



## Pacific Racing Organization

### Rules and Regulations

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#### CHAPTER 1- RIDER ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

##### 1) General

- a. A rider is not required to obtain and hold a P.R.O. Membership, unless the rider is competing for cash prizes in one or all of the professional classes including 250 Pro, 450 Pro, Unlimited Pro, 25+ Pro, and 30+ Expert.
- b. Pacific Racing Organization classes are primarily based upon skill level and not age. The two topics are not related.
- c. Parents/riders will be required and trusted to place their riders/themselves in the proper skill level class. (See Chapter 2)
- d. A rider's age as of January 1 of the race series year determines the age class they are eligible for. If the rider's birthday is during the series that would allow them to ride in an older age group, they may use that age.
- e. For the Top Gun Team Shootout, if a rider's birthday is within the month of September, he/she may ride in an older age classification as it relates to their upcoming age.
- f. If a rider competes in an age class and is eligible for other age classes, that rider must ride the same level across all age groups. An exception may be made for 25+/30+/40+/50+ age classes where a rider may ride 1 skill level lower in a younger class **at the discretion of P.R.O. staff with a written petition submitted by the rider.**
- g. Women registered in a skill level women's class may ride 1 skill level lower in any class other than women's classes.
- h. Proof of age must be readily available at request of P.R.O. Officials
- i. Minor releases MUST be completed by a parent/legal guardian of any rider age 17 & under, and must accompany registration forms. A duly notarized parental consent form must be included with a completed minor release form if an adult other than a parent/legal guardian is present.

##### 2) Classification

- a. Professional/expert class = (A) Intermediate class = (B) Junior class = (C) Beginner class = (D)
- b. Riders must enter the correct **skill level** class in order to be fair and for the safety of the other riders.
- c. No one except beginner riders are allowed to ride in the Beginner classes. If a rider falls under two of the three following criteria, they are considered a beginner:
  - i. A rider who is racing motocross for the very first time
  - ii. A rider who has been racing motocross for 0-2 years
  - iii. A rider who does not exceed the top 33% on average over their career in that beginner class regardless of the number of years competing in motocross
- d. Riders moving up in bike size may only ride **one** class level lower except from a 250cc to 450cc. Example: a 50cc Junior may ride in the 65cc Beginner class.
- e. Riders who compete in the 85cc Junior and consistently place in the lower 67% if in the 85cc Supermini class, they may advance to the 250cc Beginner class. Riders who compete in 85cc Intermediate class must advance to 250cc

Junior when moving up to a bike big.

- f. For age classes (25+, 30+, 40+, 50+), if a rider competes in their current age class and consistently places in the top 33%, said rider must compete in the same level in all younger age classes.
- g. Once a rider competes in a certain class level, that rider may not compete in a lower level class. If a rider wishes to try out a higher level class, that rider may enter the class as an exhibition ride only and will not incur a placing or points. The only exemption that may be considered is if a rider endures a serious injury.
- h. We will invoke the **BRANDON LAYTON RULE** if we determine an extremely skilled 85cc or 100cc racer can safely compete in the 250cc class or Unlimited class (junior level and above). The parents of the rider must determine if they want to take the responsibility of putting their son/daughter in a big bike class, they must submit a written request prior to sign-up to P.R.O. officials.

### 3) Advancement

- a. The following scenarios may cause P.R.O. to force move-ups:
  - i. Other race entry records and/or race results for that rider including the P.R.O. series
  - ii. Pointing out in the first (4) four P.R.O. series rounds
  - iii. Number of years rider has been competing
  - iv. P.R.O. NW National MX Series top finisher or Top Gun top finisher
- b. Riders placing in the Top 3 in the series from the previous year must move up to the next skill level class, except from an intermediate (B) class to a professional (A) class.
- c. Riders placing in the Top 3 from the Top Gun Team Shootout from the previous year must race the next skill level class for the next following season, except from an intermediate (B) class to a professional (A) class.
- d. Move up list from the previous series will be posted at the beginning of the series. Riders will be expected to place themselves in the appropriate class. If in disagreement with this list, reasons must be submitted to P.R.O. officials. P.R.O. decisions are final.

## **CHAPTER 2- MACHINE ELIGIBILITY**

### 1) Safety

- a. All aspects of the machine must be in a minimum of good working order. It is the rider's responsibility (the parents if the rider is under 18 years old) to make sure the motorcycle that is being ridden at an event is completely safe to race. It is not the responsibility of the race officials to check any bike's race worthiness. The race officials do have the right and will stop a rider(s) before or during an event if they believe a bike is unsafe to be ridden. The motorcycle displacement is determined by the class the rider intends to compete in.

### 2) Restrictions

- a. 250cc classes allow bikes from 125/250F/250cc to compete.
- b. 450 classes will allow 250F/250/450F/500cc to compete.
- c. Unlimited classes are allowed bikes from 125/250F/250/450F/500cc bikes to complete in each class. Unlimited classes are riders in a specific skill level racing against each other on all size bikes 125cc and up.
- d. 250cc 2-strokes are not allowed in the Schoolboy class.
- e. 150cc 4-stroke bikes with small wheels (18in front 15in rear) are allowed to run the 85cc classes. 150cc 4-stroke bikes with large wheels can ride the 85cc Supermini (C/B) and 85cc Open Beg (D).

- f. 110cc 4-stroke bikes are classified as riding in 65cc classes.

### **CHAPTER 3- EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS**

#### 1) Helmet

- a. All helmets must be a current DOT or SNELL 85, 90, 95 approved. Helmets should be carefully inspected before every ride to ensure there is no damage.

#### 2) Boots

- a. All riding boots must be ankle high and must buckle or tie from halfway up to the top of the boot. Boots must be in good working order with all straps and buckles intact.

#### 3) Goggles

- a. Goggles must be worn at all times during the race.

#### 4) Other

- a. Number plates must be clean, clear, and fully installed on all (3) three sides of the bike. Any rider who starts a race with dirty, hard-to-read, or insufficient quantity of number plates may risk being disqualified for that race.
- b. All other safety attire at rider/parent discretion. However we suggest kneepads, chest protector, pants, gloves and etc.

### **CHAPTER 4- PRACTICE/RACE PROCEDURES**

#### 1) General

- a. No rider is allowed to **PRACTICE/RIDE/RACE** on the track unless they have paid the entry fee and signed a legal release before entering the track. **NO EXCEPTIONS. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.**
- b. Each rider is only allowed to practice for classes they are signed up for. (i.e. 1 ticket 1 practice, 2 tickets 2 practices, etc.) If it is reported to a P.R.O. official that you are taking extra practices, you will be required to start backwards, in each class you are signed up in.
- c. Riders are allowed to ride another bike of the same engine size if they have non-repairable mechanical problems with the bike they started the day on. The riders competence on the different machine falls solely on the rider and/or the legal guardian. This bike and/or number change must be reported to sign up before entering the track.
- d. Cutting the track or entering from anywhere else but the start in practice will result in starting backwards in your moto.
- e. Riders who cut the track in practice or start elsewhere besides the starting practice point will start backwards in their first moto.
- f. When a yellow or medic flag is waved, if a rider jumps, passes, or increases speed in a dangerous manner within 100 feet preceding the downed rider, that rider will be docked 3 positions. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- g. If any rider or the guardian of any rider has a problem regarding safety issues in running two classes together they are encouraged to discuss this issue with P.R.O. staff and/or ask for a refund for their race fees.
- h. At P.R.O. events the professional riders in the 250, 450 and Unlimited Class will race in a separate moto. The professional payout breakdown is available on our website and at registration.
- i. All 50cc level classes (Beginner/Junior/Intermediate) will run as the same moto and gate. All 65cc level classes (Beginner/Junior/Intermediate) will run as the same moto and gate.
- j. Cash refunds are never given. Only rainchecks may be issued for the amount of the classes registered so long as

the practice tickets are provided for each registered class and the time is not 30 minutes past the end of morning practice. Rainchecks are valid for one year after the issue date.

## **CHAPTER 5- FLAGGING**

### 1) Flag Descriptions

- a. Green Flag - Start of race.
- b. Black Flag - Disqualification of the rider the flag is pointing at. The rider must report to the referee.
- c. Blue Flag - Faster riders are overtaking slower rider. Lapped rider must hold line and let faster rider go by.
- d. Yellow/Orange Flag - CAUTION Downed rider. NO JUMPING, PASSING, or improving position, within 100 feet preceding the downed rider.
- e. White w/ Red Cross Flag - CAUTION Medics needed at a downed rider or medics are currently with a downed rider on or next to the track. NO JUMPING, PASSING, or improving position, within 100 feet preceding the downed rider.
- f. Red Flag - Stop race immediately and return to the starting gate.
- g. White Flag - One lap left
- h. Black and White Checkers - Race is over

## **CHAPTER 6-MEMBERSHIP**

### 1) Price

- A. The pacific racing organization will determine the value of a membership at a reasonable, affordable price. Prices are subject to change at any time without notice.

### 2) Benefits

- A. Valid for one year from the date of purchase
- B. Qualification for NW National MX Series end awards
- C. Discounts with Fusion Graphix, Hyper X Clothing, and DeVol Engineering products and services
- D. Race entry discounts
- E. Daily giveaways and raffles
- F. Special offers

## **CHAPTER 8- SCORING**

### 1) General

- a. Any behavior that the officials determine as potentially endangering riders or spectators can and will be disqualified with no refund.
- b. Riders must receive no assistance from anyone during a race, unless it is for safety reasons. Any other situation for helping a rider will result in a DNF for that moto, with the exception of the 50cc classes.
- c. Riders who cut the track during a race and pass other riders will be docked the amount of positions passed.
- d. Any rider that is caught riding in an overly aggressive manner that could endanger another rider or spectator will be given one warning. If a second infraction occurs, you will be disqualified for that moto. If a third infraction

occurs you will be asked to leave the facility with no refund.

- e. Both the bike and the rider together must cross the finish line to obtain a finish placing.

## 2) Awards

- a. Day trophies will be awarded to all classes at 33%.
- b. Day trophies will be awarded to 100% of 50cc riders.

## 3) Protests

- a. There is a 30 minute scoring protest period from the time results are posted. After the 30 minutes are expired, the results are final. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- b. For protests, we will have protest forms available at sign-up, there will be a \$200.00 protest fee.

## **CHAPTER 9- POINTS**

- 1) The series end trophies, awards and contingencies will only be awarded to the top riders in each class, satisfying the requirement of purchasing a P.R.O. Membership and minimum amount of rounds completed.
- 2) Series points earned per rider/class combination will be totaled for the entire series. No points will be dropped. Minimum of 7 of 10 rounds must be raced in that class to qualify for series-end awards.
- 3) Riders who voluntarily move up to a higher level class will be allowed 67% of points earned in the lower level class to transfer to the new class, then 100% of points earned in new class will be accumulated and added to the 67% of points previously earned. Ex: A rider in 85cc Beginner earned 40 points midway through the season and advanced to 85cc Junior then earned another 60 points through the end of the season. That rider would then have a total of 87 points at the end of the season in 85cc Junior.
- 4) Riders who are moved up to the next level class by P.R.O. officials based on factual criteria will be allowed 67% of points earned in the lower level class to transfer to the new class, then 100% of points earned in new class will be accumulated and added to the 67% of points previously earned.
- 5) After a rider has competed within the first (4) four rounds for the NW National MX Series, P.R.O. officials cannot move said rider up to the next skill level class.

## 6) Pointing out: total and how its calculated

## **CHAPTER 10-STARTING GATE**

### 1) Gate Prep

- a. Gate prep is allowed in front of the starting gate. Each rider may have one pit crew member at the starting line to assist in gate prepping. No dirt is allowed to be placed on a cement starting pad. 1st offense is a warning, 2nd offense is starting backwards the next moto.
- b. No tools are to be used in gate preparation with the exception of a broom to sweep off the starting gate. 1st offense is a warning, 2nd offense is starting backwards the next moto.
- c. Built dirt ramps behind the starting are not allowed.

### 2) Starts

- a. Riders jumping or wheeling over the gate will be docked 3 positions in that moto.

- b. Riders who leave on the wrong gate during a stagger start will be docked 1 full lap.

#### **CHAPTER 11- SPORTSMANSHIP**

- 1) Pacific Racing Organization takes pride in promoting good sportsmanship and enjoyment of all who participate.
- 2) Parents of riders under 18 years old will not be allowed to scream at, slap, hit or swear at their rider. PERIOD! If this is reported to or seen by a P.R.O. official you will be given one warning before you will be asked to leave the facility with no refund.
- 3) Drinking or illegal drug use by any rider during an event will be sent out of the facility with no refund. Riders are responsible for their entire family, friends and pit crew. Any behavior not approved of by P.R.O. officials can result in the rider and offending people being sent out of the facility without a refund.
- 4) The following actions will not be tolerated: crossing the track in front of a rider, running on the track during a race, or spectating in a manner that will endanger one's self or riders that are racing.

#### **CHAPTER 12- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 1) Any problems arising during an event, not specifically addressed in these above paragraphs will be judged by the staff of the Pacific Racing Organization with a fair and common sense response.
- 2) Pacific Racing Organization reserves the right to add to and amend these rules as we see fit in order to keep the competition as fair and safe as possible.
- 3) Penalties for infractions at each race event will be determined on circumstances, riding skill level and severity. The referee and official's decisions will be final. We reserve the right to amend these rules and enforce consequences, as we deem necessary in the best interest of all riders involved.