



Meeting Agenda

Flat Track Commission

2026 Summer Meeting

August 4, 2026

MS Teams

Meeting Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting

- a. Comments by the AMA Representative
- b. Attendance

NAME	Present	Absent With Notice	Absent without Notice	Abbreviation used within the minutes
Adam Schmidt	X			AS
Bert Sumner	X			BS
Bill Bell	X			BB
Bill Milburn	X			BM
Chris DaRonco	X			CD
Cory Texter		X		CT
Dan Knecht	X			DK
Jeff Blakely	X			JB
Kelly Inman	X			KI
Kevin Clark	X			KC
Megan O'Connell	X			MO
Mike Bender	X			MB
Ralph Lee	X			RL
Steve Bromley	X			SB
Wayne Sody	X			WS
Ken Saillant		X		KS

2. Discuss Agenda Items & Proposals

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American Motorcyclist Association Proposal for Rulebook Revision



Flat Track Commission Proposal Item

FT-202608-01: Section 3.5.A.4.b. Page 187: AFT racers

Current

4. American Flat Track Licensed Riders

a. Any rider holding an American Flat Track professional racing license must compete in the highest-level class or classes offered.

b. Riders holding an American Flat Track professional racing license and earning 16 or more AFT Singles or AFT SuperTwins points in the current or previous season shall not compete in any amateur classes, shall not receive district points, shall not receive year-end district awards, and shall not participate in any amateur classes at the Amateur Nationals.

Proposed (Proposed changes are in **bold**)

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a. Any rider holding an American Flat Track professional racing license must compete in the highest-level class or classes offered.

b. Riders holding an American Flat Track professional racing license and earning 16 or more AFT Singles or AFT SuperTwins points in the current or previous season ~~shall not compete in any amateur classes~~, shall not receive district points, shall not receive year-end district awards, and shall not **compete for National Championships** ~~participate in any amateur classes~~ at the Amateur Nationals.

Reason

D14 had an event where an AFT rider with more than 16 points raced our 251-505 A class as a second class.

Per 4.a above, he was allowed to do this, as our "A" classes are the highest level classes.

Per 4.b above, he was not allowed to do this, as it says: "shall not compete in any amateur classes".

I believe that prohibiting these riders from collecting District points, receiving year-end awards, or competing for National Championships is sufficient.

Submission

Jeff Blakely

Discussion:

MO: Wasn't our original proposal to say if they had 16 or more points, they can't race in amateur class.

JB: That is correct.

MO: The intent was to allow AFT racers who don't collect enough points to continue to race in amateur classes. It was never intended to allow higher level racers to race amateur.

JB: We offer a combo class as an exhibition class.

AS: In D23 we have a "Pro/Expert class" and we allow them to also ride Open A which is our highest level class.

MB: Where do we draw the line? If they want to ride 25+? This rule was not intended to allow AFT racers with more than 16 points to race multiple classes. They should be running Pro-Am classes. My concern is it will allow cherry-picking.

BS: I believe that trying to write a rule that is clear and applicable to every district is highly unlikely. This is where district-specific supplemental rules should provide the clarity as it applies to each district.

MO: I agree with Mike. We could maybe add "shall not receive trophies or money".

BM: We should consider adding "shall not receive trophies".

RL: In D36, we run Open A and each track offers other classes.

MB: I talked with Chad Turbett (D17 Director). This rule tries to mimic the MX side.

MOTIONS
VOTE
DECISION

Made: <u>BM</u>	Second: <u>BM</u>	
For: <u>8</u>	Against: <u>5</u>	Abstain: <u>1</u>
Yes: <u>X</u>	No: <u> </u>	



American Motorcyclist Association
Proposal for Rulebook Revision
Flat Track Commission Agenda Item



FT-202608-02: Section 3.2.D.1. Page 164. Competition Apparel

Current

3.2.D.1. Protective pants made of leather or other durable material must be worn in all competition. Protective pants and jackets (in short track and TT events, shoulder pads with long-sleeve jerseys may be used in place of a jacket) must be worn for road race, Flat Track, short track, speedway, and TT events. On tracks one half mile and larger, abrasion resistant outer gear is required. "Abrasion resistant" is equal to leather, Cordura, air mesh or stretch Kevlar.

Proposed (Proposed changes in **bold**)

3.2.D.1. Protective pants made of abrasion resistant material must be worn in all competition. **Abrasion resistant suits must be constructed from premium cow or kangaroo leather, Cordura, air mesh or stretch Kevlar, consisting of a one-piece or a two-piece suit that secures completely around the waist.** ~~Protective pants and jackets (in short track and TT events, shoulder pads with long-sleeve jerseys may be used in place of a jacket) must be worn for road race, Flat Track, short track, speedway, and TT events.~~

a. Abrasion resistant suits must be worn for **all** road race and speedway meets.

b. At short track and TT meets, long sleeve jerseys may be used in place of a jacket. Protective pants with abrasion resistant patches may also be used.

c. On flat tracks half mile and larger, abrasion resistant suits are required. Outer gear with "patches" is not permitted for half mile or larger.

Reason

Safety concerns on the larger tracks where speeds are considerably higher.

Submitted by:

Mike Bender

Discussion:

MB: I looked at the MotoAmerica, WERA, and ASRA rulebooks for how they described acceptable abrasion-resistant suits.

BB: I disagree with removing air mesh; it is a cost-effective option. I would like to see the rule lowered to 1/3-mile and larger. I would like to see point c to specify motorcycles and not for Quads.

MO: Making an exception for 50cc may be an issue. I would prefer that everyone on half miles wear leathers.

MB: PW50s don't go that fast, even on half miles. And kids outgrow leathers quickly. D17 has seen rider skip events due to the need for leathers.

BB: I agree with Megan to remove the PW50cc allowance.

MB: I don't agree that air mesh provides any protection. If the group agrees to keep it then I have no objection.

KI: Speedway follows FIM. We mostly wear nylon suits.

BS: This proposal doesn't change the existing language pertaining to Speedway. Whether that language is up-to-date or not is another discussion.

BS: Amendments to the original proposal: re-institute air mesh. Remove the PW50 exception to point c.

MOTIONS
VOTE
DECISION

Made:	<u>BS</u>	Second:	<u>MO</u>	
For:	<u>14</u>	Against:	<u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>
Yes:	<u>X</u>	No:	<u></u>	



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FT-202608-03: Section 3.2.D.5. Page 165. Competition Apparel

Current

3.2.D.5. It is highly recommended that chest and back protection be worn by all competitors. It is required for all competitors in youth classes to wear chest and back protection. The protector may be worn under or over the jersey, and it should cover the sternum anterior ribs, posterior ribs, and spine from T1 to T12. For road racing, a back protector must be worn under their leathers unless integrated into the design of the leathers.

Proposed (Proposed changes in **bold**)

3.2.D.5. It is highly recommended that chest and back protection be worn by all competitors.

a. **Youth class competitors are required to wear chest and back protection.** The protector may be worn under or over the jersey, and it should cover the sternum anterior ribs, posterior ribs, and spine from T1 to T12. **Chest protection is not required when wearing a 1 or 2-piece abrasion suit outlined in 3.2.D.1. Back protectors are still required.**

b. For road racing, a back protector must be worn under their leathers unless integrated into the design of the leathers.

Reason

Parents have been observed trying to fit a motocross chest/back protector over leathers to comply with this rule. I do not believe this was the original spirit of this rule.

Submitted by:

Mike Bender

Discussion:

MB: AMA is the only sanctioning body that requires chest protection.

AS: You mean trying to shove an old school MX chest protector, not a rodeo vest?

MB: Correct. That is what I have seen.

RL: I agree.

BB: This is a good idea. If the chest protection is integrated into the suit may be better language.

MB: I have never heard of leathers with integrated chest protection.

AS: I have seen several types.

**MOTIONS
VOTE
DECISION**

Made:	<u>BS</u>	Second:	<u>BB</u>	
For:	<u>14</u>	Against:	<u>0</u>	Abstain: <u>0</u>
Yes:	<u>X</u>	No:	<u></u>	

3. Voting

4. New Discussion Items

BB: I request we all keep in mind with future rule proposals that we remember the Quad racers, who are part of our sport.

5. Close Meeting

- a. Motion to close meeting 8:02 by BS. Seconded RL.