

MOTOCROSS NORTHWEST RACING

REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: These rules are developed, published and followed in order to provide fairness and consistency in organized motorcycling events.

SAFETY: Though organized activity free from mishap is an important goal of every rule book, you must realize that MXNW, its staff and event organizers cannot guarantee your safety. You, as a voluntary entrant in sanctioned events, are solely responsible for your own safety. If you are not confident of your own ability, maintenance of your vehicle, ability of your fellow participants, quality of the course or the competence of local officials, you should not participate even if these rules are in use.

ADMINISTRATION: These rules will be administered and enforced by fellow MXNW members selected by the event organizer to serve as referee. Referees have not been trained, licensed or certified by MXNW. Referees are important to the proper conduct of sanctioned events, and you will be expected to cooperate with them and follow their direction.

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: *One year license* - Dues for membership shall be for the fiscal year beginning with the month the participant purchases the membership. Renewal made within 3 months of the original expiration date will be retroactive to the original expiration date.

One day license (nonmember) - May compete in a MXNW sanctioned event when a one day license is purchased, but will not receive MXNW points.

REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES: Entrants, riders, and participants are required to know and understand the rules and guidelines which cover an event sanctioned by MXNW and are (by reason of their entry) definitely bound by such rules and regulations.

I GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION:

- A. All participants in a MXNW sanctioned event are required to be Motocross Northwest members and must have in their possession their current MXNW competition license or have purchased a one day license for the day's event.
- B. All motorcycles must be raced in their proper cc class.
- C. There must be at least three entries to make a class at all MXNW races. If there are less than 3 entries it will be at the promoter's discretion if they shall compete in the next higher class.
- D. A bike that qualifies for the Super Mini class will not be allowed to compete in the full frame size motorcycle classes. (i.e. 125cc, 250cc/Plus).
- E. The machine qualified for use in the first moto must be used by the rider for all motos in that event.
- F. One machine may be used by 2 contestants as long as they are entered in different classes. (i.e. 250 Jr. and 250 Int.).
- G. All engines are allowed overbore for rebuilding purposes up to class limits plus .080 inches.
- H. No one except riders officially entered may ride or practice on the race course during the day's event.
- I. Exhibition riding in all classes will be at the track promoter's discretion and such rider must pay entry fees, but is not eligible for trophies or points.
- J. If a rider leaves the course during the race for any reason, whether mechanical or physical and then decides to resume the race, he/she must re-enter at his/her point of exit before a lap can be counted in his/her favor. If it is impossible or unsafe for a rider to re-enter at his/her point of exit, then he/she must re-enter somewhere before not after his/her point of exit. Penalty may be one lap or disqualification to be determined by the race coordinator and/or referee depending on the circumstances contributing to the incident.
- K. If for any reason the race must be stopped, it will be considered completed if over 50% of the race has been run.
- L. Any foul riding, unnecessary bumping, crowding, chopping, blocking or other unsportsmanlike conduct at the race event is grounds for disqualification or penalty as determined by the track referee.
- M. A rider or member of a rider's pit crew found riding in the pit area will be subject for immediate disqualification of that rider. Areas designated as pit areas will be discussed at the riders meeting.
- N. Riders must notify track officials at the time of sign up of their intent to race more than one class. When ever possible, effort will be made to accommodate this. However, MXNW officials will not be responsible for any occurrence that results in "back to back" motos for a rider who enters multiple race classes.
- O. Any rider or spectator who makes unauthorized modifications to the track will be subject to eviction from the track premises for the remainder of the event.
- P. No one rider or his representative will be allowed to hold or station himself in a preferred position on the start line in advance of his/her moto.
- Q. No practice start in advance of the moto will be allowed unless approved by the start line official.
- R. Officials reserve the right to prevent anyone from competing in any event if the rider or bike does

not comply with the rules.

- S. A riders meeting will be held before the start of the day's event. Riders or mechanics must be present. Instructions and information will be given at this time.
- T. Any rider believed to be using alcohol, drugs, or chemical substances will be removed immediately from the track. These actions will also result in a 30 day suspension from all MXNW tracks and events. Besides affecting the safety of the meet, any such use is inconsistent with the concept of good sportsmanship and is harmful to the sport of motorcycling.
- U. Every rider is responsible for the conduct of his parents, mechanics, or anyone associated with him/her.
- V. Any verbal harassment of officials will be grounds for immediate disqualification and/or fine for those riders or parties involved. Any physical abuse to officials will be grounds for permanent disqualification of the rider. In addition MXNW reserves the right to notify all other race associations of any such occurrence. This will include all first aid personnel since they are acting in an official capacity.

II **CLASSES:** Classes can be added or deleted by the individual track promoters, but the following classes will be recognized by Motocross Northwest for points and awards.

WOMEN'S DIVISION Master, Amateur, Novice, any bike 80cc or larger.

50CC (0cc-59cc) Intermediate, Junior, Beginner. Age 4 thru 8 yrs**

65CC (60cc-65cc 2 stroke, 70-110c 4 stroke) Intermediate, Junior, Beginner, Age 7 thru 11 yrs**

85CC (80cc-85cc 2 stroke, 110-150cc 4 stroke,) Intermediate, Junior, Beginner. Age 9 thru 15 yrs.** Big Wheel is allowed to ride in 85cc Beginner class; however once the rider has pointed out then he/she can only ride Big Wheel in Super Mini Class. Big Wheel is NOT allowed in 85cc Junior or Intermediate Classes.

SUPER MINI (80-107cc 2 stroke, 150cc 4 stroke, 80cc modified, 110cc, 105cc, Big Wheels) Age 9 thru 15 yrs. **

****SPECIAL NOTE FOR 50cc, 65cc & 85cc CLASSES:** *You may ride entire season as long as your birthday to reach maximum age for that class was after January 1st of that year.*

250 CLASS (125cc-250cc Full Size Tires Front 21" Back 18") Pro, Intermediate, Junior, Beginner. (full frame size) Age 12 yrs. & older (See Age Note Below) (age as of date of event).

OPEN CLASS (125cc & Up Full Size Tires Front 21" Back 18") Pro, Intermediate, Junior, Beginner. (full frame size) Age 12 yrs. & older (See Age Note Below) (age as of date of event)

UNLIMITED PRO CLASS - 125cc & Up - Age 15 yrs. (age as of date of event)

BEFORE THE HILL Master, Amateur. 12 yrs plus, 125cc & larger bikes (age as of date of event).

OVER THE HILL Intermediate, Junior, and Beginner. 30 yrs. plus (age as of date of event).

OLD TIMER Expert, Amateur, and Novice. 40 yrs. plus (age as of date of event).

IMPORTANT!

AGE LIMITS: In all classes with an age classification, a rider must ride in the appropriate class designated for their age (age as of date of event with the exception of 50, 65, & 85cc classes as noted above).

III RIDER CLASSIFICATION:

- A. The BEGINNER class is limited to rider who raced less than one (1) year or have a continual record with MXNW of finishing in the lower 50% of his/her races. No rider will be allowed to move back to the beginner class.
- B. The JUNIOR class is for those riders who are classified as JUNIOR and have not raced as an INTERMEDIATE or PROFESSIONAL with MXNW or any other organization.
- C. The INTERMEDIATE class is for those riders who are classified as INTERMEDIATE and have not raced as a PRO with MXNW or any other organization.
- D. The PRO class is for riders who race in the professional class with MXNW or any other organization as Pro or the highest advanced classification. MXNW members who hold or have held (within one year) a professional membership card or a membership that allows the rider to compete in both Pro and amateur events must ride in our PRO class. Riders must be 15 years of age or older.
- E. Before the Hill, Over the Hill, and Old Timer classes are intended for riders who have reached the appropriate age for these classes. MXNW will point only the riders who have reached the respective age group.
- F. No Over the Hill rider moving to the Old Timer classes will enter the Old Timer Novice class. Over the Hill Beginner riders will move into the Old Timer Amateur class and all Over the Hill Junior and Intermediate riders will enter the Old Timer Expert class.

IV UPGRADING:

- A. The Competition Committee has the authority to require a rider to participate in separate events according to their ability as determined by the committee and the rating shall be in effect for future races. Any rider may contest his/her rating to the Appeals Committee by submitting his/her resume and/or other proof of reason for protesting the decision.
- B. A rider will automatically be moved to the next higher classification when he/she has earned the required number of points.

POINTS ARE EARNED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>
6 RIDERS	6	5	4	3	2	1
5 RIDERS	5	4	3	2	1	
4 RIDERS	4	3	2	1		
3 RIDERS	3	2	1			
2 RIDERS	2	1				
1 RIDER	1					

Points are earned based on the overall finish of the rider in a race and by the number of riders entered into that race with a maximum of 6 points earned per class.

- C. When a **BEGINNER** rider has earned the maximum **36 POINTS** he/she must move into the **JUNIOR** class.
- D. When a **JUNIOR** rider has earned the maximum **60 POINTS** he/she must move into the **INTERMEDIATE** class.
- E. **WOMEN NOVICE** will move up at **18 POINTS** and **WOMEN AMATEUR** will move up at **48 POINTS**
- F. **BEFORE THE HILL AMATEUR** will move up at **60 POINTS**.
- G. **OVER THE HILL BEGINNER** will move up at **36 POINTS** and **JUNIOR** will move up at **60 POINTS**.
- H. **OLD TIMER NOVICE** will move up at **36 POINTS** and **AMATEUR** will move up at **60 POINTS**.
- I. The moving up of a rider will be done **REGARDLESS OF ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE RIDER CONCERNING SERIES POINTS FOR DIFFERENT TRACKS**.
- J. If a rider moves himself up a class, MXNW will assume they have moved to that higher class and MXNW records will be changed accordingly. Riders are not allowed to move back and forth between classes to suit themselves.
- K. 50cc & 65cc Intermediate riders may drop back one class to Junior when advancing to a larger bike. However, 50cc & 65cc Junior riders can only drop back to the Beginner class for a total of 2 races at which time they must move to the respective Junior class. They will be eligible for daily awards but will not earn any points in the Beginner class or be able to eligible for High Point awards.
- L. 85cc Intermediate riders may drop back on class to Junior when advancing to a larger bike. 85cc Junior riders must ride in the 250/Open Junior class
- M. A rider will not earn MXNW points for a DNF or DNS.
- N. The Referee can and will at any time require a rider to advance to the next higher class.

V DOWNGRADING:

- A. There will be a competition committee which has the authority to downgrade a rider in the event they feel such a rider is a hazard to himself or other participants.
- B. Riders who feel they have been unjustly advanced, have the right to petition MXNW for review.
- C. Pros must not have raced for a period of one year before downgrading to the Intermediate class. Pros may also use the petition method for downgrading.

VI SCORING:

- A. Riders earn a score in each moto according to their respective finish positions. A combination of scores from the 1st and 2nd motos will make an overall finish. DNFs and DNSs will not receive an overall finish.

- B. A rider must complete ½ the laps of the leader and take the checkered flag to receive a finish for a moto.
- C. Points awarded for a moto shall be 1 point for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, etc. The rider accumulating the least number of points will be declared the winner. In the case of a tie the winner shall be determined on the basis of the finish of the final moto.
- D. When the winner receives the checkered flag the race will be considered complete and all riders will be credited for the positions and laps completed in this final lap. No rider will be allowed to make up lost laps after the checkered flag.

VII SPECIAL EVENTS:

- A. MXNW has the option to formulate special events.
- B. A rider may be moved up for regular races, but remain in the class in which he/she began any MXNW special series. Age class entrants may remain in the age class in which they began a MXNW special series.
- C. A separate points schedule will be used to score a special series. Any scores resulting in ties at a series end, will be determined by the best overall finish at the last race of the series.

VIII SAFETY REGULATIONS: Any participant who doubts their personal ability to participate in an event, feels they have not adequately prepared themselves and their equipment, questions the condition and safety of the track, believes their personal insurance coverage is not adequate to compensate them for loss that might occur are urged to notify the promoter who will immediately refund their entry fee.

- A. It is the duty of the individual to determine the class he/she is legal to ride in.
- B. Suitability for competition-The basic design of the bike must be suitable for high performance with safety.
- C. The tires shall be in good condition with no apparent flaws. The use of studded tires is prohibited.
- D. Brakes must be in good working condition and in proper adjustment.
- E. Throttle must have self-returning spring which will close throttle when released.
- F. Front and rear suspension shall be of a suitable design in proper order and properly adjusted for maximum safety. No components are allowed to be wired or taped to the bike.
- G. Tuned exhaust systems and pipes can not protrude beyond the length of the bike and must have suitable silencer. All exhausts shall have a muffler/silencer which does not emit sound in excess of 115 dB measured at 0.5 meters.
- H. Collapsible pegs are mandatory.
- I. All frames shall be free of visible defects. All welds shall be structurally strong.
- J. All fenders must be plastic or fiberglass.
- K. All tanks must be free from leaks and be securely fixed to the bike.
- L. All kickstands must be removed during competition.
- M. All riders must have ankle or higher boots, proper helmets (current Snell standards), and full arm coverage.
- N. All goggles must be splinter-shatter proof.
- O. All head lights must be removed or taped.
- P. There must be THREE NUMBER PLATES on each motorcycle. One on the front and one on each side. Number plates must be securely mounted and must be affixed so they are clearly visible. Nothing but numbers may appear on the number plate and be clearly legible. Number plate numbers must be 5" high and helmet numbers must be 3" high. Numbers must be black on white, white on black, or black on yellow.

IX OFFICIAL FLAGS:

GREEN: Start of race.

YELLOW: WHEN STATIONARY-Use caution, do not pass. WHEN WAVED-Extreme danger, prepare to stop, and DO NOT pass until completely passed the yellow flag area.

RED: Stopping of the race for emergency situation. Go back to the start for instructions.

BLACK: Disqualification of individual rider. Pull off the track and talk to the referee.

BLUE: Being lapped, hold position, rider trying to pass. A lapped rider must hold his/her position when the blue flag is shown.

WHITE/RED CROSS: Medical and/or emergency equipment on the track.

WHITE: One lap to go.

BLACK/WHITE CHECKERED: Finish. Race is over.

**APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY
THE TRACK REFEREE IF FLAG RULES**

ARE NOT ADHERED TO!!!

X PENALTIES AND PROTESTS:

- A.** The MXNW Board of Appeals is empowered to settle disputes arising in connection with any MXNW sanctioned event and a decision by this committee shall be final and binding on all parties. A suspended rider has the right to appear before the Board of Appeals to present his/her case.
- B.** Protest must be made in writing within 30 minutes of the posted results of each moto by the rider ONLY.
- C.** Protests can only be made by a rider of a machine in the same class as the protested machine or rider.
- D.** Protest fees shall be \$50.00 for any protest regarding machinery. If the protest is found valid, the fee shall be returned to the protester. If found invalid the fee is forfeited to the body to whom sanction has been issued. The protested rider must also be paid labor cost up to a maximum of \$25.00. If any tear down of the engine or other parts are involved, the person who makes the protest will have to supply the items to measure or tear down the protested machine.
- E.** MXNW reserves the right to protest, inspect, or investigate any questionable machine. Failure of the owner to comply will result in immediate disqualification.
- F.** Written protest and fee must be presented to the track referee.
- G.** There will be no protest allowed against the decision of the referee of an event except through appeal of the Board of Appeals.

XI TRACK REFEREE: There shall be a track referee at all MXNW sanctioned events. The referee(s) at all events shall be clearly named at the riders meeting. The duties of the referee shall be:

- A.** Satisfy himself/herself that the course is safe for the event, and call the event off at any time that conditions make it unsafe.
- B.** Direct the starter to black flag any rider off the track if there is excessive oil leaking from the bike, exhaust pipe or other parts hanging from the motorcycle, or any other condition he/she deems to be unsafe.
- C.** Direct the starter to red flag a race which was started improperly.
- D.** Receive all protests and render decisions thereon subject to the Appeals Committee.
- E.** Is empowered to make and enforce temporary regulations necessary to cover emergencies or special conditions (not covered in the rules) including any unforeseen situation for the betterment and in the interest of the program.
- F.** At any time request from a rider a birth certificate or proof of age.
- G.** Can and will at any time require a rider to advance to the next higher class.