

## AORCOM BRIEF AUSTRALIAN OFF ROAD COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023

The Australian Off Road Commission (AORCOM) convened for a video meeting on Tuesday 20 June 2023.

### **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The AORCOM approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 February 2023.

### **RECORD OF OUT OF SESSION RESOLUTION**

Off Road Specific Requirements for Off Road Vehicles Art. 9.13(c) was included into regulations.

To view the regulation [click here](#).

### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **Self-Scrutiny**

When Motorsport resumed after the COVID shutdown self-scrutiny was introduced to ensure scrutiny could be conducted in a COVID safe manner.

This was very effective under the circumstances and for off road racing introduced some new concepts. The most notable being to put the onus on competitors to ensure compliance with regulations with scrutineers only conducting spot checks to verify competitor compliance.

This worked well given the circumstances, but COVID has been managed and it is the belief of the AORCOM it is now time to either return to scrutineering as conducted prior to COVID, or have scrutiny conducted using a modified model which achieves better outcomes but is less labour intensive as volunteer numbers have reduced.

Spot checks, which were conducted when self-scrutiny was used didn't keep any records of what was checked and which vehicles were checked, making it difficult for scrutiny teams to know a vehicle's scrutiny history.

The Commission is tasked with developing a hybrid scrutineering model for off road racing.

#### **Off Road GR Safety Cage Material Proposal 40x2mm Tube**

Off-Road general requirements, Article 9.9 documents the minimum specifications of materials used for the construction of Off Road vehicle frames.

38 mm x 2.5 mm CDS or CDW steel is specified as the minimum requirement for the majority of tubes when constructing a frame using materials compliant with Article 8 of Schedule J.

Proposal:

Motorsport Australia proposes to permit the use of 40mm x 2mm CDS/CDW steel as an alternative to 38mm x 2.5mm CDS/CDW Steel when constructing Off-Road vehicle frames using materials specifications compliant with Article 8 of Schedule J.

The FIA and Motorsport Australia have permitted 40mm x 2mm CDS/CDW Steel as an alternative to 38mm x 2.5 mm CDS/CDW Steel for several years due to its equivalent structural properties.

The requirements for all other tube dimensions will remain unchanged.

The Commission resolved to accept the proposal.

## **Radios**

The Commission discussed issues with radios during off-road racing events in WA, as old 40 channel radios do not communicate well with newer 80 channel radios. The old 40 channel radios have not been sold in Australia for 12 years.

There is a need to update the regulation and reinstate that it must comply with Australian standard.

It was agreed that the Commission would review this in between meetings and provide a solution.

## **Junior Involvement**

Jason Galea made a significant contribution in drafting the Junior Off Road Event regulations.

The proposal offers a junior off-road racing program where ten to fifteen-year-olds can compete on a shortened course using restricted vehicle classes.

The concept received positive feedback and will be further reviewed by the Commission and Administration.

## **NEXT MEETINGS**

Teleconference conducted on Tuesday nights, commencing at 7:00pm Melbourne time.

- September Date TBC
- November Date TBC