

Meeting Agenda

## Specialized Sport Commission

2023 Rule Proposals & Agenda items August 16, 2022 Microsoft Teams Meeting

### Meeting Agenda

## 1. Opening of Meeting

- a. Call to order: 9:06pm eastern/ 6:06pm Pacific
- b. Comments by the AMA Track Racing Manager Ken Saillant
  - Sorry about the cancellation of BMST. Sad to be missing it and can make it better for next year.
  - Getting Commission structure back in order and try to do a bit better on the AMA end for organizing. Ali has been a great help on the commission work. She has been driving the meetings and format.
- c. Comments by the Commission Chair Delvene Reber
  - Welcome, thanks for joining the call.
  - AR- clarification of commission processes. Today's meeting is to discuss and clarify rules for public posting. At the end of the public posting period, then the commission will take a vote, for that vote then go to the AMA Board for final approval/denial for the 2023 rules.

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

d. Take attendance

Guests: Lucas Reber- Bonneville Motorcycle Speed Trials, member Sporting Commission. AMA Representatives, Ken Saillant, Alexandria Reasoner

## 2. Proposal Items

- a. SS-13472445 Section 3.3.C.2 Page 163: Rider blocks
  - See notes on Proposal
- b. SS-13456438 Section 3.6.B.9 Page 203-206: AA Events & Hill Drag events
  - See notes on Proposal

- c. SS-13456387 Section 3.6.A.21 Page 195: ProRacing Hillclimb Pro-Sports Licenses
  - See notes on Proposal

### 3. Agenda Items

- a. Editing updates to Land Speed Section
  - See notes in Agenda item
- b. Helmet Suggestion for Sporting Commission
  - See notes in Agenda item
- c. Hillclimb over bore 0.080 change to stock bore for new bikes.
  - See notes in Agenda item
- d. 750cc class ???? we have not had 10 bikes in class at Grand Championship for years?
  - See notes in Agenda item

#### 4. Additional Discussions

a. New rule just submitted prior to meeting (emailed to Land Speed Promoter)

DR: Received a request for an update to the Land Speed Racing rules regarding Streamliners, battery in the rider's compartment (cockpit). 311.L.2.b pg 312.

We formally request a revision in the rules concerning streamliners and battery containment requirements. Moving forward, we would like to have batteries consisting of no liquids permissible in the cockpit with the rider without a sealed spill proof containment system. Solid batteries such as lithium ion and AGM use technologies that should not require spill proof containers as they have no liquids in them. In the interest of adapting to current technologies we feel it would be great to have rules accommodate accordingly.

CS: This rule brings up other concerns such as securing method and protections in the case of a fire or crash.

MB: It would be difficult to approve a rule without a lot more information. If the battery is not in a box, what is to prevent other issues (blunt force trauma or explosion in an accident).

Commission requests that this be submitted as a formal rule request via the appropriate means online providing further evidence for the rule change. DR will email back as the recipient of the request for further information that needs to be completed immediately to make it for the commission timeline.

b. Congress & next commission meeting.

DR: When is the next commission meeting we need to schedule, and will there be a Congress this year (December or?)?

AR: We will be posting notes for 15 days, and trying to schedule next meetings for possible in-person meeting around September 12-13-14.

DR: It's hard for many to do in person with that short of notice for schedules

MB: Weekend in person at this time of year is also difficult due to active racing most weekends for commission members.

AR: We will be updating what the next meeting looks like and there will be an option to connect remotely for any meetings.

## 5. Closing of Meeting

a. Meeting closed: 10:01 pm eastern /19:01pm pacific



# **Specialized Sports Commission Proposal Item**

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

## CURRENT

In Hillclimb events only, if a rider's physical stature is such that they can't reach the 2. 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:	Second:		
VOTE	For:	_ Against:	Abstain:	
DECISION	Yes:	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

### **CURRENT**

## AA Events and Classes

AA Classes: AA Rules: 1.a to 1.k <u>Hill Drags Events and Classes</u>: (1-16) <u>Hill Drag Classes</u>:

Please review pages 203-206 for detailed list of the items headlined above.

## 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.

MOTIONS	Made:	Second:		
VOTE	For:	_ Against:	Abstain:	
DECISION	Yes:	No:	Amended:	Tabled:



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# **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

### <u>Reason</u>

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:
 Second:

 VOTE
 For:
 Against:
 Abstain:

 DECISION
 Yes:
 No:
 Amended:
 Tabled:



## Editing of the Land Speed Section 3.11

## <u>Item</u>

Section 3.11 Land Speed Racing:

- Possible Relocation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph in the preface
- Removal of the most of the preface (Keep the "Note" section make that the only preface)
- Typo on pg 297 3.11.B.8 should be **G**round not **R**ound

#### Reason

There are several items that need to be edited from Section 3.11 Land Speed Racing. The Preface remains from the rules being supplemental regs prior to addition to the AMA Rulebook. All of the items in the preface are in other sections of the AMA Rulebook, both in the introduction of the rulebook and Section 3.11.A Track Racing general rules.

Submitted as an agenda item rather than rule change(s) as it should just be a clerical editing concern rather than a rule change.

#### <u>Submission</u>

Delvene Reber

### **Discussion**

DR: The reason for this update is that the preface for Section 3.11 is a carry over from when the Land Speed Rules were supplemental regulations. All of the wording in the preface is in Chapter 3.1

AR: The typo is a clerical update that we can make to the rulebook.

DR: Does this need to be a rule change request or is it an admin/clerical update? KS: We should submit this as a proposal form for the board. Switch this to a proposal rather than agenda for the board.

MOTIONS Made:	Seco	nd:	
DECISION Yes:	No:	Amended:	Tabled:



American Motorcyclist Association Proposal for Rulebook Revision

## **Specialized Sports Commission Proposal Item**

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.

### <u>Submission</u>

Delvene Reber

### **Discussion**

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

MOTIONS	Made:	Second:		
VOTE	For:	Against:	Abstain:	
DECISION	Yes:	No:	Amended:	Tabled:



## Helmet update from Sporting Commission

### <u>Item</u>

Is the Sporting commission planning on updating the Helmet regulations to no longer accept Snell M2010, and include Snell M2020 in the listing? Request from the Specialized Sport Commission that this change be made and effective for 2023 rules.

#### **Submission**

Delvene Reber

### Discussion

DR: This needs to be taken to the Sporting commission for updating, the M2010/M2015 listing to be M2015/M2020 for helmets. Lucas is on the Sporting Commission and will ensure that it is put in for discussion.

MOTIONS	Made:	Second:		
DECISION	Yes:	No:	Amended:	Tabled:



Hillclimb Overbore

## <u>Item</u>

Hillclimb over bore 0.080 change to stock bore for new bikes like 2024 year keep the old bikes with over bore 0.080

### <u>Submission</u>

Mike Bronk

## **Discussion**

MB: AMA has reduced the allowance for over-boring. Many bikes are bored over all the bikes that bored over in, but there needs to be a line in the sand about bikes after a certain year can no longer overbore, therefore reducing the number of bikes allowed. Using a year model means that at some point in the future, there will not be overbored bikes, however it still allows some bikes to compete. Previous year bikes can still have it. Its adding cost to the sport. Aim is to fall in line with the overbore restrictions in other disciplines.

JO: (via email): Maybe 2025?

CS: would you be giving an advantage to older bikes. Opening a case for advantages to older bikes over newer bikes. What is to stop the competitive advantage those that can still over bore.

KS: Might need to talk to the technical commission to see their take on it. It might be a tough choice to make a case for.

ES: you could run an older bike and not ever get a newer competition bike

MB: model year so that older bikes would eventually be removed.

CS: what is the average age of the bikes?

MB: new to 5 years old.

DR: can you set it out multiple years to give notice?

KS: Needs discussion with the technical commission, explaining to the commission the goal of removing the overbore, and how can it be done fairly without removing a large participant base?

MB: Overboring should no longer be required because of advancing technology. Might need to refine the idea before technical – will discuss in Hillclimb community. KS- should get it on the discussion table for technical, Mike Bronk and Curtis are both on technical commission and will discuss with the technical commission

MOTIONS	Made:	Second:		
DECISION	Yes:	No:	Amended:	Tabled:



750cc Class

## <u>Item</u>

750cc class ???? we have not had 10 bikes in class at Grand Championship for years?

#### Submission

Mike Bronk

#### **Discussion**

MB: Should they be removed from the listing. There are not enough bikes to declare a Grand Champion

JO: (via email): I would have to agree with Mike. But we would have to change class definitions? We only have 1 750cc in D1 and I built it. Page 198 Change Class definitions?

KS: can discuss when the class structure in the Grand Championship and discuss if class is viable

MOTIONS	Made:		Second: _		
DECISION	Yes:	No:		Amended:	Tabled: