

OTHG NATIONAL RULES

I. National Rules Committee

A. Purpose

1. To provide consistency among all chapters throughout the national series.
2. To make rule changes as needed and help the race director from each home national make the appropriate decisions regarding rule infractions and scoring.
3. Motions for rule changes shall be submitted at the 4th national for discussion and voted on at the 5th national.
4. South chapter will be the tie breaker.

B. Rules

1. Roberts Rules shall govern all proceedings that direct overall direction of the national series.
2. The national rules will stay in effect until the national rules committee votes to change them.
3. A motion may be reversed or amended in an emergency session called by the rules committee in which the motion will be readdressed (used in the case of a motion being passed and after considerable amount of time information indicates a motion is not working as intended or the benefit of the national series.) Rules may only be changed or amended by a majority of the 10 rules committee members.
4. Rules shall apply to all chapters participating in the national series.

C. Members

1. Members of the rules committee shall consist of 2 members from each chapter board designated prior to the start of the first national.
2. This committee may be dissolved and its activities terminated by two thirds vote of committee members.
3. Committee members must attend at least 3 of the 5 national races.

II. Rider Qualifications

A. Age

1. Riders may ride in the age group they turn during the calendar year.
2. Riders must have 2 races in the class they enter at the national within the last year OR 4 races within the last two years.
 - a. If a rider moves up in age class but stays in the same skill level and has ridden at least 2 races within the calendar year, the rider is not required to reclassify (eval) under the new age class.
3. Women riders are provided a 5 year offset for each age division.

B. Classified Riders

1. To enter their first national series race a rider must have been evaluated in at least 2 races by their chapter race director and deemed in the proper class.

2. Riders entering the National Women's Class must have 2 races in their chapter's Women's Class within the last year or 4 races within the last 2 years.
 - a. If their chapter does not have a Women's Class, they must have 2 races in an OTHG class within the last year or 4 races within the last 2 years.
 - b. The rider's race director will submit his recommendation to the host race director to determine classification for this class.
 3. During the nationals any classified rider that moves up in skill level is exempt from having to be evaluated for the higher skill level.
 4. If a rider elects to move to a different age group once the national series has begun, he doesn't carry his points to the new group.
- C. Unclassified Riders
1. An unclassified member is not permitted to race a two day national event.
- D. Race directors are responsible for checking their members' national eligibility (2 race rule, etc) and have a current roster available.

III. Numbers

- A. Number plates

1. All racers must have the correct plates on all 3 sides with proper color backgrounds, correct numbers, and chapter letter.
2. Minimum number size is 6 inches.
3. Letter for chapter designation minimum is 1 1/2 inches.

B. Background colors

1. Experts are black numbers on white background.
2. Intermediates are white numbers on black background.
3. Novices are black numbers on yellow background.
4. Beginners are white numbers on green background.
5. Masters are exempt from color restrictions, but must have the proper chapter designation.
6. The national champions can elect to run red or blue backgrounds with white or black numbers and letter.
7. Each chapter will recognize 1st through 3rd place in each class.
8. Chapter designation
 - B for Bay
 - S for Sierra
 - G for South
 - V for Valley
 - R for Reno
9. Members who are unable to run the proper background colors, numbers, or letter must notify the race director prior to practice. Failure to do so will result in a one lap penalty.

IV. Class Identification

A. Age

1. Age groups shall be 30, 38, 45, 52, 60

B. Skill

1. Skill levels shall be beginner, novice, intermediate, expert, master

C. Women's Class

1. Will be divided into 2 skill levels: beginner and novice.

D. The 60 Class

1. In 2013 a rider participating in this class may be or turn 58 during the year.
2. Skill levels will be broken into 3 groups.
 - a. Novice, run yellow backgrounds.
 - b. Intermediate, run black backgrounds.
 - c. Experts, may run white backgrounds.

E. Class changes

1. During the course of the season, riders who are promoted by their chapter's race director to a faster skill level may carry their accumulated national points to their new class as long as their points do not exceed the leader of the class they are moving into. In cases where rider's points exceed the leader, the rider's points shall be reduced to tie the leader of the new class.

V. Transponder Scoring

A. National events

1. Normally consist of 4 motos over 2 days.

a. The motos in 2013 will be timed events (masters/experts 20 min, intermediates 18 min, novices 16 min, beginners/women 15 min.) These times may be adjusted at the discretion of the national host.

b. At these events the overall results of each class are scored separately with the points earned counting toward the national series points. The national series points are used to determine overall class champions at the end of the national series.

B. Scoring System

1. The transponder system must be used at all nationals.
2. If the host chapter does not have the equipment, it will be provided by the chapters that do.
3. Compensation for these services and equipment are to be paid by the host chapter.
4. The host chapter is responsible for scoring support classes.

C. Individual Transponders

1. All racers must run a transponder for scoring and timing.

D. Scoring Issues

1. Any scoring discrepancies must be brought to the rider's race director's attention within 1 hour after results are posted.
2. The scoring is considered official 2 hours after the host chapter has posted the final results.
3. No racer shall approach the score keepers or the promoters regarding the results. If discrepancies

are noted they must be brought to the attention of the rider's race director. (He will contact the host race director.)

4. Penalty for the above listed infractions may range from docking a lap to expulsion from the event.
5. Posting of results for each moto and totals for the day's final results will be posted near the clubs' sign up area following a reasonable period of time.

VI. Points Awarded

A. Points will be separated each day.

1=35

2=34

3=33

4=32

5=31

6=30

7=29

8=28

9=27

10=26

11-Last place receive 25

VII. DNS & DNF & No Show

A. DNS

1. A rider starts a race under power but does not cross the transponder loop. This can be changed to a DNF if the rider took the gate but was unable

to cross the transponder loop. It is the rider's responsibility to contact his race director to have the DNS changed to a DNF.

2. A recorded DNS is scored as 99 points.

B. DNF

1. A rider crosses the transponder loop and is registered in the scoring system.

2. A DNF will be scored as last place plus 2 positions.

3. If more than 1 rider DNF it will be determined which one completed the most laps and that rider will receive the best finishing position of the DNF riders.

C. No Show

1. A rider that has paid but does not show up to race either race day receives no points.

VIII. Protests

A. Race director of the host chapter has the final say in the outcome of any race protest.

1. If assistance is needed, any national committee member present may help resolve any issues.

2. Protests must be filed within 1 hour of the alleged infraction.

3. Protesters must consist of the rider affected by the infraction, must be in the same class or same race in which the infraction occurred.
4. Any member of any chapter board may also file protests.

IX. Penalties

- A. Penalties will be issued by the members of the committee that are present at that national.
 1. An official warning for the first offense will be given along with the possibility of suspension, and termination of club membership depending on the severity of the infraction.

X. Bumps

- A. A rider in contention for a national championship may not be bumped after the completion of the 3rd national.

XI. Safety

- A. An ambulance must be present before practice begins at all national events.
- B. Yellow flag means caution due to unsafe condition or disabled rider. Hold your position, do not pass until you are clear of danger. Any member who fails to abide by this rule will be penalized 1 lap.

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