



# COMPETITION RULES Version 2024

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# Northwest Off-Road Championship Series

## A GENERAL RULES AND RIDER CONDUCT

A(1) Every and all participants, pit crew members, and any other person associated with an event participant shall be bound by these rules.

A(2) Riders are responsible for the actions of their pit crew, and may be subject to penalty for violations of rules by any person associated with them.

A(3) No rider shall at any time ride in a manner that endangers the safety of other riders, officials, or the public, and when in violation of this rule shall be subject to immediate disqualification and suspension by the NORCS official.

A(4) Verbal and physical abuse between riders and/or crew members will not be tolerated. While a certain amount of rubbing is expected in racing, intentionally ramming, T-boning or any other takeout move is unacceptable. Such conduct may result in an immediate disqualification from the event. Any penalties shall be at the discretion of the NORCS Series official.

A(5) Riders must remain on the marked course (no more than 20 feet from a course marker/ribbon) or in designated pits. When there are two course markers or ribbon markers, one marker on the left and one marker directly to the right, the rider must stay between the markers. A rider may not short cut a turn on the inside of a turn, to the left or right, even if the rider is less than 20 feet from a course marker. A rider accidentally (i.e., missing a turn or arrow, crashing, etc.) leaving the course can only continue in the event by returning to the point where he or she had left the course. A rider may not leave the course with their bike to shortcut to the pits. Running out of fuel on the course requires refueling to occur where the machine ran out of fuel, or the rider may push on the marked course by the rider alone. No assistance by pit crew members or spectators is allowed in the refueling process when out of the designated pit area. (This includes taking fuel outside of the pit area.) A rider must return to the pit area by foot to acquire fuel then back to the bike with no assistance. In general, the bike must remain within 20ft of the marked course. It is permitted for another race participant to offer fuel. This participant must be racing in the race that is currently on course. Intentionally leaving the course with the bike for any reason will subject the rider to immediate disqualification or penalty fitting determined by the NORCS official.

A(6) No contestant shall ride backwards along the course at any time for any reason. Violators will be subject to immediate disqualification.

A(7) If a rider is intending on entering the pits, they must do so through the designated "Pit Entrance" boards and maintain a maximum of 5mph throughout the pits to the designated "Pit Exit" boards. If the rider intending on entering the designated pit area, misses the entrance, they are NOT PERMITTED to turn around on the course to enter the pits or enter the pits through the pit exit. Any rider that turns around to enter the pits or entering the pits through the pit exit will be penalized by the NORCS official which may include disqualification.

A(8) At no time may a riders bike be running during refueling.

A(9) A rider may receive as much outside assistance necessary working on or replacing parts, refueling etc. only in the designated pit area. A rider is not permitted to receive any help attending to his or her bike outside the designated pit area. This includes having tools, parts or fuel taken to them outside the designated pit area.

A(10) A rider is permitted to have water or rehydration fluids, and vision protection for his or her persons given to them along the course. This excludes the area within 100ft of any scoring or any check point area. Violations will result in a hold penalty at the scoring check.

A(11) No rider will be allowed to compete when under the influence of any intoxicant or drug that could impair performance or give an unfair advantage. Any rider observed to be riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be immediately removed from the course and disqualified.

A(12) Rider will be responsible for all information presented at the riders meeting. That information is considered a part of the event rules and instructions.

A(13) Any rider who intentionally defaces, changes, or destroys markers, or causes the same to be done, shall be disqualified from the event.

A(14) If during an event the NORCS official has determined that an unsportsmanlike incident, or a rule infraction has occurred, the NORCS official has the authority to administer a hold penalty at the scoring check suitable to the infraction. Such penalties could include: false starts, taking lines determined to be off the marked course, exceeding 5mph in pit area, refueling with motor running, assistance on bike repair or refueling outside of the designated pit area, or any other action determined to be unsportsmanlike or dangerous to other riders or spectators.

## B RIDER CLASSIFICATION

B(1) Classes run at the event shall be as shown below. All participants are required to have the correct class-designating 2" color dot displayed on the back bottom of their helmet. (Under the goggle strap area.) In case the class designating dot is not displayed, the rider is subject to be held at the scoring check and assessed a time penalty. These colored dots are available at sign-up. Team classes will be distinguished by the color of the punch card on the exchanged arm band.

B(2) NORCS Classes and class designation colors.

<b>KIDS RACE 1</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>SHORT 1</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>SHORT 2</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>SHORT 3</b>	<b>Color</b>
8 & Under Boys	Blue	Masters	Gold	Open C	Silver	Sportsman	Blue
8 & Under Girls	Pink	Open D	Silver	250 C	Brn Yellow	Vet B	Dark Yellow
		Vet D	Purple	15 & Under	Gold	Senior B	Green
		Senior D	Green	85cc Ex	Blue	Super Senior B	Brn Yellow
		Super Senior C	Brn Yellow	Womens B	Pink	Vet C	Purple
		Womens D	Pink	Womens C	Purple	Senior C	Silver
		85cc Am	Blue	30+ Womens	Dark Yellow		
<b>KIDS RACE 2</b>	<b>Color</b>						
65CC Ex	Brn Yellow						
65CC Am	Green						
Kids 9-12	Blue						
Girls Beginner	Pink						

<b>SHORT 4</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>LONG</b>	<b>Color</b>
Open A	Blue	AA	Flo Orange
Vet A	Dark Yellow	30+ AA	Gold
Senior A	Green	Open Semi-Pro	Blue
Super Senior A	Brn Yellow	Vet Semi-Pro	Dark Yellow
Women AA	Flo Orange	Senior Semi-Pro	Green
Open B	Silver	Unlimited Ex	Purple
250 B	Purple	Team	Blue Tag

B(3) Riding in a class below a riders ability (Sandbagging) will be enforced throughout the season. Any rider who has an elapsed time that would place them in the top 5 of the next higher classification, will be subject to an immediate move up to the next class.

B(4) If age is a factor in the class you will ride in, you must be of that age on the day of every event scored for your season total. These classes are only open to riders within these age groups: 8 & Under, 9-12, Girls Beginner 14 & Under, 15 & Under, 30+, 35+, 40+, 50+ and 60+

B(5) 250 -B, 250 -C classes are open to riders of any age, bikes displacing up to 250cc 2 - Stroke or 250cc 4 - stroke.

B(6) Open A, Open B, and Open C classes are open to riders of any age and any engine displacement.

B(7) AA/Pro classes are for Professional level riders with many years of racing experience. This class is open to any engine displacement.

B(8) Semi-Pro classes are for A level riders that prefer to ride the Long Course Race. This class is open to any engine displacement.

B(9) Unlimited Expert is for B level riders that prefer to ride Long Course. This class is open to any engine displacement.

B(10) Vet A, B, C and D classes are open to riders who are 30 years of age and older, any engine displacement.

B(11) Senior A, B, C and D classes are open to riders who are 40 years of age and older, any engine displacement.

B(12) Super Senior A, B and C classes are open to riders who are 50 years of age and older, any engine displacement.

B(13) Masters class is open to riders who are 60 years of age and older, any engine displacement.

B(14) D classes are limited to riders who are new to competition, any age, 2-stroke or 4-stroke. The Open D class is for any bike displacement. At any time during the season, a D rider may be bumped to the C class. This will be determined by comparable lap times with the top 10 in the C class.

B(15) C classes are for those who are skilled riders above beginner level but not yet ready for the B class. Any age, 2-stroke or 4-stroke. The 250 C is for bike displacements up to 250cc 2-stroke or 4-stroke, and the Open C class is for any bike over 250cc.

B(16) Sportsman Expert class is for expert riders that may be racing in a Sunday class. Series Points will not be kept in the Sportsman class.

B(17) Women's AA is for Pro level riders, Women's B is for intermediate level riders, Women's C is for beginner level riders with racing experience, and Women's D is for beginner riders with little to no racing experience. The 30+ Women Am class is for beginner level riders over the age of 30. The Women's class is open to bikes of any displacement. Women's class riders Must be able to prove as a gender of "F" on legal ID.

B(18) 65cc Expert and 65cc Am class is open to ages 12 and under on bikes with a max displacement of 65cc and max wheel size of 14". Any 65cc Am rider with an elapsed time that would have placed them in the top 5 of the 65cc Ex class will be moved to the Expert class for future events.

B(19) 85cc Expert and 85cc Am class is open to all ages on bikes with a max displacement of 112cc 2-stroke and 150cc 4-stroke with a maximum wheel size of 19". Any 85cc Am rider with an elapsed time that would have placed them in the top 5 of the 85cc Ex class will be moved to the Expert class for future events.

B(20) 8 & Under, 9-12 and Girls Beginner 14 & Under classes are for entry level riders. No 65cc, 85cc or 150cc "Race Bikes" permitted in the 8 & under or 9-12 classes. No 85cc or 150cc race bikes allowed in the Girls Beginner class.

B(21) 15 & Under class is open only to riders age 15 or under. Girls Beginner 14 & Under is open to girls aged 14 and under. 9-12 is open to all riders aged 12 or under (65cc, 85cc or 150cc "Motocross" race bikes are not permitted in this class). 8 & Under is available to riders aged 8 or under (65cc, 85cc or 150cc "Motocross" race bikes are not permitted in this class). The 8 & Under, 65cc, 9-12 and Girls Beginner classes are for entry level riders.

B(22) Team Race class is for A and B level riders. A team consists of two riders. Riders must exchange the scoring arm band in the designated exchange area every lap. Riders are allowed to ride their individual bikes.

B(23) The NORCS series will be following the level of competition throughout the season. With the use of event results, and electronic lap times, the NORCS official will determine which riders will need to ride a class higher in ability the following season. At no time will NORCS move a rider to the AA class. A rider who completes and finishes an event is not allowed to ride a lesser ability class at a future event without the approval of the NORCS official. (Example. A rider who signs up and finishes 1 B class event is not permitted to sign up for a C class at a future event, unless the NORCS official grants the request).

B(24) Race durations are as follows.

Kids Race 1: 30 Minutes.

Kids Race 2: 30 Minutes.

Short Course 1: Approximately 45 Minutes plus 1 lap.

Short Course 2: Approximately 50 Minutes plus 1 lap.

Short Course 3: Approximately 50 Minutes plus 1 lap.

Short Course 4: Approximately 50 Minutes plus 1 lap.

Long Course: 2 Hours plus 1 lap.

The official "Race Time" will be displayed at the finish scoring check. A digital countdown clock will be displayed. In the case of a clock malfunction, the NORCS official will have a stopwatch with the official time. When the time allotted per race expires, the overall leader on course will receive the white flag to complete 1 additional lap. (Example... The overall race leader comes through the finish check at 50 minutes into the race; at that point the white flag will be displayed until he returns for the checkered. This does not apply to the Kids Race. Once the overall leader has finished and taken the checkered flag, the final course sweep will begin. At that time the sweep rider will determine if a rider is unable to get to the finish check in a reasonable amount of time. Every rider will have ample time to finish their final lap. Once it's determined that the rider is unable to get back to the checkered flag due to mechanical or any other reason outside of their control, the sweep rider has the authority to pull the rider from the course. That rider will receive credit for their completed laps and scored accordingly.

B(25) Team class riders are required to exchange riders every lap. Team class riders may only exchange armbands within the designated pit area, and must abide the pit speed limit of 5mph.

B(26) For a rider to earn credit for the event and series points, the rider must not leave the course for any reason, and MUST complete 1 lap.

B(27) Race length may be shortened on race day due to inclement conditions. This determination will be made by the NORCS official.

## **C EQUIPMENT**

C(1) All internal combustion motorcycles must have a securely fitted muffler that limits exhaust noise to a maximum of 102 dB(A) for air-cooled bikes, and 98 dB(A) for water-cooled bikes.

C(2) Studded tire(s) are prohibited. Paddle tires are prohibited.

C(4) A rider shall use only the one motorcycle on which they started the event. The same rider must ride the same bike over the entire course and event. Substitute or alternate riders or bikes may not be used and result in disqualification.

C(5) Each rider is solely responsible for ensuring that their motorcycle is in safe operating condition. No technical or safety inspection is offered or required.

## **D PROTESTS**

D(1) Individual results will be posted for 15 minutes to permit protests of errors in scoring. The riders will be advised the time of posting and any protest against scoring must be submitted within 15 minutes. If a scoring question is noticed in the days following the event, no later than 10 days from results being posted

to the web site, the NORCS official may be contacted for further investigation. If there is an undisputable error found, an adjustment will be made to series points, but the day award is forfeited.

D(2) Protests relating to the event itself or protests against other riders must be filed immediately upon the protesting rider's return to the start/finish area. Where these protests affect other riders, they should be posted with preliminary results.

D(3) No protest will be heard that questions an error in the marking of a scorecard at a checkpoint. It is the responsibility of the rider to confirm that their scorecard was punched correctly while they are at the checkpoint. Any discrepancy must be corrected before the rider leaves the checkpoint. It is also the responsibility of the rider to ensure their transponder has been entered correctly into the sign-up computer and placed correctly on the left chin-bar of the riders helmet. Punch-cards are to be attached to the left side of the handlebars. The rider is responsible for the punch-cards security to the handlebars.

D(4) Protests involving the course will be verified by the NORCS official, which must include the protesting party.

D(5) Protests may be filed only by a rider or riders entered in the event. All protests should be filed as early as possible with a NORCS official, and must be filed before the end of the 15 minute results posting period.

## E SEASON POINTS

E(1) All NORCS events will earn series points. A rider is allowed to miss 1 event and still be eligible for series points and awards. The lowest score earned by a rider in the 6 events will be removed from the series total. Any rider who starts the race will receive credit for the event.

E(2) Series points scale is as follows.

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	45	11th	34	21st	24	31st	14
2nd	43	12th	33	22nd	23	32nd	13
3rd	42	13th	32	23rd	22	33rd	12
4th	41	14th	31	24th	21	34th	11
5th	40	15th	30	25th	20	35th	10
6th	39	16th	29	26th	19	36th	9
7th	38	17th	28	27th	18	37th	8
8th	37	18th	27	28th	17	38th	7
9th	36	19th	26	29th	16	39th	6
10th	35	20th	25	30th	15	40th	5

Any rider starting the event will receive credit for the start, but must complete 1 lap to earn a finishing position.

E(3) Season overall championships: A rider who wins a "Class Championship" will race all NORCS series events the following season at no charge. This is not transferable. (AA, Sportsman and Kids Classes are exempt.)

\*Riders must ride in a higher ability class to receive free entry. Unless already riding "Semi-Pro" level class

E(4) Season awards will be presented at a Series Awards banquet following the conclusion of the series

E(5) Riders who place 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in 3 of the six rounds will be subject to bump in class for the following season. This will be at the discretion of the NORCS official.

E(6) Series points ties will be broken by the following formula:

- a. Most class wins during the season.
- b. Most second place finishes during the season.
- c. The better finish in the last race the racers that are tied all competed.

E(7) Minimum events needed to qualify for the series: 5 of the 6 races must be attended and started to qualify for series points. The lowest score of the 6 events will be removed from the series points total.

E(8) Sportsman Points: Under special circumstances, and only by approval of the NORCS Official Sportsman Points may be awarded to a racer who significantly compromised their finish position because they provided assistance to another racer, a marshal, or spectator who is injured or at risk of injury. Sportsman points are calculated by averaging the riders average finish points received.

**F Program**

F(1) Starts will be dead engine unless otherwise determined by the NORCS official. There will be a 10 second warning given to each row prior to the start. When the 10 second warning is announced, the start official will determine to lift the green flag any time during that 10 seconds. In the case of a false start, (The starting of a bike prior to the official start) the party or parties responsible will serve a 2 minute hold penalty at the completion of the first lap.

F(2) Start waves determined by class.

<u><b>KIDS RACE 1</b></u>	<u><b>KIDS RACE 2</b></u>	<u><b>SHORT 1</b></u>	<u><b>SHORT 2</b></u>	<u><b>SHORT 3</b></u>	<u><b>SHORT 4</b></u>	<u><b>LONG</b></u>
8 & Under Boys	65CC Ex	Masters	Open C	Sportsman	Open A	AA
8 & Under Girls	65CC Am	Open D	250 C	Vet B	Vet A	30+ AA
	Kids 9-12	Vet D	15 & Under	Senior B	Senior A	Open Semi-Pro
	Girls Beginner	Senior D	85cc Expert	Super Senior B	Super Senior A	Vet Semi-Pro
		Super Senior C	Womens B	Vet C	Women AA	Senior Semi-Pro
		Womens D	Womens C	Senior C	Open B	Unlimited Expert
		85cc Am	30+ Womens Am		250 B	Team

F(3) The NORCS Official has the authority to combine classes into the same start waive.

F(4) Anybody found riding the course within 3 days before the start of the event will be subject to disqualification. Walking or riding mountain bikes is permitted. Class 1 E-bikes (Pedal Assist) are allowed to preview the course, Class 2 and 3 E-bikes (Throttle Assist) are not permitted on the course prior to the race. At no time can any persons other than NORCS officials make changes to arrows, ribbon, or any other course markings. It is permitted to ride open motocross practice if the facility offers it. At no time can any portion of the course with the exception of the MX track be ridden by a motorized vehicle.