart if less that 2 laps have been completed for original race distance Restart if more than 2 laps have been completed for the balance of uncompleted laps. (in this case both legs of the final will be added together to determine an overall winner) If more than 15 laps have been completed the race will be declared complete.		MA	
MX725	JUNIOR TRAIL BIKES - GCR 12.16.1.1.b		The commission recommends that we add an additional motorcycle model to the above GCR.	Add: KLX140 to the Kawasaki model list.	Rationale: This model fits the parity of this class.	MA	

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MX726	QUAD CAPACITY		The commission discussed the proposal from Michael Andrewartha re "support for an additional quad class"	The commission would like MA to refer this request to the National Quad advisory committee for comments before a recommendation is made.		MA	
MX727	NEW JUNIOR CLASS - 16/18 y/o	S.Moile		The commission does not support this request.	Rationale: The U19 class caters for this area.	N/A	
MX728	PIT BOARDS FOR UNDER 12y/o	MWA	That the use of "pit boards" be allowed in all junior competition.	The commission rejects this request.		N/A	
MX729	CX50 REQUEST	S.Walker		The commission rejects this request.		N/A	
MX730	MXDN - TEAM MANAGER			The commission recommends that expressions of interest for the 2009 MXDN team manager be advertised.		MA	
MX731	QUAD MANAGEMENT			The commission will make direct contact with the Quad Advisory committee to encourage direct dialogue.		Comm	
MX732	KICK START MX692		The commission discussed the Kick Start coaching system and have some reservations regarding the impact it is having on participation.		Rationale: There is anecdotal evidence that there is a sharp decline in young junior participation. A survey from the RCB's would help us to better understand the position.	MA	
MX733	GCR 13.2.9 - Categories for Junior Australian Championships			MOTOCROSS - Change "Up to 250cc 4-Stroke" to "250cc 4-stroke"		MA	

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MX734	SERIES NAMING			The commission recommends that the terms "Nationals" and "Australian" should not be allowed to be associated with any series other than the actual National Championships.		MA	
MX735	CROSS BAR PAD			The commission recommends that GCR 25.2.3.2 be duplicated under chapter 17 as new GCR 17.2.1.5.	Rationale: This safety requirement was not covered in the Motocross chapter.	MA	
MX736	NOISE - GCR 12.10.1.1 MX/SX			The commission recommends the below noise emissions be implemented in 2009. 2-stroke 96dba 4-stroke 94dba	Rationale: Well maintained machines should be able to comply. This will fall in line with current FIM rules. It is recommended that this topic be widely circulated to other sports and the industry.	MA	
MX737	QUAD MX Australian Championship			The commission supports the recommendation by Lance Brenton to add Quad MX classes to the Australian Championships. Add the following classes to GCR 13.2.8 Pro Open - Mens Pro Open - Womens 90cc 2-stroke -110cc 4-stroke - 7yrs -U10 years Standard. 90cc 2-stroke -110cc 4-stroke - 9yrs-U13 years Standard. 90cc 2-stroke -110cc 4-stroke - 9yrs-U13 years Modified. 200cc 2-stroke -300cc 4-stroke - 12yrs-U16yrs		MA	

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MX738	JUNIOR GIRLS AUSTRALIAN MX CHAMPIONSHIP			<p>The commission in consultation with the Junior Commission discussed the proposal to add junior girl classes to the 2008 Australian Junior Motocross Championship. It was discussed that entrants should not be able to enter more than one title. I.e. The new junior women's class and the same class in the current championship. The commission would like MA to advise on the legal stand point to this request.</p> <p>The commission recommend the following rule: "A competitor who is eligible for more than one class because of age and bike capacity can only enter one of these classes.</p>		MA	
MX739	2009 JUNIOR MOTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIPS			<p>The commission in consultation with the Junior MXC agreed that the event should be awarded to the MARFA Sale Motorcycle Club. Inc.</p>		MA	
MX740	TRANSPONDERS IN AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS			<p>The commission recommends that transponders MUST be used in all Junior and Senior rounds of the Australian Motocross and Supercross championships.</p>		MA	
MX741	STARTING SIGNAL BOARD			<p>Change from 30/5 to 15/5</p>		MA	

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MX742	CAREER NUMBERS			<p>The commission recommend the below new selection criteria for Career Numbers for the top 20 National Riders in the Pro-Lite and Pro-Open classes for MX and SX. This will supersede GCR 17.14.3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The top 20 riders for the 2009 championship will be determined by their overall average results from the past 3 seasons of national championships. 2. For 2010 onwards the selection process will be determined by a rider's aggregate result from the previous years SX/MX Championship. 3. The no.1 plate in each class will be allocated to the winner of the previous year's championship. 4. If the recipient of the no.1 plate chooses not to use the number 1 plate it will NOT be allocated to any other rider. 5. The number one plate holder will use a red back ground regardless of the number they select for the season. 6. Riders positioned from ranking number 2-20 will then be able to apply to the commission for a career number for consideration. 7. A career number can be retained by a rider for such time that they do not compete in a national championship round for a period of 12 months. 	Proposal held pending further feedback from promoters	Comm	

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MX743	PENALTIES FOR NOISE INFRINGEMENTS			The commission recommends the below penalty for entrants breaching the noise emission GCR 12.10. Add: New GCR 17.3.0.2 A rider will be relegated by one position if they are found to be racing with a motorcycle that does meet GCR 12.10. This includes machines that were approved during scrutineering.		MA	
MX744	FREESTYLE PROPOSAL FROM RYAN APPS.			A Commission representative will make further enquiries with freestyle specialists before finalising a response		Comm	
MX745	QUAD APPLICATION			Need a formal application.		Appl	

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