



OFFICIAL RULEBOOK OVER THE HILL GANG ASSOCIATION BAY AREA CHAPTER

Introduction

Welcome to the OVER THE HILL GANG!

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. There is no grace period on the age requirement. 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.

New Members

New members must submit an application and pay membership fees, or register for a guest ride, before starting the evaluation Process. They shall also receive their permanent club number and a paper number. The paper number shall be used during their first 2 club moto's to indicate their "unclassified" status. After new Members complete 2 "unclassified" motos, their performance will be evaluated by the race committee, and the race director will classify them as a beginner, novice, intermediate, or expert. Master is a voluntary classification. This classification is in accordance with their racing abilities and speed. New members are classified under the assumption that they will ride within the normal limits of their ability during their 2 evaluation motos, enabling the race committee to place them in their Proper and safest class (self classified Masters and experts are exempt from evaluation.) Please note the physical conditions of one's body are not as important to class placement as skill. If your skill is deemed intermediate, but conditioning is holding you to novice competitiveness, you will be placed in the intermediate class. The race committee may require additional motos to fully classify a rider. The new Member will be eligible to enter two- day "national" events only after running two full race events, not motos. After the evaluation process is complete the rider is eligible to receive points, trophies and awards.

Guest riders will pay a \$5 guest fee and fill out a membership application. Guests will ride in an evaluation status and will not be eligible for points or trophies. The guest fee can be applied to the membership fee and the ride may count as an evaluation ride. OTMX members are welcome to race with the OTHG as "guest" riders, without a fee, if they wear their OTMX jersey, however, they will not be eligible for points, trophies, or awards.

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.

Numbers 1-25 are assigned based on finishing position in the last year's club points. 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 by 1 March of each year to retain the rights to that number. New members will choose from available numbers.

- Master class black numbers on white 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.

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

All numbers must be followed by a letter that indicates which chapter of the member, as listed below.

Bay – B So. Calif. – G Reno – R Sierra – S

Do not forget to use your Chapter letter when you sign up with ANY promoter. Penalty for infraction, rider will be docked one (1) lap. All questions regarding Race conduct and expectations need to be discussed with the Race Director(s).

The number 52B is retired to honor Wade Holbrook.

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.

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. The member shall receive half points for the day and be ineligible for trophies and awards for that day.



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Scoring Procedures

The points earned at each race are totaled at the end of each year to determine a club champion and class champions. 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, or with this members approval someone else in the club - no exceptions. 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. Our points differ from the OTHGA bylaws because of the smaller turnout at Bay OTHG events. 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 director for classification. If a rider does not start (DNS) a moto rider will receive last place plus 2 positions (DNS is a rider who does not pass the finish line at least once). If a rider does not finish (DNF) a moto, the rider will receive last plus 1 position (DNF is a rider who 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 the race director or they will not be scored. No rider may change motorcycles during the course of the race. 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 (two motos) event or a two day (four motos) event. All protests concerning the races, rules or scoring results should be brought to the attention of the race director 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 *lap* penalty, up to an automatic disqualification for the day. Do not approach the Promoter 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, or for rent at the track. The Bay Chapter may have units available.
- 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) OK to race without a transponder, just understand you will not go home with a trophy or receive any points for the race.
- 7) The only exceptions to #5 are Evals. We will run the system at ALL races and most of our ride days.
- 8) Transponders are not required for Support motos. 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, and to be eligible to enter the mammoth mountain motocross event, all members MUST have raced in three (3) previous OTHG one-day events in that calendar year. 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.

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.
- 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.



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Race Day Conduct

All members are required to sign up for their race before practice starts. Riding in an incorrect practice without prior permission from the race director may result in disqualification. Membership cards are required to sign up for the event. After the last OTHG race, the final race results will be posted and shortly thereafter awards will be available. A presentation will be held at the last race of a series. Regardless of award status, all members are highly encouraged to attend the award presentation to receive their trophies and applaud the accomplishments of their fellow club members. Members must be present to receive the award unless other arrangements are made. 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.

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.

Failure to comply with any portion of this rulebook may result in a rider being disqualified. For a first offense, a possible suspension for a second offense, and a possible termination of club membership for a third offense.

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

Eval and guest riders are not counted in scoring, they are scored at the bottom of the results sheets.

Other chapter riders are counted as part of the overall result and points payout.

A total of five (5) race events out of the season total will not be counted towards race season points total (drops).

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.

Master class riders are exempt from running assigned club number. The intent is to allow high profile' sponsored riders to honor their sponsorship obligations.

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.

Jarvis Gross, Bay OTHG founder, was 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.

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Points Scoring Matrix follows on the next page:



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POINTS SCORING SYSTEM

Full points are as follows

Master	3 Riders
Expert	4 Riders
Intermediate	5 Riders
Novice	5 Riders
Beginner	7 Riders

Points are based on number of classified riders from all Chapters (Evals and guest riders do not count)

5 bonus points per day for racing away-nationals

OA Finish	Points	Points			
1	35	35	2 Riders	1 Rider	
2	34	34	34	33	
3	33	33	33		
4	32	32			
5	31	31			
6	30	30			
7	29	29	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
8	28	28	34	33	32
9	27	27	33	32	
10	26	26	32		
11+ Riders	25	25			

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					
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