



## AMA Competition Commission Guidelines

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### Important Dates for 2020

- Agendas posted for public comment period prior to any scheduled meeting – **30 Days**
- Approval of all proposals intended for inclusion in the 2021 rulebook - **August 1, 2020**
- Commission Member Applications for upcoming 2-year term (Beginning Jan 1, 2021) - **Sep 1, 2020**
- Rule proposal deadline for 2020 AMA Congress – **October 2, 2020**
- Annual AMA Congress – Columbus Ohio - **December 3-4-5, 2020**. Schedule of events and location TBD

## Section 1. Purpose

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.

## Section 2. Structure

Individual AMA Competition Commissions represent a competition discipline sanctioned by the AMA or a general area that affects multiple types of racing.

A. Discipline-based AMA Competition Commissions are:

1. **AMA Motocross Commission:** Motocross, Arenacross, Supercross, Snowcross
2. **AMA Off-Road Commission:** Enduro, Hare Scrambles, Hare and Hound, Grand Prix, Desert Scramble, Extreme Off-road
3. **AMA Trials Commission:** Observed Trials
4. **AMA Flat Track Commission:** Flat Track, Ice Race, Speedway
5. **AMA Specialized Sport Commission:** Hillclimb, Drag Racing, Land Speed, Road Racing, Supermoto

B. Other AMA Competition Commissions are:

1. **AMA Sporting Commission:** Creates, recommends, reviews, and approves proposals that affect multiple disciplines. This commission will engage outside experts on an as-needed basis.
2. **AMA Medical/Safety Commission:** Creates, recommends, reviews, and approves proposals that affect multiple disciplines. This commission will engage outside experts on an as-needed basis.
3. **AMA Technical Commission:** Creates, recommends, reviews, and approves proposals that affect multiple disciplines. This commission will engage outside experts on an as-needed basis.

## Section 3. AMA Commission Members

Each AMA Competition Commission appointee shall serve a two-year term beginning in January. Applications must be submitted by **September 1** for the term beginning the following January. Appointees may serve multiple terms. Terms start in January and last two (2) years. The current term cycle is January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2020. Commission members are only appointed at the beginning of each scheduled two-year term. At times, it may be necessary to appoint a new member during the term; this is at the discretion of the AMA and only under special circumstances.

AMA Competition Commission appointees may include the following:

1. A representative from Recognized District Organization (RDO)
2. A representative of an AMA-chartered promoter or club
3. AMA referee or AMA steward
4. A noted expert in the discipline represented by the particular commission

AMA Competition Commission appointment procedures are:

1. Completed commission member applications must be submitted to the AMA by **September 1** before the beginning of the next two-year term.
2. Applications will be reviewed by AMA staff discipline managers and then nominated by the AMA Director of Racing for appointment by the AMA President.

3. Appointees must be AMA members in good standing and complete the following training within three months of appointment:
  - a. AMA Referee training.
  - b. AMA risk management workshop. (Completed affidavit must be submitted.)

#### **Section 4. AMA Commission Member Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of AMA Competition Commission members to:

1. Attend the annual AMA Congress and participate in the scheduled commission meetings.
2. Accept and organize rule proposals from AMA members. AMA Competition Commission appointees shall attend events and solicit information from AMA members, and be prepared to discuss these issues with their AMA Commission.
3. Submit rule proposals and agenda items through the official process for any upcoming agendas.
4. Provide assistance to AMA staff regarding research and operational issues.
5. Assist or serve as an AMA official at AMA-sanctioned events, such as a referee, steward, risk management officer, etc.
6. Provide on-site operational assistance to AMA staff at AMA-sanctioned events on an as needed basis.
7. Represent objectively, faithfully and accurately the interests of AMA-sanctioned racing activity.
8. Avoid personal involvement at the local level with protests or appeals arising out of sanctioned activity.
9. Promote cooperation, consensus and harmony among other organizations and the AMA.
10. Promote the interests of the AMA, including growth of membership.
11. Participate throughout the year in AMA Competition Commission activities and support discipline managers on AMA staff as may be required.

Individuals who cannot conscientiously meet these responsibilities should not seek nor accept a nomination for an AMA Competition Commission appointment.

#### **Section 5. AMA Commission Bureaus**

Each AMA Competition Commission includes an AMA Commission Bureau. The bureau will be composed of an AMA staff representative and current commission members.

It is the responsibility of AMA Commission Bureaus to:

1. Ratify all measures recommended by the AMA Commission for submission to the AMA Board of Directors for final approval.
2. Amend and disseminate rules of organized activity that may justify emergency actions between meetings of the AMA Competition Commissions. A majority of bureau appointees must agree on whether an issue qualifies as urgent.
3. Rule on certain appeals subsequent to protests arising out of sanctioned activity.
4. Provide guidance or make decisions on other matters referred to the bureau by an AMA Competition Commission, an AMA commission appointee or AMA staff.

AMA Commission Bureaus may act outside of AMA Competition Commission meetings when matters must be addressed in an urgent manner.

The AMA president will appoint members to each commission's bureau. Bureau appointees will include an AMA staff representative, a commission member who will serve as bureau chairperson and additional appointees selected from the members of the commission. Bureau appointees will be recommended by AMA staff and nominated by the AMA Director of Racing for consideration by the AMA President.

AMA Competition Commission Bureaus may be convened by the bureau chairperson or the AMA. Meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone, or by some other form of electronic conferencing system. The bureau chairperson or the AMA will notify all bureau appointees of the time, location, method and agenda for the meeting. Bureau meetings are limited to urgent issues as determined by the majority of bureau appointees.

Provided all bureau appointees have been notified of a bureau meeting and an AMA staff representative is present, 50 percent of bureau appointees constitutes a quorum. The chairperson shall vote only in the case of a tie.

## **Section 6. Meetings**

AMA Competition Commissions meet annually at AMA Congress and all Commission members are expected to attend the annual meeting of Commissions at AMA Congress. AMA staff will notify appointees of the date and location of AMA Congress at least 90 days before the meeting. All Commission meeting agendas (including proposals) must be communicated to the AMA Commission members and posted on the AMA website for member comment 30 days prior to any scheduled meeting.

At the annual AMA Congress, AMA Commission appointees will:

- A. Participate in discussions that advance their responsibilities to 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.
- B. Discuss and rule on official proposals submitted in the agenda, submit proposals to each AMA Commission Bureau for ratification for submission to the AMA Board of Directors. The AMA Board of Directors will have final approval of all rule changes submitted by the commissions.
- C. In accordance with procedures established by the AMA, elect a chairperson for each AMA Competition Commission. AMA Competition Commission chairpersons must be present at the AMA Congress during which they are elected.

Agenda content for the annual AMA Commission meetings at AMA Congress in Columbus should include all intended rules proposals along with any other items needing discussion. All Commission agendas must be reviewed and approved by the Director of Racing prior to being posted for the 30-day comment period.

Additional meetings of AMA Competition Commissions may be convened by the AMA Commission chairperson or the AMA. These additional meetings may be conducted in person, by telephone, or by some other form of electronic conferencing system in coordination with AMA staff. The Commission chairperson is responsible for working with AMA staff to plan the time, location, method, agenda and appointee invitations for the meeting.

Agenda content for AMA Commission meetings scheduled in the spring or summer should include any tabled rules proposals or items from the previous AMA Congress, and possible proposals and items for discussion in preparation of the upcoming annual AMA Congress meeting. This timeline will allow the AMA

Commissions to have follow up to any tabled proposals from the previous AMA Congress or time sensitive discussions in the spring/summer.

New proposals may be added under “New Business” in the agenda at the meeting, but only for discussion if time permits. New rules or modification to existing rules may **NOT** be voted on or approved without the 30-day comment period. A vote on anything added through “New Business” at the meeting must be tabled to allow for the proper proposal process.

Provided all AMA Commission appointees have been notified of an AMA Commission meeting, 25 percent of the appointees of the AMA Commission constitutes a quorum.

### **Section 7. Approval of Proposals and Publication in the AMA Rulebook**

AMA Competition Commission proposals are submitted to that commission’s bureau for ratification and submission to the AMA Board of Directors for final approval.

All proposals must be approved by the AMA Competition Commission prior to **August 1** to be published in the following year’s rulebook. This deadline allows adequate time for bureau ratification and board approval. Under special circumstances, AMA staff may request that an approved rules implementation into the rulebook be delayed to allow AMA members and the industry sufficient time to react. Once a proposal is approved by the AMA Board of Directors, AMA staff will notify all AMA Competition Commission appointees.

During the annual AMA Congress, each AMA Commission Bureau will provide an overview of all proposals approved by the Bureau during the General Assembly meeting.

### **Section 8. AMA Commission Eligibility Advisory Panel**

The AMA President, in coordination with the AMA Commission Eligibility Advisory Panel, may remove any member from an AMA Commission for any acts or omissions that involve moral turpitude, felonious crimes, fraud, improper conflict of interest, breach of fiduciary duty or disloyalty to the AMA or acts that bring the AMA into disrepute for any reason.

The AMA President shall appoint members to the Commission Eligibility Advisory Panel.

Two appointees to the AMA Commission Eligibility Advisory Panel will be selected from AMA staff, and two appointees to the AMA Commission Eligibility Advisory Panel will be selected from current AMA Commission members.

The AMA Commission Eligibility Advisory Panel will advise the AMA President with respect to the ongoing eligibility of individual appointees to AMA Competition Commissions. The panel will evaluate appointees for acts or omissions that involve moral turpitude, felonious crimes, fraud, improper conflict of interest, breach of fiduciary duty or disloyalty to the AMA or acts that bring the AMA into disrepute for any reason.

### **Section 9. AMA Advisory Committee**

When appropriate, the AMA may appoint an Advisory Committee. The committee will make non-binding recommendations regarding administrative matters and AMA policy relating to AMA-sanctioned competition and/or AMA Congress. These recommendations will go to AMA staff for further evaluation and review. The Advisory Committee will have a chairperson assigned to develop and maintain an agenda for productive meetings. The chairperson will be appointed by the AMA president.

## **Section 10. Emeritus Program**

Upon the completion of 20 years of service as an elected Congress Delegate or an AMA Competition Commission appointee, an individual will be recognized as an Emeritus member of AMA Congress. Emeritus members will be invited to attend annual AMA Congress meetings as non-voting members. Emeritus members may continue to apply for commission appointments.