



Meeting Minutes
2019 AMA Congress Meeting

Off-Road Commission

Friday, December 6, 2019
Hilton Columbus Downtown

1. Opening of Meeting

- a. Comments by the AMA Off-Road Manager – Erek Kudla
- b. Comments by the Commission Chair – Merle Compton
- c. Take attendance

Attendance

Meg Argubright – P

Jaren Bolton – AWN

Bill Bromley – AW/ON

Daniel Compton – P

Merle Compton – P

Charles Davis – P

Doug Everdyke – P

Steve Fenton – AWN

Jerry Fouts – AWN – John Davis D36 Alt.

Jim Geddes – P

Jerry Grabow – AWN

Jay Hall – AWN

Chris Halverson – P

Kenneth Held – P

Bill Howell – AWN

Charlie Klien – P

Alan Mathwig – AWN – Tom Alvarez D23 Alt.

Rod Overstreet – AWN

Tom Pendergast – AWN

Ken Rose – AWN

Sue Rose – AWN

Ed Santin – P

Jim Simmons – AW/ON

Travis Ward – AW/ON

2019 Chair – Merle Compton

2020 Chair – Jim Geddes

2. Proposal Items

- a. OF-1219-1 Add “she” to Official Duties and Authorities
- b. OF-1219-2 Clarifying that Checkpoints Serve as Scoring
- c. OF-1219-3 Previous Two Advancement Years of Participation Counting Towards Total

3. Agenda Items

- a. OF-A1219-1 Off-Road Referee Training Course Update
- b. OF-A1219-2 Electric Motorcycles
- c. OF-A1219-3 Two-Way Radio Transmissions for Hare and Hound
- d. OF-A1219-4 Off-Road Master Referee Program
- e. OF-A1219-5 Event vs. Competition Referee
- f. OF-A1219-6 Definition of Big Wheel Minicycle
- g. OF-A1219-7 Upper Body Protection

4. Closing of Meeting



**American Motorcyclist Association
Proposal for Rulebook Revision**

Off-Road Commission Proposal Item

**Proposal: OF-1219-1
Adding "She" to Officials Duties and Authorities**

Current

Appendix A, Referee, Page 283

Officials Duties and Authorities

The referee is the principal officer of a meet, acting as general supervisor. He does not, however, carry out the duties of any other official.

Proposed (Proposed changes in **bold**)

Officials Duties and Authorities

The referee is the principal officer of a meet, acting as general supervisor. He ~~or she~~ does not, however, **and must not** carry out the duties of any other official.

Reason

Inclusiveness for male and female referees.

Submission

Meg Argubright

Discussion

VOTE

For: XXX Against:

DECISION

Yes: XXX No: Amended: XXX

12 for / 0 against

Notes: Any instance where it says "he" or "She", make it "they" or appropriate non-gender wording. Recommend to "Sporting committee" to change all rules in AMA rulebook where it is not directly referencing Gender to a non-gender wording.



**American Motorcyclist Association
Proposal for Rulebook Revision**

Off-Road Commission Proposal Item

**Proposal: OF-1219-2
Clarifying that Checkpoints Serve as Scoring**

Current

Section 2, Chapter 9, Paragraph C, Page 109

3.a. Your official score will be based on how many times you came through scoring not the distance you have completed on course.

Proposed (Proposed changes in **bold**)

3.a. Your official score will be based on how many times you came through scoring, **or how many official checkpoints you successfully make it to**, not the distance you have completed on course.

Reason

Clarifying that check points serve as scoring.

Submission

Erek Kudla

Discussion

VOTE

For: _____XXX_____ Against: _____

DECISION

Yes: _____ No: _____ Amended: _____

No Notes: 12 For / 0 Against



**American Motorcyclist Association
Proposal for Rulebook Revision**

Off-Road Commission Proposal Item

**Proposal: OF-1219-3
Previous Two Advancement Years Counting Towards Total**

Current

Section 2, Chapter 1, Paragraph 4, Page 62

B. (4) If a rider doesn't meet any of the above criteria, they may not participate in the C classification if they have raced C the previous two advancement years and have an ORPV of 13.0 or higher.

Proposed (Proposed changes in **bold**)

B. (4) If a rider doesn't meet any of the above criteria, they may not participate in the C classification if they have raced C **the previous two advancement years** and have an ORPV of 13.0 or higher.

Reason

When calculating a "previous two advancement year's total", any amount of participation counts towards the total, including a DNF, and 13.0 is a very shallow threshold to meet.

Submission

Erek Kudla

Discussion

VOTE

For: ___xxx___ Against: _____

DECISION

Yes: ___xxx___ No: _____ Amended: ___xxx___

12 for / 0 Against

Notes: Take out B(4) completely as the intended proposal was to remove the 13.0 RPV for 2 years all together as a single year of participation can mean 1 race or even a DNF



**American Motorcyclist Association
Agenda Item for Discussion**

Off-Road Commission Agenda Item

Agenda: OF-A1219-1 Off-Road Referee Training Course Update

Item

Under Off-Road Section 2.3 A. General Rules of the Meet, it states: At any meet, if there are more than five, but fewer than 12 riders in each of any two consecutive classes, these classes may be run at the same time (for separate prizes). In any advertised class with fewer than five entries, the class must be run, scored and awarded but may be combined with a similar ability or equipment class. This is not aligned with the referee training and needs to be corrected in Off-Road referee training.

Submission

Meg Argubright

Notes: Ere is in the process of updating all referee training.



American Motorcyclist Association Agenda Item for Discussion

Off-Road Commission Agenda Item

Agenda: OF-A1219-2 Electric Motorcycles

Item

Gain better understanding of when/how electric motorcycle racing will be integrated into off-road racing.

Submission

Meg Argubright



**American Motorcyclist Association
Agenda Item for Discussion**

Off-Road Commission Agenda Item

**Agenda: OF-A1219-3
Two-Way Radio Transmission for Hare and Hound**

Item

Currently, in the 2019 Rulebook, under 'Offenses' Section 4.2 8, the following is listed: Receiving any form of prohibited outside assistance, including, but not limited to, receiving radio transmissions while in competition. To discuss the challenges and opportunities of allowing racers to use two-way radio transmissions while in competition.

Submission

Meg Argubright



**American Motorcyclist Association
Agenda Item for Discussion**

Off-Road Commission Agenda Item

**Proposal: OF-A1219-4
Off-Road Master Referee Program**

Item

Discuss what it means to have a Master Ref program, and what is needed to help make it happen.

Submission

Meg Argubright



American Motorcyclist Association Agenda Item for Discussion

Off-Road Commission Agenda Item

**Proposal: OF-A1219-5
Event vs. Competition Referee**

Item

For National Series* Discuss "Referee" role as currently defined, and discuss a potential Event referee vs. a Competition referee. Currently, for National club-based series', the general referee is determined by the Club when filing the sanction. For the National series promoters, this makes it increasingly difficult when ensuring consistent decisions are made for the series across the season, and an unnecessary tension between the who acting partners. This affects OEM, team and racer participation.

Submission

Meg Argubright



American Motorcyclist Association Agenda Item for Discussion

Off-Road Commission Agenda Item

**Proposal: OF-A1219-6
Definition of Big Wheel Minicycle**

Item

Motorcycle: The rules state that a Super mini can be 74cc-112cc 2 Stroke or 90cc-150cc 4 stroke. I would like to clarify that a big wheel does not have to be 98cc or larger. I am not sure where that was derived or by what parameters were used. If a bike is powered by one of the above motor sizes and is a 16" rear and 19" front, it should be considered a Big Wheel. There is only one manufacturer that makes a 98cc or larger 2-stroke model out the door. That is Kawasaki. We are creating a monopoly with that manufacturer. All other motors must be modified to attain that goal. EG: RM 85 big wheel must be moded. KTM 85 Big Wheel must be moded. This is extremely costly and difficult to enforce. Additionally it makes the bikes less reliable then the manufacturer intended. Classes Affected - All C Women classes, all Schoolboy classes, potentially any adult class that allows Big Wheel models

Submission

Kenneth Held

Notes: Erek will review the rule and the intent to ensure it is correct.



American Motorcyclist Association Agenda Item for Discussion

Off-Road Commission Agenda Item

Agenda: OR-A1219-7 Upper Body Protection

Item

Presented for discussion and feedback by the Medical and Safety Commission

The Medical/Safety Commission has been researching and working on a proposal for upper body protection. As you know, All racing disciplines with the exception of trials place the rider at risk for injuries to the sternum, ribs and thoracic spine. The underlying soft tissues such as the lungs and heart are also placed at risk. Because of the physical maturity and structural development of Youth athletes under the age of 14, they are at risk for commotio cordis, which occurs after a direct blow to the sternum. This may lead to sudden cardiac death. Protection from roost related to rocks may also allow better concentration of the rider and potentially allow safer racing. Also, modern chest/back protectors are well ventilated to reduce heat load to the rider.

Based on this data, the Medical Safety Commission is going to be moving forward a proposal that will make upper body protection mandatory for youth riders under the age of 14 competing in any speed related racing disciplines. When looking at the landscape of the current racing disciplines, the only racing discipline that we see not fitting into a "speed event" would be Trials.

Because this type of rule would impact multiple racing disciplines, we are seeking input and feedback from all of the racing commissions with regards to how or what impact a mandatory rule for upper body protection could have on specific disciplines of racing. Below is what we have determined is the best proposal to try and implement for 2021, with the intent of reviewing the deployment of a new rule and if it might warrant "mandatory for all racers" status in the future.

Please review the proposal and submit a written response to the Medical Safety Commission no later than March 6, 2020. This response should include bullet points of support, concerns, or any recommendations of what modifications you believe would better suit your specific type of racing.

Notes: suggest doing it for youth only classes to make enforcement more streamline.

Proposed Change

E. Competition Apparel

1. Protective pants made of leather or other durable material and long sleeve jerseys must be worn.

2. When a riding jersey or other apparel is used for rider identification, it is recommended that an 8-inch high number be on the back, and the number be of contrasting colors. ***When a back protector is worn outside of the jersey, the number should be placed on the back protector.***

3. Boots must be worn in all meets. They must be at least 8 inches high with any combination of laces, buckles, or zippers, or be specially designed and constructed for foot and leg protection.

4. A chest and back protector must be worn for all competitors under the age of 14 (at the date of competition). The protector may be worn under or over the jersey. It must cover the sternum anterior ribs, posterior ribs, and spine from T1 to T 12. For road racing a back protector must be worn under their leathers unless integrated into the design of the leathers .

5. It is recommended that riders use the available protective equipment (i.e. gloves, neck brace, and knee protectors) to help protect against the possibility of injury.

6. All riders must utilize a shatterproof face shield or shatterproof goggles.

7. Wearing of Helmets: It is mandatory for all participants taking part in practice and competition wear a full face helmet. The helmet must be properly fastened, be of good fit, and be in good condition. The helmet must have a chin strap retention system.

Submission

Medical/Safety Commission



American Motorcyclist Association OFF-ROAD COMMISSION

AMA Competition Commissions are volunteer bodies that consider, disseminate, amend, interpret, and assist in the enforcement of both technical and operational rules for amateur and pro-am competition events sanctioned by the AMA.

Composition of Commission – November 2019

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