

2019 D-6 Mototrials Rules

Mototrials is the successful negotiation of a marked course while accumulating the least number of points. Here are D-6 Sports Association policies and rider rules for all Mototrials competitors to know and understand.

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

- Pro** - will ride expert sections with or without gates
- Expert** - will ride expert sections with or without gates
- Advanced** - will ride advanced line with or without gates
- Intermediate** - will ride 3 easy advanced and 3 hard novice with no gates
- Novice** - will ride novice lines
- Rookie** - will ride 3 easy novice and 3 rookie with gates
- Senior Advanced** - 35 or older and will ride Advanced lines
- Senior Intermediate** - 35 or older and will ride Intermediate lines
- Senior Novice** - 35 or older and will ride novice lines
- Super Senior 60** - 60 or older and will ride novice lines
- Women** - will ride the novice line

Exhibition - can ride any class but receive no trophy or points for that event

Progressive Classes are Rookie, Novice, and Intermediate

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

Promoting clubs are encouraged to have vintage or trail bike classes at their events but will not pay District 6 points.

SIGN-UPS

To compete, you **MUST** show a current AMA card. Must join the district to be points eligible and riders do not begin to accumulate points until they join.

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 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 midseason, the rider will lose all points from the lower class and start out with a zero score for the higher class.

Riders who have been inactive for one or more seasons may apply for a change in class status. (A) Each case will be evaluated by the committee before any class change is allowed. (B) If a rider is allowed to move back and dominates this class, the committee has the right to move them up a class. (C) A rider must tell chairperson before any moves or points do not count. Senior classes are determined by age and rider's ability.

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's chairman and committee)

Scoring: 0-1-2-3-5-10

5 for out of bounds, dismounts or displacement of markers and backing up. 10 points for failure to report to a section.

Points for the day:

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

A. Fault Definitions:

1. Footing - 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 B.13
2. Foot rotation counts as one point.
3. Sliding a foot counts as three points

4. Both feet placed on the ground simultaneously counts as two points.

B. Failure Definitions:

1. The machine is moving backwards with or without the rider footing.
2. 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.
3. The rider dismounts from the machine and has both feet on the ground on the same side of or behind the machine.
4. The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar when footing while stationary.
5. The rider receives outside assistance.
6. The rider changes the condition of a section.
7. The rider begins a section attempt without the observer's acknowledgment.
8. 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 a five (5)).
9. If the handlebar is used for support and the motorcycle is beyond 45-degrees from vertical.
10. The motorcycle does a complete loop, crossing both its own tracks, with both wheels.
11. 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)
12. The front wheel must precede the back wheel when passing through the gates.
13. 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. 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.

14. Only the greatest penalty, as defined above, shall be counted for the section.
15. A rider may **not** protest another rider's score.

However, the following points may be added:

C. Other Penalties:

1. A rider may report to the observer and receive a five for that section, even though he does not attempt it.
2. 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.
3. If blank or unmarked spaces on the scorecards exceed 10% of designated rides, the rider will be considered to be a non-finisher.
4. 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.
5. Any section ridden more than once per loop will receive 10 points, in addition to their first attempt score.
6. Practice in any of the sections before or during the event will result in disqualification of the rider from the trial.
7. When a split start is employed, the rider must start and end each loop on their designated section, or be considered a non-finisher.
8. 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.

9. Exceeding the posted speed limit is a 5-point penalty (for each offense) before, during and after the event
10. A rider cutting the course or going backwards on the course may be disqualified at the discretion of the committee.

☐ **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.

It is advised that checkers not be changed during the event

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

☐ **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. **Number and letter size should be 2 to 3 inches in height. No one will be permitted to start without a properly marked plate.**

☐ **Sections** are to be clearly marked for the rider. Flags 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. Ribbons shall be tied around objects where flags are placed so the flags can be more easily seen. Minimum width of the section should be 4 feet.

☐ **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. The course must not contain impossible turns, accents, descents, or be too hazardous.

☐ **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.

☐ **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.

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.

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) The checking official at each section must be stationed so that the entire section is plainly visible. 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 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 time limit shall be set by the promoting club to discourage lagging behind by any rider. Stipulated time may **not** be changed (minimum time limit of 4 hours). The scorecard must be in the scorer's possession at the designated cut off time. An official clock must be displayed. Events will have 30 minutes penalty time after designated finish time. The Clerk of the Course or designee will be the timekeeper. A penalty of 0.5 points per minute will be assessed.

Cut off time should be posted at the location of the rider meeting.

Checkers will leave sections at the appointed time. Any rider with an incomplete score will receive a maximum of 10 points for the remaining rides. 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).

Original score sheets and punch cards must be available for at least one-half hour after the final results are posted.

POLICIES:

- ❖ **Trials riders must wear a helmet with chin strap fastened**
- ❖ Once a rider has taken a motorcycle into a section and has been officially scored, he 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 line is blocked by spectators or other riders, he 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 (or no points awarded for the season).

- ❖ Any rider who fails to abide by these 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.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ 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. Here any District 6 member can attend to bring up/discuss items pertaining to the rules which will then be further discussed and voted on at the annual rules meeting.

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. Must be D-6 member. Determinations will be made by a committee consisting of: Points chair person, clerk of course, and sporting steward.

EVENT OFFICIALS must check for D-6 and AMA current cards at sign up!

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.

Committee:

Tricky Tryalers - Bill Hoffman

Rausch Creek - Dave Diehl

CandyTown - Krista Beljan

PTR - Adam Calvert

White Rose - Sonny Deitz

Durty Dabbers - Lisa Bolopue

Sporting Steward - Lewie Bolopue, Alternate: Joe Justick

Observed Trials Point's and Numbers Chairperson:

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☐☐ All Inclusive Club Rules ☐☐

☐ ANY UNDER AGE COMSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVAGES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

☐ ANY TYPE OF MISCONDUCT TO OTHER PEOPLE OR PROPERTY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

☐ ANY PERSON CAUGHT WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE TO PREMISES IMMEDIATELY.

If this person happens to be a rider they will not be permitted to ride in that day's event.