

Rule change for AHRMA 2014

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Discipline & Current Rule #: General - PENALTIES 6.2.1 c

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Current Rule: General - **PENALTIES** 6.2.1 c) Removal from Events: Entrants may be removed from an individual meet for breach of rules or conduct. Individual promoters shall not be authorized to issue continuing suspension of AHRMA riders; this authority is retained solely by AHRMA.

Proposed Change: after the first sentence add "An offense under 6.1.4 will result in immediate loss of riding privileges for the remainder of an AHRMA event." The new wording would be:

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Discussion: this change is proposed to make it mandatory for AHRMA officials to prevent a rider who breaches rule 6.1.4:

6.1.4 Reckless or dangerous riding, or an act exhibiting a disregard for the safety of any participant or any other person, including the offender. An entrant shall be responsible for all acts of his or her crew.

from riding in the rest of an event so the rider does not have an opportunity to repeat their actions. This change does not imply that it is the only sanction that may take place. The change is to ensure a **minimum** level of action will be taken immediately for the protection

and safety of other riders at the event as well as to insulate AHRMA from liability or negligence claims that might arise if the offender is let back out on the track.

During a 200GP+ race (race number 3) on Sunday, September 4, 2011 at the Miller Roadrace National a rider made two very flagrant attempts to knock another rider off of his motorcycle. This was seen by AHRMA officials who immediately after the race contacted both riders involved in the incident. The offending rider was disqualified from that race and later sanctioned by being put on probation as discussed in the minutes of the April 30, 2012 AHRMA Board Meeting. However, I have been told that the offending rider was allowed to compete again later that same day and the MyLaps records for that day show that he rode in races 6 and 8. That 1) put other AHRMA riders at risk of experiencing injury in the same kind of attack (and an attack is clearly what it was based on reports from people who witnessed it) and 2) if a repeat of that action had occurred in a later race AHRMA would possibly be at risk of lawsuit for negligence for failing to prevent the offending rider from being able to continue endangering other competitors.

AHRMA racers entrust their lives and safety to the actions of AHRMA race officials. When safety is at stake, there should be no option allowed race officials about taking action to remove the safety hazard caused by an AHRMA member in violation of section 6.1.4.

No other additional material enclosed.

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