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NATIONAL BY-LAWS & CONSTITUTION 2017

OVER THE HILL GANG
THE PREMIER VET MX CLUB!

NATIONAL RACE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS 2017

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 and By-Laws 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.

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NATIONAL RACE CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I NATIONAL RULES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

- 1.0 To provide consistency among all chapters throughout the national series.
- 1.1 To make rule changes as needed and help the race director from each home national make the appropriate decisions regarding rule infractions and scoring.
- 1.2 Motions for rule changes shall be submitted at the 4th national for discussion and voted on at the 5th national.
- 1.3 South chapter will be the tie-breaker.

RULES

- 1.4 Roberts Rules shall govern all proceedings that direct overall direction of the national series.
- 1.5 The national rules will stay in effect until the National Rules Committee votes to change them.
- 1.6 A motion may be reversed or amended in an emergency session called by the rules committee in which the motion will be readdressed (used in the case of a motion being passed and after considerable amount of time information indicates a motion is not working as intended for the benefit of the national series.)
- 1.7 Rules may only be changed or amended by a majority of the 10 rules committee members.
- 1.8 Rules shall apply to all chapters participating in the national series.
Members
- 1.9 Members of the rules committee shall consist of 2 members from each chapter board designated prior to the start of the first national.
- 1.10 This committee may be dissolved and its activities terminated by two-thirds vote of committee members.
- 1.11 Committee members must attend at least 3 of the 5 national races.
- 1.12 Under no circumstance is a racer allowed to transfer or sell his entry to another racer.

ARTICLE II

RIDER QUALIFICATIONS

AGE

2.0 Riders may ride in the age group they turn during the calendar year.

2.1 Riders must have 2 races in the class they enter at the national within the last year OR 4 races within the last two years.

2.1.1 If a rider 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 (eval) under the new age class.

2.2 Women riders are provided a 5-year offset for each age division.

CLASSIFIED RIDERS

2.3 To enter their first national series race a rider must have been evaluated in at least 2 races by their chapter race director and deemed in the proper class.

2.3.1 Any racer who is considered a Master, and races that class is exempt from the 2 evaluation races required of lower classified members.

2.4 Riders entering the National Women's Class must have 2 races in their chapter's Women's Class within the last year or 4 races within the last 2 years.

2.4.1 If their chapter does not have a Women's Class, they must have 2 races in an OTHG class within the last year or 4 races within the last 2 years.

2.4.2 The rider's race director will submit his recommendation to the host race director to determine classification for this class.

2.5 During the nationals any classified rider that moves up in skill level is exempt from having to be evaluated for the higher skill level.

2.6 If a rider elects to voluntarily move to a different age group once the national series has begun, he does not carry his points to the new group.

UNCLASSIFIED RIDERS

2.7 An unclassified member is not permitted to race a two-day national event.

2.8 Race directors are responsible for checking their members' national eligibility (2 race rule, etc) and have a current roster available.

ELIGIBILITY FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

2.9 In order to be crowned "National Champion" in a member's respective class, the member must have raced and scored points in all 5 rounds/10 races.

ARTICLE III

RACE NUMBERS AND BACKGROUND COLORS

NUMBER PLATES

3.0 All racers must have the correct plates on all 3 sides with proper color backgrounds, correct numbers, and chapter letter.

3.1 Minimum number size is 6 inches.

3.2 Letter for chapter designation minimum is 1 1/2 inches.

Background colors

3.3 Experts are black numbers on white background.

3.4 Intermediates are white numbers on black background.

3.5 Novices are black numbers on yellow background.

3.6 Beginners are white numbers on green background.

3.7 Women's classes shall race with white numbers on a Blue Background.

3.8 The 65+ class shall run the background color for the skill level the rider poses. Doing so will allow them to practice in a compatible skill level with minimal risk to themselves or others. I.E. If a rider is signed up for the 65+ and is coming from the 58 Novice class, he will retain the yellow plates and be required to practice in the novice practice sessions.

3.9 Masters are exempt from color restrictions, but must have the proper chapter designation.

3.10 The National Champions can elect to run red backgrounds with white or black numbers and letter.

3.11 Each chapter will recognize 1st through 3rd place in each class at the year-end banquet.

3.12 Chapter designation

B for Bay

S for Sierra

G for South

V for Valley

R for Reno

3.13 Members who are unable to run the proper background colors, numbers, or letter must notify the race director prior to practice. Failure to do so will result in a one-lap penalty.

ARTICLE IV CLASS IDENTIFICATION

AGE

4.0 Age groups shall be 30, 38, 45, 52, 58, 65

4.1 Starting in 2016 all OTHG Nationals shall offer a 65+ class

4.1.1 There will be a Recognized National Champion in the 65+ Class starting in 2016.

4.1.2 Starting in 2017 the skill level for 65+ shall be Intermediate (Black plates) and Novice (Yellow Plates).

SKILL

4.2 Skill levels shall be Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Expert and Master

4.3 Women's Class shall be Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Expert

CLASS CHANGES

4.5 During the course of the season, riders who are promoted by their chapter's race director to a faster skill level may carry their accumulated national points to their new class as long as their points do not exceed the leader of the class they are moving into.

4.6 In cases where a rider's points exceed the leader's, the rider's points shall be reduced to tie the leader of the new class.

ARTICLE V TRANSPONDER SCORING

NATIONAL EVENTS

5.0 National events normally consist of 4 motos over 2 days.

5.0.1 Scoring for the weekend will be calculated by combining the total finishing positions of all for motos to determine the winner. I.E. Racer A finishes 1, 3, 2,1 for a total of 7 points. Racers B finish 2,1,1,2 for a total of 6 points. Racer B is the overall winner for the weekend with 6 points. Racer A will finish in second with 7 points, etc.

5.1 National motos in 2017 will be timed events

5.1.1 Masters/Experts 20 min, Intermediates 18 min, Novices 16 min, Beginners/Women 15 min. These times may be adjusted at the discretion of the national host.

5.2 Scoring for the National Championship will be based on the overall finishing position for the weekend. I.E. 1st place will receive 35 points, 2nd will receive 34 points, etc.

SCORING SYSTEM

5.3 The transponder system must be used at all nationals.

5.4 If the host chapter does not have the equipment, it will be provided by the chapters that do.

5.5 Compensation for these services and equipment are to be paid by the host chapter.

5.6 The host chapter is responsible for scoring support classes.
Individual Transponders

5.7 All racers must run a transponder for scoring and timing.
Scoring Issues

5.8 Any scoring discrepancies must be brought to the rider's race director's attention within 1 hour after results are posted.

5.9 The scoring is considered official 2 hours after the host chapter has posted the final results.

5.10 No racer shall approach the score keepers or the promoters regarding the results. If discrepancies are noted they must be brought to the attention of the rider's race director. (He will contact the host race director.)

5.11 Penalty for the above listed infractions may range from docking a lap to expulsion from the event.

5.12 Posting of results for each moto and totals for the day's final results will be posted near the clubs' sign up area following a reasonable period of time.

5.12.1 A racer must compete in at least one moto each day to score points for the National.

5.13 At the end of the OTHG National Series, if two or more riders are tied for the Championship in their respective class, the Tie-Breaker shall be decided in the following manner: Most 1st place finishes (individual moto wins). If there is still a tie, it will then go to most 2nd place finishes, followed by third place finishes and so on.

5.13.1 Scoring for the National Championship will be based on 10 races for the overall National Championship. 5 nationals, 2 races per weekend.

TROPHIES

5.14 Trophies shall be awarded 1st – 3rd in all National Classes

5.14.1 At the discretion of the hosting chapter, trophies may be extended beyond the top three finishers in classes they determine necessary.

ARTICLE VI POINTS AWARDED

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6.0 Points will be separated each day.

1=35, 2=34, 3=33, 4=32, 5=31, 6=30, 7=29, 8=28, 9=27, 10=26
11-Last place receive 25

ARTICLE VII DNS & DNF & No SHOW

DNS

7.0 A rider starts a race under power but does not cross the transponder loop. This can be changed to a DNF if the rider took the gate but was unable to cross the transponder loop. It is the rider's responsibility to contact his race director to have the DNS changed to a DNF.

7.1 A recorded DNS is scored as 99 points.

DNF

7.2 A rider crosses the transponder loop and is registered in the scoring system.

7.3 A DNF will be scored as last place plus 2 positions.

7.4 If more than 1 rider DNF it will be determined which one completed the most laps and that rider will receive the best finishing position of the DNF riders.

BIKE CHANGES

7.5 Club members are permitted to change bikes after their first race if they suffer mechanical problems or before the gate drops for their moto. The moto is considered started once the gate has dropped.

7.6 If a competitor's bike becomes disabled during a moto, they may not get on another bike and continue the race. Racer will be scored as a DNF if this occurs.

7.7 Any racer DQ'ed from a National will not receive any refund of monies paid to race that event

No SHOW

7.8 A rider that has paid but does not show up to race either race day receives no points.

ARTICLE VIII PROTESTS

PROTESTS

8.0 Race director of the host chapter has the final say in the outcome of any race protest.

8.1 If assistance is needed, any national committee member present may help resolve any issues.

8.2 Protests must be filed within 1 hour of the alleged infraction.

8.3 Protesters must consist of the rider affected by the infraction, must be in the same class or same race in which the infraction occurred.

8.4 Any member of any chapter board may also file protests.

ARTICLE IX PENALTIES

PENALTIES

9.0 Penalties will be issued by the members of the National Rules Committee that are present at the current national.

9.1 An official warning for the first offense will be given along with the possibility of suspension, and termination of club membership depending on the severity of the infraction.

9.2 Under NO CIRCUMSTANCE shall any member confront, argue with, verbally abuse or make offensive gestures toward another racer either in staging or on the starting line. Any racer engaging in this kind of behavior will be DQ'd and told to immediately leave the complex.

9.2.1 Any such incidents shall be brought to the attention of the hosting president as well as the offending members president.

9.3 Any member who willfully refuses to pay the required race entry fee and/or camping fees will be told to leave the premises without any paid monies.

ARTICLE X PROMOTIONS

PROMOTIONS

10.0 A rider in contention for a national championship may not be bumped after the completion of the 3rd national.

10.2 Any racer that is up for promotion during the course of a National weekend will be done so at the discretion of the hosting race director with input from the individual's race director. If racer in question does not have his/her race director present, the member's President or VP shall be present

ARTICLE XI

SAFETY

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11.0 An ambulance must be present before practice begins at all national events.

11.1 Yellow flag means caution due to unsafe condition or disabled rider. Hold your position; do not pass until you are clear of danger. Any member who fails to abide by this rule will be penalized 1 lap.

11.2 In a situation that causes the hosting chapter to cancel the day's races (I.E. Weather), there shall be NO REFUNDS ISSUED.

11.2.1 Prior to the gate dropping for Moto 1/Race 1, any refunds will be handled on a case-by-case scenario.

11.2.2 Any and all decisions made by the hosting president in this matter will be final.

11.2.3 Any Racer that is injured after he/she has submitted their entry fee may be issued a refund at the discretion of the hosting chapter.

11.3 The hosting race director has the authority to cancel or shorten any race due to inclement weather that poses a threat of safety to the members of the OTHG.

11.4 In the interest of safety, all racers must complete at least 51% of the race winner's laps. Racers who compete less than this due to injury or the inability to ride their motorcycle at a competitive pace for their class will be scored as a DNF.

11.5 Any Racer that crashes during practice and or race and suffers any loss of consciousness will be barred from racing with the OTHG that weekend.

ARTICLE XII

MASTERS PAY BACK

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12.0 Masters have the option to accept or decline payback.

12.1 All Masters must declare payback/NO payback at sign-ups. If a racer does not declare payback/no payback at sign ups, racer will be counted as no payback.

12.1 Masters Payback shall be \$20 less than the hosting chapters entry fee.

12.2 Payback will consists of the following breakdown. 33% Masters Payback, 100% Payback.

12.3 Any Comped Masters racers will count toward the total rider payout

ARTICLE XIII WOMEN'S CLASSES

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13.0 Starting in 2017 all OTHG Nationals will offer a Women's division. Divisions will be broken down into Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Expert.

13.1 All women's classes will have a recognized National champion.

13.2 Women shall run Blue backgrounds with white numbers and the appropriate letter designator.

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Sierra: Brent Workman & Steve Law

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Bay: Eric Wyatt & Dan Marlow

South: James Van Duinwyk & Rich Hurtado

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