2008 AMA / FMF National Hare & Hound Championship Series
Supplemental Rules

The 2008 AMA Sports Rule Book and these Supplemental Rules will govern these events.

NATIONAL CLASSES:

1. The following are the classes in which National Hare & Hound points will be kept.
   NOTE: The single letter shown below, within the parenthesis ( ), are the class indicators.

   1. Overall (Pro, A & B riders riding the same course)
   2. 86cc-125cc (A) "A"
   3. 86cc-125cc (A) "B"
   4. 126cc-250cc (X) "A"
   5. 126cc-250cc (X) "B"
   6. 251cc-open (none used) "A"
   7. 251cc-open (none used) "B"
   8. Veteran (30 yrs. & up) (V) "A"
   9. Veteran (30 yrs. & up) (V) "B"
   10. Senior (40 yrs. & up) (S) "A"
   11. Senior (40 yrs. & up) (S) "B"
   12. Super Senior (50 yrs. & up) (M) "A"
   13. Super Senior (50 yrs. & up) (M) "B"
   14. Masters 60+ (R)
   15. Women 86cc-Open (L) "A/B"
   16. ATV 100-Open (16 yrs. & up) (Q) "A"
   17. ATV 100-Open (16 yrs. & up) (Q) "B"

2. It is the rider's responsibility to enter the proper class. Failure to do so will result in the loss of all points earned. Example: if you ride the "A" class locally, you must enter the "A" class nationally.

RACE PROCEDURES:

1. A National Hare & Hound course shall be approximately 100 miles and gas pits shall be no more than 40 miles apart.

2. All Riders must stop at checks for positive identification. A check shall be considered legal if at least 75% of the riders clear the following check. All riders must remain on course and approach checks from the proper direction.

3. The area from the starting line to the "smoke bomb[1]" may be scouted up to one hour before the scheduled starting time. Contestants must pick up the course near the smoke bomb and remain on the course thereafter. Any rider obviously off-course will be subject to disqualification. A rider may be considered obviously off-course if he/she is not close to the course markings and has gained an obvious advantage: i.e. riding on a road or jumping out of a sand wash.

4. The start shall be a banner type mass start with no less than 500 meters in length of open terrain. Comprehensive printed instructions for each rider and/or a rider's meeting is mandatory prior to the start of the race. All "Pro" and "A" classes must be started prior to the remaining entries. When different classes run a different or partial course, the instructions must be included in all rider information. All starts must be dead engine with the rider standing beside or astride of his motorcycle in a normal fashion.

   The banner, which must be in front of the starting line, must be raised at least one (1) minute before it can be dropped, signaling the start of the race. No one may display additional banners that may be confusing. In case of a false start, the banner shall be rolled up while in the vertical position and taken down slowly. Once the course is clear, the regular starting procedure will resume.

A. The start line must be sufficiently long to provide room for the estimated number of entrants per start to line up side-by-side, one deep. Each end of the start line must be adequately marked, including at least 15 feet of ribbon tied perpendicular to the line to retain riders within this boundary. If a larger than expected entry requires that the start line be extended on the day of the event, only the end with the least advantage will be moved.

*To hold a starting line spot, either an entered bike or rider must be there, crates will not reserve a starting line spot.

5. Course markings shall be ribbons, arrows and fluorescent day-glow cards.

A. Course marking must not be over 200 feet apart or whenever possible, each mark should be visible from the previous marking.

B. All danger areas, including road crossings, will be marked with plain orange day-glow cards at the danger point. In addition, arrows pointing down shall be used as warning markers prior to the danger. A minimum of one warning will be placed a sufficient distance prior to a danger to allow enough time for the fastest rider to adjust.

C. Sample course markings and procedures will be displayed at sign-up to allow everyone to become familiar with them.

*D. Natural terrain and/or barriers will be used to direct all riders from the start to the “Bomb”.

6. Finishing position shall be determined by order of finish at the checkered flag with all legal consecutive checks. Two (2) written lists of riding numbers shall be used at all legal checks. The checkered flag must be a minimum of 50 yards before the start of finishing chutes. This shall be the finish to the race and 2 lap sheets are to be taken at the checkered flag. Any rider racing after passing the checkered flag is subject to disqualification.

7. Desert courses shall provide a fifty-foot wide lane through pit and spectator areas whenever feasible. Pit areas should be confined to one side of the course only.

8. The promoting club is responsible for reporting to a central control point the numbers and locations of stranded riders along the marked course so assistance can be supplied and to make sure that all entrants are in from the course.

9. Hare & Hound races may be laid out as either a point-to-point or a multiple separate loop race, where the majority of the loop shall be run only once during the event.

10. Local rules and procedures may also apply but will not be in conflict with AMA rules. All AMA approved supplemental rules will be supplied by the host club to the riders prior to the event.

11. Points shall be kept by the AMA based on the results submitted by the meet organizers and series class champions will be crowned.

12. The Women’s “A/B” National class will start on the first row and run the complete “A/B” course.

13. Masters and ATV classes race will be complete after the first loop of the course.

PROGRAM:

1. At each event, all Championship classes must be run as listed in the Supplemental Regulations including class displacement. At the promoter’s option, additional support classes may be run. If youth support classes, “C” and/or beginners or ATV support classes are offered, they must be run separate from the Championship program.

2. Any "B" rider finishing in the top 20 Overall results must advance to the "A" class effective January 1 of the following year.

3. "B" riders finishing in the top four of each "B" class and receiving notification of the advancement must ride "A" effective January 1 of the following year. The above advancement procedure will not apply to classes with less than a minimum of five riders listed in the national year end point standing. Year-end review of the results by AMA staff and/or the rider appeal process may further reduce the number of riders advanced.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:

1. Riders finishing in the top 15 of the preceding year's National Championship Hare and Hound Series will be identified as "Pro" class riders for the year. "Pro" riders will be eligible for overall finishing position awards only.

    a. Pro Riders will display a red number plate with white numbers.

2. The top 20 overall riders will be scored in addition to their displacement class standings. At each meet, the top twenty (20) overall finishers receive points toward the AMA National Hare & Hound Overall Championship. An overall winner shall be crowned at the conclusion of the series based on National points earned.

    a. The top 20 Overall National Hare & Hound riders may display their earned number.

3. All riders who earned a National finishing position for the series in the previous years, in each "A" class and women's class, will be allowed to display their earned number on their motorcycles and ATV's during all Hare & Hound competition provided they participate in the same class. A black number plate with white numbers will be used. The letter 'N', indicating national, must precede the rider's number and be the same size. The class indicator will follow the rider number and be half the size of the number. See listing under National classes. It is the responsibility of the promoter to score these riders properly. It is the rider's responsibility to display the proper number plate with legible numbers and letters.

NATIONAL POINTS:

1. In order to be eligible for National points, a rider must earn points in at least two (2) meets. National points and National class points will be based on the following points schedule:

Finish / Points	Finish / Points	Finish / Points	Finish / Points
1 - 30	6 - 15	11 - 10	16 -5
2 - 25	7 - 14	12 - 9	17 -4
3 - 21	8 - 13	13 - 8	18 -3
4 - 18	9 - 12	14 - 7	19 -2
5 - 16	10 - 11	15 - 6	20 -1

Example: At a series meet, a rider may finish first in the 250cc class and third overall. He would receive 30 points for his 250cc class win and 21 points toward the National Championship. Class points and overall points shall be kept separately by the AMA.

*** The Overall National Hare and Hound Championship will be decided by the points accumulated in all events held in the series. Class champions will be decided by the points accumulated in one less than the total number of the events in the series. Ties are broken by comparing the number of first, second, third, etc. finishes until the ties are resolved.**

[1] *"Smoke Bomb" - a visual designation of the course start, i.e. smoking fire, strobe light, banners, etc.*