

ABHA – Special General Meeting Minutes

Date: 18 February 2026

Purpose: Discussion and vote on an amendment to junior event rules.

1. Meeting Opening

Sandra Martin opened the meeting, confirmed audio, and outlined the purpose: to discuss and vote on an amendment relating to junior competitive categories.

2. Background

- At the 2025 AGM, a motion was passed to formally recognise a 10 & Under Unassisted Competitive Category, which later caused confusion among affiliates.
- The board proposed an amendment to clarify junior event options and membership requirements.

3. Discussion Summary

Members discussed:

- The intent behind the original motion and the gap between Tiny Tots and Junior Divisional.
- Concerns about age groups, fairness for younger riders, and the impact of restricting juniors to one competitive event.
- Clarification that affiliates can still run age groups and that the original AGM wording was optional, not mandatory.
- Need for clearer, consistent rules that support affiliates with different demographics.

4. Motion

Proposed amendment:

That ABHA Affiliates are permitted to run the following junior events:

- Junior Divisional – requires a Junior or Junior Open membership
- 10 & Under – requires a Junior or Junior Open membership
- Tiny Tots 7 & Under (Non-Competitive) – requires a Tiny Tot membership

Further clarification:

Junior and Junior Open Members may only enter one of the above competitive junior events. This means a rider may enter either the 10 & Under or the Junior Divisional, but not both.

5. Voting Outcome

- 23 votes cast
- Motion defeated: 19 Against / 4 For
- Original AGM motion withdrawn.

6. Next Steps

- **Board:** Develop further options or clarifications for junior event categories and membership rules.
- **Board/Secretary:** Issue communication to members and affiliates outlining the current status and next steps.

7. Close

Sandra Martin thanked attendees for their participation and contributions.

President:

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Sandra Martin 20/2/2026

Secretary:

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Jayne Lilley 20/2/2026