

# **DISTRICT 6 MOTOTRIALS RULES and EXPECTATIONS**

## **2024 RIDING SEASON**

Mototrials is the successful negotiation of a marked course with a competition goal to accumulate the least number of points.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The District 6 Sports Association seasons runs from December 1 to November 30. District 6 numbers are in effect January 1 to December 31 of the present year.

D-6 Sports Association policies and rider rules for all Mototrials competitors to know and understand are compiled and shared each year. An annual rules meeting will be held prior to the start of each season between the chairperson, committee, and another member from each promoting club (time and place TBD between all parties involved).

There will also be a general rules discussion to be held on the Saturday evening at the last two-day event on the schedule each year. The intent of this general discussion is for any District 6 member attending to bring up/discuss items pertaining to the rules that will then be further discussed and voted on at the annual rules meeting.

### **CLASS and RIDER INFORMATION:**

**Points Paying Classes** (Section numbers below based on a 6-section event):

- Pro - will ride Pro line with or without gates
- Expert - will ride Expert line with or without gates
- Advanced - will ride Advanced line with or without gates
- Intermediate - will ride Intermediate line with or without gates
- Novice - will ride Novice line with or without gates
- Rookie - will ride Rookie line with or without gates
- Senior Advanced (35 or older)- will ride Advanced lines
- Senior Intermediate (35 or older) - will ride Intermediate lines
- Senior Novice (35 or older) - will ride novice lines
- Super Senior 60 (60 or older) - will ride novice lines
- Women - will ride the novice line
- Exhibition - can ride any class, but receive no trophy or points for that ride/event

**Progressive Classes** are Rookie, Novice, and Intermediate

**Non-Progressive Classes** are Advanced, Expert, and all Senior classes

**Note:** Promoting clubs are encouraged to have vintage or trail bike classes at their events, but will not pay District 6 points for these types of bike classes.

### **SIGN-UP Requirements**

To compete, the rider MUST show a current AMA card and be a District 6 member. Riders may purchase a District 6 day pass for \$10 in lieu of joining the District for \$20. A District 6 membership list will be utilized at each event registration for verification.

### **Class Identification/Plate Number System**

Mototrial numbers are assigned by the District 6 Trials Chairperson based on the riders finishing position during the previous points season.

Only front number plates are required for Trials. It is MANDATORY that your CLASS be displayed on this plate - no one will be permitted to start without a properly marked plate. Number and letter size should be 2 to 3 inches in height.

### **Rider Advancement**

If a rider reaches the advancement number of points, (which is 16 points per event +3 wins); **(excluding 1 work day and 1 throw out event)** they will have to move up to the next class the following year.

If a rider feels he/she has been unjustly advanced, the rider may petition the committee to remain in the class. Rookies must accumulate 120 points to advance. If a rider advances mid-season, the rider will lose all points from the lower class and start out with a zero score for the higher class.

### **Inactive Riders**

Riders who have been inactive for one or more seasons may apply for a change in class status.

Each case will be evaluated by the committee before any class change is allowed.

If a rider is allowed to move back and dominates this class, the committee has the right to move the rider up a class.

A rider must tell chairperson before any moves or points do not count. Senior classes are determined by age and rider's ability.

## **SCORING and AWARDS:**

### **Trophies**

Awarded to the rider who has accumulated the most points within the points season. To qualify for a season award the rider must work one event during the point season. A rider

is eligible for only one award per season. Unbreakable seasonal points ties will be broken by the most 1st and 2nd place finishes, etc. Year-end exact scores will be broken by the rider's total score for the year in each event that they competed against each other with the lowest score winning. (Total points and award eligibility will be determined by the point chairman and committee).

### **Points for the day**

- 30-1st
- 25-2nd
- 21-3rd
- 18-4th
- 16-5th
- 15-6th
- 14-7th
- 13-8th
- 12-9th
- 11-10th
- Then decreasing in one-point increments to 20th place;
- Finally, decreasing in .1 increments 20-29th place.

Only District 6 members will accumulate points towards a season award. Non-District 6 members placings will be discarded and season points will be awarded in chronological order. (e.g. If third place is a non-District 6 member, their placing towards season points is thrown out and 3<sup>rd</sup> place season points are awarded to the 4<sup>th</sup> place District 6 member)

### **Scoring (0-1-2-3-5-10)**

In each section, scoring shall start when the front axle passes the start marker, and shall end when the front axle passes the end marker. (Front axle in, front axle out) Riders are penalized with points for various faults and failures as noted in the following sections.

Riders that fail to report to a section will be penalized with 10 points.

### **Fault Definitions**

Footing is any contact providing support between any part of the rider's body or machine (exception; tires, foot pegs or skid plate) with the ground or an obstacle (tree, rock, etc.). Footing can occur either inside or outside the boundary. For tires outside the boundary, refer to #13 in the Failure section of these rules.

- Foot rotation counts as one (1) point.
- Sliding a foot counts as three (3) points.
- Both feet placed on the ground simultaneously counts as two (2) points.

## **Failure Definitions**

Failures in a section result in automatic 5-point penalty and include:

- The machine is moving backwards with or without the rider footing.
- Any displacement of markers with the machine or rider, requiring that they be reset, i.e. breaking or knocking down. Touching a boundary is not a failure. The rider or machine must make direct contact with the marker.
- The rider dismounts from the machine and has both feet on the ground on the same side of or behind the machine.
- The rider removes their hand from the handlebar and uses their hand to reposition the motorcycle or perform mechanical adjustments to the motorcycle when footing while stationary.
- The rider receives outside assistance.
- The rider changes the condition of a section.
- The rider begins a section attempt without the observer's acknowledgment.
- The engine stops while footing or while any other part of the machine, except for the tires, is used for support, without forward motion (The motorcycle must be moving forward while footing with a dead engine to avoid the penalty).
- If the handlebar is used for support and the motorcycle is beyond 45-degrees from vertical.
- The motorcycle does a complete loop, crossing both its own tracks, with both wheels.
- The rider fails to pass through all the gates for their class. Only one bike length (6 feet) between markers of the same color is allowed (red and blue). Any portion of the bike touching the ground beyond 6 feet results in a failure of the section.
- When a marker is passed by either tire on the out-of-bounds side of the marker with the tire on the ground.
  - In the case of running over a taped boundary, there must be ground visible between the tape and the tire and the tire must be on the ground on the out-of-bounds side of the tape. It is permitted to float one wheel over an exterior section boundary but not both tires, i.e., jumping the bike over a boundary is a failure.

## **Additional Points/Penalties**

- A rider may report to the observer and receive a five for that section, even though he/she does not attempt it.
- Sections are to be ridden in designated order only. The penalty for missed sections or sections ridden out of order is ten (10) points per section. Any sections not 'punched' are considered to be missed sections.
- If blank or unmarked spaces on the scorecards exceed 10% of designated rides, the rider will be considered to be a non-finisher.

- A rider waiting in line to enter a section must not leave their machine. If they do, they must go to the end of the line. Refusal to comply may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Any section ridden more than once per loop will receive 10 points, in addition to their first attempt score.
- Practice in any of the sections before or during the event will result in disqualification of the rider from the trial.
- When a split start is employed, the rider must start and end each loop on their designated section, or be considered a non-finisher.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct, offensive behavior or language, by a rider or minder, will result in a penalty of 5 to 25 points or disqualification of the rider at the discretion of the committee. The 5 to 25 point penalty can be given at the sole discretion of any observer or course official. Repeated offenses may lead to further sanctions as per AMA rule Chapter 5, item B-3, against the rider.
- Exceeding the posted speed limit is a 5-point penalty (for each offense) before, during and after the event.
- A rider cutting the course or going backwards on the course may be disqualified at the discretion of the committee.

#### **Scoring – Other**

- The front wheel must precede the back wheel when passing through the gates.
- The front axle must pass between the start gates and end gates. Both axles must pass through the start gate and all other gates for the class, except only the front axle is required to pass through the end gate.
- Riders may only pass through any gate one time per section attempt.
- Only the greatest penalty, as defined above, shall be counted for the section.
- A rider may not protest another rider's score.

*Note: It is advised that, for consistency and fair scoring, checkers not be changed during the event.*

Tie Scores - In cases of a tie score; the rider with the most 0-1-2-3-5 will be declared the winner, and so on. If dabs are the same, first rider to drop a point will lose the place.

Stadium Trials - Stadium Trials are acceptable as points accumulating events. Rules may be altered for the lack of space in the stadium.

#### **COURSE, SECTION, and EVENT REQUIREMENTS:**

**Event officials must check for D-6 membership/day pass and current AMA card at sign up! This will be strictly enforced.**

- Event officials are as follows: Trials Chairperson, club sporting steward, and clerk of the course. The club clerk of the course the principal officer. The committee will confer in decisions with regards to District 6 rules.

In order to provide consistent and fair riding opportunities, clubs that are hosting trials events must create and mark sections that follow these basic requirements.

- The number of sections and number of loops must be announced before the start of each event.
- No section shall be included which cannot be test ridden a minimum of 3 times by either the representative or a designer to determine the deterioration or whether changes will not tender the section dangerous to the rider.
- No section may be altered during the course of the event until each competitor has had equal number of tries at that section, or no scores will be recorded for that section. No section may be closed, altered, or deleted without the express consent of the course representative.
- Sections are to be separately numbered. The number must be posted at the start of each section. Riders are instructed to ride them in consecutive order only.
- Minimum width of the section should be 4 feet.
- The course must not contain impossible turns, accents, descents, or be too hazardous.
- Sections are to be clearly marked for the rider.
  - Each observed section must have pairs of section Start and section End signs in their respective positions. These start and end signs should be placed at least 4 feet apart and square to the path of the section where practical.
  - Flags/markers/ribbon shall be placed in the general line of sight of the rider, no less than 15 inches from the ground and no higher than 36 inches. Flags are to be of 2 distinctly different colors. Red always to be used for the right-hand marker and blue to be used for the left hand marker.
  - Ribbons shall be tied around objects where flags are placed so the flags can be more easily seen.
- The checking official at each section must be stationed so that the entire section is plainly visible to him or her for accurate scoring.
  - If the character of the section is such that more than one checker is required, penalties will be called by the checker at the end of the section.
  - Also at the end of the section, the rider shall acknowledge his/her score to be correct. If not, tell the checker to note for referee to check the same. This is the rider's responsibility.

### **Time Limits**

A reasonable event time limit shall be set by the promoting club to discourage lagging behind by any rider. The cut off time should be posted at the location of the rider, an official clock must be displayed for timekeeping purposes, and the stipulated time may

not be changed (minimum time limit of 4 hours). The Clerk of the Course or designee will be the timekeeper.

- Events will have 30 minutes of penalty time after designated finish time. A penalty of 0.5 points per minute will be assessed.
- The scorecard must be in the scorer's possession at the designated cut off time.
- Original score sheets and punch cards must be available for at least one-half hour after the final results are posted.

Checkers will leave sections at the appointed time and any rider with an incomplete score will receive a maximum of 10 points for the remaining rides/sections. Any rider completing at least half of their last loop will be scored 10 points for each remaining section. Any rider not completing at least half of their last loop will be considered a DNF (Did Not Finish).

#### **PROTESTS:**

Riders will have to submit protests in writing, along with a required AMA fee, to the club sporting steward within 30 minutes after the final results are posted. In order to protest, the rider must be D-6 member. The status of the protest (determination) will be made by a committee consisting of: Points chairperson, clerk of course, and sporting steward.

#### **POLICIES/RULES - OTHER:**

All-Inclusive Club Rules include the following:

- Any under-age consumption of alcohol beverages at events or on event property is strictly prohibited.
- Any type of misconduct towards other individuals or event and personal property will not be tolerated.
- Any person caught violating district rules, property owner rules or conduct expectations will be removed from the event/property immediately and, if a rider, he/she will lose the right to ride/participate in that day's event.

Any riders who fails to abide by these additional rules and policies, or conducts themselves in an unsportsmanlike manner, can be disqualified from the event or charged 10 to 100 points on their score.

- **Trials riders must wear a helmet with chinstrap fastened.**
- Once a rider has taken a motorcycle into a section and has been officially scored, he/she must continue the rest of the trials on that motorcycle. Handlebars, sparkplugs, cables, etc. may be replaced; but the motorcycle must remain initially the same.
- If a rider is severely distracted or his/her line is blocked by spectators or other riders, he/she may claim a balk. At the discretion of the checker and/or the clerk of the course,

a re-ride of the section may be permitted, however the score to that point will be counted.

- One mandatory work day and one throw out event is required from individual riders (or no points awarded for the season).
- Any rules not contained herein shall follow AMA/NATC rules.

#### **2024 COMMITTEE, STEWARD and CHAIRPERSON INFORMATION:**

Each participating club shall identify a committee member for voting and general communication purposes.

- Tricky Tryalers - Bill Hoffman
- Hunlock Creek - Dave Diehl/Bill Hoffman
- CandyTown – Mike Womer
- PTR - Adam Calvert
- White Rose – Josh Packard
- Dirty Dabbers - Lewie Bolopue

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