

## RMTA SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

All riders must have a number plate on their bike with their name and the class they are currently riding.

### 1. CLASSES:

- Pro - \*Please let us know in advance if attending!
- Expert
- Advanced
- Senior Advanced (40+)
- Intermediate
- Senior Intermediate (40+)
- Veteran (50+) --- Rides all Intermediate lines
- Amateur
- Senior Amateur (40+) --- Rides all Amateur lines
- Novice
- Vintage A --- Rides all Amateur lines
- Vintage B --- Rides all Novice lines
- Junior A
- Junior B
- Strider

A typical season will consist of ten (10) series events. The final point standings will be calculated as follows:

- The "Pro" class will count the total number of Series events minus two.
- All other classes listed above will count the total number of Series events divided by two plus one (Rounded Up). I.e.  $10/2+1=6$ .

2. SECTION LEVELS: Six levels of sections (lines) will be provided at all RMTA Series events. A separate line will be set for each individual class utilizing split cards. The classes are defined as follows:

**VINTAGE A** (Amateur line) Twin shock, air cooled, trials bikes with drum brakes riding the amateur line using modern rules.

**VINTAGE B** (Novice line) Twin shock, air cooled trials bikes with drum brakes riding the novice line using modern rules.

**JUNIOR A & B** - Sections should be comparable to an extremely easy trail ride with appropriate set-up and recovery room between obstacles. Sections shall be set for entry level participants riding trials competition for the first time, but difficulty will fluctuate depending on active rider.

Parents in conjunction with the Trials Masters will set the sections the morning of the event and also determine how many times the sections will be ridden. Plan on 45min of ride time.

**NOVICE** - essentially a difficult trail ride with no clutch work required. Must have wide turns and steps are not allowed. Riders compete on only two (2) loops.

**AMATEUR and SENIOR AMATEUR** Sections should require basic skills with difficulty approaching the easier intermediate lines. Tighter corners making a more challenging section are desirable. Motorcycle skid plates can come in contact with obstacle provided recovery room and footing is provided on both sides of the bike.

**INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR INTERMEDIATE, and VETERAN** Small steps are allowed. Clutch work may be necessary. Recovery room is required between obstacles. Tight turns are to be expected. Hopping the front and/or rear wheels may benefit the rider but must not be required to complete the section. Footing support must be available on both sides of an obstacle at all times.

Upper Class sections should be equivalent to NATC National sections.

**ADVANCED and SENIOR ADVANCED (NATC Support)** Riders should be experienced using the clutch. Traction should be a challenge for the riders. Less than wheel-length gaps, front and rear wheel hopping, and vertical climbs and drops of less than 3 feet are allowed. Riders should be able to hold the bars when dismounting from a failed obstacle and more often regain control without dismounting.

Technically difficult sections should not exceed the difficulty level of the NATC Support Class Sections. Footing support must be available on both sides of an obstacle at all times. Multiple obstacles spaced close together are allowed if recovery room is provided.

**EXPERT (NATC Expert)** Sections should require advanced techniques, but with smaller obstacles than the Pro Class. Jap Zaps, Full Throttle approaches, point-to-point riding lines, gaps, front and rear wheel hopping and vertical climbs and drops of less than 4 feet are allowed. Obstacles requiring splatters can be used but should not be extreme and should be used sparingly. Riders should be able to hold the bars when dismounting from a failed obstacle. Recovery room should be allowed if an obstacle is ridden less than perfectly. Riders should know their ability and punch through a section if they feel it is unsafe. An RMTA "Pro" rider should be able to ride the section consistently and in control.

**PRO (NATC Pro)** Pro sections should be the most challenging and technical. The class is intended for the best riders in Colorado with national experience. Sections do not have to be ride-able for all Pro riders. Riders should know their ability and punch through a section if they feel it is unsafe.

### 3. FEES & MEMBERSHIP:

- Membership a \$45/year individual, \$50/year family (Includes only those family members living at same address). Link to membership page:  
<http://rockymountaintrials.org/join-rmta/>
- An America Motorcycle Association membership is required. A copy of the card must be accompany the membership application and the card must be presented during sign up before members can ride. To join the AMA go to the following web site\_  
<https://fs4.formsite.com/AMARacing/4jkixulc77/fill?id84=ROMOTA> or contact the AMA by phone (800) 262 5646
- Event participation is \$30 per registration not to exceed \$60/family.
- Junior classes – No Charge
- **All Riders** (even non-members and juniors) must have an AMA card to ride in an event.
- Non-Member event participation is \$40/\$80. See AMA requirement above.

4. RULES: In addition to these *RMATA Supplemental Rules* (this document) the RMATA has adopted a portion of Sections 7-8 of the AMA/NATC Supplemental Riding Rules for Championship Observed Trials Events. In any conflict between the RMATA Rules and AMA/NATC Supplemental Riding Rules, the RMATA rules shall govern. <https://www.mototrials.com/rules.html>

#### 5. SECTION MAKINGS AND SIGNUP/METALKITS

- Section marking materials, sign-up kit and medals kit will be kept by the Trials Master/Sign-Up Kits Coordinator (Chris Hertrich). Trials masters should pick up the supplies at the event prior to theirs.
- White ribbon will be used for both sides of boundary with colored cards being used for splits. Yellow ribbon can be used to extend splits away from a split card if needed.

#### 6. ADDITIONAL RULES:

- Number plates indicating rider's Class are required at all events. (ex. NOV, AMA, INT, ADV, EX...)
- Support Classes will be scored on 8 sections x 3 loops, except for Novice class which will be scored on 2 loops only. Novice riders on Electric Bikes may elect to ride sections back to back on a single loop only for battery conservation.
- Upper Classes (Advanced, Sr. Advanced, Expert, and Pro) will be scored on 10 sections x 3 loops.
- Junior and Strider riders do not need to be members or pay entry fees to ride events. They and their guardian must sign release forms.
- Each event will have a time limit to complete all sections (a minimum of 3.5 hours).
- There are no time limits within individual sections.
- Time begins when designated by Trials Master and will be stopped when the rider finishes the last section of the event.
- There will be a 15-minute grace period at all series events. A 1-point penalty/minute will be added to the score for riders who need this time to finish. Time stops when a rider finishes the last the section – at the moment the front axle goes through the out-gate. If riders do not finish the last section in this 15-minute grace period, they will receive a DNF for the event.
- All participants must finish 3 events to earn series points. A DNF will not count as one of these 3 finishes.
- Riders awarded a number plate in one year are required to be a trials master in the following year in order to earn series points in the following year. Riders under 16 years of age are exempted but encouraged to set a trial.
- If a rider is scheduled to set an event that gets canceled (unable to reschedule) he/she does not need to set another event to earn series points.
- A Trials Master cannot compete for series points at the same event that they set. Exceptions may come up if a rider is a TM in more than one series event during one season, but must be cleared by 2 RMATA Officers prior to the event and the rider cannot be TM for sections they compete in.
- In the event a rider rides all series events, the rider must declare one event as an "exhibition rider" at the time of sign-up; otherwise the rider's best finish will not be counted in the final standings.
- There will be no late sign-up after the official time has started.

- A rider cannot ride in 2 different classes during the season for series points. They must declare which class they are riding for points or “exhibition” during sign up for a series event. If riders would have earned plates in two classes during a series, but have not declared, only the plate award for the higher class will count.
- The finish of an exhibition rider does not alter the other riders finishing position or series points. An exhibition rider is not eligible for a medal for the event.
- Spark arrestors are mandatory for all events. Those without spark arrestors are not allowed to participate or ride during the event.
- Only one portable toilet shall be provided at each one-day event on private land. Two portable toilets shall be provided at each event on BLM or Forest Service land.
- All members older than 15 must observe, or find someone to observe for them prior to the event, for 1 day of each National and/or Ute Cup to be eligible for year-end series points. (Some years this is 2 days if we host both a National and Ute Cup).
- Trials Masters for the Nationals and Ute Cup and riders new to the RMTA in that year are exempt. Working at the scoring table or coordinating the observers for these events will also count toward the observer requirement.
- To be eligible to earn Series points and receive an RMTA award (Class number plate or a Cup), a rider must be a member in good standings. To be a member in good standings, a rider must fulfill worker obligations for that year i.e. observing the designated number of days at the Nationals and Ute Cup for that year.
- The Cliff Tucker memorial cup will be determined by a drawing at the awards banquet from all the class winners who are riders in good standings excluding the junior classes.

## 7. STOCK RANCH LEASE AGREEMENT RULES

- It is a privilege to ride at Stock Ranch. PLEASE FOLLOW ALL THE RULES ESTABLISHED.
- Practice by RMTA members can be on any day **except Saturday**.
- Trials Masters shall be allowed on the property on the Saturday prior to the event to mark the course for a competition.
- Only RMTA members will be allowed to practice on the property during the designated days. Each member shall have his or her current RMTA Membership Card displayed on their vehicle dashboard or sticker attached to the vehicle.
- All section markings and trash shall be removed from the premises within one week of the event.
- Overnight camping is not allowed.
- **No alcohol consumption is allowed on the property.**
- Access shall be through the east gate. Drive SLOW.
- Keep motorcycles and vehicles out of irrigated fields.
- Anyone violating these rules or neglecting the property will be permanently banned from practicing on the property.