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MEETING OPENS April 6, 2019

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ATV263	Welcome / apologies	Chair welcomes those present and opens the meeting.					
ATV264	Confirmation of minutes	Minutes of the 2018 meeting are confirmed as a true record of the meeting.		Confirmed.			
ATV264	Junior Classes: 1. Confirm what is a championship class and what is a cup class. 2. Reduce the number of championships.		Following the discussion raised by MA for all disciplines, the Commission recommends that removing championship status from Junior classes under age of 12 years will likely create a healthier environment in our Junior racing. However this age does not sit between current classes, so it is recommended the following classes become non-championship 'Cup' classes: 7 to under 11, 90-110 Limited 9 to under 13, 90-125 Cup (noting the word Comp is changed to Cup) In Senior ATV Competition, The Amateur class will be support, and the Yamaha YFZ450R Cup class will not be a Championship.	Non-championship classes Junior – 7 to under 11, 90-110 Limited (Cup) 9 to under 13, 90-125 Cup Senior - Amateur (support) Production, YFZ450R Cup		The Rules & Tech Committee support the Commission. Changes Accepted.	
ATV265	Junior Classes: 3. Review Junior Age Groups/Classes 4. Should we allow Juniors to compete in Junior Classes until the age of 17 but allow them the option at 16 to move to Senior if they wish.		As a change in any one Junior ATV class affects classes around it, any one class cannot be considered in isolation. MA have afforded disciplines the opportunity to expand Junior status out from 16 years of age to 18 years of age. The option for a Junior to step up to Juniors from 16 years of age will still remain. The addition of 2 more years to the Junior ranks may provide opportunity for creation of a 5th Junior ATV class. Usually Junior classes span 3 or a maximum 4 year age difference. Adding the 5th class will cause overlaps (that invites some desirables and some non-desirables) and will likely create a need for adjustment in classes either side. The Commission recommends the member base are consulted on 3 different Junior class models labelled A, B, and C below. The Commission is also keen to hear any different model ideas from consultation, particularly where they are comprehensive and consider all surrounding classes. After consultation, adjustments will be made to linked and supporting rules around Junior classes, eg Junior Endorsements etc.	That the models presented below are put to member consultation. ATV266 Model A, ATV267 Model B, ATV268 Model C, Any other Model from consultation feedback.		The Rules & Tech Committee request confirmation of option and wording from the Commission before a decision is made	No further input received from the Commission
ATV266	Junior Classes: 3. Review Junior Age Groups/Classes 4. Should we allow Juniors to compete in Junior Classes until the age of 17 but allow them the option at 16 to move to Senior if they wish.		Model A I am voting to stretch Junior ages out to 18 years of age (where appropriate) so that we can fit a fifth Junior class in because of the extra 2 years. The added class will create more options for Juniors and allow more gradual progression from bike to bike as the Junior skills advance. I see no significant issues with 13 year olds having to race 17 year olds and hopefully MA will approve this 5 year age gap class. Any Junior may choose to move up to Seniors at 16 years of age, and any Junior who wins a National Championship in the Comp 250 class before 16 years of age must move up to Seniors at 16 years of age. The exciting new Comp 85 class will give us a great new platform to grow the sport.	Model A 4 to under 9, 50 Limited, (Non-competitive) 50cc 7 to under 11, 90-110 Limited, (Cup class) 60cc to 90cc 2-stroke & 85cc to 110cc 4-stroke 9 to under 13, 90-125 Cup, (Cup class) 60cc to 90cc 2-stroke & 85cc to 125cc 4-stroke 11 to under 14, Comp 85, (Championship class) 85cc 2-stroke only (no oversizing tolerance) 13 to under 18, Comp 250, (Championship class) Up to 200cc 2-stroke & 250cc 4-stroke (no 250cc oversizing tolerance, air-cooled 300cc exemption applies)		The Rules & Tech Committee request confirmation of option and wording from the Commission before a decision is made	No further input received from the Commission
ATV267	Junior Classes: 3. Review Junior Age Groups/Classes 4. Should we allow Juniors to compete in Junior Classes until the age of 17 but allow them the option at 16 to move to Senior if they wish.		Model B I am voting to stretch Junior ages out to 18 years of age (where appropriate) so that we can fit a fifth Junior class in because of the extra 2 years. To do this, I think it is important to lift the top Junior age class entry to 14 because they will be racing 17 year olds and this will follow MA guidelines of a maximum 4 year age gap. I think influences on 13 year old social development in a group of 17 nearly 18 year olds is not ideal in sport, and we need to stick to the MA required 4 year age gaps. 13 year olds should not be racing near adult 17 year olds. 13 year olds are still too young to get on 38hp modified 250cc quads that have the potential to run Pro Senior lap times. Any Junior may choose to move up to Seniors at 16 years of age, and any Junior who wins a National Championship in the Comp 250 class before 16 years of age must move up to Seniors at 16 years of age. I do agree that the exciting new Comp 85 class will give us a great new platform to grow the sport. The added class Comp85 should start at 12 (not 11) and will create more options for Juniors and allow more gradual progression from bike to bike as Junior riders skills advance.	Model B 4 to under 9, 50 Limited, (Non-competitive) 50cc 7 to under 11, 90-110 Limited, (Cup class) 60cc to 90cc 2-stroke & 85cc to 110cc 4-stroke 9 to under 13, 90-125 Cup, (Cup class) 60cc to 90cc 2-stroke & 85cc to 125cc 4-stroke 12 to under 15, Comp 85, (Championship class) 85cc 2-stroke only (no oversizing tolerance) 14 to under 18, Comp 250, (Championship class) Up to 200cc 2-stroke & 250cc 4-stroke (no 250cc oversizing tolerance, air-cooled 300cc exemption applies)		The Rules & Tech Committee request confirmation of option and wording from the Commission before a decision is made	No further input received from the Commission

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ATV268	Junior Classes: 3. Review Junior Age Groups/ Classes 4. Should we allow Juniors to compete in Junior Classes until the age of 17 but allow them the option at 16 to move to Senior if they wish.		Model C: I am voting for least change. I think that if another Junior class is added it will reduce competitor numbers in each of the existing junior classes already in place. The rules change too much and there is already plenty of class selection for the few juniors we have. Spreading our Juniors across more classes will just mean lower numbers on each grid. Where do supporters for a fifth Junior class think we are going to get all these kids from? Classes will have to be combined and the new age combinations will grossly exceed MA's 4 year age gap and bike speed differences will be worse. I think Junior riders should move to seniors at 16 years of age, and 13 year olds should not be racing under 18 year olds in the same class. A new Comp 85 class requires custom built or niche manufacturer ATV's, and parents do not need to own another expensive type of bike to transition Juniors through to Seniors. The existing supporting rules for the current structure will remain, eg Cobra limited to 70cc in the 9 to under 13 class. Junior classes should remain as they are.	Model C 4 to under 9, 50 Limited, (Non-competitive) 50cc 7 to under 11, 90-110 Limited, (Cup class) 60cc to 90cc 2-stroke & 85cc to 110cc 4-stroke 9 to under 13, 90-125 Cup, (Cup class) 60cc to 90cc 2-stroke & 85cc to 125cc 4-stroke 13 to under 16 Comp 250 (Championship class) Up to 200cc 2 -stroke & 250cc 4-stroke (no 250cc oversizing tolerance, air-cooled 300cc exemption still applies).		The Rules & Tech Committee request confirmation of option and wording from the Commission before a decision is made	No further input received from the Commission
ATV269	Review entire chapter: 1. Confirm if any rules are repeated and amalgamate where necessary into a 'general' or 'all classes' section.		With the possibility of significant rule change after member consultation, many peripheral details will require adjustment. Eg: 13.7.2 Junior ATV Endorsements will change to suit final Junior classes. 13.14.3.9 change for new 85cc class (if it occurs).	The ATVC proposes to confirm the chapter review before print.		The Rules & Tech Committee request confirmation of wording from the Commission before a decision is made	No further input received from the Commission
ATV270	Review entire chapter: 2. Re-word any rules that can be miss-interpreted, to be clear and concise.		Misinterpretation of rule 13.7.1.2 is extremely common and needs to be changed to one or the other recommendations. Each has quite a different effect on our sport.	To reinforce the current MA interpretation; 13.7.1.2 In Junior competition, for the purpose of determining the riders age only , b) A rider may move to the next higher age class when they become eligible by reason of celebrating a birthday, but once the rider moves to that higher age class, they may not move back to the lower age class. Or; To move to the most common misinterpretation and fit with machine progress; 13.7.1.2 In Junior competition, b) A rider may move to the next higher age class when they become eligible by reason of celebrating a birthday, but once the rider moves up a machine endorsement step to that higher age class, they may not move back to the lower age class they moved from.		The Rules & Tech Committee acknowledge this request but no changes will be made at this time.	
ATV271	4. Add any suggestions or additional rules.			MA consider introducing and funding a random measuring approach at National Championships where at least one machine is always tested. Machine selection may respond to rumours at the MA officials discretion, conducted without protest fee, offenders pay fines to recover costs or MA pay reassembly costs if compliant. This is seen as essential to combat non-compliance and even 'perception' of compliance that continuously negatively affects our sport. The current Rider Protest system does not work, primarily because it just about never gets utilised.		The Rules & Tech Committee acknowledge this request but no changes will be made at this time.	
ATV272	5. Review rules which make reference to another rule, and confirm the reference is still applicable.	5.4.1 UTV/SXS Additional requirements 5.4.1.1 All vehicles must have two occupants for the entirety of the competition, including practice.	Polaris make some models such as ACE and RS1 which are single seat UTV variations of SxS. The RZR RS1 uses most of the same running gear as Polaris SxS RZR products.	5.4.1.1 a) All Multiple seat SxS vehicles must have two occupants for the entirety of the competition, including practice. b) All Single seat UTV will have one occupant.		The Rules & Tech Committee acknowledge this request and suggest the following wording. Commission to confirm wording. 5.4.1.1 a) All Multiple seat SxS vehicles may have one or two occupants for the entirety of the competition, including practice. b) All Single seat UTV will have one occupant.	Commission agreed with proposed wording
ATV273	4. Add any suggestions or additional rules.	13.1	The ATV have had some discussion with ATV Dirt Track riders in relation to applying the 350cc 2-stroke and 450cc 4-stroke "Open 450" class naming and displacement requirements to all levels of competition through to Championships for ATV Dirt Track, Speedway and Track Senior classes. There is some concern that Cheque book racing has taken up to 700cc modifications so far that from outside the sport the current competition appears untouchable and unattractive to enter. Open – up to 700cc will be removed. The move to Open 450 is put to member consultation for possible 2020 or flagging for 2021 implementation. A Dirt Track members further suggestion is to allow some capacity for grass roots Club level events to allow new entrants only, to come and try on over spec 450 to 700cc machines. In this case they may start 10m behind the start, or other separation as accepted by the field.	13.1, Dirt Track, Speedway, Track, Supermoto, Open 450 (Open – up to 700cc removed). 2020 or 2021.	Simon Appleby - Strongly oppose this rule change. If we don't have options when it comes to rebuilding engines or new builds, and if we restrict the engine size to 450cc 4stroke without allowing another class (unlimited) then this will become a cheque book sport, wherer \$ will be key to compete. 1 - Give us the option to ride at least 2 classes 2 - For the current rules to be enforced, bu this i mean fuel testing, engine size checks 3 - Put together a 3 round series for Track/Dirt Track/Supermoto	The Rules & Tech Committee acknowledge this item but reject this change at this time. Commission to propose new rules and to confirm rule number	No further input received from the Commission

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ATV274	4. Add any suggestions or additional rules.	New rule may be required	If a new 85cc Hybrid class is to be introduced to Junior ATV sport, the machine specification will allow custom or kit build 85cc 2-stroke variants, with standard displacement MX engines from the same manufacturer where possible. Some examples may include: JB mod, DRR and APEX 85, Heath Racing Cobra, older Cobra complete build junior ATV with over 70cc and up to 85cc engines or 85cc equivalent modifications, Yamaha Raptor 125 with YZ85 engine, etc. As junior performance ATV are not available through major motorcycle manufacturers, any combination that is scrutineered to be structurally sound by normal competition scrutineering process. No oversizing tolerance will apply to the 85cc class displacement limit.	(Age to be determined) Comp 85, (Championship class) 85cc 2-stroke only (no oversizing tolerance)		The Rules & Tech Committee acknowledge this item but reject this change at this time. Commission to propose new rules and to confirm rule number	No further input received from the Commission
ATV275	4. Add any suggestions or additional rules.	MA Policy	The ATVC is concerned that good ideas for advancing our sport are not communicated to MA by members who may fear victimisation or harrasment for speaking out. Being that the 'idea' itself is most important, and that the consideration and consultation process does not need a name or place of origin, it is recommended that all MA submissions across all disciplines are processed in confidence to Commissions and MA Staff. Removing names from submissions only offers the benefit of encouraging more good ideas and makes communication with MA less intimidating.	Once rule change submissions are received by MA, name and place of origin are removed for member consultation. All submissions are treated as anonymous unless the submission specifically requests to have their name attached.		The Rules & Tech Committee acknowledge this item and advise we are currently treating all submissions as anonymous when put to public for feedback. We will continue this process	
ATV276	13.3.2.1	New rule addition	Increase recognition to Top Ten placings at Senior Pro-Open Championship level. In consolidating classes from the 3 skill level classes offered historically, it is seen as appropriate to recognise more entrants who; 1, legitimately qualify for the Pro-Open Championship class, and 2, who achieve a top ten place at Australia's highest level ATV MX Championship event.	13.3.2.1 b) The first 10 place getters in an Australian Championship Motocross event Senior Open 450 qualifying class (Pro-Open Championship) must be named at presentation, and awarded a Top Ten Plate by the Promoter irrespective of MA awards.		The Rules & Tech Committee acknowledge this request hoever this is to be addressed in event Supplementary Regulations.	
ATV277	13.1	New rule addition / clarification	Pro-Open Championship status is confirmed by qualifying at Open 450 Championship level.	13.1 CHAMPIONSHIP MADALLIONS AND TROPHIES A promoter awarded the ATV MX Championships may only promote the Pro-Open Championship Class where the event qualifies Senior entrants (usually Open 450) to the Pro-Open Championship class. Method of Senior qualifying to be approved by permit application, and detailed in event Supplementary Regulations.		The Rules & Tech Committee request a more clear rule suggestion from the Commission before a decision is made	No further input received from the Commission
ATV278	13.2	New rule addition	Female Junior class framework to be established in the ATV section or as MA Policy. Applies to which classes (age groups)? 250 Comp class only? If 6 or more girls can be scored seperately leaving 6 or more boys in the other class, the combined class will be split for scoring and run on the same grid together up to maximum 20 entrants. The MA Womens Committee are consulted and member comment is also invited.	The necessity for a framework Rule or Policy to be decided from consultation.		The Rules & Tech Committee request results of said consult from Commission	No further input received from the Commission

MEETING CLOSES April 7, 2019