



Meeting Minutes

Specialized Sport Commission

2023 Rule Proposals & Agenda Items

Sept. 14, 2022

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting: 9:06pm Eastern

- a. Comments by the AMA Track Racing Manager – Ken Saillant (& Alexandria Reasoner)
 - Welcome. Looking to alter the commission meeting plans, being that the new intent would be for there to be a minimum of four meetings per year: two in the Spring, two in the Fall. Plan is for there to be a discussion meeting, public posting of the minutes and then a final vote meeting.
 - In person option still on the table, just was not possible to coordinate for this year.
 - Reminder to renew the Commission application by October 15th for the next two-year term. Form is different and includes the request for a head shot for credentials and shirt size.
- b. Comments by the Commission Chair – Delvene Reber
 - Welcome. The meeting today is to vote on the proposals we discussed last meeting. We have enough attending to constitute our quorum.
- c. Take attendance

Name	Present	Absent With Notice	Absent Without Notice
Mike Bronk	X		
Robert Coy			X
Alex Mock			X
James O'Connell			X
Delvene Reber	X		
Shane Sandmeyer	X		
Erin Sills			X
Curtis Smith	X		
Leslie Wolfe	X		

2. Proposal Items

3. Agenda Items

4. Closing of Meeting: 9:30pm Eastern

Proposal Items

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**American Motorcyclist Association
Proposal for Rulebook Revision**

Specialized Sports Commission Proposal Item

Proposal: SS-13472445 Page: 163 Section: 3.3 Chapter: C Paragraph: 2

CURRENT

2. In Hillclimb events only, if a rider’s physical stature is such that they can't reach the ground with both feet, blocks may be used but must be removed immediately after the start.

PROPOSED

Remove

Reason

Same rule in 3.6 Hillclimb - A -7 page 194

Blocks/stands/etc. may be used for the rider to put their feet on while at the line, as long as they are removed by their pit crew after that rider's attempt.

Submission

Mike Bronk

Discussion

MB: Reason for removing is duplicate wording in the track racing section, it is still located in the Hillclimb Section.

No objections by the commission for keeping this as-is for a final vote.

MOTIONS	Made: <u>Mike B</u>	Second: <u>Les W</u>		
VOTE	For: <u>5</u>	Against: <u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>	
DECISION	Yes: <u>X</u>	No: _____	Amended: _____	Tabled: _____



American Motorcyclist Association Proposal for Rulebook Revision

Specialized Sports Commission Proposal Item

Proposal: SS-13456438 Page: 203-206 Section: 3.6 Chapter: B Paragraph: 9

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AA Events and Classes

AA classes:

Class Name	Class Definition
450 AA	Motorcycles displacing between 251 and 450cc, regardless of engine configuration
600 AA	Motorcycles displacing between 451 and 600cc, regardless of engine configuration
800 AA	Motorcycles displacing between 601 and 800cc, regardless of engine configuration
Open AA	Motorcycles displacing at least 801cc, regardless of engine configuration

AA rules:

1. The following rules apply to all AA classes:
 - a. AA machines are allowed to run rubber paddle tires, either as originally manufactured or retread/remanufactured. No tire chains, bolts, screws, or any other metal traction devices are allowed.
 - b. AA machines are allowed to run the following fuels (including premix or injected 2-stroke oil as appropriate):
 - (1) Gasoline
 - (2) Gasoline/alcohol blends (whether originally offered for sale in that blend, such as E85, or blended after sale)
 - (3) Pure alcohol
 - c. No other types of fuels or fuel additives/supplements are to be allowed, including but not limited to nitrous oxide, propylene oxide, or nitro methane.
 - d. No forced induction is allowed – only naturally-aspirated carburetion or fuel injection.
 - e. Fuel pumps are allowed, whether OEM or aftermarket.
 - f. All AA classes are eligible to compete for cash prizes in lieu of/in addition to non-cash awards such as trophies.
 - (1) The payback rate for all AA classes must be at least 50% of class entry fees.
 - (2) Additional funds, such as from event sponsors, may be added to the cash purse.

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- (3) The payback schedule and any guaranteed amounts must be advertised by the club/promoter and adhered to on race day.
- g. AA riders must be at least 14 years old on race day.
 - h. AA classes may be run at the same event as amateur/youth/ATV classes, or at dedicated events, at the club/promoter's discretion. Clubs/promoters must advertise their events appropriately, designating whether or not AA classes will be offered/run.
 - i. Because AA classes are a separate designation from amateur, youth, and ATV classes, they are not compulsory for inclusion in the AMA Hillclimb Grand Championship. The hosting club/promoter may choose whether or not they wish to offer/run AA classes at the national/grand championship and advertise the event appropriately.
 - j. Clubs have the right to offer/run additional classes as exhibition as they see fit. As noted in the amateur section, it is strongly advised to keep such classes in general conformation with the general AMA AA rules and with your event insurance policy.
 - k. If the total purse to be paid out is more than \$3,000, a Pro-Am sanction must be used.

Riders competing in AA classes incur no change in eligibility to compete in amateur or ATV classes.

Hill Drags Events and Classes

Hill drags are events in which riders compete 2 at a time, head-to-head in a bracketed drag race format, in either single or double elimination. In the simplest sense, it is a drag race...on a hill.

1. Riders competing in hill drags must wear MX-style goggles.
2. The hill must be at least 40 feet wide at all points.
3. An appropriate electronic timing system must be used that provides automated functionality for staging, lighting the start light, red-lighting early starts, and determining the first rider to cross the finish line.
 - a. A full "pro tree" is not required but may be used if desired.
 - b. Overall and/or per-lane elapsed times are not required but may be used if desired.
4. Double elimination is recommended for all classes (besides Top Eliminator), although single elimination may be used at the club's discretion.
5. Top Eliminator is a single elimination class.
6. Hill drags are cash purse events. Payback must be at least 50% of class entries. Additional funds may be added to

the purse at the club's discretion, such as from event sponsors.

7. Each rider must cross the finish line in the same lane they started in.
8. The club may delineate lanes on a portion (or all) of the hill. Riders who cross the lane boundary will be disqualified, with the win automatically being awarded to the other rider.
9. Riders who cause a crash will be disqualified. The determination of who caused a crash will be made by the acting referee, whose judgment is final.
10. No contact is allowed in lane-marked areas, even if the tires of the machine do not cross boundary lines. The rider causing contact in a lane-marked area will be disqualified (note that both riders can be disqualified if the blame is equal).
11. In the event that both riders are disqualified (for example, if at some point both riders crossed lane boundaries) then that match will be re-run once. If on the re-run both riders are disqualified again, the rider who made the furthest distance up the hill before being disqualified will be declared the winner.
12. Riders must be at least 16 years of age to compete in a hill drags event.
13. Machine eligibility will be in accordance with the amateur rules section.
14. The rider who wins the loser's bracket must defeat the winner of the winner's bracket twice in order to win the class if the format is double-elimination.
15. Brackets must be posted in the staging area and updated match-by-match.
16. By-runs are not compulsory, a rider may opt not to ride a by-run and will advance normally.

Hill Drags classes:

The club is free to define whatever classes they like based on general conformity with the amateur rules, although here are suggested classes for a 6-class event (plus Top Eliminator):

Class Name	Class Definition
250	Motorcycles displacing up to 250cc, regardless of engine configuration
450	Motorcycles displacing between 251 and 450cc, regardless of engine configuration
600	Motorcycles displacing between 451 and 600cc, regardless of engine configuration
800	Motorcycles displacing between 601 and 800cc, regardless of engine configuration
Open	Motorcycles displacing at least 801cc, regardless of engine configuration
ATV	Any 4-wheeled ATV
Top Eliminator	The top 2 riders from each class (except ATV) will compete for Top Eliminator in single elimination. Starting matches will be assigned by random draw.

Suggested classes for a 4-class event (plus Top Eliminator):

Class Name	Class Definition
250	Motorcycles displacing up to 250cc, regardless of engine configuration
450	Motorcycles displacing between 251 and 450cc, regardless of engine configuration
600	Motorcycles displacing between 451 and 600cc, regardless of engine configuration
Open	Motorcycles displacing at least 601cc, regardless of engine configuration
Top Eliminator	The top 2 riders from each class will compete for Top Eliminator in single elimination. Starting matches will be assigned by random draw.

C. European Hillclimb

European Hillclimb is a series of trials against time and/or distance, or a series of match races against time and/or distance on a paved or graded road surface ascending a hill.

PROPOSED

Replace with:

Hill Drags Events

Hill drags are events in which riders compete 2 at a time, head-to head in a bracketed drag race format, in either single or double elimination. ~~In the simplest sense, it is a drag race...on a hill.~~

Reason

We do not use this info for any events.

Submission

Mike Bronk

Discussion

MB: These classifications are not used for any events: the update would be a simpler listing of what a Hill Drag race is.

JO: (via email): Circled Classes on the replacement wording with a question mark. Are there classes in Hill Drag events?

MB: Remove 'and classes' from Proposed wording.

No objections from the commission to include for a vote.

9/14/22 KS- I would remove the last sentence, it does not add anything to the definition.

MOTIONS Made: Mike B Second: Shane S
VOTE For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
DECISION Yes: _____ No: _____ Amended: X Tabled: _____



**American Motorcyclist Association
Proposal for Rulebook Revision**

Specialized Sports Commission Proposal Item

Proposal: SS-13456387 Page: 195 Section: 3.6 Chapter: A Paragraph: 21

CURRENT

21. AMA Pro Racing Hillclimb Pro Sport-licensed riders can race at the AMA Hillclimb Grand Championship

PROPOSED

Remove

Reason

There are not any AMA Pro Racing Hillclimb Pro Sport-licensed riders

Submission

Mike Bronk

Discussion

MB: Removal of a rule that is no longer applicable. Hillclimb Pro-Sport-licensed riders do not exist.

JO: (via email) in favor of this change. No objections from the Commission for inclusion for a vote.

MOTIONS	Made: <u>Mike B</u>	Second: <u>Les W</u>
VOTE	For: <u>5</u>	Against: <u>0</u> Abstain: <u>0</u>
DECISION	Yes: <u>X</u>	No: _____ Amended: _____ Tabled: _____



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Proposal: SS-LSR

Page: 288

Section: 3.11

Chapter: Preface

Paragraph: All

CURRENT

The Rules of Competition is a guide for the conduct of the sport pursuant to uniform rules. Rules directed or related to safety, are intended to make all individuals concerned with safety, but the AMA warrants neither safety nor compliance with an enforcement of the rules. In addition, the AMA does not endorse or certify any manufacturers or products. Moreover, each competition participant has the responsibility to assess the safety aspects of the facilities and conditions and shall assume the risk of competition.

These Supplemental Regulations are an appendix to the appropriate AMA rules governing all activities under their sanction. The appropriate Fédération Internationale de Motocyclisme (FIM) regulations govern all entrants seeking to establish FIM world records.

The AMA rules will apply to any disciplinary action, protestor appeal related to all AMA participants.

Responsibility for compliance with all competition provisions rests with each participant. Each will have the obligation to learn and understand all appropriate rules and regulations. By participating in meets governed by these rules, you are agreeing to comply with all rules stated within this document.

The AMA, the promoter, sponsors, and officials do not set engineering and design standards for the meet racecourse. AT NO TIME ARE THERE ANY WARRANTIES, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, THAT COVER SAFETY THAT RESULTS FROM COMPLIANCE WITH RULES WITHIN THE DOCUMENT. THESE RULES IN NO WAY PROVIDE A GUARANTEE TO ANY ENTRANT, RIDER, SPECTATOR OR MEET OFFICIAL AGAINST INJURY OR DEATH.

Participants are solely responsible for their safety and should assess their own ability to negotiate the racecourse. Participants who doubt the competence of track officials, have concerns about safety of the racecourse or their own ability to negotiate the course, or who are uncertain about the condition of their motorcycle or uncertain or doubt the competence of fellow competitors, shall not participate and should request the return of their entry fee before competitive activity begins. The promoters and their assigned officials are empowered to interpret and, as necessary, to enact minor adjustments to any of these supplemental regulations. Any such adjustments are subject to compliance with the governing rules of the AMA.

These Supplementary Regulations, subject to change without notice, shall uniformly apply to all participants. Should any changes occur, those changes will supersede all previous rules. Subject to the protest and appeal provisions of the AMA rules, all decisions made by the promoters and assigned officials are final. A completed event registration form is mandatory for all entrants.

PROPOSED

Remove

Reason

All the statements in the preface are carryover from when the Land Speed Rules were a supplemental regulation to the AMA Racing rules. Items are located in the preface of the AMA Racing rules (prior to contents), Chapter 3.1 A, Chapter 4, etc.

Keep the "Note"; section make that the only preface.

Submission

Delvene Reber

Discussion

None: this has been added to the minutes by request of the commission.

MOTIONS Made: Curtis S Second: Shane S
VOTE For: 5 Against: 0 Abstain: 0
DECISION Yes: X No: _____ Amended: _____ Tabled: _____