

AORCOM BRIEF AUSTRALIAN OFF ROAD COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY 5th DEC 2023

The Australian Off Road Commission (AORCOM) convened for a Teams meeting on Tuesday 5th December 2023.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The AORCOM approved the Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 September 2023.

RECORD OF OUT OF SESSION RESOLUTION

Nil.

MATTERS ARISING

MIN 0683 2024 Can-Am Maverick RXrs

A vehicle specification sheet for the 2024 Can-Am Maverick RXrs was presented to the Commission.

Off Road Specific Requirements Appendix 1, Art. 1.1 Eligible Vehicle List references all eligible SXS vehicles.

Article 1.1(b) deems all Can-Am Commander and Maverick models eligible and thus the 2024 Can-Am Maverick RXrs is eligible for competition.

This matter is now complete.

MIN 0684 AORC Organiser Requirements

The 2024 AORC Organisers Requirements were circulated to the Commission for review. A final version will be made available in January.

MIN 0685 2024 AORC Sporting Regulations

The 2024 AORC Sporting Regulations were circulated to the Commission for review. The Commission are set to convene on the 23rd of January to ratify the Sporting Regulations. The Sporting Regulations will go live on the following websites in late January:

- <https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/sporting-technical/national>
- <https://www.aorc.com.au/competitors/>

Any change made in the 2024 AORC Sporting Regulations will be reflected in blue text.

MIN 0686 Off Road Numbers

Available Off Road Competition numbers can be viewed here <https://www.aorc.com.au/numbers>.

This matter is now complete.

MIN 0688 Window Nets

The Commission was made aware of a change to window net requirements (Schedule I Item 4(a)) for vehicles competing in Circuit Race events where along with other things, it required window nets to be attached to the safety cage structure and not attached to the driver's door.

This change was to ensure that in the event of a rollover, and the door is flung open, the window net would still ensure the driver's arm is restrained in the vehicle.

Off road vehicles are in rollovers more often than vehicles at circuit races. The Commission believed the change highlighted above should be implemented for off road vehicles which use a production vehicle as its base.

An amendment to Schedule I 5 (ii) was proposed:

- ii. *Where an occupant is not using wrist/arm restraints a window net must be used to cover each opening except for the front window opening. The window net must be fixed to the Safety Cage Structure except for a Production Car, Ute or 4WD where it is permitted for the upper fixing to attach to the Body Shell.*

Further discussion took into consideration the different types of off road vehicle chassis, different types of window nets being a soft lever net as opposed to a framed window net, wrist restraints, and also vehicle extrication.

It was determined that vehicles at Kalgoorlie should be inspected to practically understand what method of window nets should be applied to the various classes.

Following a review at Kalgoorlie, the Commission resolved to adopt the wording above and request that Schedule I be amended to reflect the change.

This matter is now complete.

MIN 0690 Scrutineering

A document, "Scrutiny for the Future' was presented to the Commission.

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

The future for off road scrutineering states:

- Implementation of Targeted Scrutiny for Off Road, based on the details provided with Event Entry, will require the Event Organisers, in conjunction with the Chief Scrutineer, to determine what automobiles are due for an Audit.
- The Event Scrutiny program can then be determined based on the implementation of Regional Scrutiny programs or otherwise as part of a pre-determined Scrutiny program for/at the event –only for those automobiles that are due for an Audit.
- Random spot checks of general compliance to be conducted throughout an event across all automobiles/competitors including apparel.

Further considerations:

- Audit to be conducted using the Scrutineer's Report –Off Road form –completed in its entirety.
- Apparel to be included in each Audit, as this is normally presented at Off Road Scrutiny.
- Should consideration be given to an Audit including an eligibility inspection – whereby the base eligibility of an automobile is also considered during an audit?
- Should Off Road further consider the compulsory implementation of Engine Sealing requirements to ensure the integrity of the sport?

The Commission sought to review the document with the intent of designing a method of scrutineering that is modern, efficient, all whilst maintaining a high level of safety for competitors and vehicle construction.

The Commission proposed that for all levels of off road racing, a minimum of 10% of the field undergo full scrutiny and spot checks occur on the remaining competition vehicles. All competitors are to be briefed prior to scrutineering.

The Commission agreed to forward a formal proposal to the Motorsport Australia Technical Department for review.

NEXT MEETINGS

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

- Jan 23rd
- May 7th
- Aug 20th
- Dec 3rd