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CHAPTER 1 - RIDERS AND ELIGIBILITY

Special Note: The Manitoba Motocross Association does not test the skill of individual participants in MMA sanctioned amateur events, nor do they license amateur competitors or judge rider competence. Participants are solely responsible for their safety.

A. GENERAL

- 1) All riders in MMA sanctioned competition are required to be members of the MMA and their respective recognized regional organization (if required). If a membership in a rider's home region is not required, a rider competing outside his home region shall not be required to purchase another region's membership card unless he desires to have his points kept and be eligible for year-end awards in that region. A proper legal release must accompany each amateur or professional application. In all off-road events, a rider must be 14 years or older to ride motorcycles above 251cc. The age of the rider is determined as of the date of the event. Riders found competing without a current MMA license or without paying the applicable entry fees will be fined a minimum of \$100, and suspended for a minimum of 3 races.
- 2) Rider classification is determined by the MMA
- 3) No rider under the age of 18 may compete without the notarized consent of his parents or legal guardian. The promoter or club must retain these notarized consents. A parent, legal guardian or authorized adult must remain present while the MMA member he is responsible for is participating.
- 4) All race personnel, race organizers, promoters, officials, riders, mechanic, anyone associated with riders and photographers must not consume or be under the influence of intoxicants or drugs that could affect their normal mental or physical ability. Besides affecting the safety of the event, any such use is inconsistent with the concept of good sportsmanship and is harmful to the sport of motorcycling. At any point while on premise for a meet and are intoxicated you may be excluded from the meet.
- 5) All riders and other race personnel must assess for themselves the track, facilities, existing conditions and other matters relating to safety. The MMA cannot and does not undertake to supervise any competition. All riders and race personnel must rely on their own judgment and assume all risks of participating in competition in any manner.
- 6) Any member subject to disciplinary action by the MMA shall be ineligible to participate in MMA sanctioned competition.

B. RIDERS AND CLASSIFICATIONS

- 1) Riders shall be classified by the MMA on the basis of participation and achievement unless otherwise provided by MMA rules. 85cc riders who advance to ride a 125cc two stroke / 250cc four stroke or greater must compete in the B class unless special circumstances are indicated, and prior written approval is obtained from the MMA Board of Directors.

Rider classification for 250/450/OPEN classes are as follows:*

- A Highest classification, formerly Pros and Intermediates.
- B The classification preceding "A", formerly Junior - Minimum age 14 years.
- C The classification preceding "B", formerly Beginner. Minimum - age 12 years.

*OPEN classes are open to 100cc motorcycles and larger

Minicycle classes are as follows: 85cc - 12 to 16 yrs.

85cc - 7 to 11 yrs

85 Open - *Open to all 85cc competitors providing their machines adhere to their respective requirements.*

65cc 7 to 9 yrs

65cc 10 to 11 yrs

50cc 7 to 8 yrs

50cc 4 to 6 yrs

- 2) Capacity limits for the listed classes are permitted as follows:

50cc class - 0 - 50cc 2 stroke/0 - 73cc 4 stroke

65cc class – 60cc - 65cc 2 stroke/0 - 80cc 4 stroke

85cc class (7 to 11) – 60cc-85cc 2 stroke/60cc - 100cc 4 stroke

Small wheel 150's will be allowed in 85cc 7-11 class

85cc class (12 to 16) – 85cc 2 stroke/100cc - 150cc

4 stroke Big wheel 85's & 150's will be allowed in 85cc 12-16 class.

(cc limits still apply i.e.: Maximum of 85cc 2-stroke or 100-150cc 4-stroke)

Maximum wheel size 17" front/14" rear wheel

85 Open class – 85cc – 112cc 2 stoke/100cc – 150cc 4 stroke

Maximum wheel size 19" front/ 16 rear wheel

250* class - 100cc - 250cc 2 stroke**/100cc - 250cc 4 stroke

450* class – 251cc – 285cc 2-stroke/251cc – 450cc 4 stroke

* *Minimum wheel size 21" front/ 18" rear wheel for 250 and 450.*

*** 250cc two-strokes will be eligible to compete in the 250 A, B, and C classes. Eligibility in the 450 class will remain the same as previous (i.e. 250 two strokes are permitted, 250 four strokes are not permitted in this class).*

OPEN class - 100cc - 550cc 2 stroke/100cc - 650cc 4 stroke

Ladies class – minimum 60cc 2 stroke/ 100cc 4 stroke

3) Age restrictions are based on age as follows: Minimum - as of the date of the event. Maximum - as of January 1st of current year.

50cc - minimum 4 years to maximum 8 years

65cc 7 to 9 - minimum 7 years to maximum 9 years

65cc 10 to 11 - minimum 10 years to maximum 11 years

85cc Minicycle - minimum 7 years to maximum 16 years

125cc 2-stroke/250cc 4-stroke - minimum 12 years

250cc 2-stroke/450cc 4-stroke and larger - minimum 14 years

4) Riders applying for a MMA competition license will be required to ride in their highest classification held in a recognized motorcycling organization. Penalty may be denial of license and/or loss of any accumulated points.

5) Once true rider classification has been established, rider must have the proper amount of points to transfer to the next highest classification unless otherwise arranged.

6) The MMA representative of any sanctioned event has the authority to upgrade individual riders according to their ability as determined by the opinion of the representative and the Competition Advisory Committee. The upgrade of individual riders must first be approved by the MMA. This rating would be in effect for future races.

7) All 85cc class riders must compete in the B division when competing on a 100cc two stroke/150cc big-wheeled four stroke machine or larger unless otherwise arranged with an MMA representative.

8) First time riders are required to enter the C division unless otherwise arranged with a MMA representative. Rider classification is based on their riding ability, not age or number of years competing.

9) Riders competing in age classes (Vet and Plus 40) are permitted to participate in the age division one below that in which they are classified (i.e. Plus 40 rider may compete in a Veteran division).

10) Riders competing in the in Vet classes, ages 30+ ranked as a C or B rider are to compete in the Vet Junior class. Riders 40 and over ranked as C or B riders are to compete in the Plus 40 B class. Riders ranked A from 30+ are to compete in Vet Master, and riders ranked A, 40

and over are to compete in Plus 40 A class. The winner of Plus 40 B will be advanced to Plus 40 A for the next race season.

- 11) "A" rider classification and/or participation are considered permanent advancement, and it may not be changed. If a rider believes he is not capable of competing successfully as an "A" rider, he may appeal in writing to the MMA, asking to be returned to the "B" class. Each case will be considered individually, and the rider will be notified of the decision in writing. Such an appeal may be submitted only once per season, and the MMA's decision is final.

Riders returned to the "B" class are only those who regional officials consider completely non-competitive in the "A" class. The district must take care not to return riders who will dominate the "B" class. Once returned to the "B" class, a rider again begins accumulating advancement points. A rider may return to the "B" class only once. Participation in or advancement to a higher class in any region will result in advancement to the higher class in all MMA sanctioned competition.

- 12) Advancement from "C" to "B" is permanent and may not be changed.
- 13) 50cc riders in the 4-6 yrs. category are permitted to compete in the 7-8 yrs. division but cannot move back to the 4-6 yrs. division following the advancement.
- 14) For the purpose of issuing race members, like classes that will be group together are as follows:
 - 1) 50cc, 65cc, 85cc, 85 open
 - 2) B Class and C Class
 - 3) A Class
 - 4) Vet A and B

Race numbers will not be issued more than once in each of these four groups.

- 15) Race numbers 1 through 10 will be reserved for A riders only and are awarded at the beginning of each season based on an A rider's overall pointed earned in the previous season. While an A rider displays their "Top 10" number, their previous years number will continue to be reserved for them.
- 16) MB Schoolboy class
 - > Minimum 100cc 2-stroke and max. 150cc 2-stroke, and 150cc 4-stroke
 - > Big wheels ONLY – 16" rear, 19" front
 - > 12 – 18 years old
 - > 85cc 12-16 riders are not eligible for this class

C. POINTS FOR CLASS ADVANCEMENT

- 1) Riders riding in more than one class will have upgrade points combined for all classes.
- 2) C to B, 6 points.
- 3) B to A, 18 points.

Upgrade points:

1st overall receives 4 points

2nd overall receives 3 points

3rd overall receives 2 points

4th overall receives 1 point

- 5) All upgrade points are dropped by riders accumulating fewer than these totals so that the new season is started with zero upgrade points.
- 6) All riders earning sufficient upgrade points while participating in a MMA series may remain in the same class until completion of the series at which time the license must be remitted for upgrade.
- 7) The overall series winner of Vet Junior will be moved up 1 class to Vet Master the year following their series win.

D. ENTRIES

- 1) To properly enter a class, each rider must complete and sign in ink a MMA Race Entry Form and, in the case of post-entry, submit his/her MMA License with the entry and payment to sign-up personnel during hours designated for this purpose. At the discretion of the Promoter or MMA Representative, a "late entry fee" may be attached to the normal entry fee after sign-up has officially closed.
- 2) The MMA may establish an advance entry closing date, and post entries, which can have a higher entry fee, may or may not be accepted. In any case, the condition of entry must appear in all advertisements.
- 3) Entrants may be removed from an event for breaking the rules of conduct. However, promoters cannot issue continuing suspensions of MMA licenses.
- 4) A rider must start the first moto to be considered a participant. No rider will be permitted to start the second moto unless they have participated in the first moto. If qualifiers are needed you must ride qualifier to be eligible for LCQ and so on. In the event that the riders bike does not start, this rule does not apply if you report this to the race director.
- 5) A rider may enter more than three classes per race day but the MMA is not responsible for creating the schedule to accommodate this.

CHAPTER 2 – EVENTS

Special Note: Participants are solely responsible for their safety at MMA sanctioned events and should assess their own ability to negotiate each individual track or course. Participants who doubt the competence of track officials, have concerns about the safety of the course or their own ability to negotiate the course, or are uncertain about the condition of their vehicle, or doubt the competence of fellow competitors, should not participate and should request the return of their entry fee before practice session begins.

A. GENERAL RULES OF THE EVENT

- 1) Every club, association, promoter, rider and all other persons participating in or connected with any meet are bound by these rules.
- 2) A different eligible bike can be used in each moto as long as it meets the class criteria. Any bike switching must be reported to the Technical Director as well as any bike number changes as a result. (Note will be taken if it's a different brand for contingency purposes) One machine may be used by two contestants provided they are entered in different classes.
- 3) At any meet the following applies: The machine must meet the class requirement for engine size. All classes need not be run in any given event. If class sizes are small enough, they may be run consecutively (for separate prizes) at the MMA's discretion.
- 4) At meets where spectator admission is charged, an entry fee may be charged in addition to the admission fee.
- 5) The referee shall not allow practice or racing to start unless an ambulance and attendant are at the course. The fee for any ambulance trips to the nearest hospital shall be the responsibility of the injured party.
- 6) All riders entered in a race must attend the riders' meeting. The Head Referee may have a roll-call or spot-check attendance. Fines and/or penalties may be imposed at the Head Referee's discretion.
- 7) Riding of competition motorcycles other than on the racetrack or designated test area is forbidden.
- 8) Any operation of a vehicle in the pits must be at a very slow, acceptable speed (10 km/h maximum – 1st gear – walking pace only). Any bike caught riding in a manner other than described will face penalties ranging from starting backwards to expulsion from event.
- 9) Pets are not allowed in signal area, or other restricted areas. Pets must be leashed at all times.
- 10) Before leaving a race facility, it is the responsibility of riders/teams to deposit all of their waste items in appropriate containers such as trash bins and waste oil barrels. Should containers not be available on-site, riders/teams must transport such items from the facility for proper disposal.

B. RACE RULES

- 1) No one except riders officially entered may ride or practice on any portion of the course the day of the event.
- 2) The machine the rider crosses the starting line for his first hot lap, heat/qualifier or moto is considered the qualified machine for that event in that class.
- 3) Practice or warm up is limited to the designated race course. Competition riding or riders allowing their machines to be ridden outside these boundaries will be excluded from the event.
- 4) A rider must be ready when called to the starting area. If not ready, the rider or mechanic must signal the starter by raising their hand in the air and will be allowed two minutes after the starter's call to make minor repairs. Afterward, if he still is not ready, he is excluded from the event. Once an alternate rider has been called to the starting line by the Head Referee, he will not be removed unless disqualified for some infraction. No alternate rider will be placed in an event once the starter has started the race. Additionally, alternate riders may not be placed in an event that must be restarted. Any rider may ask for two minutes to make repairs, but the additional time will not prevent the disqualification of another rider who has used the two-minute limit. Once one rider has exercised the two-minute delay of the start, additional delays will only be permitted at the discretion of the head referee.
- 5) Any race stopped with less than half of the specified laps completed will require a complete restart.
- 6) If, in the referee's opinion, it is necessary to stop an event after at least 50 percent of the total distance has been covered, the race may be considered completed. Riders will be scored according to their position on the lap preceding the one during which they were red flagged. If a race is stopped before 50 percent is completed, it is considered no race. At the referee's discretion, the event may be resumed.
- 7) If a moto was stopped because of an injured rider and a restart takes place, the rider causing the restart is not permitted to restart the moto.
- 8) In the event of an on-track accident resulting in apparent indications of concussion or other undetermined head injury including temporary unconsciousness, headache, dizziness, nausea, or temporary memory loss, the involved rider is suspended from further competition for the remainder of the event.

In all head injury cases where riders have been temporarily suspended, it is recommended to refrain from further competition for a minimum of three weeks or seek medical approval to return prior to the recommended time period. If doctor's note is required to return to racing, the note must indicate directly that the head is cleared to return to racing.

- 9) Under no circumstance may anyone ride a machine in the wrong direction on the track. For this offence, the rider will receive a five position penalty.
- 10) Repairs to motorcycles will be allowed in the staging area and starting line until the 30 second board is displayed. Repairs may continue following the start of the race behind the starting line. Once a rider has crossed the starting line all repairs must take place in designated mechanics area.
- 11) A rider whose machine is disabled before reaching the finish line may, under his own physical power, push or carry his machine (in the direction of the track) across the finish line to receive the checkered flag. Provided he completes at least 50 percent of the number of laps as the winner, a rider who finishes in this manner will be considered as having completed the race.
- 12) If a rider stops for any reason during an event, he must restart without any outside assistance, with the exception of 50cc 4 to 6 year old competitors. However, if a rider falls, blocking the course and endangering other riders, he may receive help or have his machine pushed off the course. An attempt to help under any other situation will result in the rider's disqualification.
- 13) A rider who leaves the course must re-enter the race in a slower and controlled manner in which there is no interference with other competitors and/or does not gain a position or advantage, in any way, as a result. Failure to do so will result in the rider being penalized a minimum of one and a maximum of five finishing positions for that moto. For major infractions of this rule may result in disqualifications. (Ex: Cutting .33% of the track)
- 14) Any competitor who intends to pull off the course must signal his intentions by raising their hand, and must never cut across the course in front of other competitors.
- 15) A competitor who rides in a way that endangers officials, other riders or the public will be subject to immediate disqualification from the event by the referee.
- 16) When entering or leaving the pits, a rider must use designated entrance and exit lanes. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
- 17) When the caution flag is displayed due to an accident or mechanical problem, the downed rider must clear the track as quickly as possible if physically able.
- 18) The referee may decide the maximum number of riders who start any event. Starting riders will be those who qualify as a result of time trials or qualifying heats.

- 19) If qualifiers are required, a rider must start their designated qualifier in order to be eligible to advance to the last chance qualifier and/or main event.
- 20) Final results will be tabulated from two motos or, in the case of qualifying motos, a main event as is customary for each particular track or as announced at the rider's meeting. Riders earn points in each moto according to their finishing positions. A rider must finish at least one moto to receive an overall finishing position.
- 21) Riders should use the same motorcycle for parade or sighting lap as the race. Any bike changes must be reported to the Technical Director prior to the moto. Parade or sighting laps are optional. If your bike breaks or the rider is injured and can't return to starting line after a 2 minute hold, that rider will be excluded from that class for the rest of the meet. An alternate will be put in replace of that rider and will remain in the class for the rest of the meet.
- 22) **POINTS SYSTEM:** Points awarded per moto are 25 points for first, 22 points for second, 20 points for third etc. (see schedule below). The rider accumulating the most points after both motos is the overall class winner. In case of a tie, the winner is the rider with the better finishing position in the final moto. In the event of qualifying heats and one final moto for outdoor events, points will be doubled for the finishing positions of the main event. Points per moto will be based on the following point schedule.

Position	Points	Position	Points
1st	25	11th	10
2nd	22	12th	9
3rd	20	13th	8
4th	18	14th	7
5th	16	15th	6
6th	15	16th	5
7th	14	17th	4
8th	13	18th	3
9th	12	19th	2
10th	11	20th	1

- 23) When the winner receives the checkered flag, the race is considered complete and all riders who take the checkered flag are scored according to their position and number of laps completed as of the final lap. A rider who did not finish or who completed fewer than one-half the number of laps of the winning rider and did not take the checkered flag receives no points. A rider who did not start will receive no points. No rider will be allowed to make up lost laps after the checkered flag.
- 24) When the checkered flag is displayed to end a practice session, all riders are to return immediately to the pit area. Practice starts are to take place during the allotted practice session only. Riders practicing starts after they have received the checkered flag will start their first moto with a dead engine and their right foot placed on the ground.

- 25) In cases of extreme weather or other conditions which prevent the completion of the full race program, overall results may be tabulated from one moto as announced by the Promoter or MMA Representative. Only single moto points and purse will be awarded to the finishers.
- 26) There will be absolutely no refunds once practice has started.
- 27) Riders will not be allowed to wear “hoodies” while riding on the track.

C. PROCEDURE FOR STAGING

- 1) The finish order of riders in qualifying motos will determine start positions for main motos as follows: the winner of each qualifier will have 1st choice of position, 2nd place finishers next, 3rd next and so on (1-1, 2-2, 3-3, etc.). In the case of no qualifiers, pins will be used for the gate pick in the first moto.
- 2) In all subsequent motos, the riders will choose positions according to their finish position from previous motos in a 2 moto format. In the event results from a previous moto are not available, the second moto will be staged as per the staging order of the first moto.
- 3) Riders will be called from the starting area to line up on the starting gate. A rider must take his position on the gate as assigned. If a rider is absent when their number is called they will lose their original gate choice and may only select their start position after the current rider to be staged has been called. Exchanging gate positions with other riders is not allowed. At events that have a numbered staging area, when the first bike starts to move to the line you are considered late and will receive last pick at the gate.
- 4) No mechanic, rider or their motorcycle can go to the starting line before their number has been called.

D. FLAGS

Flags measuring a minimum of 24 inches by 24 inches have the following meanings:

1. GREEN - start of race
2. WHITE - one lap to go until finish.
3. YELLOW - caution. When a yellow flag is displayed, there will be no jumping allowed. Competitors must ride cautiously until they have passed the incident that caused the flag. While the yellow flag is displayed, failure to use reasonable caution, aggressive riding, passing or jumping while the yellow flag is displayed will result in a 5 position penalty. Contact with emergency and track personnel, or race official will result in immediate disqualification from the event.
4. BLACK - disqualification of a rider. That rider must report to the referee at once.
5. BLUE - move over, another rider is trying to pass.

6. WHITE WITH RED CROSS - emergency vehicle or personnel on the track. Absolutely no passing or jumping is allowed. An automatic penalty of ten positions will be imposed for those that fail to comply. If both the red cross and yellow flags are displayed and a pass occurs the ten position penalty will apply.
7. BLACK AND WHITE CHECKERED - end of a race.
8. RED - stopping of a race for any emergency situation.

E. SCORING

- 1) A MMA approved scoring system must be used. Each rider is entitled to examine his score or scorecard with the Technical Director.
- 2) Official results are declared final if no rider requested a recheck within 30 minutes after they are posted.
- 3) If any claims are filed within the 30 minute time frame, a new posting limit of 30 minute will be required if the claims are found to be valid.
- 4) The final results posted at the end of the 30-minute protest period may not be altered except by the MMA or regional appeal process.
- 5) It is the rider's responsibility to ensure number legibility. If a rider appeals his score and the numbers were not properly displayed, a protest will be disallowed. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
- 6) In the event of a tie in points at series end, the process to break the tie is by determining the rider that has the greater number of top placing moto scores in the series. If, for instance, there is an equal amount of first place finishes in the series between two riders, calculate the number of second place moto scores, and continue down until the tie is broken. The rider with the greater number shall be placed higher in the overall results of the series. If the tie remains unbroken after comparing moto scores throughout the series, the overall winner of the final race in the series will be ranked higher in the final series results.
- 7) At the sole discretion of the referee a class may be scored from one moto only.

F. STARTS

- 1) Mechanical device is used to start a motocross event - a rubber band, a mechanical backward-falling gate or, when facilities permit and with the referee's approval, electronically controlled starting lights.
- 2) The starting gate handle must be enclosed with a gate house that has a minimum height of 48" to prevent the riders from viewing the drop of the gate.
- 3) Front tire must be within 18" of the start gate.
- 4) In the event of a false start, which will be indicated to the Starter by a prearranged signal, the Starter will display a red flag to stop the race as soon as practical.
- 5) There will be no grooming in front of the starting gate by riders or mechanics. Grooming may be done behind the gate providing that no shovels, tools, brooms, other implements or agents are used. Watering of starting lanes by riders or crews is prohibited. Transporting dirt from outside the designated starting area is prohibited.

- 6) For concrete starting pads, only the event organizers are permitted to clean or clear the starting pad in front of and behind the starting gate. All outside tools of any description, rags, towels, or any drying/cleaning device, etc. are prohibited. Hands and gloves are the only devices permitted to clean the starting surface. Any infraction will result in a dead engine start
- 7) When the last rider is in the gate and the track is cleared for the start, the Head Referee then holds up a 30-second sign. The 30-second sign will be held upright for 30 seconds, then turned for five seconds, then turned sideways for no more than five seconds. During the one to five second interval, the gate will fall.
- 8) A rider will be considered to have started a Race once the machine has crossed the starting gate or line.

G. PROCEDURES FOR RED FLAG STOPS AND RESTARTS

- 1) In the case of a false start (gate malfunction) or a race that has been red flagged with less than 50% of the laps completed, a race will be restarted. If the red flag is displayed after 50% or more of the race has passed the race will be considered complete.
- 2) All riders are to return to their original starting position. Only riders that have been scored the lap prior to the red flag will be eligible to restart the race. Riders that are a lap down at the time of the red flag will be scored a lap down at the completion of the restarted race. The running time of the restarted race will be the total scheduled time less the time prior to the red flag. If the red flag is displayed within the first five minutes of the race, the race will be rerun in its entirety.
- 3) Riders that push their bikes across the start line for the intention of participating in the second moto will not be eligible for any restart of the first moto.
- 4) In the event of a rider jumping the starting device or backing off the gate, he shall be penalized one lap or will receive a stop and go penalty. If repeated violations occur, the Head Referee and/or MMA Representative may assess complete disqualification. Stop and go length will be until last rider in the class as gone by the finish. You don't have to wait for riders that have crashed.
- 5) Riders who are not present at the starting gate for the original start of a race will be excluded from any subsequent restarts.

CHAPTER 3 - EQUIPMENT

Special Note: The Manitoba Motocross Association does not inspect vehicles in MMA sanctioned competition. Participants are solely responsible for the condition of their vehicles and their competence to operate them.

A. GENERAL EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

Equipment used in sanctioned competition must meet the following standards, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this rulebook. When the rules permit or require equipment to be installed, replaced, altered or fabricated, it is the sole responsibility of the rider to select components, materials and/or fabricate the same so that the motorcycle components will perform in competition with safety.

- 1) Engines - The engine must be from the approved OEM, and the manufacturer's approved crankcase, cylinder and cylinder head from the approved OEM must be used.

A manufacturer's cylinder that, in stock form, possesses a chrome/nikasil plated bore must maintain the manufacturer's standard specifications. (Classification will be according to the manufacturer's piston displacement specification for that engine.) The capacity of each engine cylinder is calculated by the geometric formula, which gives the volume of a cylinder; the diameter is represented by the bore, and the height by the space swept by the piston from its highest to lowest point:

$$\text{Capacity} = D^2 \times 3.1416 \times C \div 4$$

Where D = bore

And C = stroke

When a cylinder bore is not circular the cross sectional area must be determined by a suitable geometrical method or calculation, then multiplied by the stroke to determine capacity.

When measuring, a tolerance of 1/10 mm is permitted in the bore. If with this tolerance the capacity limit is exceeded for the class in question, a further measurement should be taken with the engine cold, to 1/100 mm limits.

- 2) Gasoline – Engine fuel must consist of gasoline defined as petroleum based and must be commercially available as produced by the manufacturer.
 - (a) Specific gravity must fall within the range: .715 - .765 at 60° F.
 - (b) The maximum oxygen content is 6.20% m/m.
 - (c) Epoxides (i.e. propylene oxide) will not be considered ethers. Nitrogen-bearing compounds are not allowed.

- d) Lubrication additives are permitted provided the resulting mixture will meet all other requirements.
 - (e) Samples for lab analysis may be taken anytime during a meet from a competitor's fuel tank at the discretion of the Chief Technical Inspector, Head Referee or upon receipt of a written protest accompanied by a fee of \$300.00. Official results from a MMA appointed laboratory will be the final determining factor of whether illegal performance additives are present in a particular fuel sample.
- 3) Transmission - The gearbox is limited to the number of speeds of the approved motorcycle. However, machines originally equipped with fewer than six speeds may be increased to a maximum of six speeds. All approved motorcycles must be fitted with a transmission as catalogued and sold by the manufacturer of the motorcycle in question.
 - 4) Brakes - Brakes must be manufactured and installed in safe and workmanlike manner. Motorcycles in off-road competition must be equipped with adequate, operating front and rear brakes.
 - 5) Frame –
 - a) Frame parts must be manufactured in a safe and workmanlike manner, and any frame modifications also must be done in a workmanlike manner. Titanium frames are not allowed. Strengthening gussets or tubes may be added, but none may be removed.
 - b) Side stands must be removed for competition.
 - c) Once qualified for an event, the machine's frame may not be replaced though engines may be.
 - d) All footrests must fold backward at a 45 degree angle. Footrests may be raised or lowered, but cannot be lower than the bottom frame tube.
 - e) Engine mount location, steering head, swing arm pivot point and rear suspension linkage point must be the same as the originally approved model.
 - 6) Handlebars and Controls - Handlebars must be made of steel or another material approved by the MMA. Repaired, cracked or broken handlebars are prohibited. Handlebar mounts may be altered. Control levers must have ball ends at least one-half inch in diameter.
 - 7) Forks - Forks must be adequate in strength and size for the motorcycle and its use. A steering damper may be fitted in all types of competition.
 - 8) Gas Tanks - The gas tank must be manufactured and mounted in a safe and workmanlike manner. Leaking gas tanks or fittings as well as temporary makeshift repairs are prohibited. The same size gas tank must be used during the entire event, including qualification.
 - 9) Fenders - Rear fenders must extend at least to a vertical line drawn through the rear axle.
 - 10) Number Plates -
 - a) Three matching number plates are required, and must be mounted securely and in a workmanlike manner. All number plates must be clearly visible. If missing numbers you will be automatically disqualified.
 - b) Numbers must be at least 5-inch-high standard block letters. Numbers and letters must be clearly legible. Numbers must not be shaded or outlined. Lettering must have a professional appearance.
 - 11) Paddle tires are prohibited from all MMA sanctioned events. A paddle tire is defined as one that has a knob with one continuous rib from one side of the tire to the other.

12) Following are the required number/ background colour combinations:

50cc 4-6yrs	Red on white
50cc 7-8yrs	Black on white
65cc 7-9yrs	Red on White
65cc 10-11yrs	Black on White
85cc 7-11 yrs	Red on White
85cc 12-16 yrs	Black on White
Ladies / Little Ladies	White on Blue
C class	Red on White
B class	Black on Yellow (New for 2014)*****
A 250	White on Black
A 450	Black on White

Riders competing primarily in an age class or Open 85 must run the colour combination in which they are classified (i.e. 85cc – 12 to 16/Super Mini black numbers on white background).

14) The following applies to the 50cc classes only:

- i) Maximum wheel size 12"
- ii) Maximum wheel base 41"
- iii) Maximum overall length 55" (Overall length is the horizontal distance between two vertical lines at the extreme points of the motorcycle.)

15) The following applies to the 60cc/65cc motorcycles and classes only:

- i) Minimum wheel size 10"
- ii) Maximum wheel size 14"
- iii) The maximum wheelbase for 60cc/65cc machines cannot exceed the manufacturer's specifications by more than 1 ½".

16) The following applies to 80cc/85cc motorcycles and classes only:

- i) Maximum displacement 85cc (Stroking, sleeving and boring to obtain maximum displacement limits will not be allowed.)
- ii) No "A" riders are permitted in the 85cc class.
- iii) Maximum rear wheel size, 14 inches. Big Wheel 80s may compete in the Open 85 class only.

17) The following applies to the Open 85 class only:

- i) Maximum 2 stroke displacement – 112cc (Stroking, sleeving and boring to obtain maximum displacement limits will be allowed.)
- ii) No "A" riders are permitted in the Super Mini class.
- iii) The minimum wheelbase is 50 inches.
- iv) Maximum rear wheel size, 16 inches. Maximum front wheel size, 19 inches.
- v) Open 85 competitors under the age of 12 years (as of their date of birth) may only compete on machines with a maximum 2 stroke displacement of 85cc or maximum 4 stroke displacement of 100cc event. A machine that passes a pre-race inspection is subject to further inspection or protest at any time during the race program.

- 18) Exhaust Systems – All motorcycles must meet sound limits of 99 dB/A measured on the "A" scale at 0.5 meters (20 inches). Test procedure will be prescribed by the MMA. The exhaust system must be attached securely together and to the frame. If the exhaust system dislodges from the motorcycle, the rider will be immediately black flagged and disqualified from the moto. The discharge end of an exhaust system may not extend past the rear edge of the rear tire, nor point so that it creates dust or interferes with the vision of another rider.
- 19) All motorcycles are to be equipped with an operable kill switch or tether cord.
- 20) Use of electronic communication with the rider or use of a portable electronic device of any kind (i.e. digital music device) that would be considered a distraction while on the motorcycle during the meet is prohibited.

B. MOTORCYCLE EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 1) The referee has the power to disqualify any motorcycle that does not conform to the rules, and he may inspect any part of a motorcycle entered in a MMA sanctioned
- 2) A rider who refuses to allow his engine to be measured or to prepare his motor for measurement is automatically disqualified from the event.
- 3) Participants are solely responsible for the condition of their motorcycles and personal riding equipment. The Manitoba Motocross Association does not inspect or verify the condition of vehicles, clothing or other riding gear and accessories used in MMA sanctioned amateur competition.
- 4) Any pre-race inspections that are performed do not certify that the motorcycle is qualified or constituted as legal for class participation.

C. COMPETITION APPAREL

It is the sole responsibility of the rider to select a helmet and apparel which will provide appropriate protection. The MMA does not endorse or certify any manufacturers or products. The rider must rely on his own judgment in the selection of any helmet and apparel for durability and safety.

- 1) A helmet must be worn during all competition. Helmets must be certified by the manufacturer to meet or exceed the Department of Transportation (DOT) FMVSS - 218. The rider's number may be placed on both sides of his helmet (using a contrasting colour) to help scoring. Chin Strap must be done up properly which will result in a stop and go penalty and possible disqualification. Taking helmet off at any point while on the race course will result in automatic disqualification for that moto.
- 2) Shatterproof goggles must be worn at the beginning of event, including practice.
- 3) Protective pants made of nylon, leather or other durable material must be worn in all competition.
- 4) Long sleeve jerseys are to be worn at all times. Short sleeve or sleeveless shirts are prohibited. Chest protectors are strongly encouraged. Shirt must be below elbow to be considered a long sleeve jersey. Non-compliance will result in disqualification from that moto.

- 5) When chest protectors and or jerseys are used for rider identification, there must be the rider's assigned number displayed a minimum of eight inches high by one inch wide on the back of jerseys or 5 inches high by one inch wide on the back of chest protectors. The jersey/chest protector and number must be of contrasting colours. Number must be the rider assigned MMA number.
- 6) It is recommended that all "A" ranked riders must have their last name on the back of their riding uniform at the shoulder line with letters no less than 1 ½ inches high. No abbreviations of last names or nick names will be accepted. If a chest/back protector is worn over the rider's jersey, the rider's name and assigned number must be visible either on the jersey or on the chest/back protector.
- 7) Rider's number on the back of their jersey/chest protector must coincide with their numbers displayed on their number plates. The number must be a contrasting colour to that of the jersey/chest protector.
- 8) Boots must be worn in all meets. They must be at least eight inches high with either laces, buckles or zippers, or specially designed and constructed for leg, foot and ankle protection.
- 9) Neck protection is strongly recommended for all mini riders. This can be anything from a foam style neck roll up to a "Leatt" styled neck brace.
- 10) Riders will not be allowed to wear "hoodies" while riding on the track.
- 11) It is recommended that riders use the available protective equipment (i.e. gloves, chest protector, neck brace and knee braces) to help protect against the possibility of injury .

CHAPTER 4

OFFICIALS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manitoba Motocross Association does not train or certify officials who preside over MMA sanctioned competition events. Participants are solely responsible for their own safety.

A. GENERAL DUTIES

- 1) The Referee is the principal officer of a meet, acting as general supervisor. He does not, however, carry out the duties of any other official. The Referee must be introduced at the riders' meeting and be available throughout the protest period. The Referee may not compete in the event.
- 2) The Referee's duties are:
 - a) To determine if any changes in the course are necessary.
 - b) To determine if all other appropriate officials are present and to ensure they are performing their duties properly.
 - c) To direct the starter to black flag a rider for any safety reasons, including excessive oil leaking from the motorcycle.
 - d) To provide for technical inspection (if applicable) of equipment used by the riders, and to bar any equipment that does not conform to standards.
 - e) To receive and decide all protests subject to appeal.
 - f) To decide on rider disqualifications, and disqualify any rider who violates any rules of the event.
 - g) To explain to riders all starting rules, including the meaning of flags.
 - h) To assign Flagmen, as necessary, at various points on the course, and to instruct them of their duties.
 - i) To determine whether Scorers, Officials, Flaggers, etc. are in place and ready before starting the meet.
 - j) To position riders on the starting line and start races.
 - k) In all starts the Referee and/or Official shall have the power to decide what is a fair start. The Official and/or Referee may declare a restart when:
 - 1) Two or more riders are down in the first lap.
 - 2) Conditions occur that endanger the lives of spectators or contestants and the event is not more than 50 percent completed.

- 3) When the referee believes that a rider is not in condition to race the referee may refuse such rider to enter an event until such times as the rider gets a clearance from a doctor stating that the rider is fit to race.
- 3) The Official's duties are:
 - a) To give halfway flags, last-lap flags and finish flag.
 - b) To flag off the course any disqualified riders, and display any other signal flags as directed by the Referee.
 - c) To perform other duties assigned by the Referee.
- 4) The Clerk of the Course's (or designated alternate's) duties are:
 - a) To exhibit a list of all events.
 - b) To receive all entries and check the riders' MMA cards.
 - c) To check rider classification and place riders in the proper events.
 - d) To keep a record of the placing of all riders in each event.
 - e) To perform other duties assigned by the Referee.

CHAPTER 5 - GENERAL OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

This section outlines actions that are deemed to be detrimental to the sport of motorcycle racing and which may result in a range of disciplinary actions.

Unless otherwise specifically provided for in these rules, the Referee may disqualify any rider, mechanic or crew member from the balance of a race for violation of these rules, insubordination or other actions deemed in the sole discretion of the Referee to be detrimental to the race and the sport. Such disqualification includes the loss of any rights with regard to the event in question.

In addition, the Referee is empowered to levy fines of up to \$1,000 and to recommend to

the MMA that a party or parties be suspended from participation in MMA sanctioned activities. Unless otherwise specifically provided for in these rules, the MMA is empowered to suspend any rider, mechanic or crew member for a period of one event up to indefinite suspension for violation of these rules, insubordination, or other actions deemed, in the sole discretion of the MMA, to be detrimental to the sport of motorcycle racing.

Any supplemental rules, regulations, instructions or procedures established by the MMA for the purpose of implementing, interpreting or enforcing these rules will be deemed to be part of the rules.

A. OFFENCES

The following offences will be subject to disciplinary action by the Referee and/or the MMA. This list is provided as guidance to licensed competitors but does not restrict the MMA from invoking penalties for other actions detrimental to the sport which are not specifically contemplated herein.

- 1) Falsifying one's age or ability to meet any of the various eligibility requirements as set forth by the MMA, or in general, competing or attempting to compete in MMA sanctioned activities under false pretense will result in disqualification from the event and the series.
- 2) Giving, or accepting, directly or indirectly, any bribe in any form to any person in an attempt to circumvent MMA rules or procedures or to otherwise gain an unfair advantage.
- 3) Refusing to provide a factual statement regarding an item under appeal when requested by the MMA or a party to the appeal; or interfering in any way with the MMA's protest and appeal procedures in order to influence the outcome.
- 4) Engaging in any unfair practice, misbehaviour or action detrimental to the sport of motorcycling in general, whether or not related to a specific competition. This also pertains

to mechanics and all pit crew members, which are the responsibility of the rider for the duration of the event (defined as the time of arrival to time of departure from the site).

- 5) An attack (physical or verbal) or threat on a MMA official and/or engaging in a fight. This includes any person who attacks or is involved in a confrontation anywhere on the premises prior to, during, or after a MMA sanctioned race. There will be no maximum fine or suspension period for this offense. A verbal threat or physical attack on a MMA official by a mechanic/team manager will result in disqualification of their rider.
- 6) Refusal to submit a machine for inspection. Any rider refusing to immediately surrender his or her machine to the Referee or his designee upon demand, or refusing to allow examination or measurement of a machine's components will be in violation of these rules and will be disqualified from the event.
- 7) Failure to re-enter the track at a point as close as practical to the point at which the rider left the track; and in so doing gaining an unfair advantage.
- 8) Receiving any form of prohibited outside assistance, except as provided for in these rules.
- 9) Failing to immediately respond to a black flag or other signals from MMA officials will result in immediate disqualification from the moto.
- 10) Failure to attend rider's meeting.
- 11) Riding at any time against the normal direction of travel will result in a five position penalty at the discretion of the head official.
- 12) Riding at any time in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of other riders, officials of the public.
- 13) Causing a race to be stopped. A rider who is judged to be the cause of a red flag may not restart the event in question.
- 14) Any other act or actions deemed by an event Referee or the MMA to be detrimental to the sport of motorcycle racing and the Manitoba Motocross Association.
- 15) An equipment violation that could potentially or effectively enhance the performance of a motorcycle used in competition.

B. PENALTIES

- 1) Unless otherwise stated in this rulebook, at the discretion of the Referee, and/or the MMA, the following level of disciplinary action may be administered.
 - a) Delayed start/stop and go penalty \$1,000, total or partial loss of points and/or prize money.
 - b) 5 position penalty.
 - c) One lap penalty.
 - d) Moto disqualification - total or partial loss of points and/or prize money.
 - e) Class/event disqualification - indefinite suspension + fine up to \$5,000.
 - f) Series/season disqualification - indefinite suspension + fine up to \$5,000.
- 2) Repeat of same offence by each rider, disciplinary action may be advanced one level at the discretion of the event Referee.

CHAPTER 6

PROTEST AND APPEALS

A. PROTESTS

- 1) Any entrant may protest a decision of the Referee regarding matters connected with the running of the event, provided they are directly involved.
- 2) No protest at racing events will be accepted against a statement of fact that has been personally observed by the Referee or the Official (i.e. false starts/course cutting/dangerous riding/inappropriate entry to or use of the course etc.).
- 3) Protests must be in writing, submitted, signed and delivered by the rider lodging the protest, and handed to the Referee, with fee, if applicable as follows:
 - a) Scoring questions within 30 minutes of the posting of the race in question (no fee necessary)
 - b) Rule infractions - within 30 minutes of the completion of the race in question - \$100 fee.
 - c) Machine legality (external) – at the end of first moto - \$100 fee.
 - d) Machine legality (internal) - any time up to 30 minutes following the race - \$200 fee for 2 strokes and \$400 for 4 strokes.

Fees will be refunded if protest is upheld.

- 4) When a protest is not upheld with regard to machine legality, all fees minus a 25% service fee will be given to the owner of the machine. If the protest or appeal is upheld the protester/appealer will receive all fees back.
- 5) Protest decisions may be appealed to the MMA in writing, within 10 days of the event, and accompanied by a \$100 fee.
- 6) All protest, appeal and/or penalty funds are to remain with the MMA.

B. APPEALS

- 1) Only the rider who filed a protest, the rider protested against or the referee may file an appeal on any of the following:
- 2) Decision of the referee on protests
 - a) The appeal must be made in writing, accompanied by a \$100 fee and filed with the MMA within 10 days after the decision. The appeal will be heard by three people appointed by the MMA.
 - b) A decision must be rendered within 30 days.

- 3) Any fine imposed by a referee or the MMA is subject to appeal to the MMA Board of Directors. The appeal must be in writing and sent to the MMA, accompanied by a \$100 fee.
- 4) All fees will be returned to appealing parties if their appeals are upheld. The fees will then be collected from the losing party.
- 5) Where members of either the Competition Advisory Committee or the Board are directly involved in the appeal, they shall disqualify themselves from participating in the decision.
- 6) The presentation of evidence by video image must be treated with utmost caution. Video images are influenced by choice of lenses and by angle distortions, the effect of which is difficult to evaluate without expert help.
- 7) An appeal may be lodged to challenge fines, suspensions and technical disqualifications levied by Referees and/or the MMA.
- 8) Items which may not be appealed:
 - a) Disqualifications (procedural). penalties; black flag, and disqualifications, whether from a single event or the entire race meet.
 - b) Protestable items for which no protest was lodged.
 - c) Decisions of MMA officials with respect to the interpretation of the MMA rules as they pertain to race procedures. Such decisions include, but are not limited to, assignment of starting positions; the start of the race; the control of the motorcycles; the decision to delay, stop or shorten a race; the assessment of lap or time
 - d) Decisions of the scorer for an event with respect to scoring or any recheck thereof by the MMA.
 - e) In general, appeals cannot be accepted related to matters for which no remedy is available. (For instance, no appeal will be heard if the only means of remedy would be to re-run an event).

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions and abbreviations are adopted for use in these Rules.

<i>MMA</i>	Manitoba Motocross Association	<i>Manufacturer</i>	The original manufacturer of the motorcycle in question and not the distributor.
<i>Aftermarket</i>	Produced by manufacturer or fabricator other than original equipment manufacturer.	<i>Meet</i>	A meeting at which one or more events are held.
<i>CC</i>	Cubic centimeters.	<i>Model</i>	A reference to a particular year and name assigned by manufacturers to certain motorcycles.
<i>LCQ</i>	A final qualifying race for those riders who did not qualify from their heat race.	<i>Moto</i>	A race in a Motocross meet.
<i>Displacement</i>	The space covered or volume swept out by the piston at each stroke.	<i>Motocross</i>	A motocross event is conducted on a closed flat course. The course should be irregular so that both right and left hand turns have to be negotiated. It is advisable to include hills, jumps and other terrain that necessitates gear changing. Natural terrain should be used wherever possible. Tracks should try to maintain a 40 foot width but at no time should they be narrower than 16 feet.
<i>Disqualification</i>	Unless otherwise defined will mean the forfeiture of all awards, prizes and points earned in all events during that day's meet.	<i>Motorcycle</i>	A motorized, two-wheeled, competition vehicle to be identified by its engine, frame number, frame tag or other frame marking.
<i>DOT</i>	Department of Transportation	<i>OEM</i>	Original Equipment Manufacturer.
<i>Double Jump</i>	A double jump is any jump with a defined take-off and landing with a minimum of eight feet between those points, and over three feet in height with a blind landing. A rider is classified as clearing a double jump if he/she lands anywhere past the defined landing and exceeds a distance that is considered reasonable, which is one bike length or eight feet past the take-off.	<i>Official</i>	(with reference to race results) A listing of the final finishing order of an event issued by scoring after the 30-minute protest period has expired. The issuing of official results does not exempt riders, who competed in the event, from penalties for rules violations
<i>Event</i>	Any one of the races in a meet.		
<i>Heat Race</i>	A qualifying race that determines which riders advance to the final event.		

	determined by MMA investigations following the protest period.	<i>Qualify</i>	To advance to a final event by timed qualifying or heat race finish position.
<i>Paddocks</i>	Designated area primarily used for maintenance of event-entered competition motorcycles. They may also include parking area for motorcycle transport and support vehicles.	<i>Qualifying Heat Race or Qualifier</i>	A preliminary race that may be used for elimination or to determine heat race starting positions.
<i>Pass</i>	Gaining an actual position on the score sheet. Going pass a lapper is not considered a pass.	<i>Race</i>	Competition in which five or more riders compete against each other.
<i>Participant</i>	Every club, association, company, promoter, rider and all other persons participating or in any way connected with a MMA race meet.	<i>Race Track</i>	These will include the actual racing surface and runoff areas, the pit road and grid, a test track when provided and any other area where the riding of competition motorcycles is permitted.
<i>Pit Crew or Crew</i>	Mechanic and/or assistants.		
<i>Pits</i>	Designated area directly adjacent to race track that may include staging and signal zones. Access is limited to mechanics or officials with appropriate track pass credentials.	<i>Rider</i>	Any person who competes on track in a meet.
		<i>Suspension</i>	(with reference to penalties) The loss of all rights to compete as a rider or member of a pit crew for the stated period.
<i>Program</i>	The predetermined outline of events that make up a meet.	<i>Technical Inspector</i>	The technician who inspects all motorcycles and equipment of riders participating in a meet.
<i>Provisional</i>	(with reference to race results) An initial listing of the finishing order of an event issued by scoring immediately following the race finish. The posting of provisional results begins the 30 minute protest period.	<i>Timed Qualifier</i>	A race against time by an individual rider. Laps are electronically timed for each rider and compared to determine qualifying order.
<i>Promoter</i>	Any person or number of persons, company, corporation or club holding, proposing to hold, or organizing a meet.	<i>Transponder</i>	A transponder working on a radio-frequency identification (RFID) basis is attached to the athlete and emits a unique code that is detected by radio receivers located at the strategic points in an event. Can track your times to the millisecond.
<i>Production</i>	Any bike that is produced by a MMA recognized OEM.		

