

VERMONT MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL RULES OF COMPETITION

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General Rules

- 1) All riders, mechanics, pit crews and promoters are deemed to be fully aware of all the rules and regulations of the Vermont Motocross Association and will be required to abide by them.
- 2) ALL riders must have current proof of insurance with membership. Riders under 18 years MUST have VMA Membership form signed by a parent or legal guardian and the signatures must be notarized.
- 3) Rider Hill racetrack is private property. Riding is allowed only at VMA scheduled events.
- 4) Riders may not use drugs or alcohol during the racing event.
- 5) No one except riders officially registered in any event may ride or practice on the day of the race. You must officially register before practice. Registration will end at 8:45am. Late entries will not be allowed.
- 6) All riders are to attend the **MANDATORY** riders meeting which follows registration. This is a requirement for racing.
- 7) All competition motorcycles must be walked, with both feet on the ground, unless inside the designated track area. There is no pit riding at any time. No bicycles or pit bikes are allowed.
- 8) Stopped, fallen or disabled riders must use all precautions to ensure the safety of the other riders in starting their motorcycle and/or reentering the race.
- 9) Profanity, unsportsmanlike or disrespectful actions, on or off the track by riders, parents, friends, spectators or mechanics toward other riders, mechanics, spectators or race officials shall be subject to disqualification for the day as well as subject to further disqualification by the Race Officials, lifetime suspension is possible.
- 10) Any rider leaving the course must re-renter at the nearest SAFE location with no attempt to shorten the course or to improve his/her position.
- 11) A rider whose motorcycle is disabled may push it, without endangering or interfering with other riders, to complete the lap. All riders who complete 50% of the scheduled laps and cross the finish line for the checkered flag will receive moto points. Riders may push around the finish jump, rather than over the top, to be scored as a completed lap.
- 12) Riders must be ready when their class is called to the starting line. Only riders with mechanical or equipment problems may signal the starter to delay the start of the moto for up to two minutes to correct any problems. The starter will determine when the race starts. 1 lap penalty for leaving on the wrong gate and rolling starts.
- 13) All riders must report to the starting line staging area prior to the start of the class preceding their own. Riders or mechanics are never permitted in front of the starting gate.
- 14) Track officials and promoters shall decide the number of motorcycles allowed to participate in a given class. In the event of an excessive number of riders entered in a class, that class may be separated.
- 15) Only riders who hold a current VMA Membership may participate in VMA events.
- 16) Riders starting an event on a particular size machine must finish both motos on the same size machine, except in the Open Class

17) Overnighters: There is a 10:00pm noise curfew. (Includes generators) Penalty for violation is at the discretion of the Race Director or designated official. Penalty will be imposed on a rider deemed to be associated with the violation during their next moto. In other words, riders are responsible for the actions of their guests. Fireworks are not allowed. No saving of parking spaces, first come, first serve. Dogs must be on a leash, kept quiet, and owners must pick up after them anywhere on the property.

18) Riders disobeying flags will be subject to the loss of (1) position, the loss of (1) lap, or disqualification at the discretion of the Race Director.

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| a) Green: | Fair Start |
| b) Crossed Flags: | Half-way point |
| c) White & Checkered Rolled up and held Horizontally | 2 laps remain |
| d) White: | 1 lap to go |
| e) Checkered: | Race is Over |
| f) Yellow: | Caution: Slow down, NO PASSING, NO JUMPING until beyond the incident. |
| g) Black flag rolled: | Rider warning, report to the race director at completion of race. |
| h) Black flag open: | Rider disqualification, report to the race director at once. |
| i) Red: | Race is stopped; scoring is based on the last completed lap. Proceed slowly to the start line for instructions. |

Motorcycles and Gear

19) Motorcycles must meet these minimum requirements:

- a) Throttle and all hand and foot levers must operate freely.
- b) Levers must have a knob end.
- c) Tires must have sufficient tread for race conditions.
- d) Exhaust must be in good condition with silencer in place.
- e) Kick stands are not allowed.

20) All riders are required to wear the following apparel:

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| a) Helmet: | A full-face helmet which carries a minimum of a Snell 2000 approval. |
| b) Goggles: | Shatterproof goggles or face shields must be worn at all times |
| c) Chest protector: | Full Front required. Full front and back recommended |
| d) Gloves: | Required |
| e) Boots: | All footwear must be a height reaching above the ankle (minimum of 8"). Boots may be laced, multi buckled, or zipped and constructed for leg and foot protection. |
| f) Jerseys: | Jerseys must be long sleeved. |
| g) Pants: | Pants must be full length and of sufficient weight material to afford a reasonable degree of protection. |

h) These items are recommended but are not required: kidney belts, shoulder pads, knee pads, hip pads and elbow pads.

Number Plates

21) All riders must start the race with three plates on the motorcycle and number on the back of the jersey or chest protector. Required background colors: **Novice/ Black, Amateur/Yellow, Expert/White**. Numbers must show clearly. Any rider without numbers on each of these locations will not race. All numbers in all locations must match.

*****Motorcycle size*****

22) CC Classification

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| a) 50 cc Class | 2-strokes 50cc | 4-strokes 50cc |
| b) 65cc Class | 2-strokes 65cc, (no 50's) | 4-strokes 65cc to 110cc. |
| c) 85 cc Class | 2-strokes 85cc, (no 65's) No Big Wheel 85's in 85 Novice | 4-strokes 85cc to 150cc. |
| d) Supermini Class | 2-strokes 85cc to 112cc, (no 65's) | 4-strokes 85cc to 150cc. |
| e) 125cc Class | 2-strokes 86cc to 144cc, (no 85's) | 4-strokes 150 Big wheels to 250cc. |
| f) Youth Class | 2-strokes 86cc to 144cc, (no 85's) | 4-strokes 150 Big wheels to 250cc. |
| g) 250cc Class | 2-strokes must be over 144cc, (no 125's) | 4-strokes 450cc+ |
| h) Open Classes | 2-strokes must be 125cc or above, (no 85's) | 4-strokes 250cc+ |
| i) Women's Class | 2-strokes must be 80cc and above, (no 65's) | 4-strokes 80cc and above |
| j) Any rider caught running more than 2mm of overbore will be subject to a 1 year suspension and loss of all points. | | |

*****Rider Classification*****

23) A rider participating in 125 and 250 races, as well as Open races, must ride in the same category in all classes. In other words a 125 Amateur must ride in the 250 Amateur or Open Amateur class as well.

*****Rider Age Classification*****

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| a) 50cc Class | Not over 10 years of age on January 1st |
| b) 65cc Class | Not over 12 years of age on January 1st |
| c) 85/Supermini Class | Not over 16 years of age on January 1st |
| d) 30+ | 30 years of age or older on January 1st |
| e) 40+ | 40 years of age or older on January 1st |
| f) 50+ | 50 years of age or older on January 1st |
| g) Youth class | 13 - 18 years of age on January 1st |
| h) Women | No age limits. |

*****Championship points*****

25) Championship points are awarded for each moto for the first 20 positions in the following order using the High-Point system. Riders must attend 50% of races to be eligible for championship awards. Ties will be broken by best finishes. Day members are not eligible for championship points.

1 st place finish 25 points	6 th place finish 15 points	11 th place finish 10 points	16 th place finish 5 points
2 nd place finish 22 points	7 th place finish 14 points	12 th place finish 9 points	17 th place finish 4 points
3 rd place finish 20 points	8 th place finish 13 points	13 th place finish 8 points	18 th place finish 3 points
4 th place finish 18 points	9 th place finish 12 points	14 th place finish 7 points	19 th place finish 2 points
5 th place finish 16 points	10 th place finish 11 points	15 th place finish 6 points	20 th place finish 1 point

*****Promotional Points System*****

- 26) Promotional points will serve to advance a rider through the novice and amateur classes based on their race placements. Novice riders will be advanced to Amateur with 40 promotional points. Amateur riders will also be advanced to Expert with 70 promotional points. These promotions include Open classes. Riders earning the required amount of promotional points prior to or on the mid-way point of the season will be advanced. Riders earning the required promotional points after the mid-point in the season can elect to stay in the lower class (for the rest of the season) to earn championship points, or move up to the higher class.
- 27) If a rider does get advanced with promotional points they will not carry any championship points forward to the next class. They will still be able to compete in the next class for the championship, but will start over with your points. It is in a rider's best interest to pick the class that you will be best competitive in when you sign up. Any rider deemed to be "sand bagging" by the Race Director may be immediately moved to the next class.
- 28) Classes with 12 riders and over will be awarded Promotional Points as follows:

1 st place finish	7 promotional points	4 th place finish	2 promotional points
2 nd place finish	5 promotional points	5 th place finish	1 promotional points
3 rd place finish	3 promotional points		

- 29) Classes with fewer than 12 riders will be awarded Promotional points as follows:

1 st place finish	4 promotional points	3 rd place finish	2 promotional points
2 nd place finish	3 promotional points	4 th place finish	1 promotional point

- 30) Promotional Points and Championship points are two separate entities. Promotional points will be carried from year to year until you are advanced to the next class. Once in the new class you will start accumulating new promotional points.
- 31) Big Wheel 85's are not allowed in 85 Novice.
- 32) No on site disposal of any kind, (tires, oil, solvents, grey/black water, fuel, etc.) lifetime suspension is possible.

*******Scoring *******

- 33) Transponders are mandatory. They are to be worn over the racers right boot, as far down as possible, with the unit aiming out.
- 34) Scoring Results become final 30 minutes after being posted. For issues with scoring, a scoring issue form must be completed and turned into the Sign Up booth before the 30 minute time limit. They will be researched and corrections will be made if an error is found.