## NextGen Mototrials Presents Youth and Women's Eastern and Western Regional Mototrials Championships

## Supplemental Rules

**Objective:** The purpose of the Youth and Women's Regional Championship events is to provide a setting for young and women riders to meet and make new friends from all over North America, to enjoy the spirit of competition and to develop their riding skills and sense of good sportsmanship. The series is intended to provide an annual focus on the youth and women's trials competition to promote the growth of trials as a lifelong sport and for the AMA to recognize rankings of Regional Championships in the ages 4 through 15-year-old competitors and women of all ages. The objective of participating in the Youth and Women's Regional Championships is also intended to be an incentive for more young riders and women to participate in trials clubs across North America.

The general rules for competition will follow those of the NATC Championship events (<u>www.mototrials.com</u>) with the following provisions:

<u>Series</u>: The 3 rounds of competition on consecutive days at each Eastern or Western designated site, will constitute the Eastern or Western Regional Championship. Each round of competition will be scored separately, with awards issued after each round. The Eastern or Western Regional Championship will be determined based on the total championship points earned in each of the 3 rounds in accordance with the points system used for the AMA series. A minimum of 2 completed rounds must be achieved for eligibility for the top class championships. If no rider in the top class completes 2 rounds, then the next highest class meeting the requirements will be considered the overall champion. Start times will begin at 8:00 A.M. Local Standard time each day. Riders have 4 hours to complete all loops with a 30 minute grace period. Start times will be posted both at the designated score locations and announcement board once registration is completed.

## Class Structure:

<u>Youth Classes:</u> Classes for competition will include an OPEN class for any youth up through age 15 and classes for every age 4 through 15, based on age as of Jan 01 of each year.

Class	Age (as of Jan 1)	Skill Level	Riding Line	# Plate Background Color
Youth A	15 and Under (Championship class - Expert)	Expert Advanced Intermediate Novice	0 1 2 3	Black Red Blue White
Youth B	13 and Under (Championship class - Advanced)	Advanced Intermediate Novice	1 2 3	Red Blue White
Youth C	11 and Under (Championship class - Intermediate)	Intermediate Novice	2 3	Blue White
Youth D	9 and Under (Championship class - Novice)	Novice Beginner	3 4	White Green
Youth E	7 and Under (Championship class - Beginner)	Beginner	4	Green

Youth classes at the Trials Youth Regional Championships in both East Coast and West Coast will be as follows:

The overall Youth Regional Champion in both the Eastern or Western will be designated as the top finishing rider in the Youth A Championship class (see Series explanation). Overall champions in each Youth class will be the top finishing rider in the Championship class. Awards will also be issued for top finishing riders in the Advanced, Intermediate, Novice, and Beginner

classes for each age group as designated above. These classes are added in order to encourage participation by Youth riders of all ages and skill levels.

Women's 0	# Plate Background Color	
Expert * Championship Line	0	Black
Advanced	1	Red
Intermediate	2	Blue
Novice	3	White
Beginner	4	Green

Overall champion in the Women's class will be the top finishing rider in the Top class (see Series explanation). Awards will also be issued for top finishing riders in the Advanced, Intermediate, Novice, and Beginner classes as designated above. These classes are added in order to encourage participation by female riders of all ages and skill levels.

<u>Meetings</u>: On the day prior to the first day of competition there will be a rider/minder meeting (meeting time will be posted at sign-up and any other announcement boards) at the sign-up area; attendance is mandatory. Tech Inspection will begin the day prior to the 3-day competition. Tech Inspection times and rider's individual start times will be posted both at the designated score locations and announcement board.

<u>Sections and Marking</u>: There will be 4 loops of 8 different sections each day, although some Youth classes/lines may not ride all 4 loops or all 8 sections. The sections will be marked with different color lines for different degrees of difficulty, with gates within the sections indicating the different color lines as is done with NATC championship events. Gate markers are required to be a minimum 1 meter / 3 feet apart. All riders competing for the Youth or Women's Regional Championships must ride the color gates designated for their line. Any rider not wishing to attempt a section can accept a "5" from the observer of the section.

<u>Motorcycles on Loop</u>: Only competitors, their minders and event workers are permitted to ride motorcycles on the loop during the competitions. The loops will be very spectator friendly for hikers, and it will be possible to follow a competitor on foot.

<u>*Riding Gear:*</u> Youth or Women competitors are subject to the same requirements as the NATC competitors in the NATC Championship events. A DOT, or Snell 85, 90, 95 or any FIM approved helmet is required to be worn when on the motorcycle or minding. A riding jersey should be properly lettered with the competitor's last name printed on the back. The lettering may be any permanent type material and a minimum height of 2".

<u>Machine Requirements:</u> Youth competitors may ride any size motorcycle in any age class, provided the youth can competently operate the motorcycle. Electric motorcycles must adhere to the same rules as motorized motorcycles.

Small-wheeled motorcycles (smaller than 21" front and 18" rear) will be permitted to use knobby tires. All motorcycles must be equipped with a plainly visible, professional quality number plate; the plate must be the color designating the line to be ridden (see Class Structure section above). The inclusion of the competitor's name and home state in smaller letters is encouraged, but not required. Technical Inspection of the machine as part of the entry requirements will be made in accord with the rules for NATC Championship events. Adequately operating front and rear brakes, no broken parts, ball end levers, handlebar mounted motor killing device, approved helmet and riding apparel (see above) number plate, and muffler will be required. Spark arrestors may be required at some locations.

<u>Minder/Parent:</u> Each competitor may register one minder/parent to ride the course with them. The minder must sign up, present a current AMA card, pass bike tech inspection, proper helmet and pay minder fees. The minder must have a letter "M" on their number plate. The "M" riders must keep their motorcycles out of the way on the loop and at section starts. They are to park beyond the end "gates" at sections. If you have a small child competing on a small bike, you will be better able to help them if you are walking the loop not riding it.

- Minders for riders in the 0/Black line and in the 1/Red line must follow NATC rules. The minder is allowed in the section <u>only</u> when their rider is riding.
- Minders for riders in the 2/Blue, 3/White, 4/Green lines may walk the sections with their rider.

## Fault Definitions:

Per NATC rules - Toe dabs will be counted as dabs.

Per NATC rules - Re-Rides (take from NATC rules)

Per NATC rules - Necessary resetting of paper markers will be a 5 or failure.

<u>Per NATC rules</u> - If the rider begins a section without observer acknowledgment, it is a failure and the rider will receive 5 points for the section.

<u>Per NATC rules</u>. The rider removes their hand from the handlebar and uses their hand to reposition the motorcycle or perform mechanical adjustments to the motorcycle when footing while stationary is a failure and the rider will receive 5 points for the section.

*Exception to NATC Rules:* • The rider is entered in the Eastern or Western Youth Regional Championship, not the motorcycle. In the event of a motorcycle failure, a rider may continue to compete on a "different motorcycle", provided that the "different motorcycle" has cleared tech inspection and the scorekeeper has been notified. A rider may "tech" a second motorcycle for use as a competition backup or use a Minder motorcycle that has been through tech.

• The NATC rules allow 90 seconds to complete a section. The Eastern or Western Youth and Women's Regional Championship Supplemental Rules does not restrict the rider to the 90 second per section NATC rule. The overall time of 4 hours plus 30 minutes grace is the time restriction for the Eastern or Western Youth and Women's competition each day.