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FOREWORD

The American Motorcyclist Association is proud of its long record of achievement as a national organization promoting the sport of motorcycling. To help maintain that record, the Association follows four objectives:

- to foster strong and fair competition
- to provide reasonable rules for various types of competition
- to provide an impartial competition program
- to promote safe competition

Rules directed at or related to safety are intended to provide a safe riding environment for participants. However, the AMA does not guarantee the safety of participants if the rules are followed, nor compliance with enforcement of the rules. Moreover, each competition participant has the responsibility of assessing the safety aspects of facilities and conditions and must assume the risk of competition. In the event of a protest, judgment will be based on information contained in these rules.

All entrants, club/promoter members and all others associated with AMA-sanctioned meets must not have consumed or be under the influences of any intoxicant or drugs which could affect their normal mental or physical ability. Any such use may not only jeopardize the safety of a meet, but is also considered inconsistent with good sportsmanship and is therefore considered harmful to the sport of motorcycling. No reference to the consumption or serving of alcohol may be used in any advertising or literature for an AMA-sanctioned meet as defined in Chapter 4 of these rules.

Chartered district organizations may submit temporary, locally appropriate supplemental regulations for prior approval by the AMA Organizer Services Department. Supplemental regulations must not be in conflict with national rules and in the event of a protest or appeal, judgment will be based on information contained in the AMA national rules.

These rules are compiled by the AMA Congress during its annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. If you have any suggestions with regard to any of these rules, please contact the Congress delegates in your district.

USING THESE RULES

This reference guide is intended to give motorcyclists an understanding of the large variety of competition events available to riders and knowledge of the rules that apply to these events. Of special interest are the chapters dealing with definitions, eligibility, equipment, meets, contest rules and national events. The following chapters will guide newcomers and veterans alike through the finer points of recreational off-road riding competition.

This reference also provides clubs and promoters with the information they need to host successful events. In addition to the guidelines mentioned above, organizers should also read and understand those chapters that describe points, protests and offenses, officials' duties and powers and sanctions. An asterisk (*) indicates a change from the previous year.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

The following is the AMA statement of responsibility that must be posted in all registration areas at all Recreational Riding events. Posters are available through the AMA for a nominal fee.

You have voluntarily entered an AMA-sanctioned riding event. An AMA-sanction indicates that this event is listed in the Association's official calendar and that AMA riding rules may be used as a guideline. It does not indicate that the facilities or course have been inspected or approved by the Association, nor does it indicate that the officials have been trained or accredited by the Association, nor does it indicate that your safety has been warranted by an AMA authority or by the promoter. To some extent, all motor vehicles are inherently dangerous. You should take part in this event based on your own assessment of your abilities. Today's route may traverse public highways, rights-of-way, lands and private property. The promoter is not responsible for their condition or the actions of other individuals using them. Regardless of state law, the AMA urges you to wear a helmet and other appropriate safety apparel. The Association also urges you to receive professional instruction before operating a motorcycle. The promoter does not provide medical insurance. We urge you not to operate a motorcycle without personal medical coverage. If you have any doubts at this time about your personal ability to participate in this event, if you have not adequately prepared yourself and your equipment, if you question the condition and safety of the published course, or if you believe your personal insurance coverages are not adequate to compensate you for any loss that might occur, we urge you to notify the promoter who will immediately refund your entry fee.

CHAPTER 1 - SANCTIONS

Special Note:

An AMA sanction indicates that the event is listed in the Association's official calendar and that the AMA rules and guidelines apply. It does not indicate that the facilities or course have been inspected or approved by the Association, nor does it indicate that the officials have been trained or accredited by the Association, nor does it indicate that your safety has been warranted by any AMA authority or by the promoter.

For a current listing of AMA policies and requirements for sanctioning AMA events, contact AMA Organizer Services.

I. Application for sanctions

- A. An AMA sanction may be obtained only by an AMA-chartered club or AMA-chartered promotional organization. Individual chapters of multi-chapter organizations must be chartered as individual AMA clubs or promoters before any sanctions can be awarded. Except for meets open only to members of the sponsoring club, all meets sponsored by AMA clubs or promoters should have an AMA sanction. A properly completed sanction application and proof of the required insurance must be submitted to the AMA before a sanction will be issued. The sanction must not have been withdrawn or cancelled before the meet is run.
 1. Violating these provisions can result in the suspension of an organization's charter for the remainder of the calendar year, as well as the loss of all sanctions for a year after the date of suspension.
 2. Points are awarded only for meets applied for at the district's annual sanction meeting. However, chartered districts may submit supplements to the AMA concerning additional point-payment needs. Sanction fees must be paid at district sanction meetings for all event dates granted at the meeting.
 3. Dual events, such as a poker run and a road run, require dual sanctions. All point-paying events held during a district tour or district rally will be covered by the tour or rally sanction. However, all events offering points must be listed on the sanction application for the tour or rally.
 4. Applications for sanctioned district tours and rallies by AMA Chartered clubs/promoters may be submitted to AMA two years in advance of the actual meet year.
- B. Sanction application forms are available from the AMA and must be completely filled out before they are returned.
 1. All sanction applications must be received at least 14 days before the date of the meet. Applications arriving less than 14 days before the meet will not be honored.
 2. Sanction requests received less than 25 but more than 14 days before the meet must include a double sanction fee and a full insurance premium payment.

3. Two-day meets may be applied for on one sanction application if overall points or awards are based only on both days' competition. Two-day meets with separate points or awards for each day must be applied for on two sanction forms and include a separate fee for each application.

II. Entry blanks and closing times

- A. Where applicable, entry blanks must include the printed name and address of the entrant, age, make and model of motorcycle, displacement, class, AMA number and expiration, signature, club affiliation (if any), and acknowledgment of release and parental consent for minors.
- B. Unless the pre-entry or advertising materials specify a closing time for the start of an event, the entry closing will be 1 p.m. for day events and 7 p.m. for night events. Overnight meets may specify either as a closing time.

III. Rules governing sanctions:

- A. Sanctions cannot be transferred or assigned to another organization. No sanction fees will be refunded unless authorized by the AMA. All sanctions must be used during the current year on the specified date or on an approved rescheduled date.
- B. Chartered & Non-Chartered Districts:
 1. In non-chartered districts, promoters who do not submit official referee reports and membership applications to the AMA within 14 days after the event may lose their privilege to obtain AMA sanctions.
 2. In chartered districts, promoters who do not submit official referee reports to the appropriate district official and a legible front copy of the report and membership applications to the AMA within 14 days following the event may lose their privilege to obtain sanctions.
- C. The AMA may refuse to grant a sanction, or may withdraw or cancel a sanction already granted, for any reason the Association believes is in the best interest of the sport.
- D. The promoter must exhibit the official AMA sanction certificate and proof of medical insurance (if available) at registration prior to the start of an event.
- E. General duties of an event host:
 1. The AMA statement of responsibility must be conspicuously displayed at the registration area.
 2. All conditions of entry must appear on advertisements or the entry application.
 3. Event hosts should take reasonable and careful precautions to see that the course is properly selected with the safety and well-being of the entrants in mind.
 4. At all AMA-sanctioned motorcycle events open to the public, the

following notice must be conspicuously displayed: "Spectators witnessing these events hereby assume all risks for any injuries or damages resulting therefrom."

5. Event hosts should notify law-enforcement officials about the meet, preferably in writing, and ensure that permission is obtained for the use of any public or private facilities.
6. An event host must not provide false or misleading information in advertising or in announcements to the press or public.
7. All advertising must include the type of meet being run, such as trail ride, off-road poker run, etc.
8. All advertisements must state "AMA-sanctioned" and include the AMA logo. Any advertisement for an AMA-sanctioned event may not contain references to non-sanctionable, unsafe or inappropriate activities which may not be covered by the event insurance or which could reflect negatively on the AMA. Final judgment will be by AMA Organizer Services staff. The words "area," "regional," "district," "state championship," "classic" or "national championship" cannot be used without the appropriate sanction and written permission.
9. The event host must ensure that an AMA-approved insurance release is properly signed by every entrant.
10. It is the event host's responsibility to make sure rules relating to safety are followed and that safety is promoted during the event. The AMA does not attend or supervise events and cannot make judgments about an event's safety.

CHAPTER 2 - DEFINITIONS

Special Note:

For off-road recreational riding purposes, the use of the term “motorcycle” may also include ATV or any other authorized machine used in a meet. At this time, UTVs are not authorized for competition/use at AMA-sanctioned meets and will not be allowed on the course as part of an AMA-sanctioned activity.

ATV All-Terrain Vehicle: A 4-wheel vehicle, 50” or less in width that receives power transmission to the drive wheels from one motorcycle-type engine. The vehicle must be controlled by the use of handlebars and must be equipped with a seat that requires the rider to straddle the vehicle. All AMA rules apply to ATVs as well as motorcycles, unless otherwise defined in the ATV chapter or supplemental rules. ATV age restrictions must be followed.

BUDDY RIDER The operator of a two- or three-wheeled motorcycle carrying a passenger.

CONTESTANT/ENTRANT/RIDER/PASSENGER Any person who has signed an entry form and competes in a meet.

CHARITY RUN A series of games, contests, or events sanctioned by the AMA and conducted according to AMA rules with proceeds (beyond the promoter’s expense) going to a charitable organization.

DISTRICT/STATE CHAMPIONSHIP An annual event authorized in writing by the chartered district organization or by the AMA if a district organization does not exist. The words “area,” “national” “district,” “state championship” or “classic” cannot be used without the appropriate sanction or written permission.

DUAL SPORT A type of activity designed to include both on- and off-road riding opportunities.

EVENT Any one of the motorcycle contests in a meet.

INVITATION-ONLY EVENT An event in which promotional materials specify who is invited to participate.

MANUFACTURER The original manufacturer of a motorcycle (not the distributor).

MEET A motorcycle activity during which one or more events are held.

NON-ROAD (Recreational Off-Road) When used in conjunction with “chapter,” “event,” “meet,” etc., this term indicates the use of appropriately registered (per local statutes) motorcycles or ATVs on public or private roads, trails or lands in a recreational (non-speed-oriented) manner. Trail Riding is included in this description because of the types of motorcycles/ATVs used.

PASSENGER Any person riding on a motorcycle who is not operating the vehicle.

PISTON DISPLACEMENT The space covered or volume swept out by the piston during each stroke.

PROMOTER The AMA-chartered club or chartered promotional organization holding, proposing to hold or organizing a meet.

RECREATIONAL When used in conjunction with “chapter”, “event”, “meet”, etc., this indicates a type of non-speed-oriented event on any type of terrain suited to the motorcycle or ATV used.

ROAD When used in conjunction with “chapter”, “event”, “meet”, etc., this term indicates the use of registered, street-legal motorcycles on public or private roads in a non-speed oriented manner.

SANCTIONED MEETS A series of games, contests or events sanctioned by the AMA and conducted according to AMA rules.

SIDECAR A two-wheeled motorcycle to which is attached a sidecar suspended upon its own wheel, making the vehicle a three-wheeled motorcycle rig.

SOLO RIDER The operator of a two- or three-wheeled motorcycle that is not carrying a passenger.

SUSPENSION The loss of all rights to compete as an entrant for a stated period.

TRIKE A three-wheeled motorcycle driven by one or more wheels, neither of which follows in the track of the front wheel.

UTV(aka Side by Side) A vehicle with four or more wheels that receives power transmission to the drive wheels from one motorcycle-type engine. It has a steering wheel for control and a seat for the driver. It may also have seats for passengers. All UTVs must have a roll bar, side nets and seat belts must be used by both driver and passenger. Use is restricted to licensed operators only.

VINTAGE Older motorcycles manufactured with drum brakes, air cooled and limited suspension. Vintage designation at promoter discretion.

CHAPTER 3 - ENTRANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

Special Notes:

To some extent, all motor vehicles are inherently dangerous. The participants should take part in a motorcycle event based on their own assessment of their abilities. Regardless of state law, the AMA urges the participant to wear a helmet and other appropriate safety apparel. The Association also urges the participant to receive professional instruction before operating a motorcycle.

The promoter does not provide medical insurance. The AMA urges a participant not to operate a motorcycle without personal medical coverage.

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 local public highways and/or believes his or her personal insurance coverages are not adequate to compensate him or her for any loss that might occur is urged to notify the promoter, who will immediately refund his or her entry fee.

I. General

- A. All AMA members must show proof of current membership to participate as AMA members at AMA-sanctioned events. AMA clubs and promoters may allow non-AMA members to participate in AMA-sanctioned events, provided that entry fees, awards, and/or other benefits are structured to encourage AMA membership and that non-members (where the number of entrants permits) are classed in separate award categories. Clubs and promoters will be permitted to promote sanctioned recreational riding events as “invitation only” provided they adhere to mileage limits and other standard review processes of AMA districts.
- B. Events sanctioned under these rules and guidelines are open to all qualified entrants with the exception of invitation-only events.
- C. Motorcycles/ATVs participating in AMA-sanctioned events must conform to the motor vehicle code of the state in which the vehicle is registered.
- D. No entrant under the legal age of majority in his or her state may compete without having his or her parents or guardian sign a written consent form in the presence of an unrelated adult witness. All original signed releases and written consent forms must be forwarded to the AMA with the referee and/or the injury report after the meet.
- E. All entrants and other participants must assess for themselves the course, facilities, existing conditions and other matters relating to safety. The AMA cannot and does not supervise any competition. All entrants and other participants must rely on their own judgment and assume all risks of participation.
- F. AMA pins, patches, etc., supplied by the Association at sanctioned events may be given or sold only to AMA members showing current membership cards.

II. Entrants and Classifications

- A. Entrant classifications include:
 - 1. Buddy Rider
 - 2. Solo Rider
 - 3. Passenger
- B. At the discretion of chartered AMA districts and within the limits of Chapter 7, entrant classifications and engine displacement classifications may be combined—but not revised—to reflect district needs and make competition even. If entrant classifications have not been established by the chartered district organization, the referee at any event may set classifications based on current circumstances. Any such classifications, however, must be based on reasonable qualifications as established by the event host.
- C. All meets must be run without regard to the sex of an entrant.

III. Entries

- A. Contestants must sign all entry forms in ink.
- B. No more than one motorcycle may be registered on any entry form.
- C. An advance closing date may be set by the promoter. Post-dated entries, with a higher entry fee, may or may not be accepted.
- D. Entrants may be removed from a meet for violating rules of conduct. However, promoters and chartered districts do not have the authority to issue continuing suspensions of AMA riders.

CHAPTER 4 - DESCRIPTION & GUIDELINES OF MEETS

Special Note:

AMA-sanctioned meets may use routes traversing public highways, rights-of-way, lands and private property. The promoter is not responsible for the condition of these routes or for the actions of any individuals using them. The purpose is for the event to be fun. The event could have supplemental activities to provide diversity for the pleasure of the entrant.

I. Riding Classes

- A. **Adventure Ride:** A type of Dual Sport event designed to include both on- and off-road riding opportunities typically designed for dual-purpose motorcycles with engines over 600 cubic centimeters.
- H. **Dual Sport Run:** This event takes place on highways, hardtop roads, backwoods dirt roads and other terrain not necessarily accessible to a conventional automobile. All entrants and their vehicles must be legally licensed for highway use. No speed competition or timing is allowed. Routing may be by descriptive route sheet, arrows, maps or trail guides.
- R. **Trail Ride - Recreational:** A recreational trail ride is a non-competitive, (non-speed oriented) event on any type of terrain suited to the motorcycle/ATV used. The course may be indicated by a descriptive route sheet, arrows, maps, GPS data or trail guide. When possible, more than one type of route description or marking should be available. Other events such as poker runs and quiz runs may be included in a trail ride meet.

II. Supplemental Activities

- A. **Bike Blessing:** A general type of event, usually held near the beginning of the riding season, which includes some type of religious ceremony to “bless” the bikes and riders for the upcoming year.
- B. **Bingo Run:** Similar to a poker run, each bingo run rider is given a bingo check card. At first check “B” the rider picks any number from 1 to 15 and the checker writes that number on the rider’s card and initials it. At the other four checks the same procedure is followed except that at the “I” (second) checkpoint, the rider picks numbers from 16 to 30, the “N” (third) from 31 to 45, the “G” (fourth) from 46 to 60, and the “O”(fifth) from 61 to 75. At check-in at the end of the run, the riders’ chosen numbers are recorded in the same manner in which cards are now recorded in poker runs and the check cards are then returned to the riders. After the finish deadline, a regular bingo game is played with the first bingo awarded high point and each following bingo awarded a class trophy until all awards are given. If there is a tie (i.e., for second in a class), second and third awards are put aside and the two riders pick an uncalled number. The first rider whose number comes up is second and the other is third. If in the meantime another rider in the class has bingo, they are fourth. As each bingo is called the promoter should check that

the numbers called back claimed bingo are the rider's numbers and have been called (just as in a regular bingo game). Do not clear the call board after each bingo. Any bingo set numbers apparatus may be used to choose the numbers and any master board will work fine.

- C. **Bonus Hunt:** A bonus hunt may be held as a single event or combined with or run as part of any other type of road ride described in this chapter. It may be held on- or off-road or on a combination of surfaces. Organizers may require participants to meet certain prerequisites in order to compete for bonus points (for example, participants may have to complete other events or use specific equipment). Participants are given a general route outline and a list of several bonus locations or activities by the event organizer and may be required to start or finish at a designated point. The method of validation of these bonuses is at the organizer's discretion.

Participants may compete for bonus points individually or in teams, as directed by the organizer. Bonus points will not be awarded for illegal activities (e.g. speeding, trespassing) nor for unsafe riding behavior. Points may be awarded for overall mileage covered during event as long as participants are encouraged to observe legal speed limits at all times and points are also given for rest periods during the event.

Note: Events lasting more than 12 hours will be sanctioned under the "Two or more Days" designation on the AMA Recreational Riding Sanction.

- D. **Carnival Run:** A carnival run is similar to a poker run except carnival games are played at each stop to determine scores.
- E. **Dice Run:** A dice run is similar to a poker run except that dice are rolled at each stop instead of picking playing cards.
- F. **District Tour and District Rally**

1. A district tour should be the best-organized and most prestigious event of the year in each district. The tour or rally should span at least a weekend and contain multiple activities and events.
2. Each district will be allotted one meet per year that can qualify for district tour status and receive district tour awards. Each district may also be allowed one district rally per year. The district rally cannot be sponsored by the same club or promoter that hosts the district tour, unless no other organizer applies for the district rally before or during the annual sanction meeting.
3. Multiple events may be included in the district tour or district rally sanction. However, each separate event must be listed on the application for the meet.
4. Clubs represented at the annual sanction meeting will select the sponsor of the next district tour or district rally. This will be done by popular vote, with one vote per club. In case of a tie vote, both clubs will submit their written proposal to the AMA District Tour Review Board, which will decide who will receive the sanction based on the presentations submitted. The District Tour Review Board will be made up of AMA Organizer Services staff and other AMA staff as needed.

5. Protests of the awarding of a district tour must be made in writing to the District Tour Review Board and sent in care of the AMA Organizer Services. The protest must provide convincing evidence as to why the tour should not be awarded and must be accompanied by a \$25 fee. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
6. The AMA staff will discourage district tours on the same dates in adjoining districts, and will act as mediators in resolving any conflicts arising therefrom.

G. **Egg Hunt**

1. Colored eggs or similar objects are hidden throughout a field or wooded area. Point values are established for each color, and those values are made available to entrants.
2. All entrants are assigned numbers and divided into classes (described in Chapter 7 C).
3. At the referee's signal, contestants begin looking for eggs, never losing physical contact with the motorcycle. Each egg must be carried individually to the start/finish for deposit. At the end of the allotted time, scores are tabulated and winners posted.
4. An entrant will be disqualified by the referee for assisting another competitor, or for being assisted by another competitor or spectator. Anyone who transports more than one egg at a time to the start/finish area also will be disqualified.

H. **Field Meet:** A field meet is divided into many contests that test the entrant's skill in handling a motorcycle. Contests relying on speed alone are to be avoided by the promoter. Games or contests may include: ride the plank, bicycle tire toss, figure eight, backward push, barrel push, balloon bust, etc. Games for two persons on a motorcycle include: potato sack race and ride, apple dunk, nail drive and ride, finding the motorcycle while blindfolded, etc. A person may operate the motorcycle in one event and be a passenger in another at the discretion of the promoter and when posted prior to the meet. An ATV field meet is conducted one vehicle at a time, and may include the following: Barrel Race, Key Hole, Phone Book, Barrel Push, Mud Pit or Terrain Challenge.

I. **Lime Run**

1. Lime splotches are used to mark a route, and winners are determined both by coming closest to the actual number of splotches and based on a secret key time established by the layout crew. Checkpoints are located along the course, and a contestant's time will be measured against an average speed determined by the promoting organization.
2. Lime marks are placed indiscriminately along the route, except for intersections. Splotches are placed before an intersection to mark a turn, and another splotch must be placed within a quarter-mile after a turn as confirmation. Two splotches close together indicate "no turn" at an intersection. Splotches also must appear no farther than two miles apart where there are no intersections or other changes.

3. The use of marking material shall be in accordance with applicable city, state, federal and EPA regulations.
- J. **Map Run:** This event tests a rider's map-reading ability. Just prior to departure, each contestant is provided with a map of the route. Winners are those riders who come closest to a secret key time established by the organizer.
- K. **Midnight Run:** This is a run that begins at midnight.
- L. **Mystery Run:** During this event, contestants follow the road captain of the promoting club or a designated guide to the final destination. The road captain is the only one who knows where the run ends.
- M. **Observation Run/Quiz Run:** This ride is a test of the rider's observation skills. Question sheets may be given out prior to or after the conclusion of the ride. Answers must be posted prior to the presentation of awards.
- N. **Off-Road Poker Run**
1. At established checkpoints along the course, entrants will draw a playing card, number chip, colored marker, etc. and exchange them for a poker hand or high score/total at the finish. Winners are based on the best five-card poker hand or highest total if numbers are used. Any variation of poker games may be used, but the rules must be announced before the first contestant begins the run. Entrants may not purchase extra cards or extra hands to improve their chances of winning, unless the proceeds go to a charitable recipient.
 2. Classes for the poker run can be motorcycle, ATV, men, women, youth, and/or cc's.
 3. The course should be a minimum of five (5) miles in length, and should be marked with a sufficient number of trail markings so that riders can find the marked course without getting lost. The method of indicating the route will be explained to the entrants prior to the start of the event.
 4. There should be a minimum of one checkpoint per lap. A rider will draw a playing card, marker, etc. each time he/she completes a lap of the course. If the course is longer than 5 miles in length, there can be more than one checkpoint on the marked route. The checkpoint area should be large and flat enough to accommodate 10-15 machines.
- O. **Reliability Run:** A reliability run takes place over highways, secondary roads, backwoods, dirt roads and other types of terrain suitable to the type of motorcycle/ATV for which the event is intended. Prominent permanent landmarks (public buildings, railroad crossings, etc.) and official route numbers (Road) as well as arrow markers and flags (Non-Road) may be used to mark the course and annotated route cards/sheets.
1. Checkpoints, gas stops, known controls and gas availability will be determined and established by the organizer.
 2. Timing devices are generally limited to electric or mechanical watches. Unless all participants in a class are so equipped, the use of any type of computer or two-way radio is prohibited.

3. Non-Road - Speed averages must not exceed 30 mph. Multiple speed averages may be used.
- P. **Scavenger Hunt** Contestants are provided with a list of difficult-to-find items, none of which should be available for purchase. Examples of items include a flat rock, ear of corn, gray feather, live minnow or canceled postage stamp. Each item is assigned a point value. Each contestant is given a list of items to be scavenged, and an amount of time is announced for the hunt. Winners are determined in each class by totaling the point values of the items found which are accepted by the promoter.
- Q. **Toy Run:** Contestants must provide a toy which will be donated to a charitable organization.
- R. **Turkey Run:** This event is held around the Thanksgiving holiday season. Instead of trophies/awards, gift certificates for turkeys, turkey dinners, etc. may be awarded.
- S. **Vintage** A feature designed to include the limitations of vintage motorcycles.

III. Other Sanctions

An event not described in this chapter can be considered by the AMA for sanctioning. The promoting organization must include a written description for the proposed event with its sanction application.

CHAPTER 5 - NATIONAL AND REGIONAL MEETS

I. General

- A. National and regional recreational riding events are open to all current AMA members. Entry fee discounts will be extended to those entrants holding a valid membership card. See chapter 3 for general requirements.
- B. AMA-chartered clubs and promoters wishing to host an AMA premier or national level sanctioned recreational riding event must complete and submit an official application to AMA Organizer Services staff by the application cut-off date in the year preceding the event applied for. To aid in event promotion, applications may be submitted, considered and awarded up to two years in advance. Completed applications must be accompanied by the appropriate sanction fee, which will be refunded if the proposal is rejected. Official applications will be mailed to previous national level promoters and clubs, and will be available upon request from AMA Organizer Services.

II. AMA National Recreational Off-Road Riding Series Events

- A. National Dual Sport – A premier, national-level promotional sanction for major dual sport events. There may be additional organizer requirements for this sanction.
- B. National Adventure Sport - A premier, national-level promotional sanction for major adventure sport events. There may be additional organizer requirements for this sanction.
- C. National Charity Ride - A premier, national-level promotional sanction for major events selected by the AMA. The event must primarily be intended to support a national charity or cause - limited only to AMA-sanctioned activities. There may be additional organizer requirements for this sanction.
- D. Signature Event – A premier, national-level promotional sanction for major regional events selected by the AMA for special attention. The event must be part of the AMA National Riding Series calendar. There may be additional organizer requirements for this sanction.
- E. State Rally - An event similar to a Regional Road Riding Convention, with a local, statewide appeal. The event must include at least one weekend day. There may be additional organizer requirements for this sanction.

CHAPTER 6 - CONTEST RULES

Special Note:

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 course, believes their personal insurance coverages are not adequate to compensate them for any loss that may occur, are urged to notify the promoter who will immediately refund their entry fee.

I. General Rules

- A. Every club, association, promoter, entrant and all other persons participating in, or in any way connected with any meet is obligated to obey the rules of competition.
- B. No gambling is permitted at any AMA-sanctioned meet. It is the duty of the promoter to ensure that this rule is honored.
- C. No club may use any facility developed by another club unless permission is granted by the club that developed the facility. In case of a dispute, the matter will be resolved by the AMA.
- D. An entrant who uses any motorcycle other than the one entered in the meet will be disqualified. No entrant may enter more than one motorcycle for a meet except to participate in events requiring different classifications or displacements. With the exception of buddy seat or sidecar classes, no motorcycle may be used by more than one contestant during a day's program.
- E. At meets where motorcycle classes are based on engine displacement, the following applies: if there are six or more entrants for any class, that class must be run. If there are more than six but fewer than 12 entrants for each of any two consecutive classes, these classes may be run concurrently (for separate trophies.) If there are fewer than six entrants for any class, they will be placed in the next-larger class.
- F. To be eligible for awards, an entrant must ride an event in its entirety. No one except those officially entered may ride on or practice on any course the day of a meet.
- G. If required by the event's rules, an entrant must be ready to be in a designated position. A three-minute grace period will be allowed, after which the entrant will be disqualified from the event.
- H. When long-distance trophies are awarded, the entrant riding the greatest distance to the event is given first consideration. Distance will be determined by a mileage chart, or by a straight-line measurement on a map. Specific conditions for the award must be explained on the entry form or event advertisements.
- I. Organizations eligible for club awards must be made up of members who live close enough to a club's home community to attend meetings held on a regular basis. Regional or national organizations are not eligible for club

awards. A minimum of six club members should participate in an event to qualify for a club trophy or award. Club members must present a current charter number, valid AMA card and club membership card in their name at the start and finish of the event. All club members counted toward a club award must be on a motorcycle and start the event. Except for intra-club awards, the sponsoring club is not eligible for club awards at a sanctioned event.

- J. An entrant whose motorcycle is disabled before reaching the finish point may, by muscular energy, push or carry his or her motorcycle to complete the event. In such a situation, he or she will be considered as having finished the event.
- K. If the referee, at his or her sole discretion, shall deem it necessary to halt an event after a time or distance equal to half the total event, the event may be considered completed. Entrants will be scored according to their position or place at that time.
- L. Any entrant leaving the course can continue again only from the point where he or she left the course.
- M. An entrant may not ride in a way that endangers other entrants, officials or the public.
- N. Contestants entering or leaving a closed course must ride in the designated entrance or exit lane. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- O. Checkpoints, where needed or used in events listed in Chapter IV, shall be identified clearly on the right side of the course by the use of appropriate flags or markers.

II. Scoring

- A. If available, all meets will use a scoring system approved by the AMA Congress.
- B. An entrant is entitled to examine his or her score card with the clerk, as well as to see how his or her position has been recorded on the roll checks.
- C. No official announcement of event winners will be given until all checks have been examined and the clerk has approved the cards. Official results become final if no re-check is requested by an entrant within 30 minutes after the results have been posted.
- D. Events that use a question and answer format must post the questions with correct answers along with the results at least 30 minutes before any award presentation.

CHAPTER 7 - POINTS

Points in the AMA Recreational Off-Road Rider Division (where applicable) are awarded on the district level based on the following:

- A. Events in which the passenger (if there is one) can win the event even if the rider does not, such as a poker run, scavenger hunt or observation run. Points categories include:
 - 1. Buddy Rider
 - 2. Solo Rider
 - 3. Passenger
- B. Events in which the passenger (if any) and rider can only win together and engine displacement or motorcycle size is not a determining factor. Examples of competition include reliability run, recreational enduro, map run, and secret mileage run. The passenger and rider receive equal points. Sidecars and trikes are considered a single category. Points categories include:
 - 1. Buddy Rider
 - 2. Solo Rider
 - 3. Passenger
- C. Events in which the passenger (if any) and rider can only win together, and displacement or motorcycle size does affect competition (i.e., egg hunt). Points categories include:

1. 0-250cc	Solo Rider	Buddy Rider	Passenger
2. 251-500cc	Solo Rider	Buddy Rider	Passenger
3. 501-750cc	Solo Rider	Buddy Rider	Passenger
4. 751-1000cc	Solo Rider	Buddy Rider	Passenger
5. Over 1000cc	Solo Rider	Buddy Rider	Passenger
- D. Field Meet
 - 1. 0-500cc Solo Stock Solo Dress 2Up Stock 2Up Dress
 - 2. 501-999cc Solo Stock Solo Dress 2Up Stock 2Up Dress
 - 3. 1000cc-Up Solo(any Size) 2Up (any size)
 - 4. Sidecar Solo 2Up
 - 5. Trike
 - 6. Dress class includes any motorcycle with, at minimum, a frame-mounted fairing or saddlebags, except sport bikes with factory-equipped, frame-mounted fairings.
 - 7. Stock class includes motorcycles without frame-mounted fairings or saddlebags. However, sport bikes with factory-equipped, frame-

mounted fairings must compete in the stock class.

8. Displacement classification is determined by the manufacturer's model designation.
- E. At the discretion of chartered AMA districts and within the guidelines of the chapter, entrants' classifications may be combined—but not revised—to reflect district needs and to encourage more even competition. If entrant classifications have not been set by the chartered district organization, the referee at any event has the authority to establish classifications to satisfy current circumstances. Any such classifications, however, must be based on reasonable qualifications.
- F. The following chart is used to determine points earned. The number at the top of each column represents the range of contestants in each class. The number of entries determines the amount of points awarded through as many as 30 positions.

NUMBER OF AMA PARTICIPANTS IN EACH CLASS

FINISH	1 20	21 30	31 40	41 50	51 60	61 70	71 80	81 90	91 100	101 110	111 120	121 130	131 140	141 150	151 160	161 170	171 180	181 190	191 200	201 Over
1	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105	110
2	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100	105
3	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95	100
4	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95
5	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
6	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85
7	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80
8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75
9	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65
11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
12	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
13	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
14	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
15	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35	40
16	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30	35
17	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25	30
18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20	25
19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15	20
20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	15
21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5
27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	4
28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

CHAPTER 8 - PROTESTS AND OFFENSES

I. Protests

- A. Any entrant may file a protest with the referee concerning motorcycle legality, classification or any other matter relating to the event. The protest must be in writing and accompanied by a protest fee of \$10 for each issue under protest. The protest must be given to the referee no later than 30 minutes after results are posted or the awards presented.
- B. The referee must issue his or her decision on protests as quickly as possible. If it is not possible to decide the protest immediately, the referee may allow an entrant and motorcycle to compete under protest. However, any prize the entrant may win is withheld pending the outcome of the protest.
- C. If the referee decides in favor of the contestant who filed the protest, he or she will refund the protest fee and forward a written report to the AMA. If the referee decides against the protesting party, the referee must forward the protest fee along with a written report to the AMA, unless the protest concerns engine displacement. In that case, the protest fee is turned over to the entrant against whom the protest was filed.
 - 1. The referee has the authority to disqualify entrants as the result of any protest. The disqualification applies only to that event, but may, at the referee's discretion, be extended to any or all events during that meet.
 - 2. If a protest involving engine displacement is upheld by the referee and the AMA, the entrant will be suspended from competition for at least 30 days, will forfeit any trophies won at the meet and will be fined \$25.
 - 3. An entrant who refuses to allow his or her motorcycle to be examined as a result of a protest must forfeit all trophies won at the meet and will be suspended from competition for at least one year.
- D. Once received, a protest cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the referee. Any legitimate expense incurred by the referee as a result of the protest must be paid by the entrant who filed the protest. The referee also may demand a deposit in advance from the protesting party to cover any such expense.

II. Offenses

- A. Unless penalties are specifically required as outlined in this chapter, the referee may disqualify any entrant or suspend him for the remainder of the meet for violating these rules of competition, for being overdue at the starting line, for defiance or disobedience or for any other behavior detrimental to the meet. In addition, the referee may fine an entrant from \$5 to \$10 for each offense.
- B. Unless penalties are specifically required as outlined in this chapter, the AMA may suspend any entrant for the actions listed below or for the intentional violation of any other rules. There are no limits to the length of

suspension the AMA may impose, and the AMA also may fine an entrant up to \$50 for each offense.

1. Competing under a false name or in any other way attempting to gain an unfair advantage.
 2. "Fixing" any meet, or knowingly participating in competition in which the results have been pre-arranged.
 3. Bribing or attempting to bribe any official or any person with access to or in charge of a motorcycle.
 4. Accepting or offering to accept a bribe from any officials or any person with access to or in charge of a motorcycle.
 5. Knowingly entering or starting competition with a motorcycle that has been disqualified.
 6. Conspiring with anyone to violate any rules.
 7. Altering a motorcycle after it has been inspected and approved.
 8. Engaging in any unfair practice, misbehavior or action harmful to the sport of motorcycling, whether relating to competition or not, as determined by the sole discretion of the AMA. Any suspension imposed by the AMA under this section will last no fewer than 15 days for the first offense and at least six months for a second related offense. There will be no opportunity for appeal.
- C. Any entrant who is ordered to pay a fine will remain under suspension until that fine is paid to the referee or the AMA. If the referee collects the fine, he or she will forward it to the AMA along with a report. Any entrant paying a fine is entitled to a receipt.

III. Appeals

Only the entrant who filed a protest, the entrant protested against or the referee may appeal the following matters:

- A. Decision of the referee on protests.
 1. Such an appeal must be made in writing and filed with the respective chartered district within 10 days after the decision has been made. A \$10 fee must accompany the appeal. Appeals of referees' decisions at national championship meets must be sent directly to the AMA within 72 hours along with a \$10 fee.
 2. Each appeal will be heard by three persons appointed by the district.
 3. A decision must be made within 30 days.
- B. Decision of a district on appeal.
 1. Such an appeal must be in writing and filed with the AMA within 10 days after the decision has been made. A \$10 fee must accompany the appeal.
 2. Each appeal will be heard by three AMA staff members.
 3. A decision must be made within 30 days. The decision may be

appealed to the AMA Congress at its annual meeting, and its decision will be final.

- C. Any fine imposed by a referee or the AMA can be appealed to the Recreational Riding Division of AMA Congress as recommended by the appropriate committee. This appeal must be in writing and must be forwarded to the AMA along with a \$5 fee.
- D. When an appeal is upheld, all fees will be returned to those who filed the appeal, and fees will then be collected from the losing party.

IV. Reinstatements

Any entrant who is not under suspension or otherwise disqualified by these rules may be reinstated by the AMA Congress.

CHAPTER 9 OFFICIALS DUTIES AND POWERS

All members of AMA clubs who are eligible to hold office and vote in club affairs must also be members in good standing of the AMA.

I. Road Captain (Adventure Ride and Dual Sport only)

The duties of the road captain are to plan all club tours, runs and activities; to stimulate interest in club activities; to assist in club socials, parties and other functions; to enforce all rules of group riding; and to select an assistant to help with special tasks.

II. Referee

- A. The referee is the official-in-charge in any meet, and acts as general supervisor. He or she should not, however, attempt to carry out the duties of other meet officials. The promoting organization elects or appoints the referee.
- B. It is the referee's responsibility to:
 - 1. Determine if any changes in a meet's program are necessary.
 - 2. Receive and decide protests.
 - 3. Disqualify entrants who violate any rules of the meet or of the AMA.
 - 4. Forward a written report to the AMA, providing details about the meet. The report must be received within 14 days after the meet.

III. Starter

- A. The starter is in charge of starting procedures at events requiring formal starts.
- B. The starter's duties are to:
 - 1. Notify entrants of the official starting times.
 - 2. Prepare a formal starting area.
 - 3. Display the proper starting signals for the event.
 - 4. Perform any other tasks assigned by the road captain or referee.

IV. Clerk

The Clerk must:

- A. Exhibit a list of all events.
- B. Receive entries and registrations for all entrants.
- C. Determine entrant classification and place entrants in the proper events.
- D. Keep a complete record of winners and placement of all entrants in each event, turning all records over to the referee at the conclusion of the meet.
- E. Notify all entrants of their starting times and positions.

V. Timer - to be used if necessary to keep time of an event.

VI. Judges and Umpires

- A. Judges may be assigned by the referee to decide the outcome of any event.
- B. Umpires may be assigned by the referee to oversee a meet and report any infractions to the referee.