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## Speedway Commission Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Speedway meeting held at the Airport Convention Centre-Melbourne on May 3 & 4, 2008.

**PRESENT:** Jane Collier-Chairman  
Mick Poole  
Rod Colquhoun

**APOLOGY:** Ivan Golding

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Nil

Item No.	Issue	Raised By	Recommended / Proposed Action	Decision	Rationale / Consultation	Lead	Action Date
ST498	Suggested Rule Change	Comm	Rule 19.1.2.3 currently reads: In the case of jackets and trousers, provision must be made to attach the rear of the jacket securely to the trousers.	The Commission recommends that rule 19.1.2.3 be altered to read: <b>"When trousers and are worn, provision shall be made to securely attach the jacket to the trousers by press studs, buttons, laces, Velcro or zippers. The trousers and jacket must be attached while competing".</b>	The current rule allows for competitors to compete with the jacket and trousers not attached.	MA	
ST499	Suggested Rule Change	Comm	Rule 19.2.3.33 currently reads: The exhaust must be attached to the machine at minimum of 2 locations on frame, 1 to the rear and to the cylinder head.	The Commission recommends that rule 19.2.3.33 be altered to read: <b>"The exhaust must be attached to the machine at minimum of 3 locations, 2 on frame (1 to the rear), in addition to the 1 on the cylinder head".</b>	To clear up the misinterpretation as to how many fixing points must be on an exhaust system Also include in the junior sidecar section (19.4.2) – currently there is nothing in there about exhausts.	MA	
ST500	Suggested rule deletions	Comm	Delete reference to 250cc Intermediate Speedway which is shown at rule 19.8	Delete section 19.8 of the rule book	The class does not exist, so why have rules for it?	MA	
ST501	Suggested rule alteration	Comm	Rule section 19.11.5 "New Competitor" currently reads:	The Commission recommends that the heading be altered to take out	Has nothing to do with a new competitor, it can be any competitor.	MA	

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			<p>19.11.5.1 A competitor who has entered for a meeting may practice on a machine on the track before the commencement of the meeting where the competitor has:</p> <p>a) not ridden on the track previously,</p> <p>b) Had an accident, which has damaged the machine so as to require major repairs to the frame.</p>	<p>"New Competitor" as this is not correct. Recommend that the heading be changed to:  <b>"Competitors"</b></p>			
ST502	Suggested rule alteration to amend spelling mistake	Comm	<p>19.12.10.9 The finishing order of each competitor in the final will determine Championship placings. After completion of the series if any of the 4 points scorers are tied the respective positions shall be decided by run-off.</p>	<p>19.12.10.9 The finishing order of each competitor in the final will determine Championship placings. After <b>completion</b> of the series if any of the 4 points scorers are tied the respective positions shall be decided by run-off.</p>	Correction on spelling of word "completion".	MA	

ST503	Rule amendment	Comm	<p>19.15 World Championship Selection – Speedway</p> <p>19.15.1.1 The placings from the Australian Speedway Championships will be the basis for selection for all Speedway World Championships, World Cups and World Qualifying Events.</p> <p>19.15.1.1 In making the selection, matters other than placings in the Australian Speedway Championships will be considered, including residency, and the competitor's form, and fitness prior to the proposed event. The suitability of the competitor for the venue will also be considered.</p> <p>19.15.1.3 Competitors with exceptional circumstances who do not participate in the Australian Championships may also be considered provided they notify MA in Writing prior to the relevant Australian Championship why they are unavailable for the event.</p> <p>19.15.1.4 A qualifying competitor who declines selection will be replaced.</p> <p>19.15.1.5 The MA Team Manager will make recommendations to MA based on the above criteria.</p>	<p>19.15. World Championship Selection – Open Solo</p> <p>19.15.1 Eligibility &amp; Qualifying</p> <p>19.15.1.1 The placings from the Australian Speedway Championship will dictate the following:</p> <p>The highest placed Australian rider who has not already achieved World Championship qualification for the following year will be qualifier 1. The next highest will be qualifier 2. The riders who will occupy the third and any additional positions (where applicable) will be chosen by the Speedway Commission of Motorcycling Australia.</p> <p>Should a rider who qualifies choose to forfeit his or her right to participate in the subsequent rounds, again the Commission will choose the replacement rider (s).</p> <p>19.15.1.2 World Championship Selection – Under 21 Solo</p> <p>The placings from the Australian Speedway Championship will dictate the following:</p> <p>The highest placed Australian rider will be qualifier 1. The next highest will be qualifier 2. The riders who will occupy the third and any additional positions (where applicable) will be chosen by the Speedway Commission of Motorcycling Australia.</p> <p>Should a rider who qualifies choose to forfeit his or her right to participate in the subsequent rounds, again the Commission will choose the replacement rider (s).</p> <p>World Cup</p> <p>The Riders for the FIM World Cup are will be chosen by the Australian</p>	<p>Leaves no question about the selection criteria for World and International championships at all levels.</p>	MA	
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				<p>Speedway Team Manager in consultation with the Motorcycling Australia Speedway Commission (if he so desires) and the Team Captain. Team selection will be based on current form, previous achievements, suitability to the venue and willingness to represent Australia.</p> <p>FIM Gold Trophy Selection – Sidecar / Under 16 solo The placings from the Australian Speedway Championship will dictate the following: The highest placed Australian rider will be qualifier 1. The next highest will be qualifier 2. The riders who will occupy the third and any additional positions (where applicable) will be chosen by the Speedway Commission of Motorcycling Australia. Should a rider who qualifies choose to forfeit his or her right to participate in the subsequent event, again the Commission will choose the replacement rider (s).</p> <p>Inability to compete – (Applies to Open, Under 21, and Gold Trophy events). Riders who are unable to compete in the National Championship due to exceptional circumstances, but have previously shown strong support for Australian Speedway, may be considered for selection. This avenue is only open where the rider in question has informed MA in writing prior to the event, stating his reasons for non participation.</p>			
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ST504	Rule amendment	Comm	Rule 19.11.6.2 currently reads: "A junior licence holder who has turned 15 years and who in the opinion of a MA accredited coach is capable of handling a 500cc solo Speedway machine may give a demonstration during a break in the Senior program. Only one rider in this category is allowed on the track at one time".	Proposed Change Juniors 19.11.6.2 A junior license holder who has turned 15 years <b>and 9 months</b> of age and who in the opinion of the of a MA accredited coach is capable of handling a 500cc solo Speedway machine may give a demonstration during a break on the Senior program. Maximum of <b>2 riders on the track at one time starting on opposite sides of the track</b>	Brings speedway rules in line with rules in other discipline	MA
ST505	Rule amendment	Comm	Rule 19.4.2.3 currently reads: Junior Sidecar competitors on junior sidecar machines are allowed to practice on senior tracks. NOTE: Both rider and passenger must be aged 15 years, and only 1 machine at a time is allowed.	Suggested addition and change <b>19.4.2.3 a) Junior sidecar competitors on junior sidecar machines are allowed to compete on senior tracks to a maximum length of 450 meters.</b> b) Rider and passenger using machine must be 14 to 16 years of age c) Riders must be assessed by an accredited coach prior to competition	This alteration will bring the Junior sidecars in to line with the 350cc Solos where riders between the age of 14 and 16 are able to ride on a senior track.	MA
ST506		Comm	<u>Australian Solo Championship Series</u> Top 10 Australian International Riders be invited by Speedway Commission to compete in Australian Championship. State champions are not seeded straight in to Championship. 2 qualifying meetings be held – 1 for VIC, SA & WA, 1 for NSW & QLD. Each Qualifying meeting would be 16 rider x 20 heats. \$25 per point. Finishing order would be selection order form title. Qualifying meetings be held in early December. Minimum of 2 riders form each qualifying group to proceed into championship series. In the event an odd number of places available for championship commission would select rider. Supp Regulation be available from 1st	The Commission agrees with this submission.	Providing clear and early information to rider, so that they are able to make plans well in advance	MA

			September, Entries for Qualifying meeting close 1st November. Invited riders must reply by at least 1 week prior to 1st qualifying meeting.				
ST507		Comm	Nomination fee for Australian Championships	Riders would send a \$100 nomination fee with entries to MA. MA would not process payment/cheque unless rider failed to withdraw from meeting.	Reduce the number of riders who nominate for Australian Championship but do not turn up.	MA	
ST508		Comm	Australian Championships for "Classic" Speedway Bikes	Commission has no objection but would like comments from riders who would be most likely competing to see if they want. Also minimum numbers would have to be stipulated for class to be recognised as Australian Championship class		MA	
ST509		Comm	Australian Championships for Junior Sidecars	Commission has no objection. Minimum of number of 12 entries would have to be reached for class to be recognised as Australian Championship.		MA	
ST510			Australian Solo Championship meetings with Sidecar Support events. This may help with attracting larger numbers of supporters to meeting.	To seek comment from riders, if approved track preparations would have to happen after every sidecar race prior to solo's racing.	Commission to seek comments from riders.	Comm	
ST511	Proposed Addition		Medical Certificates a) If a rider suffers an injury on the track and is admitted to hospital, he/she shall not be permitted to compete again until he procures a medical certificate stating that he/she is fit to resume riding at a speedway. b) The medical certificate must be signed by the Doctor or Specialist who treated the rider for the initial injury. c) This medical certificate (clearance) should be sent to the LCB or presented to the referee.		To prevent competitors who are medically unfit competing and placing other competitors in danger.	MA	
ST512	Proposed Addition		Absenteeism	Proposed Addition Absenteeism a) A rider entered for a meeting who can not take part must inform the organisers as soon as possible	Reduce the number of competitors that nominate for events but do not turn up.	MA	



				<p>stating an acceptable and valid reason. Failure to do so or if the reasons given are considered not valid the rider must be reported by the organiser to the referee of the meeting who can impose penalties.</p> <p>b) A rider entered for a meeting who does not take part is obliged to inform the organiser and give justification for his/her absence; in failing to do so, or in case of giving reasons that the found to be insufficient the promoter shall inform the LCB so disciplinary action can be taken.</p> <p>c) A rider who does not take part in a meeting for which he entered and has been accepted and who, on the same day, the day before or the day after rides in another meeting, shall be suspended and awaiting sentence to be taken by the LCB concerned unless he/she has received prior approval from the appropriate authorities.</p>			
ST513	Proposed Addition		Speedway Mechanic	<p>The mechanics shall dress in appropriate and safe clothing for their duties. They must wear footwear that is completely enclosed.</p> <p>It is recommended mechanics be dressed in pit uniforms for a specific rider, team, dealer team, factory team or dress in overalls. Promoter may specify pit attire.</p>	Makes mechanics easier to identify and makes the sport look more professional.	MA	
ST514	Proposed Addition		<p>a) It is the sole responsibility of the competitor to select a helmet and clothing which provide appropriate protection. Any standard of approvals mentioned in the Rules should be regarded as a minimum only and protective gear should always be checked to see that it is in good order.</p> <p>b) Competitors shall rely on their own</p>	<p>Protective clothing</p> <p>Scrutineers may confiscate protective equipment if they feel that it is not suitable for use. The equipment will be returned to the competitor at the end of the meeting. Memo to be sent out to scrutineers</p>	Some Competitors are using equipment after it has been rejected by scrutineers as being unsafe. If held by scrutineer until after the race meeting will make officials jobs easier.	MA	

			judgement in the selection of protection equipment for correctness of fit, durability and level of protection provided.																																																																		
ST515	Proposed Addition/Alteration		19.2.1.13 pg 162 Dirt Deflector. MA currently does not have anything mentioned about the pivot of the Dirt Deflector or the tension.	FIM Rule – 58.03.9 A mechanism must maintain constant function of the pivot arrangement and be able to return the dirt deflector 'flap' to its normal operating position with minimal delay.	To measure the tension provided by the mechanism of the dirt deflector, a vertical balance shall be used to measure an equivalent minimum pre-load of 2.5kg for dirt deflectors used in Speedway and 8kg for dirt deflector used for Long Track and 1045cc Sidecars.	MA																																																															
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ST517	Australian Championship Finals			The Commission recommends that the top 3 riders go straight into the final, with the next 4 riders running off for the final position.		MA																																																															
ST518	MA Environmental and sustainability			Recommendation: All speedway	Memo to be sent out to all riders/clubs/tracks.	MA																																																															

	policy			bikes must have something placed on ground under bike to collect any discharge: ie: fuel, coolant, oils, degreaser or cleaning agents.		
ST519			Concerns: Numbers of speedway license holders who are commenting on rule changes that they are not aware of. At present commission minutes are distributed to SCB's and available on web	Action: Commission looking at ways for riders to get information to speedway license holders for further comments		Comm
ST520	Rider Concerns	Safety	Ongoing issue -	Airfence – discussed.		Comm

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