



Meeting Agenda

Sporting Commission

2018 AMA Congress Meeting

Dec. 7-8, 2018

Columbus, OH

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1. **Opening of the meeting**

Comments by the AMA Director of Racing – Kevin Crowther

2. **Rule Proposal #SC-1218-1 – District Memberships – Pg. 3**

3. **Rule Proposal #SC-1218-2 – Awards – Pg. 4**

4. **Rule Proposal #SC-1218-3 – District Referee – Pg. 5**

5. **Rule Proposal #SC-1218-4 – Event Referee – Pg. 6**

6. **Rule Proposal #SC-1218-5 – Track Racing Referee – Pg. 7**

7. **Discussion on Penalties – Bert Sumner**

Section 4.4 (Penalties) does not clearly state what punishments that a meet or district referee may impose on someone who has, for example, failed a post-race inspection. Section 4.1.B.1. states that the maximum penalty that a referee may impose is a disqualification, presumably from the event, but does not appear to allow any long-term disqualification from, for example, a multiple day event.

Failure to allow a meet or district ref to impose any meaningful penalty for a significant rule infraction limits their ability to effectively discipline rule-breakers. Section 4.5 gives lengthy explanations on how to appeal a long-term punishment, but it appears that only the AMA is allowed to apply any long-term discipline.

8. **Elect the 2019 Sporting Commission Chairperson**

9. **Closing of the meeting**



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Proposal: SC-1218-1 Chapter: A Paragraph: 2

CURRENT:

2. Recognized district organizations and competition partners may require an additional membership in AMA sanctioned meets they manage.

PROPOSED:

2. Recognized district organizations and competition partners memberships are required in all AMA sanctioned meets.

REASON:

The purpose of a recognized district and or competition partner is to represent the AMA on a local level and uphold the rules and requirements at all local AMA sanctioned events. When the AMA voted to change the rule to make it optional to require RDO memberships tracks just do what they want to do. This has flooded the sport with multiple series and tracks running on top of each other every weekend. This has also had a negative effect on riders. Many riders stopped racing and just go practice instead of racing because they are tired of racing 3 guys because every track is running the same weekend dividing up all the riders in the area. Also what purpose is it to be an RDO if the AMA does not support us and changes rules to allow clubs and track owners to do whatever they want. I get lots of phone calls and messages from riders asking how can we stop tracks from running against each other and bring series together. By changing this rule we can definitely take a big step towards doing that.

Submitted By: Jerry Fessler

Decision: Yes No Amended



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Proposal: SC-1218-2 Section: 5.1 Chapter: A Paragraph: 4 Page: 274

CURRENT:

4. In classes with 10 or fewer riders, at least two trophies must be awarded. An additional trophy should be added for every five additional riders in the class. No more than five trophies need be awarded in any given class.

PROPOSED:

4. In classes with 10 or fewer riders, **it is recommended that** at least two trophies be awarded. An additional trophy should be added for every five additional riders in the class. No more than five trophies need be awarded in any given class.

REASON:

Some organizations do 1 for 3 (1 trophy for every 3 riders in a class) some organizations do 10%-15% trophies (D37) and others do way more than what the rule dictates. Discuss to update to a recommendation as opposed to a dictated amount.

Submitted By: AMA Staff – Erek Kudla

Decision: Yes No Amended



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Proposal: SC-1218-3 Section: 5.5 Page: 283

CURRENT:

NEW

PROPOSED:

District Referee

The District referee supports the event referee(s), ensuring that all meet referees under his/her jurisdiction are interpreting and applying the AMA rules in a consistent fashion. The District referee is expected to allow the event referees to run their events, and provide support when requested by the event referee(s).

In the event that a violation of an AMA rule becomes known, the District referee is expected to advise the event referee of the violation so that a correction can be made in a timely fashion. If the event referee is unable or unwilling to make the correction, the District Referee shall make the correction for the event referee. Failure to correct a known AMA rule violation in a timely fashion may result in disciplinary actions by the AMA.

REASON:

To clarify the duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the District referee compared to the Event Referee.

Submitted By: Bert Sumner

Decision: Yes No Amended



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Proposal: SC-1218-4 Section: 5.5 Chapter: A Page: 283

CURRENT:

A. Referee

The referee is the principal officer of a meet, acting as general supervisor. He doesn't, however, carry out the duties of any other official. The referee must be introduced at the riders meeting and be available throughout the protest period. It is the organizer's responsibility to appoint a referee who is well qualified. The event referee may not compete in the meet.

PROPOSED:

A. **Event** Referee

The **event** referee is the principal officer of a meet, acting as general supervisor. He does not, however, carry out the duties of any other official. The **event** referee must be introduced at the riders meeting and be available throughout the protest period. It is the organizer's responsibility to appoint an **event** referee who is well qualified. The **event** referee may not compete in the meet.

REASON:

To differentiate Event Referee from District Referee.

Submitted By: Bert Sumner

Decision: Yes No Amended



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Proposal: SC-1218-5 Section: 5.5 Chapter: A Page: 283

CURRENT:

A. Referee

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PROPOSED:

A. Referee

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FOR TRACK RACING ONLY. The MEET referee may compete in up to 3 events (races) providing 1. A qualified EVENT referee must be introduced at the riders meeting to officiate at any events the MEET referee is competing in. 2. The EVENT referee may also compete but not in the same events (races) that the MEET referee is competing in.

REASON:

This has been in practice at the non-professional level for many years without problems until prohibited. Many standard meets are promoted by clubs of enthusiasts who like to participate as well as promote. This change will allow the clubs/promoters to put on races that they couldn't if they couldn't find a referee for the meet who was not a racer.

Submitted by Ralph Lee AMA charter Life member 62541

Submitted By: Jerry Fouts

Decision: Yes No Amended