

Competitor Bulletin #2015-12 (REVISED 9/8/2015)

To: All AMA Pro Flat Track Competitors
Date: August 21, 2015 (REVISED: 9/8/2015)
Effective Date: Immediately
Subject: **Penalty Information – Peoria TT (REVISED)**

The following penalties have been issued following an altercation that took place at the Peoria TT:

- Robbie Pearson:
 - ~~Suspended for one race~~
 - Probation for the remainder of the 2015 AMA Pro Flat Track season
 - \$500 fine
- Justin Hittle:
 - Suspended for one race
 - Probation for the remainder of the 2015 AMA Pro Flat Track season
 - \$625 fine*

The penalties are based on the following rules from the 2015 AMA Pro Flat Track Rulebook:

Section 2, Rule 2.2a:

“Every club, association, company, promoter, rider and all other persons participating, or in any way connected with, an AMA Pro Racing meet will be deemed participants and therefore bound by the AMA Pro Racing rulebook.”

Appendix A, Rule A2.3j:

“A physical or verbal attack on an AMA Pro Racing official and/or engaging in a fight. This includes any person who attacks or is involved in a fight anywhere on the premises prior to, during, or after an AMA Pro Racing event. There will be no maximum fine or suspension period for this offense.”

*Note: Justin Hittle is not currently entered in the Charlotte Half-Mile, therefore his fine includes an additional \$125 to represent the entry fee associated with his one-race suspension. Both riders will be eligible to return to competition ~~at the Springfield Mile~~ after paying the applicable fines.

REVISED (8/27/2015): Robbie Pearson has appealed his penalty in accordance with the rules set forth in Appendix A5 of the 2015 AMA Pro Flat Track rulebook. Pearson will be permitted to return to competition pending the ruling of the appeal board, pursuant to rule A5.19:

“While in the process of appealing a fine or suspension, a participant may continue to participate in professional events. However, this privilege may be denied, at the sole discretion of AMA Pro Racing, if the suspension is related to an offense under AMA Pro Racing Substance Abuse Policy or for operating a motorcycle or any motor vehicle in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of other riders, officials or the public.”

REVISED (9/8/2015): Following a review of information submitted as part of Robbie Pearson’s appeal, AMA Pro Racing has modified the penalty issued against Pearson by removing the one-race suspension, per rule A5.6:

- “Following the submission of an appeal, AMA Pro Racing shall take one of three initial actions:
- a. Rule in favor of the appealing party, take appropriate remedial action and refund the filing fee.
 - b. Convene an appeal board.
 - c. Determine the appeal to be without merit...”

Pearson will be eligible to return to competition immediately after paying the \$500 fine, and will remain on probation for the remainder of the 2015 AMA Pro Flat Track season.

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The following penalty has also been issued for actions which took place following the GNC1 Main at the Peoria TT:

- Briar Bauman:
 - Appendix A, Rule A2.3u: "Any other act or actions deemed by AMA Pro Racing to be detrimental to the sport of motorcycle racing."
 - Penalty: \$250 fine