

## 2011 MONTANA XC RULES

### 1. DEFINITIONS:

- A. CLASS: Ability based in terms of A & B classification.
- B. DIVISION: The category in which a rider may compete based on:
  - i. Age
  - ii. Sex
  - iii. Engine Size (All vehicles must be 2-wheeled production based machines to earn points and awards)
- C. TRANSFERS: The process performed either by the race committee or the points steward, whereby they evaluate an individual rider on individual abilities and overall finishes in the races completed in, and move the rider up or down accordingly.
- D. Montana XC can be abbreviated to MTXC
- E. AMA Western Hare Scramble Series can be abbreviated to WHSS

### 2. OBLIGATIONS OF THE MTXC RACE COMMITTEE TO CONTESTANT:

- A. Set rules and standards for promoters and riders in cross country type events.
- B. To handle all protests to any rider's disqualification at the regular or special scheduled meetings after said protest.
- C. Administer and keep track of points from all events sanctioned, and publish annual point standings.
- D. Provide for qualified riders, year-end awards for the top three or 33% (which ever is least amount, signed up in their classes for the year. However, more awards may be given out if the MTXC race committee has the funds available.
- E. **Maintain a racing program that will continue to encourage new riders.**

### 3. RIDER INFORMATION:

- A. GENERAL
  - i. The MTXC Race schedule will run from Jan 1 through Dec 31.
  - ii. All events should be at least 2 weeks apart, but can be a 2 day event.
  - iii. On any dual sanctioned or multiple day event, the MTXC day to receive points is preferred to be the first day, to eliminate pre-riding of the course. This can be waived by the MTXC Race committee prior to the event.
  - iv. If a promoter cancels their race, it is their direct responsibility to make sure all MTXC members are informed prior to the event date.
  - v. To receive points and qualify for year end awards, every rider must be a member of MTXC.
- B. RACE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS:

- i. Individual promoter will be responsible for communicating the type of start for the event at the riders meeting.
  - ii. The start must be clearly defined between to points. (Stakes, etc)
  - iii. The sponsor promoter may start, at their discretion, A classes first, B second, Women and C last.
  - iv. Multiple wave starts should be incorporated depending on the space available.
  - v. All events must have a clearly defined finish line.
  - vi. All MTXC courses will be closed to pre-riding 21 days before the event. Anyone caught pre-riding on a closed course will be disqualified. A promoter has the discretion to allow an open close or poker run the day of or the day before the event only if it is advertised.
  - vii. All MTXC classes must be offered at any MTXC sanctioned event.
  - viii. Sound testing may be required at the discretion of the individual event's promoter.
  - ix. 50CC Class must be run separate of all other classes.
- C. INPSECTIONS AND PROTESTS:
- i. Any protest will require \$100 deposit.

#### 4. OBLIGATIONS OF THE RACER:

##### A. BASIC RULES:

- i. All participants must have a membership to receive points.
  - a. Full adult memberships are available at all races for a \$20 fee. Youth class memberships are available for \$10. The membership is active during the calendar year it is issued. This qualifies the member to accrue points toward the year-end awards and subjects the member to the rules of the MTXC rulebook.
  - b. Non-MTXC members from other racing organizations will be eligible at the discretion of the individual race promoter and are not eligible for year-end awards and must obey the MTXC rules.
- ii. May compete in only one division at a full point event.
- iii. May not trade bikes to finish or win any event. You must ride the entire event on the same bike.
- iv. You cannot ride a greater displacement engine in a smaller size division.
- v. One person may ride in a division for points but it takes 3 riders to make a division for trophies. Riders from three separate divisions may be combined for trophies, but they must be from the same class. The individual promoter may trophy all 3 riders at their discretion.
- vi. All riders must sign an entry waiver at every race.

- vii. All riders must ride within the course markings, unless informed otherwise by the sponsoring club at the riders meeting (i.e., no passing zones).
- B. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT:
  - i. A helmet is required. Eye protection, gloves, and boots are recommended.
- C. RIDER CLASSIFICATION:
  - i. There are two classes A & B.
  - ii. New riders will be classified by the MTXC official in charge at sign-up.
  - iii. Any classification at sign-up is subject to re-classification.
  - iv. In the case of reclassification, the rider in question will be notified by MTXC with new class designation.
  - v. All out of state riders that cannot show proof of classification must race the A Class. However, the MTXC official in charge may use his/her best judgment in all cases.

#### 5. DIVISIONS:

Riders must be a minimum of 14 years old to ride in the big bike race. Exceptions for riders between 12 and 14 must be addressed with MTXC and the promoter prior to the event.

- A. THE FOLLOWING ARE THE DIVISIONS WITH AN OPTION FOR SPORTSMAN THAT ARE OVER THE AGE OF 16.
  - i. Open Division A/B, displacements over 86cc both 2 and 4 strokes and ages min 14.
  - ii. 250 Division A/B, displacements over 86cc to 250cc, both 2 strokes and 4 strokes.
  - iii. Veteran Division A/B, unlimited cc, 30+ years old.
  - iv. Senior Division A/B, unlimited cc, 40+ years old.
  - v. Master Division A/B, unlimited cc, 50+ years old.
  - vi. 60+, unlimited cc, heads up, 60+ years old.
  - vii. Women, heads up, unlimited cc.
  - viii. Sportsman class may be offered by the promoter, but does not pay points.
- B. YOUTH CLASS:
  - i. 50cc, 4-8 years old.
  - ii. 65cc, 7-11 years old. Displacements for 2 strokes 52cc to 65 cc and 4 strokes 52-90 cc.
  - iii. 85cc Junior, 7-11 years old. Displacements for 2 strokes 66-85cc and 75-125cc for 4 strokes.
  - iv. 85cc, 12-15 years old. Displacements for 2 strokes 66-85cc and 75-125cc for 4 strokes.
  - iv. Supermini, heads up 12-15 years old. Displacements for 2 strokes 80cc-112cc and for 4 strokes 75-150cc.
  - v. Girls, 12-15 years old, Displacements for 2 strokes 80cc-112cc and for 4 strokes 75-150cc.

## 6. POINTS

### A. GENERAL

- i. A rider must participate in 50% or more of the events in their class. Participation will be defined as racing or working.
- ii. At any MTXC sanctioned event, the following format will be used for points:

Position	Points
1	30
2	25
3	21
4	18
5	16
6-20	Decreases 1 point per position

- vi. A rider must complete the time requirement or lap requirement and cross the finish line in order to be eligible for points.
- vii. Work points will be awarded to a member who works their local events. You can only receive work points for one promoter a year. The amount of work points issued will be based on the workers average of points earned at completed races. All races will be included in the average, DNS and DNF events will be included as well. In order to be eligible for work points, your name must be on the Sanction Worksheet that is turned into MTXC. No names will be added to the list after the fact.
- viii. Racer results need to be turned into MTXC within 5 days after the event by the promoting club.
- ix. Points will be updated online after all events.
- x. Youth classes will pay points in the same manner as the big bike classes.
- xi. In the event of a tie at the end of a race season, the rider who has ridden the most races will be declared the winner, unless the rider in question is a member that has worked their club's event(s) during that season. If this becomes the case, then the member who worked a race will be declared the winner.
- xii. If a rider is moved up by MTXC, they take the points they have earned that year with them. If the rider chooses to move up, they can only take 50% of the points earned with them (ie, from Vet B to Vet A).
- xiii. If a rider changes division they can take no earned points with them (i.e. moving from 450A to Vet A).

### D. Dual Sanctioned Events

- i. At all dual sanctioned events, only those riders signed up as MTXC Members will be scored for MTXC points.

- ii. At the 2011 Big Sky XC where the race is on the West National Hare Scramble Series, a rider may petition Montana XC in writing to be scored in the division they are registered and can be scored with the overall results to earn points in the Montana XC Class.
- iii. One example applies to ONLY riders racing in the AA class in the WHSS, and also the Open A Class in the Montana XC Series. The promoter will be scoring overall A results and will be able to award points on a time adjusted basis for the rider in the MTXC Series Open A Class.
- iv. Another example is a rider that races Vet A in the WHSS and Open A in the MTXC Series. The rider can earn points for both but must start with the WHSS Class (in this case VET A which will start after the Open A Class), and will be scored on a time adjusted basis.
- v. It is the responsibility of the rider to request the above deviations from MTXC for Dual Sanctioned Events in writing.

7. RIDER RECLASSIFICATION (TRANSFERS):

- A. MTXC may reclassify riders periodically to ensure competitive racing within the divisions.
- B. Team races do not count as transfer rides.
- C. If you place high in overall finishes of different races you will be reviewed to move up.

8. CHECKING AND COURSE MARKING:

- A. The promoter must hold a rider meeting before the event starts and explain how the course is marked and how the checkpoints will be handled.
- B. Promoters may handle checkpoint marking as they see fit.
- C. The Main Course should be marked in pink or orange tape.
- D. Danger areas should be marked with Blue tape or Xs on pie plates or arrows pointed down before the danger area.
- E. In open terrain, each piece of flagging should be visible from the previous piece of flagging.

9. GENERAL RULES:

- 1. All racers competing in the Montana XC Series must be a current member of the series.
- 2. No rider under the age of 18 may compete without the consent (signature on liability releases and entry forms) of his/her parents or legal guardians present at the meet.