

Over The Hill Gang



Bylaws/Rulebook-2010

BYLAWS OF THE OVER THE HILL GANG MOTOCROSS RACING CLUB

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OVER THE HILL GANG ASSOCIATION PREAMBLE

We the Gang Members, in order to gain the **enjoyment and benefits** of the association of persons thirty or more years of age, commonly bonded by an interest in motorcycle activities, hereby constitute ourselves the “Over The Hill Gang Association”, declare this constitution as our governing law.

Our purpose shall be to encourage fraternalism, promote individual gang member riding proficiency, share our motorcycle knowledge and conduct our programs in such a manner as to advance the general interest of motorcycle activities among those sharing our interest and meeting our age requirements.

We trust that you will take continuing pride in being a member of the Over The Hill Gang and will personally assist us in furthering our Club objectives of **racing for fun in a safe and sane manner.**

GENERAL

Article I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the “Over The Hill Gang Association”.

Article II

PURPOSE: To provide and encourage all forms of motorcycle activities for motorcycle riders having attained the age of twenty-eight years or more.

Article III

RULES: Roberts Rules of governing shall govern all proceedings, while the O.T.H.G.A. By-Laws/Rulebook shall govern overall club direction and the Rule Book shall govern all club races. Motions voted on and passed or rejected by majority of the membership present at a meeting will stay in effect for the period of 1 calendar year from implementation unless reversed/amended in an **executive session** called by the board in which the motion will be readdressed with the general membership (used in the case of a motion being passed and after considerable amount of time information indicates motion not working as intended or to benefit the membership).

Article IV

AMENDMENTS: No amendments may be made to the articles of the Constitution or Bylaws without prior approval from the Parent Chapter. In order for an amendment, the Parent Chapter must carry a majority vote by the members **present** at that meeting.

Article V

CHAPTER: Los Angeles (South) is the Parent Chapter of the “Over The Hill Gang Association”. Any subsequent chapters may join only after being recognized by the Parent Chapter and following its Constitution, Bylaws and Rules.

Article VI

DISSOLUTION: This Club Chapter and/or any Fellow Chapter may be dissolved and its activities terminated by a two thirds vote of Gang Members present, providing they consist of a quorum, being two-thirds of the total general membership at any regular business meeting and provided that a motion of such a vote was given at the previous regular meeting. In the event the Club is dissolved and after payment of all invoices, claims and demands, any remaining assets of the Club shall be contributed to a non-profit organization with a similar mission.

MEMBERSHIP

Article I

General: Gang Members shall be limited to those persons having attained an age of twenty-eight or more years, who declare their amenability to uphold the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules of the Club. Women must be at least twenty-three years of age.

Article II

DUES: The Club, by a majority vote of those present at a special meeting, may levy upon the general membership such or other assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble. Non - Payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Club within the discretion of the membership.

In order to maintain the monthly operating expenses of the OTHG, a minimum balance of \$1,500 shall be kept in the club treasury at all times. This is to ensure the proper operation of the club on a month-to-month basis, as well as to insure sufficient start up funds for the club at the start of a new season.

Article III

COST: Yearly membership dues shall be \$35.00. Failure to renew will automatically terminate membership to the O.T.H.G.A. The OTHG number 1 rider from the previous year will be allowed to rejoin the O.T.H.G.A. at no cost (the following year of their significant accomplishment). Additionally, membership dues shall be waived for the "previous" year's board for their service the prior year (membership application must be submitted for the next year following completed service). Additionally, a one day "Guest pass" is available for \$5.00 for potential members.

Article IV

APPLICATION: Application as a gang member must be presented in writing to any of the board members or scorekeepers at any Club meeting, or O.T.H.G. function.

Article V

NEW MEMBERS: New Members must display the OTHG-provided red "E" sticker on all three number plates for two races prior to being assigned to a class and installing permanent Club numbers. An O.T.H.G.A. club member must ride a minimum of two club races within the past twelve months in his skill and age class before attending O.T.H.G.A. Nationals. Master riders are not required to have any evaluation rides or races to their credit prior to entering any O.T.H.G. event.

Article VI

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Members from the previous year must pay membership dues prior to the end of February of the New Year. **Failure to do so will result in a loss of the previous year earned number and points accrued from attending the Banquet.**

Article VII

PAST MEMBERS: Past members of the O.T.H.G.A. that rejoin after one or more years absence in the same skill level will not be required to do evaluation rides, those that choose a different skill level will lose Club privileges and must rejoin as an unclassified member.

Article VIII

CONDUCT: Gang members are expected to maintain proper standards of conduct which are in the best interest of the club and consistent with the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules.

Article IX

PENALTY FOR UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT: The board will have the right to suspend or expel any gang member whose conduct is not compatible with the Club Bylaws or Rules, or who is guilty of any infraction of the Rules and regulations of the Club.

Article X

LAWSUITS: Any individual who threatens to sue or attempt to sue for any reason shall have their membership revoked from all OTHGA, INC. chapters. Any chapter that harbors a revoked member shall have their chapter immediately revoked from the Over The Hill Gang Association, INC. (OTHGA, INC.) The South Chapter Board shall have final say on all matters and if they deem revocation is in the best interest of OTHGA, INC., and then they have the full authority to do so.

NUMBERS AND RIDER CLASSIFICATION

Races between the General Membership in their classes shall be held on average at least twice a month.

Article I

CLASS IDENTIFICATION: The Club is structured for a twenty-class system – the classes are as follows:

28+/38+/45+/52+	Beginner.....	Green Plates/White Numbers/Letters
28+/38+/45+/52+	Novice.....	Yellow Plates/Black Numbers/Letters
28+/38+/45+/52+	Intermediate.....	Black Plates/White Numbers/Letters
28+/38+/45+/52+	Experts.....	White Plates/Black Numbers/Letters
28+/38+/45+/52+	Master.....	White Plates/ Black Numbers/Letters

NOTE: Optional Backgrounds - White number plates with Black numbers with the colored "G's" or Black number plates with White numbers with correct colored "G's" for local non National races only.

NOTE: Female club members are provided a 5-year offset for each age division.

In addition to the above listed class identification, the number one rider for the chapter, as well as national champs, can elect to run the current AMA SX and MX of a “red” background with a white or black number/letter, or as in previous years, a blue background with a white or yellow number and letter.

Article II

CLASSIFICATION: Riders may be reclassified at any time, at the discretion of the Race Committee and Race Director. If a rider believes he has been misclassified, he may request that his classification be re-evaluated (2 red “E” sticker rides). If a Member moves up in age class but stays in the same skill level and has ridden at least 2 races within the calendar year, the rider is not required to reclassify (2 red “E” sticker) under the new age class (IE: two rides with OTHG in previous calendar year and two rides in the class you are riding.). During OTHG National events, riders advancing to another class due to age or move-up/down will only carry points equivalent to or less than the current leader in that national points standing, and must have ridden two “local” events in that class prior to the nationals.

Article III

UNCLASSIFIED RIDERS: Club Bylaws state that only “Members and unclassified Members” are permitted to race with the Club, and unclassified riders shall display the OTHG-provided red “E” sticker on all three number plates for their first 2 races (at which point they will be evaluated and classified for normal participation with the OTHG).

Article IV

COMPETITION NUMBERS: Competition numbers will be assigned to all gang members in the order of their membership during the first year. At the end of their first year, numbers shall be assigned to the member of that Club Chapter according to their point standing at the end of the year, provided they are in the top 100 in final points (the Top 100 numbers are reserved). Numbers outside of the top 100 can be requested with preference given to the rider with that number the previous year provided the membership is submitted and paid for prior to the first race of the season and is a current year form.

Article V

DISPLAYING NUMBERS: Gang members must have their assigned numbers appear on three number plates in the required format and style as outlined in the CLASS IDENTIFICATION section, as well as the CHAPTER DESIGNATION section. A 2-inch minimum letter must also appear on three number plates signifying the Club Chapter.

Article VI

CHAPTER DESIGNATION: All Members of the Southern California O.T.H.G.A. must have the letter G after his assigned number. Sierra Chapter must exhibit an S, Reno Chapter must exhibit an R, the Bay Chapter must exhibit a B, and the Central Valley must exhibit a V. (Example - 100G, Southern California Rider) Letter must be a minimum of 2 inches in height. Refer to Infractions Section for penalization.

Article VII

IMPROPER DESIGNATIONS: If a Club member shows up at a race without his proper plates or numbers and wants to race with the O.T.H.G.A. the member must run temporary OTHG numbers to be scored for that day (with Race Director approval/coordination).

Article VIII

SUBSTITUTE NUMBER PLATES: Members who are unable to run the proper background colors, numbers or the letter (designation) to identify the chapter of origin must notify the race director prior to practice. Failure to do so will result in a one-lap penalty.

Article IX

NEW MEMBERS: New members are classified under the assumption that during their classification race they will ride within their ability, enabling the race committee to place them in their proper class. Remember, style cannot be hidden.

Article X

MASTER CLASS: Master's can ride Mammoth without 3 qualification rides. Any member that signs up and races in the Master class and decides to later ride in the Expert class within the same year must first obtain approval from the race director, and will be required to re-classify during the first two races (during which time the individual will not receive full points).

Article XI

MAMMOTH MOTOCROSS (if applicable): All O.T.H.G.A., with the exception of Master members, must ride three Gang races in the current year to be eligible to race Mammoth Motocross. Evaluation rides will NOT count towards the three Mammoth rides.

RACE COMMITTEE

Article I

RACE COMMITTEE: The Race committee should consist of the Chairman (Race Director), and at least two representatives from each of the four skill levels, If eight race committee members are not present, members of the board can fill in to make the required eight or race committee activities, to include rider move ups, can be administered at the regularly scheduled monthly meetings after rider profiles/analysis being presented.

Article II

COMING OFF INJURIES or DROPPING TO A LOWER SKILL LEVEL: Riders who come back from injuries or long layoff will be allowed to participate in a lower class with Race Director/Committee approval after they have attempted to compete in the higher class that they previously rode in for four (4) races. After that, they will be evaluated as unclassified riders for 2 races (25 points per race until reclassified and display the OTHG-provided red "E" sticker on all three number plates for two races to let other riders in the class know the individual is being re-evaluated and is not currently in contention for a podium position and will receive minimum points).

RACE CONDUCT

Article I

RACE CONDUCT: On the day of a sanctioned race, all members are expected to arrive early enough to complete sign in prior to 8:00 a.m.

RIDERS MEETINGS

Article I

RIDERS MEETINGS: It is the rider's obligation to attend the riders meeting to determine which race you will be in. In the event you miss the riders meeting and the schedule is not posted, contact a Board/Race Committee Member.

INFRACTIONS

Article I

INFRACTIONS: We are trying to promote motorcycling; conduct at any function unbecoming to a club member will not be tolerated. Failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and proper racing conduct will result in: 1) An official warning for any first offense; 2) A hearing by the board of directors, at which time, a suspension for a specified period of time will be given for any second offense; 3) Termination of Club Membership for any third offense.

PROTESTS

Article I

PROTESTS: Protests must be filed within one hour of the alleged infraction. Protesters must consist of the rider affected by the infraction, IE: Must be in the same class or race of which the infraction occurred. Any member of the OTHG board can also file protests.

FLAGS

Article I

FLAGS AND THEIR MEANINGS:

YELLOW: Means caution, generally due to an unsafe condition or a disabled rider. The yellow flag also indicates this hard and fast rule; HOLD YOUR POSITION, DO NOT PASS until you are clear of the danger. Any member who fails to abide by this rule will be penalized 1 lap. The rider will receive the position of a lapped rider.

BLACK: If the black flag is given to you as an individual, you have been disqualified for some reason and must exit the track the first chance you get without endangering other riders. You will be advised as to why you were disqualified.

RED: If this flag is waving, it means the race has been stopped due to some hazardous condition, and you should not proceed.

WHITE: One lap remaining in the race. Some tracks use a White/Black for the last lap notification.

CHECKERED: The race is completed; leave the track immediately and safely while passing the waving flag. Do not proceed even if you didn't receive the White flag.

CROSSED FLAG STAFFS: The race is approximately at the half way point.

SCORING PROCEDURES

Article I

SCORING: Each class will be scored separately, with points earned counted towards year-end total points. Total points are used to determine your riding number for the following year.

Points are awarded as follows (as voted on Dec. 2006):

PLACE	POINTS AWARDED
1 st	35 Points
2 nd	34 Points
3 rd	33 Points
4 th	32 Points
5 th	31 Points
6 th	30 Points
7 th	29 Points
8 th	28 Points
9 th	27 Points
10 th	26 Points
11 th	25 Points
12 th	25 Points
13 th	25 Points
14 th	25 Points

Riders who finish 11th to last place shall receive 25 points. Points are based on your overall finishing position. Additionally, 5 extra points are awarded per day at the OTHG Chapter Nationals.

Full points shall be based upon the following class differentiations:

Master2 riders make a full class
Expert3 riders make a full class
Intermediate4 riders make a full class
Novice5 riders make a full class
Beginner.....5 riders make a full class

Article II

DNF's, DNR'S, & BIKE CHANGES: O.T.H.G.A. members participating in a sanctioned Club event who are mechanically disabled will be counted in the number of lap totals. If you start the race under power you do not have to finish or cross the finish line to be scored. It is better to return to the pits then try to push your bike to the finish line and cause a hazard. If the rider in question starts the race and is unable to cross the finish line for the first lap he/she shall receive a DNS. Riders who are able to complete a lap, but go no further shall receive a DNF. This rider shall receive last place points, plus one moto point. Club members are permitted to change bikes after the first race, if they have mechanical problems. If your bike becomes disabled during a moto, you may not get another bike and continue the race.

Example - If in the first moto there are 3 riders, a DNF would finish in 3rd place plus 1 moto point totaling 4 points. The second race placed 1st, with 1 moto point, he would get a total of 5 points for the day. This would keep him from taking 1st overall away from the rider who got 1st and a 3rd.

Overall standings are determined by the total number of moto points, based on the Olympic scoring system.

Article III

UNCLASSIFIED RIDERS: At no time is an unclassified member eligible for trophies or club points. An unclassified member is not permitted to race a two-day National event (without consent of five chapters and understanding that the no trophies or club points principal applies if granted the exception to race a national).

Article IV

POSTING RESULTS: Results of each moto and total days final results will be posted near the Clubs sign up area following a reasonable period of time. No Club member is to approach either the **scorekeepers or promoters regarding the results. Penalties for the above listed infractions vary from** docking the rider a lap to expulsion from the event and/or gang.

Article V

AWARDS: In the event you earn a trophy and they are awarded the same day, it may be picked up at the sign up area shortly after the Club's last race. We may have a trophy presentation (time permitting), and all winners are encouraged to attend to receive their trophy. If the trophy winner is not present, the winner must make arrangements to pick up their trophy. Do not approach the promoters or score keepers for your trophy.

Article VI

THROWING OUT RACES: Year end points totals are based on finishing positions throughout the year. Riders who were able to race every race throughout the course of the year will have the 8 lowest scores removed from their accumulated point's total. Riders who were unable to make all the races throughout the course of the year will have the number of missed races and the lowest finishes combined until a total of 8 races have been thrown out. If a rider has already missed 8 races throughout the course of the year, he has no worries; no additional races will be thrown out.

MEETINGS

Article I

MEETINGS: Regular business meetings will be held on a day designated by the Club President. This meeting must be within the first 2 weeks of each month, the meeting will start at 8:00 p.m.at a location designated by the board. (Currently 2nd Wednesday of the month)

ELECTIONS

Article I

ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER: Elections must be conducted under the Roberts Rules of Order. Nominees for office must either be present when nominated or have agreed to serve in writing. To ensure continuity, nominations will occur in September with final nominations along with the election ballot being provided to the membership in October. The final election ballot tally and the announcement of the following year's board will occur at the November meeting to provide an opportunity for the incoming board to coordinate with the outgoing one before the end of the outgoing board's term.

Article II

OFFICERS: The Officers of this Club consist of, at a minimum or some combination thereof, President, Vice - President, Race Director, Secretary/Editor, Treasurer, Web Master and Race Statistician.

Article III

TERM: Officers of this Club shall be elected to serve for a term of one year. (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31). To ensure continuity, nominations will occur in September with final nominations along with the election ballot being provided to the membership in October. The final election ballot tally and the announcement of the following year's board will occur at the November meeting to provide an opportunity for the incoming board to coordinate with the outgoing one before the end of the outgoing board's term.

Article IV

OBLIGATIONS: Officers shall, at the expiration of their terms, relinquish to their successors all items belonging to the Club.

Article V

VACANCIES: Vacancies that occur between annual elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation of any officer.

Article VI

IMPEACHMENT: Officers can be removed by a three-fourths vote of the total general membership present.

DUTIES

Article I

THE PRESIDENT: As chief officer of the Club, shall direct its business in a timely manner, preside at all meetings of the Club, appoint standing and special committees to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Club. He shall call meetings of the board as is necessary to conduct club business, supervise the duties of all other officers and maintain a properly functioning organization.

Article II

VICE PRESIDENT: Shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence in a timely manner, schedule Race dates, OTHG functions and perform any other duties as assigned by the President. Additionally, the current year VP will schedule races through the first quarter (March 31) of the following year to ensure the OTHG has scheduled races while still ensuring a reasonable transition period for a new VP (as applicable) to have sufficient time to "learn the ropes" and "contacts" associated with scheduling races, etc.

Article III

SECRETARY/EDITOR: Shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Club and provide to general membership in a timely manner, produce the Club Newsletter on a monthly basis and ensure timely delivery to membership requiring such and perform any other duties assigned by the President.

Article IV

TREASURER: Shall receive all moneys of the club and deposit such moneys in the Club account in a timely manner, co-sign all checks with the President (or appointed designee), make remittances as required, pay bills, maintain a detailed record of all receipts and disbursements and demands. In addition, the treasurer will perform any other duties as assigned by the President. At the end of his term, the treasurer shall deliver and present for audit to the incoming board all books and records of the club.

Article V

RACE DIRECTOR: Shall maintain order at gang meetings and other club/race events as directed by the President, levy and collect all duly authorized fines and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President. Shall oversee race day activities to include practice/race schedule, riders are participating within their assigned classifications (practice/race), and post activities to include rider advancement and race committee coordination in a timely manner.

Article VI

RACE STATS: Shall tally all points from OTHG events and provide to appropriate OTHG personnel (editor/web master) in a timely manner, maintain the gang membership rolls, and perform any other duties assigned by the President.

Article VII

WEB MASTER: Shall maintain the Club website in a timely manner and perform any other duties assigned by the President.

Article VIII

SCOREKEEPERS: Although not “official” OTHG elected board members shall administer sign up duties, scorekeeping requirements, as well as other administrative functions as deemed appropriate by the board. The OTHG board members shall oversee the Scorekeepers’ duties.

FOUNDERS

The founders of the Parent Chapter of the “Over The Hill Gang Association” are Mr. Erik G. “Rotten Rick” Hallmark and Mr. Edward L. “Edgy Eddie” Rucker, May 21, 1974

FORMS/SUGGESTED TOOLS

TOOLS: Tools used for capturing race day costs, scoring spreadsheet, race cost/schedule matrix, and other suggested tools shall be made available in this document to ensure a smooth transition for new board members and/or during changes of board member responsibilities.

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This Constitution, Bylaws and Preamble accepted by the Gang Membership of this Parent Chapter of the "Over The Hill Gang Association" on May 21, 1974.

Revised and Updated March 1, 1989 by Mitch Langjahr O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated May 7, 1991 by Walt Olson O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated January 7, 1992 by Louie Springer O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated August 15, 1996 by Kyle C. Parsons O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated May 17, 1997 by Rob Townley O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated December 9, 1998 by Jim Pierce O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated August 15, 1999 by Dave Rodriguez O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated October 12, 2000 by Jim Pierce O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated January 2, 2001 by Jeff Mason O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated January 21, 2002 by Mike Fanelli O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated December 30, 2003 by Jim Pierce O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated January 10, 2007 by Mike Fanelli O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated February 28, 2008 by Mike Fanelli O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated February 18, 2009 by Art Flores O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated May 20, 2010 by Chuck Cook O.T.H.G. President

