

## **CNYMRA Rider Advancement Policy**

Everyone:

The issue of rider advancement is obviously very important to a great many people and among other things affects Rider Safety, Loretta Lynn's, and CNYMRA Riders.

Effective immediately the CNYMRA board and its promoters have adopted the following rider classification / advancement policies:

The CNYMRA points keeper, in cooperation with the executive board, will make ALL advancement / demotions and reserves the right to advance / demote any rider at any time.

CNYMRA promoters will abide by the published AMA advancement list. An exception to this rule will be made if the rider presents an original letter from the AMA stating otherwise at sign up. No letter at sign up, no exception.

Rider classification cards issued by other districts will be honored. Be forewarned, the same rules apply to you and we will not tolerate riding "out of class" or "district hopping" practices. CNYMRA Series Contingencies are for the benefit of CNYMRA card holders and we intend to protect them to the best of our ability.

If we determine that you are riding "out of class" or trying to cheat the system in any way, you will be disqualified for the day and the CNYMRA will report you to the AMA and request suspension of your AMA card for a period of 1 year.

In general the basis for our rider advancements shall be a RPV of 15% for C to B, a RPV of 15% for B to A, but we will not make youth class advancement decisions. However there may be other factors that come into play in determining a rider's final classification. Again, we remind you that the CNYMRA will make all decisions respective to your classification.

The promoters are not expected to police the situation themselves, as this would be an impossible task. It is the responsibility of you, the riders, to patrol your own ranks and report violations directly to the promoters. Upon doing so, the promoters will check the CNYMRA advancement list and classify you for the day.

If you disagree with the rider classification you are assigned by the CNYMRA, you have the right to appeal our decision directly to the AMA and we in turn will honor their decision on the matter so long as it is in writing.

# 2009 RULES

All Semi-Pro, Amateur and Youth events ran at CNYMRA tracks will be conducted according to the 2009 AMA rules and the following supplementary rules:

## MEMBERSHIP

- \*1. AMA membership is required of all riders participating in a CNYMRA event. In addition, riders must be a member of CNYMRA or other sports committee (ex. WNY, Metropolitan Sports Committee and/or other AMA district cards only), or must pay an additional \$5.00 fee at each event. A first-time rider without a district card may race one time without joining CNYMRA. He must buy a \$5.00 non-member pass, which may be applied to the cost of joining CNYMRA, if he decides to race again.
2. Should an individual acquire non-member points during a season, and at a later date choose to become a member, the non-member points will NOT be considered valid for year-end point trophies or prizes.

## MOTOCROSS RACING SEASON

1. The period of time race points may be accumulated and recorded by CNYMRA will extend from April 1 to October 31.
2. Race promoters may conduct races outside the race season limits; however, points will not be recorded nor will referees be provided.
3. Five events each season will not be counted towards year-end points. This allows a rider to miss five race dates or will drop his five lowest finishes if he competes each week.
4. A race which is cancelled due to severe weather may be rescheduled on a Saturday before another scheduled race at the same track. For each rescheduled Saturday meet, one additional date will be added to the five drop dates for the year, up to a limit of 6 drop dates.

## CLASSES

All CNYMRA points paying meets will run all CNYMRA classes.

Point standings will be kept for the following:

51cc <b>Pee-Wee Jr.</b> 4-6 yrs	** <b>Collegeboy</b> (14-24)	<b>Women</b> 85-250cc
51cc <b>Pee-Wee Sr.</b> 7-8 yrs	<b>Plus-25 Am (B)</b>	122-125cc <b>2-Stroke</b> Only
59- <b>65cc 7-11</b> 2-stroke	<b>Plus-25 Expert (A)</b>	122- <b>250cc</b> <b>Amateur (B)</b>
<b>Junior Mini 9-11</b> 59-85cc 2-stroke	<b>Plus-30 Amateur (B)</b>	122- <b>250cc</b> <b>Expert (A)</b>
<b>79-85cc 12-15</b> 2-stroke	<b>Plus-30 Expert (A)</b>	122- <b>Open cc</b> <b>Amateur (B)</b>
* <b>Open Mini</b> 79-112cc 2-stk (10-16)	<b>Plus-40 Am (B)</b>	122- <b>Open cc</b> <b>Expert (A)</b>
Inc. 75-150cc 4-stroke	<b>Plus-40 Expert (A)</b>	<b>Quad Amateur (B)</b>
* <b>Schoolboy</b> 86-250cc (10-16)	<b># Plus-45</b>	<b>Quad Expert (A)</b>

\* No Expert (A) riders allowed in Open Mini or Schoolboy.

\*\* Collegeboy is designated as "second class only".

# Trophy class only.

Non-points classes which also run at each meet are: \***51cc Oil Injected 4-8, 250 Novice(C),**

**OPEN Novice(C), PLUS-30 Novice(C), QUAD Novice(C)**

## Classes, continued

\* The 51cc Oil Injected Class will include stock automatic single-speed oil-injected machines, max wheelbase 36", max wheel sz 10", max seat ht 22", 12mm round intake. The Pee-Wee Jr Class will include all machines eligible for AMA classes 1,3 and 4, single or multi-speed automatic, max wheelbase 38", max wheel sz 10", max seat ht 24", 14mm round intake. The Pee-Wee Sr Class will include all machines eligible for AMA class 2,3 and 4, max wheelbase 41", max wheel sz 12", 19mm round intake. Participants in any 50cc class may not double-class in the other 50cc classes.

All non-CNY Plus-25, Plus-30 and Plus-40 class riders must sign up in the Expert category or show a card from their home district which classifies them as an Amateur or Novice.

Points classes must average at least 5 riders per event to qualify for year-end awards in that class. Does not apply to the 125 Expert, 250/Open Expert or Quad Expert classes.

## CLASS AGE RESTRICTIONS

### CUT-OFF FOR AGE IN YOUTH CLASSES IS JAN 1.

Riders under the age of 14 years may not compete on machines larger than 250cc. Quad riders must be at least 16 years of age.

Any rider under age 16 whose birth certificate is NOT on file in the CNY office will not receive a CNYMRA card, but will be allowed to sign-up using their receipt for membership fee paid for a period of 30 days from the date on the receipt.

## PROMOTION

All promotions shall be subject to review by the referees committee and the CNYMRA Board of Directors, regardless of the system delineated below.

- \*1. MINI CLASSES: Mini riders will retain their amateur status when leaving the youth category unless they normally finished with a 15% or lower RPV in their mini class.
- \*2. NOVICE CLASSES: No rider shall participate in a CNYMRA Novice event without a current novice card from his home district. Promotion of first year Novices may be delayed until after they have finished their participation in the current years Amateur National program. Proof of finish at the Area or Regional qualifier must be provided. No points will be awarded for Novice events. A Novice rider will be allowed to stay in the class for the season at which time their promotion will be calculated by the AMA 15% RPV method. Any Novice rider dominating the class may be promoted at any time per referee or CNYMRA Board. Novice riders may self promote at any time.
- \*3. AMATEUR CLASSES: Amateur riders will be promoted to Expert at the end of each season using a performance evaluation based on their successful participation as compared to the other riders in their class. Percentage of possible points earned will be calculated for all riders participating in more than 5 events. They will then be ranked according to their performance percentage. Those riders may be promoted if they have earned an RPV value of 15 percent or higher. Results from neighboring districts and organizations may be included in advancement figures. Promotion of first year Amateurs may be delayed until after they have finished their participation in the current years Amateur National program. A first year Amateur is one who raced less than six Amateur races in the previous year.

## RETURN TO AMATEUR STATUS

The period of time that must elapse between a riders last expert race and his return to amateur status shall be one full year or at the discretion of the referee. **Any expert rider returning to amateur status under the one year lay-off rule shall not accumulate points for year-end trophies or series awards in any amateur class.** An individual may return to amateur only once.

\*Riders returning to a lower class are only those who officials consider completely non-competitive in the class they are leaving and will not dominate the class they are returning to. A rider returning to competition after one or more years must request to be reverted and cannot move back a class automatically or without AMA or district permission.

## POINTS

CNYMRA members participating in CNYMRA meets will earn points according to the AMA points chart below:

Finish	Class Entries			Finish	Class Entries		
	5-14	15-24	24 +		5-14	15-24	24 +
1	18	25	30	11		7	10
2	16	20	25	12		6	9
3	12	18	21	13		5	8
4	9	16	18	14		4	7
5	6	14	16	15		3	6
6	5	12	15	16		2	5
7	4	11	14	17		1	4
8	3	10	13	18			3
9	2	9	12	19			2
10	1	8	11	20			1
All Youth Classes will receive points according to the 5-14 column.							
Classes with fewer than 5 riders (inc. youth) will receive the following points:							
1 <sup>st</sup> – 10, 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 7, 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4, 4 <sup>th</sup> - 1							

## MISREPRESENTATION OF RIDER RANK OR STATUS

\*Any rider found to have falsified his or her rider rank or age (if applicable), will lose points, trophies or cash prizes for the meet, and may be suspended by AMA for one year.

## EARNED RIDING NUMBERS

Riding numbers 1-10 will be assigned to the 10 riders with the most points earned in the 250 and Open Expert classes. Numbers 11-20 will be assigned to the 10 riders with the most points earned in the 250 and Open Amateur classes, plus any Expert points they have earned if they have been promoted. Numbers 1Y-10Y will be assigned to the 10 riders with the most points earned in the 65cc classes, 85cc classes, Open Mini and Schoolboy classes. Numbers 1Q-5Q will be assigned to the top 5 Quad Experts and numbers 6Q-10Q will be assigned to the top 5 Quad Amateurs. Riders who participate in more than one class will have both classes points listed in the overall standings, but only the best total will earn a number.

## **RIDERS RESPONSIBILITY**

Each rider is responsible for the actions of his or her family and pit crew. Unnecessary trouble or excessive use of alcohol by a riders family or crew makes that rider subject to disqualification from the meet and/or fine. Riders responsibility extends to acts of vandalism and excessive littering by himself or members of his party.

Actions of a person or persons in dealing with track officials, with the exception of a CNYMRA Rider Rep, shall be considered a responsibility of the rider and the RIDER shall be subject to any referee decision pertaining to sportsmanlike conduct of the person or persons as specified.

## **RIDING RULES**

1. Permanent riding numbers assigned by CNYMRA will take precedence in the case of duplication.
2. CNYMRA points may be withheld from any rider who is not using his assigned CNYMRA number.
3. The individual rider shall be responsible for displaying his riding number to the scorers on each lap.
4. Three securely attached number plates will be required. Black numbers, a minimum of 5" high will be displayed on the following backgrounds: Amateur - Yellow; Expert - White. Novice plates will be Black backgrounds with White numbers. All quads shall have a vertical number plate not extended above the handlebars and a rear grab rail number plate with minimum 6 inch block numbers on both plates. Additional numbers are suggested on helmet and jersey.
5. Pit riding, except in locations designated by the promoter, will be grounds for immediate disqualification from the meet. Designated pit riding locations will be announced at the riders meeting. Repeat offenders will be subject to a fine of \$50. Rider Reps, referees and all track officials will assist in the enforcement of this rule. Any rider caught pit riding after the second moto of the day will, in addition to disqualification from the meet, be fined \$50 and will not be allowed to ride in a CNYMRA event until the fine is paid.
6. Under penalty of disqualification from the entire meet for the day in all events, a rider shall not use any machine in a meet other than the one he registered and started in the first moto.
7. A machine may be entered in only those classes which include its actual displacement. The use of kits or sleeving to change displacement is allowed in all modified classes, and must have displacement stamped on the side of the cylinder.
8. Riders under the age of 18 must be accompanied to sign-up by a parent or authorized guardian. Participants in classes where age is a determining factor must carry proof of age and display same to any official upon request.
9. Uniform starts will be practiced. A two minute warning will be displayed, signaling machines on the line to be started. A one minute warning will be displayed 60 seconds later. A ready signal will be given 30 seconds later. The start will occur as soon as possible thereafter. In no instance will a start be delayed beyond two minutes from the first warning displayed.

## RIDING RULES, continued

- \*10. No one but the rider with his machine may establish his position on the starting line. In the case of a staggered start, the faster group may pick their spots first. The slower group may either pick an open spot, or may line up behind one of the faster group and then move into that spot after the first group leaves the line. When a rider chooses his position on the starting line, he may not change that position. Rider must be with his machine when entering starting gate.
11. In the event of a rider jumping the start, he shall be penalized one lap.
12. In the case of a re-start, riders will return to their original positions on the starting line.
13. Any rider leaving the course shall continue the event from the point where he left the course. If it is unsafe or impossible to re-enter at his point of exit, the rider may re-enter at the first point where he can safely do so, without interfering with other riders and without gaining an advantage. Penalty for failure to do so will be loss of a minimum of one finishing position in that moto.
14. An official CNYMRA referee will be present at all meets. His decision is final. Protests must be filed with the referee not later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the protesting riders last moto. A rider may file protests on any matter regarding an event in which they were a participant, including but not limited to, the conformity of a machine or the eligibility of a rider. Each protest must be filed separately and in writing, signed by the protesting rider. Each protest must specify the violation of AMA or CNYMRA rules or procedures which is alleged, and must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee. Protest fees are \$50 for each item or component protested. For a technical protest requiring measurement or teardown of an engine, there is an additional fee of \$50 for air-cooled 2-stroke engines, \$100 for 2-stroke engines, \$250 for 4-stroke engines and an additional \$100 is required for measurement of any engine that must be removed from the frame for inspection. For further information on protest procedures, consult the AMA rulebook.
- \*15. No rider will practice with any class other than the one he has signed up for. Failure to do this could result in disqualification from the meet. One practice ticket per rider (not per machine) will be handed out at signup. 50cc riders will be permitted to ride bigger bike for practice also.
16. When a yellow flag or a white with red cross flag is displayed, riders must ride cautiously with no jumping and no passing between the flag and the incident that caused the flag. Failure to do so may result in the rider being docked from one position all the way to disqualification from the event, subject to the referee's discretion.
17. Riders in any 50cc class may be accompanied to the starting line by no more than one parent or guardian. That person must leave the starting area when the 30 second card is displayed, or face disqualification of his rider for the day. One parent/guardian per rider may stand trackside at a designated area. In the case of a parent/guardian entering the course without permission from the referee, the penalty will be a minimum of loss of two finishing positions, up to a maximum of rider disqualification for the day.
18. A rider who is disqualified due to illegal equipment in a 50cc stock class may lose all CNYMRA points earned up to the date of the disqualification and may be subject to a fine of up to \$50. If a fine is imposed, the offender will not be eligible to compete in CNYMRA until the fine is paid.

## TRACK RULES

1. Local zoning board approval is necessary before a new track may apply for membership in CNYMRA. Application for membership must be made no later than the September meeting to be eligible to choose dates for the following season. A \$200 bond must be posted at the time of application for membership, to be returned at the tracks first meet or with refusal of application by the board. New tracks must be inspected and approved by one or more CNYMRA rider reps.
2. Non-motorcycle events or activities which take up unnecessary time and/or create a danger to CNY riders will not be scheduled at a CNY points-paying meet. Promoters who violate this rule may be subject to a \$100 fine.
3. If the referee finds a major track problem which cannot be corrected on race day, he will notify the CNYMRA President and the Board of Directors by registered mail. The problem must be rectified at least five days prior to the next sanctioned meet.
4. Each track will post a sign-up closing time of 9 AM. Any and all riders signing up or changing classes after the posted sign-up closing time will be charged a \$10 fine, to be retained by the promoter. No sign-up will be allowed after practice ends.
5. The referee of the day shall determine moto length by laps per class. The referee will use the AMAs recommended moto length, track and weather conditions, and number of participants in making his determination.
6. Key track personnel must be equipped with 2-way radios, with a minimum of six radios required.
7. Flaggers must be at least 14 years of age. A flaggers meeting with the referee of the day will be held 30 min. before scheduled practice time.
8. A mandatory riders meeting will be held before practice.
9. The Expert purse will be a minimum of 100% of total expert sign-up and admission fees collected, paid at a minimum ratio of one place for every three riders. Purse will be paid per moto. Purse shall be posted near the order of events as soon as possible after sign-up ends.
10. The track promoter shall introduce the referee of the day at the riders meeting.
11. Riders must be notified at sign-up or at the riders meeting if there is a charge for ambulance service.
12. A CNYMRA referee must be used at each CNYMRA meet. Any track promoting a meet without a CNYMRA referee will not be allowed CNYMRA points for that meet. A CNYMRA referee who is also a Participant in the days events may not ride in more than one class and cannot make a ruling with regard to his class. A CNYMRA referee may not make a ruling with regard to any class where his child or other family member is participating. A CNYMRA referee who is also a promoter may not referee at his own track.
13. No vehicles or equipment will be allowed on the track during a race or practice.
14. The CNYMRA referee of the day shall be paid a minimum fee of \$75 for the day and he will be expected to pay for his admission and entry fee (if any).
15. The track promoter shall provide an additional copy of the race results at the end of the race day for CNYMRA publicity purposes.

## TRACK RULES, continued

16. AMA race reports must be completed on race day and submitted to the referee for his signature. A copy of the referee report and all race results must be sent to CNYMRA no later than two DAYS after the meet. A fine of \$50 per day will be assessed for late reports.
17. Promoters not attending at least 2/3 of the regular CNYMRA meetings will forfeit their first round draw for the next seasons dates.
- \* 18. The promoter will contribute \$1.00 per rider to the CNYMRA points fund after each meet. This money will be used for the CNYMRA Championship Series and Year End Awards. A \$5.00 waiver fee will be collected for no district card. If a promoter doesn't at least make an attempt to collect waiver fees, they will pay \$100 in addition to their \$1.00 per rider fee to CNYMRA.
19. Cancellation of a scheduled meet by a promoter for reasons other than weather, must be reported to the CNY board at least 45 days in advance of the scheduled date. Unjustifiable cancellations may result in the loss of a first round pick in the following years date selection.
20. Two clubs or promoters may not use the same track for the purpose of getting more race dates. Dates will be picked by location only.
21. No CNYMRA points will be given for meets not picked at the yearly CNYMRA date selection meeting. Any exceptions must be approved by the board of directors. No CNYMRA points will be given for Saturday meets, unless that Saturday is a holiday or a rescheduled snow-cancellation.
22. If the promoter of a scheduled CNYMRA meet is also offering points for another organization, CNYMRA rules must be observed across the board.
23. All Tracks must use the following procedure for flagging:
  - YELLOW FLAG:** All flagmen shall be provided with a yellow flag to indicate an obstruction on the track.
  - WHITE FLAG WITH RED CROSS:** Ambulance on track. Moto will continue.
  - RED FLAG:** Stopping of race for an emergency situation.
  - WHITE FLAG:** One lap to go to the finish.
  - BLACK & WHITE CHECKERED FLAG:** End of the race.
  - WHITE FLAG WITH BLACK "W":** Water on the track.

## MINIMUM TRACK REQUIREMENTS

1. Water Supply: Promoters must take adequate measures to prevent dust on the track and provide access to at least a limited supply of water for riders use.
2. P.A. System: Does not have to be elaborate, but must be adequate for riders meeting and making announcements to the starting area.
3. Bathroom Facilities: In accordance with local health codes.
4. Starting Gate: Must be installed before a tracks second year of CNY membership.
5. Track Maintenance: Promoter will prepare and maintain the track prior to each meet.

**MINIMUM TRACK REQUIREMENTS, continued**

6. Track Design: Tracks should avoid high-speed sections and any man-made jumps should be of the roll-over type. The course must have a minimum width of 20 feet and the starting area should be free of humps, jumps, gullies and hard-to-see irregularities.
7. Race-Day Personnel: Promoter will provide sufficient personnel to efficiently run the days meet. Required personnel include flaggers, starting and staging area help, scorers and ambulance crew.
8. CNY Rules: All promoters will agree to abide by the current CNY rules and any rules or decisions which may be adopted in the future by a majority vote of the CNY Board of Directors.
9. Insurance: Promoters must name AMA, District #3, and CNYMRA as additional insured parties on their legal liability insurance policies. A copy of the insurance policy endorsement page should be sent to CNY prior to the promoter's first event each season.
10. Any CNY track which fails to meet the above requirements will be subject to any or all of the following: A fine of \$50 to \$500, Loss of CNY points for their next meet, Loss of their first round pick for next seasons dates, Permanent loss of membership in CNYMRA. Any fines levied against a track must be paid prior to their next scheduled meet.

**ATTENTION ALL RIDERS UNDER 18 YRS OF AGE  
And their Parents.**

If you are under 18, a parent, legal guardian or an authorized adult **MUST** accompany you to sign up EACH WEEK and sign the permission form in front of sign up personnel.

An authorized adult is a person over the age of 18 who has NOTARIZED authorization from your parent or legal guardian to allow you to register and race that day. A blanket authorization will not be accepted. It must specify the date and track and will be retained by the track for their records.

The authorization form should be similar to the **sample** form below:

I, John Doe, as parent/legal guardian of John Doe, Jr., hereby assign Jim Smith as the authorized adult who will accompany my son/daughter to sign-up at Broome-Tioga on June 1, 2008, and who will remain present during his/her participation in that days events.

Signed parent

Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Date date signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_