



SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT 2020

The year 2020 will be remembered for the dreaded Covid 19 pandemic, which has affected all of our lives immensely. Changes have been forced upon us to ensure survival and to minimise the spread of this curse. I sincerely hope that you and your families are well and are coping with the new NORMAL, whatever it is.

Last year we all decided to adopt a new Sporting Code that was tailored to our [FIM Africa] sporting requirements and to help guide those Federation that do not have a Sporting Code. I am pleased to report that we have achieved this mammoth task and have solicited your comments, this was endorsed at the end of September and we can release our very own FIM Africa General Sporting Regulations [**GSR's**].

The aim of these GSR's is to provide a handy, informative document for our own FIM Africa events to be effectively run by qualified licensed Officials as well as informed Competitors. This will ensure that everyone will know what is expected of him or her and what he or she can expect.

These GSR's will assist to provide a knowledge platform for potential Officials to access accurate information so that FMN's who currently do not have one, may begin a National Officials Licensing programme of their own. This will help Officials gain experience at National level and eventually International level as well as assist the FMN's to grow their official database.

These GSR's will assist and guide Promoters/Organisers as to what they will need to provide at the various FIMA and National events. It will also guide Competitors as to what they can expect from a FIMA or National event as well as what is expected from them prior and during an event.

Comment must be made on FIM Africa commission members. Folks you have volunteered and for that, we thank you. BUT ... it does not end there. You all need to pick up the "baton" and run with it. Far too many of you do not contribute, when asked to, during the year. Even when comments were specifically invited, only a few "regulars", bother to reply. It is disheartening to say the least. We all need to become "ACTIVE" members! It is very hard for a team to progress carrying non-contributors. Frankly, you need to contribute or resign. Let someone else in, who can contribute and interact.

Those who do contribute, I thank you. It is appreciated.

The Yamaha Blue Crew R3 Cup circuit racing was looking to be a great new adventure for us all. We hope that 2021 will prove to be a great success. A set of "Circuit Regulations" [SSR's] will need to be formulated and published, as the current set are more of a 'contract' between the rider and the sponsor. I have sent the promoter a copy of the FIM SP300 regulations as well as the MSA GSR's for consideration.



On line Racing or E Racing has been promoted worldwide with great success [primarily due to Covid, I am sure] and is growing tremendously. We have a team investigating this facet and to determine whether FIM Africa can get an African E Racing Championship running. Need some advice here!

Angola was accepted as a member earlier in the year and the FIM GA will ratify Mozambique in January 2021. Commissions need to ensure that these additions are adjusted in their SSR's [colours and numbers].

The 2020 MX and X Race budgets have been rolled over to 2021.

Enduro & Off Road

As the 2020 Events could not take place, the dates and venue for the 2021 Continental Event are confirmed. Their old GCR's need to be reviewed and renamed Standing Supplementary Regulations [SSR's]. Officials licensing seminar dates need to set to ensure smooth running of our Events for 2021. FIM and FIM Africa need to put pressure on the Kalahari Rally organisers, so that communication protocols are corrected.

As we move into 2021, we need to remember that there may be a need for a Cross Country facet/Working Group to be formed, should the number of competitors and events increase. Event SSR'S will need to be developed at the same time if not before.

MX Commission

As per above the 2021 dates and venues are reconfirmed. Officials training seminars date will be set up. A date for the Ugandan MXoAN track inspection and homologation needs to be confirmed. The 2021 GSR's need to reviewed and changed to 2021 SSR's. Note must be taken that E MX Bikes are becoming more and more available and that soon they will need to be incorporated in our SSR's especially the junior events.

Conclusion

Let us all strive to make 2021 a great Motorcycling year. Huge thanks to Jacqui and Gilly for their help in getting the FIM Africa General Sporting Regulations done. Next is the seminar and examinations. Thank you all for your time and contributions.

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