



# OFFICIAL RULEBOOK OVER THE HILL GANG ASSOCIATION BAY AREA CHAPTER

Welcome to the **OVER THE HILL GANG!**

## **Introduction**

Anyone who is over the age of 30 (male), 25 (female) is invited to join the club. You may be asked to show proof of your age. The year you turn, 30 for men and 25 for women, you are eligible to join. The purpose of this rulebook is to inform both new and existing members of the intent of the club and to set forth guidelines for all members. The rules stated herein shall be followed both in spirit and letter of the law by all members' at all sanctioned events.

## **How to Join the Club and Evaluation Procedure**

New members must submit an application and pay membership dues (Currently \$40 for the calendar year). New members shall complete 2 "Evaluation" races. Until they complete these 2 races they will be in the "Unclassified" status. After they complete these races their performance will be evaluated by the Race Committee, and the Race Director will classify them as one of the following: Beginner, Novice or Intermediate (Experts and Masters are exempt). This is in accordance with their racing abilities and speed. Evaluation riders will only receive 15 points and will not be eligible for trophies during these "evaluation" races. New members are classified under the assumption that they will ride within the normal limits of their ability during their 2 "evaluation" races, enabling the race committee to place them in their proper and safest class. After placement, the new member will then be eligible to enter any OTHG race or two-day National event and receive full points, trophies and awards. All membership renewals must be paid prior to January 31, in order to keep number from the previous year.

## **No re-evaluation requests for 12 months:**

Once a member has been promoted to their new class, they will need to remain in that class for 12 months post promotion before requesting any re-evaluation. An exception will be given in the event of injury. Upon return, they can request a re-evaluation with the Race Director.

## **Ironman Qualification**

To qualify for the ironman award, a member must be scored in every moto for their class during the current season without any DNS's or DNF's for the entire race season, excluding the Hangover Marathon.

## **Past Members**

Past members of the OTHG that rejoin after one or more years of absence in the same skill level will not be required to do evaluation races. Those that choose a different skill level must rejoin as an unclassified member and will be required to re-evaluate.

## **Age Groups, Classes & Women**

The OTHG has five age groups: Thirty (30) and over, Thirty-eight (38) and over, Forty-five (45) and over, Fifty-two (52) and over, fifty eight (58) and over and sixty five (65) and over. Each of the first four age groups have 5 classes: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Expert and Masters. Fifty eight (58) and over have four classes: Novice, Intermediate, Expert and Master.

**Women class clarification:** Women B now Women Beginner, Women A now Women Novice. Women who want to run Women's class who have been running regular classes must speak with the Race Director to get correct placement. Women 25 years and older may choose to race in a womens only class (Race director determines their ability from Beginner through Master) or choose any one of the other classes based on your age. You will not be able to race in both groups nor flip between the womens only or age group classes.

**65+ class clarification:** 65 B is now 65 Novice, 65 A is now 65 Intermediate shall run the background color for the skill level the rider possess. 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.

## **Number Plates**

All members must have correct number plates on all 3 sides at each race, with proper color backgrounds, correct numbers, and chapter letter. Penalty for infraction. rider will be docked one (1) lap. Any change must be approved by race director in **advance**.

The numbers 1-25 are earned based on your finishing position in the previous year's point standings. These numbers may be displayed by the member earning that number, no exceptions. All other numbers are picked by the members on a first come first serve basis. Numbers are reserved as long as yearly dues are kept current. Dues must be paid prior to January 31st of each year to retain the rights to that number. New members will choose from available numbers.

- Master class                      may run any color backgrounds.
- Expert class                      black numbers on white backgrounds.
- Intermediate class              white numbers on black backgrounds.
- Novice class                      black numbers on yellow backgrounds.
- Beginner class                  white numbers on green backgrounds.
- Women class                      white numbers on blue backgrounds

**Standard club colors are as follows:** White=snow white, Black=dark black, Yellow=bright lemon yellow, Green=forest green, Blue=blue. Fluorescent and day glow colors are not acceptable for backgrounds or numbers.

All numbers must be followed by a letter, minimum 2" vertical size, that indicates which chapter of the member, as listed below. Bay – B So. Calif. – G Reno – R Sierra – S Valley – V



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Master class riders are exempt from running assigned club number, but must run club letter. The intent is to allow high profile' sponsored riders to honor their sponsorship obligations. Do not forget to use your chapter letter when you sign up with ANY promoter.

The number 52B is retired to honor Wade Holbrook.

The number 757B is reserved for lifetime member Eric Watt.

### **Race Committee**

The race committee shall consist of voluntary members from each class, plus the race director who is elected, for a total of six (6) riders, six (6) riders on the race committee shall be the minimum. The race committee should be from the most regular participants at club events to assure the most consistent and fair evaluations of all riders. Board members should not serve on the race committee unless there are not enough volunteers from each class.

### **Reclassification Procedure**

Riders may be reclassified at any time according to the vote of the race committee. Any member who wishes to move down a class may request that the race committee re-evaluate their classification. If an evaluation ride in the lower class is approved, the rider must wear an evaluation bib and will only receive 15 points for a period of 4 races and will not be eligible for trophies and awards for that day.

### **Scoring Procedures**

The points earned at each race are totaled at the end of each year to determine a club champion and class champions. A total of five (5) race events out of the season total will not be counted towards race season point's total (drops). The official club points schedule is based on overall finishes per race day. Points are given out on a sliding scale, this based on the number of riders in a given class for that day's race. Non riding members will receive 10 points per day that they attend an event and assist the board in race day functions. Any question or comments in regard to the points scale should be brought to the race directors for clarification. A rider MUST race to get points! To be scored you must cross the scoring loop. If a rider does not start (DNS) a moto rider will receive 99 points (DNS is a rider that does not cross the loop 1 time). If a rider does not finish (DNF) a moto, the rider will receive last place plus 2 positions (DNF is a rider that does not receive the checkered flag). If the rider receives the checkered flag, the rider will receive their proper position. If a rider must ride a motorcycle other than their own during the race event, they do not have to change the number plates, but they must inform the scorekeepers and/or the race director or they will not be scored. No rider may change motorcycles during the course of the race. If a rider does illegally change motorcycles during the race, they will get a DNS for that moto irregardless of when they left their original motorcycle. Overall standings are determined by moto finishing positions which are added together and the lowest score wins. In the event of a tie, the rider who placed higher in last moto wins the tie breaker. This applies whether the race is a one day event (two motos) or a two day event (four motos). Other chapter riders are counted as part of the overall result and point's payout. All protests concerning the races, rules or scoring results should be brought to the attention of the race directors or one of the board members within one hour of posted results, and submitted in writing. Any rider may protest a rider in their class for rules infractions with the penalty being a minimum one lap penalty up to a maximum disqualification for the day. A rider must race 51% of the races to earn a class championship, also if bumped into a class, your points cannot exceed the first place rider of the class (just like national points). Overall points will still count towards the top 25. Expert/Master class – a rider who joins the OTHG as an expert or Master, is eligible for a trophy or payback from the first race on. However, the rider is not eligible for club points for one (1) race event.

Do not approach the promoter or score keepers with any issue, find a board member and have the board member address the situation. You may, at the discretion of the board, be disqualified from the day's events based on your actions.

Transponders are now mandatory at all Bay OTHG race events for automated scoring and timing.

- 1) Each member must provide their own AMB transponder for race scoring and timing.
- 2) Transponders are for sale thru mylaps.com, a limited number will be available for rent at the track.
- 3) Provide your transponder number at sign ups. Racers without a transponder will not be scored.
- 4) Be sure your transponder is charged and ready for every race.
- 5) Transponders will be used at every race event, regardless of how the promoter chooses to score the event.
- 6) The only exceptions to #5 are Evals. We will run the system at ALL races.
- 7) Transponders are not required for Support motos unless required by the promoter. Support motos are manually scored.

Transponder Loop & Finish Line Flagger: Please keep in mind that the Finish-Line Flagger may not always be situated over the transponder loop. Example: Argyll and 408MX, the Flagger is at the top of the Finish-Line jump, but the loop is at the bottom, at the beginning of the jump. The loop is the finish line, not the Flagger. At some tracks, there will be a slight difference between the electronic finish line (loop) and the person waving the Checkers. We will do our best to mark the location of the loop, so you know who crosses first!

Scoring Issues: Please make sure that you check the score sheets before you leave the track on race day and address any problems with the Race Directors, then and there. Once we leave the track, the results are firm, and we will not entertain requests for changes after the close of the racing day/event.

### **National Qualification**

To be eligible to enter a two-day 'national' event, all members must have raced in two previous OTHG one-day events in the calendar year, all members must have raced in two (2) previous OTHG one-day events in that calendar year or four (4) race in two years. For new members, the 'unclassified' race will count towards these requirements. You must race at all national events to be eligible for national championship awards. Deviations from this rule must be approved by the boards of all OTHGA member clubs.



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### **Flags And Their Meanings**

- Green flag is used to start a race without a starting gate.
  - \*\*Yellow flag is used to indicate an unsafe situation or a downed rider or bike on the track. All riders must use great caution, do not change position, pass, or jump. When approaching the flag, riders must remain in that position until they are “well” beyond the danger area or they will be penalized one (1) lap for unsafe riding.
  - \*\*Black flag is given to an individual rider to indicate they have been disqualified, or a mechanical issue. The rider must exit the track at the designated exit area. The rider may then inquire or be told why they were disqualified.
  - \*\*Red flag indicates the race has been stopped and all riders should return to the starting line for a restart of that race.
  - Blue flag indicates you are being lapped by other riders. Hold your line and let the other riders pass.
  - Crossed flag staffs indicate that the race is half over.
  - \*\*White flag indicates that there is one lap to go in the race until its completion.
  - \*\*Checkered flag means the race is complete (“Always race to the Checkers”).
- \*\* These are the commonly used flags at OTHG events

### **Race Day Conduct**

All members are required to sign up for their race before practice starts. Membership cards are required to be presented at the appropriate chapter booth while filling out entry form. After the last OTHG race, the final race results will be posted and shortly thereafter awards will be available. Awards will not be mailed or carried to the next event.

### **Race Practice:**

Only ride in your designated practice group. Experts with Experts, Intermediates with Intermediates etc. If you are caught in the wrong practice for whatever reason, you will be pulled from practice and docked a lap in your moto. This is a safety issue.

Note: If you missed your designated practice with your group, you must receive permission from the race director prior to entering another group's practice.

**Fighting or striking another member is strictly prohibited.** Any member violating this rule will be asked to leave and may be dismissed from the club.

All members should please bear in mind that we race for fun and most members must go back to work Monday morning. So please, be considerate of your fellow racer; race as fast as you safely can, make clean, non-contact passes; do not block riders who are lapping; obey the flaggers and the track officials; and use great caution when passing a disabled club member. If you are a candidate for a factory sponsorship, you probably won't be racing with us much. All others keep in mind your factory sponsorship will not be forthcoming, so there is no reason to come in contact with other riders or become highly agitated on the track.

**Any conduct contrary to the club rules will not be tolerated.**

All questions regarding race conduct and expectations need to be discussed with the Race Director(s).

Failure to comply with any portion of this rulebook may result in a rider being disqualified. Continued failure to comply with the spirit or letter of these rules may lead to club membership termination.

The OTHG promotes safe motorcycle racing and good sportsmanship. We hope that all members will take pride in the OTHG and they will become involved in furthering the clubs objective to enjoy motocross racing in a safe and sane manner.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Officers of the club are exempt from paying annual dues in the year they serve on the board, and the year after their term ends. The Race Director will have his/her race fees reimbursed by the club. Other board members who work the event may have their race fee reimbursed as well.

Jarvis Cross, Bay OTHG founder, Gary Plaatje, Chris Talbot, Connie Talbot, Eric Watt, Mike Subocz, and Paige Marciel were given a lifetime membership by the board of directors.

No member or officer shall accept any gifts or gratuities in excess of \$10 value as a representative of the club, without the express approval of the board. The board will distribute such gifts and gratuities within the club as necessary.

The above rules are a modification to the OTHGA bylaws. The OTHGA bylaws will be followed unless specifically modified by the above rules. OTHG national rules govern the OTHGA national events.

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Points Scoring Matrix follows on the next page:



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**POINTS SCORING SYSTEM**

Points are based on number of classified riders from all Chapters (evals will receive 15 pts)  
A total of five (5) race events out of the season total will not be counted towards race season point's total (drops).

OA Finish	Points
1	35
2	34
3	33
4	32
5	31
6	30
7	29
8	28
9	27
10	26
11	25
12	25
13	25
14	25
15	25
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26	25
27	25
28	25
29	25
30	25
31	25
32	25
33	25
34	25
35	25
36	25
37	25
38	25
39	25
40+	25

Full points are as follows

<b>Master</b>	<b>3 Riders</b>
<b>Expert</b>	<b>4 Riders</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>5 Riders</b>
<b>Novice</b>	<b>6 Riders</b>
<b>Beginners</b>	<b>7 Riders</b>

**Master Points**

3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33
34	33	
33		

**Expert Points**

4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33	32
34	33	32	
33	32		
32			

**Intermediate Points**

5 Riders	4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33	32	31
34	33	32	31	
33	32	31		
32	31			
31				

**Novice Points**

6 Riders	5 Riders	4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33	32	31	30
34	33	32	31	30	
33	32	31	30		
32	31	30			
31	30				
30					

**Beginner Points**

7 Riders	6 Riders	5 Riders	4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33	32	31	30	29
34	33	32	31	30	29	
33	32	31	30	29		
32	31	30	29			
31	30	29				
30	29					
29						