

DISTRICT 16 COUNCIL AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION FLAT TRACK / ICE RACING SUPPLEMENTAL RULES for 2023

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The **AMA Racing Rulebook** applies to All AMA District 16 organized events, which include, but are not limited to: competition, meets, banquets and awards ceremonies. All Participants living within District 16 boundaries must be a current member in good standing of the AMA and hold a current District 16 Registration Card unless otherwise exempted.

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SECTION 1: The name District 16 will use for this form of racing is **Flat Track**. The term "Dirt Track" is more often associated with Stock Car racing and should be avoided.

SECTION 2: General Age Limitation Clarifications.

AMA regulations require racers to be at least 12 years of age to compete in any "Amateur" class. Racers must be at least 14 to compete on any motorcycle/quad above 251cc and age 9 to ride 80/85cc.

In addition, District 16 requires racers to be 18 years of age to compete on a twin cylinder motorcycle above 500cc displacement.

Meet Referees and registration personnel may request to see any racer's proof of age. Racers without proof of age may be prevented from entering, or may be disqualified from a class. All D16 Flat Track and Ice Race classes are designated as either "Youth", "Amateur", or "AA". Youth and Amateur classes award District 16 points unless otherwise noted as a "NonPoints" class.

SECTION 3: Youth Motorcycle Classes for racers 15 years and younger.

A-1, 50cc Shaft Drive 2-Stroke (PW50) - Racers age 4-8 years, stock.

A-2, 50cc 4-Stroke/Shifter - 50cc 4-Stroke shifting motorcycle (YZF50/CRF50 or similar).

Racers age 4-8 years, stock.

Chain drive 2-strokes (IE Cobra, KTM or other DTX50s) not allowed in these classes. **No Entry Fee**, season awards will be given to riders who qualify under normal District Rules.

B, 65cc Motorcycle. Racers age 7-11 years

C, 85cc Motorcycle. Racers age 9-15 years

SECTION 4: Amateur Motorcycle Classes for racers 12 and older.

A, 250cc Motorcycle.

125cc-250cc motorcycle, must be full size, no pit bikes or mini bikes.

B, Open A Motorcycle.

250cc and larger Motorcycles. Open A is intended for the advanced Open class racers. **Age 12 & 13 may not ride a 251cc or larger bike in this class per AMA rule.** Racers shall not enter both Open A and Open B classes at the same meet. Racers shall decide at each race whether they are best suited for the Open A or Open B class. Meet Referee and District Director have the authority to move any racer from Open A to Open B at any time. Racers who are moved from Open A to Open B by a Meet Referee or District Director shall remain in Open B for the remainder of the season. District points are not transferable between Open A and Open B.

C, Open B Motorcycle.

250cc and larger motorcycles, Open B is intended for the intermediate Open class racers. **Age 12 & 13 may not ride a 251cc or larger bike in this class per AMA rule.**

Racers shall not enter both Open A and Open B classes at the same meet and shall decide at each race whether they are best suited for the Open A or Open B class. Meet Referee and District Director have the authority to move any racer from Open B to Open A at any time. Racers who are moved from Open B to Open A by a Meet Referee or District Director shall remain in Open A for the remainder of the season. District points are not transferable between Open A and Open B.

D, Women.

125cc and larger motorcycles. **Age 12 & 13 may not ride a 251cc or larger bike in this class per AMA rule.** Must be a full sized motorcycle (no pit bikes or mini bikes).

SECTION 5: Amateur Motorcycle Classes for racers age 14 and older.

A, 450cc Motorcycle. 251cc-450cc motorcycles.

B, Beginner. (Non Points/optional class).

125cc and larger motorcycles, not offered on ½ miles. Must be a full sized motorcycle (no pit bikes or mini bikes). No year end awards. Day-of event awards shall be at the discretion of the club or promoter. Meet Referee and District Director have the authority to move any racer from Beginner class to an appropriate Amateur class at any time.

C, Brakeless Classics.

1961-1976 era, 250cc-400cc four stroke single cylinder engines. No brakes are allowed except on TT events.

D, Vintage+Twins.

Twin cylinder engines may be any displacement, and be from any year, including current. Single cylinder engines must be 1989 or earlier. Note that District 16 requires racers to be 18 years of age to compete on a twin cylinder motorcycle above 500cc displacement.

E, Boonie Bikes.

Engine must be and retain Pull-Start design from manufacture. Must be Auto-clutch/single speed or CVT. 12 inch wheels maximum size. Pump gas/race gas only. No alternative fuels (Methanol etc). Must wear Proper riding gear, (Helmet, Gloves, Boots, Long Sleeves etc.). Must have Kill Switch mounted on handlebar. Not run on Half Mile Tracks.

SECTION 6: Amateur Motorcycle Classes for racers 18 and older.

A, Hooligan. (Non-Points, Optional Class).

Production, street-legal motorcycles must have originated with a 649cc twin cylinder or larger displacement engine. Engine and frame must be manufactured for each other.

SECTION 7: Amateur Motorcycle Age Minimum Classes.

Masters Class Day-of Event awards are at the discretion of the race promoter, all classes awarded points and season awards.

A, Vets. Racers must be at least 30 years of age.

B, Senior. Racers must be at least 40 years of age.

C, Super Senior. Racers must be at least 50 years of age.

D, Masters. Racers must be at least 60 years of age.

SECTION 8: AA Motorcycle Classes for racers 16 and older.

These classes are intended for Advanced Expert level Professional riders. 100% payback. Racers competing in the "AA" class(es) shall not compete in any amateur classes at the same meet. AFT licensed racers must compete in the "AA" classes, if they are offered. If no "AA" class is offered, AFT licensed racers may compete in any advanced skill class that is not designated as an "Age" class. AFT racers competing in Amateur classes shall not be scored and shall not receive any awards.

A, 450cc AA. (Non-Points, Optional class). 251cc-450cc Motorcycles.

B, Open AA. (Non-Points optional class). 250cc and larger motorcycles.

SECTION 9: Amateur Quad Classes for racers 16 and older.

A, Top Quad.

Quad B and Open Quad racers are eligible to compete in Top Quad. Quad C racers shall not compete in the Top Quad class. No displacement limit. 80% of entry fees shall make up the purse for the top three finishers. Quad B racers in Top Quad are eligible for contingency awards.

B, Open Quad.

No displacement limit. Racers competing in Quad C shall not compete in the Open Quad class.

C, Quad B.

No displacement limit. Racers competing in Quad C are welcome to compete in the Quad B class.

D, Quad C. (Non-Points optional class).

This class may be offered at the discretion of the club or promoter. No displacement limit.

SECTION 10: Youth Quad Classes for racers age 6-15 years (NonPoints optional class).

Any Youth Quad class(es) are optional classes that may be offered at the discretion of the club or promoter. No year-end awards. Racers are encouraged to contact the club or promoter prior to the event to confirm if Youth Quad classes are being offered.

SECTION 11: General Equipment Requirements.

A, Number plates.

All competition number plates shall be white (minimum 8" x10") with black numbers. Number plates must be on front and both sides. Quad number plates must be vertical to the front and additionally rear of the machine, and both sides. All racers, but especially 50cc bikes, must take care to use the MAXIMUM available space on bodywork with clear legible digits.

B, Racing Numbers.

All racers are encouraged to use the last 2 digits of their AMA card number, or the single digit number they earned the previous year. Three digit numbers are not allowed.

C, Tires.

Commercially available tires designated and sold for Flat Track competition are required for motorcycles and ATV's. DOT tires of similar or racing configuration may be substituted. Knobby tires are not allowed unless there is a specific class for them. Trials-type tires may be run solely at the discretion of the Meet referee on a per-event basis. Up to 85cc may run any tire configuration. 21" knobby front tire allowed at TT events.

SECTION 12: Penalties.

A, Illegal Equipment.

Any motorcycle or quad found to be illegal in any class shall result in the following penalties:

- 1, Immediate disqualification of the racer from that class at that meet.
- 2, Loss of all District points in that class for the year, up to and including that meet.
- 3, Suspension of that racer from that class for the next three meets on the District calendar in which that class is offered, or for 30 days, whichever is longer. If necessary, this shall carry over to the following year. This suspension shall be forwarded to the AMA, who may decide to expand the scope or duration of the suspension, possibly to all AMA events. Suspended racers may appeal their suspension to the AMA, per the process outlined in the AMA rulebook.

Second offense by any racer may result in a one year suspension from all AMA activities or competition.

Meet Referees are authorized by the AMA Rulebook to inspect any Motorcycle/Quad at any time to ensure compliance with the rules.

B, Rough Riding.

Rough riding by any participant shall not be tolerated.

- 1, First offense shall result in warning.
- 2, Second offense shall result in the racer missing the next two races.
- 3, Third offense shall result in the racer forfeiting all points earned to that time and to be suspended for the remainder of the season.

C, Cones.

Racers who hit a cone shall be penalized.

- 1, First offense shall result in a one position penalty.
- 2, Second offense shall result in a one lap penalty.
- 3, Third offense shall result in a disqualification for the day.

D, Substance Abuse is not tolerated.

Alcohol or Drug use before, or during an event will disqualify Rider from that event, and may be turned over to AMA for further review by Meet Referee or District Coordinator. **Meet Referee may at any time require any rider to be checked by on-site ambulance/EMT to confirm the rider is not impaired due to violation of this section or other issue. Refusal to be checked is grounds for disqualification from meet.**

SECTION 13: Competitor/Club/Promoter Information.

A, Optional Classes.

Racers wishing to participate in classes that are listed as "optional classes" should contact the club or promoter PRIOR to the event to confirm if the classes will be offered. Visit amadistrict16.com for contact information under Club/Promoters.

B. Membership.

All Racers Must have current AMA and District membership to race at District 16 events. Current AFT card holders are exempt from district membership. Riders holding a valid membership from a different district (IE: D23) will not be required to have additional D16 membership. Only current District 16 Members will earn season award points.

C. Late sign-up fee.

A late sign-up fee, up to double the normal fee may be charged.

D. Scoring.

When a red flag occurs, the clock shall keep running until the heat race is completed.

E. Wrong Class.

Meet Referee or the District Director may move a racer into a different class if they feel that person is participating in the wrong class at any time.

F. Points/Scoring.

All meet final results are to be sent to District 16 Flat Track Points Keeper/Director, William Bell d16ftdirector@gmail.com in the appropriate electronic format. Email within four days after the event weekend to be scored for end of year points.

1, To qualify for season-end awards riders must have entered or earned points more than half of the times the class has been awarded points or the rider must have accumulated at least 51% of the points awarded to that class champion. District points in all classes are awarded as follows: 20-16-13-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-4-4-4. The minimum points awarded to any entered racer is 4, regardless of track performance.

2, If more than 12 racers enter a class, an "A" Main and a "B" Main will run in place of a semi to qualify for final points in that class. Winner of "B" Main will be awarded 13th place points. If a track feels it cannot safely gate 12 riders in any final it may use the "B" Main process as needed. Winner of "B" Main and all other "B" finishers awarded points as a continuation of "A" Main finish positions.

3, New promoters/venues shall receive double District points at their first event.

4, Racers participating at AMA Amateur Nationals may get their average points for end of year awards by sending proof of participation (Sign-up slip, or Results Page) to the Flat Track Director within three weeks of event missed, only for one district event weekend per year.

5, Clubs/Promoters may rent the starting light system for \$75 per day.

6, Clubs/Promoters are allowed to provide contingencies in place of trophies.

7, Clubs/Promoters are able to choose which classes are offered at each meet. If less than the complete list of points classes are offered it is the responsibility of the event to announce/publicize which classes are offered. In the official schedule such events will be listed as "Limited Classes" or other appropriate designation (IE: No Quads or No Youth).

G. Rain Outs.

In the case of a rain out during or after sign-up, all entered racers shall receive 5 district points. Any rescheduled rain dates must be cleared by the District Director before going public to maintain the "Points Event" status of the meet.

H. Starting Blocks.

The use of "Starting Blocks" under the feet of riders who need them is allowed, however in all cases that rider MUST start from the last used row of any race start regardless of qualifying position. The intent is to allow blocks to be removed safely with no danger to riders starting behind. In the case of a penalized rider moving to the "penalty row" care must be taken on restart to create lateral separation between riders riders using blocks are not required to move backwards.

I. Probation Classes.

If a class is put "On Probation" by decision of the Clubs/Promoters vote or mutual agreement, the following process will be followed: On the official District 16 web page a notice will be posted naming the class and the conditions of probation. Those conditions will be set at the time a "probation" determination is made. At the end of the season those conditions will expire and a determination will be made as to either lift the probation or reconfigure the class as warranted. ANY CLASSES ON PROBATION THAT AWARD POINTS WILL ALSO HAVE "END OF YEAR" AWARDS following the same criteria as any other class. This information will be included with the "probation notice" as outlined above. The intent is that any rider who enters a points class - regardless of class status - can assume in "good faith" that D16 will follow through with awards no matter how the class is handled as the season is completed.

J. Switching Bikes After Heats.

If a rider needs to continue the meet with a bike/quad OTHER than the one used to qualify in the heat rider must inform the Event Referee promptly and will be required to start on the "Penalty Row" and will receive no more than the number of points awarded to the last place finisher in that class.

SECTION 14: Clarification of Officials' Duties/Responsibilities

A. Meet Referee.

Is the principal officer/authority at each meet. Conducts the event, handles all protests, disputes, etc., as laid out in the AMA rule book. Is responsible for ensuring that all AMA and District rules are followed. May consult with the District Director, AMA Flat Track Commission members, or other Meet Referees, as desired.

B. District Director.

Serves in an advisory capacity to support the Meet Referee, as necessary. Is responsible for ensuring that all Meet Referees are interpreting and applying all AMA and District rules in a consistent manner, and that each is performing their duties in a satisfactory fashion. Does not have the authority to override the Meet Referee. Is obligated to report any uncorrected AMA rule violations to the AMA.

1, District Director shall advise the Meet Referee and any affected racer(s) that an AMA or District rule violation is being committed, and that any uncorrected rule violations shall be reported to the AMA. The AMA may pronounce penalties for uncorrected rule violations.

2, May perform the duties of the Meet Referee, but only if hired to do so.

C. AMA Flat Track Commission members.

1, Do not have the authority to override the Meet Referee.

2, Are obligated to report any uncorrected AMA rule violations to the AMA. Commission Members shall advise the Meet Referee and any affected racer(s) that an AMA or District rule violation is being committed, and that any uncorrected rule violations shall be reported to the AMA. The AMA may pronounce penalties for uncorrected rule violations.

3, May perform the duties of the Meet Referee, but only if hired to do so.

District 16 has three AMA Flat Track Commission members for 2023: **Danny Vrana, Chris DaRonco, Bert Sumner (Chairman)**