

Moto Cross

Rule Book

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GENERAL

**Spirit and Intent**

Motocross is a sport designed for the fun and enjoyment of individuals and entire

families. In the interest of maintaining this focus, this set of rules is the standard by

which Motocross, under both practice and racing conditions, will be guided at RSMX LLC.

Guidelines offered in this publication are subject to the term “Spirit and Intent” and

apply to the technical aspects as well as to the actions of riders and crew members.

RSMX LLC does not intend to waste valuable time with internal disputes. “Spirit and

Intent” clause allows the Referee to make timely decisions and resolve disputes. No

attempts to test the rules will be tolerated.

Ultimately the conduct of all crewmembers and guests are the responsibility of the

rider. Consequently, all offenses will be charged directly to the rider. Disciplinary

actions will range from verbal warnings in private up to and including

disqualification or ejection from the facility. These violations may include abusive

verbal language, physical violence of or by any individual, official, participant or

spectator. The offender will be subject to immediate reprimand. Each situation will

be addressed as necessary by RSMX LLC management and its designated

representatives or, under racing conditions, by the Referee and Race Director. The

facility, all equipment, all staff, including volunteers, and all racing participants

must be treated with respect. By participating in any activity at RSMX LLC you agree that you have read and will comply with the rules set forth. It is understood that

participation in any RSMX LLC event is granted as a privilege to those that participate

within the rules set forth. It is the responsibility of participants and crew to have

knowledge and awareness of all rules and regulations and these rules are accepted

upon entering the facility.

Rules Revisions

RSMX LLC at any time has the right to revise any rules. We will make every attempt to

provide a 30-day notice of any rule change, but it may be less if necessary.

**Rules Disclaimer**

These rules and regulations are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of

practice and racing events, and to establish minimum acceptable requirements. No

express or implied warranty of safety shall result from adherence to this

publication. Also the rules and regulations are intended as a guide for the conduct

of the sport of Motocross, and in no way guarantees against any injury, serious

injury or death to participants, spectators or crew members. RSMX LLC does not assume any responsibility for any article of personal property that becomes lost, damaged or stolen at the facility.

**Liability Forms**

All riders, crew members, and spectators shall sign a waiver and release of liability

before participating in any RSMX LLC event. The entrant and/or rider, by signing the

entry form for any RSMX LLC event, agrees to hold RSMX LLC, together with its owners, heirs, assigns, officers, representatives, agents, employees and members, harmless from all liability. This includes, but is not limited to: injury to persons, property,

employees and/or reputation that may be sustained by said entrant or rider from all

claims of said injuries to parties listed above growing out of, or caused by any

construction, condition, other drivers or spectators, over the course of which the

event is held.

**Parent Consent Forms**

It is mandatory that the parent or legal guardian for any minor that will be in any

restricted area, to complete the “Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability,

Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement”.

**Safety**

Safety is the primary concern of RSMX LLC at all of its sanctioned or affiliated events.

Methods of operation, vehicle construction, track facilities, competition, and

practices are under constant review to protect all participants, spectators and to

reinforce the safety standards of the sport.

**Disclaimer**

As with all forms of motorsports, Motocross racing has certain inherent risks. Each

competitor assumes those risks when they participate in an event. While everyone

involved including riders, crewmembers, officials, promoters, and RSMX LLC have taken measures to reduce the risk of serious injury, the risk cannot be eliminated and will always be present at a high level. RSMX LLC reserves the right to cancel, re-schedule, or delay a race at its sole discretion, if the safety of competitors, spectators,

crewmembers, or staff are at risk for any reason.

**Competitor’s Responsibility**

Competitors are closer to the racing facilities, track conditions, safety personnel

and equipment and are, therefore, better able to monitor track conditions on a

continuing basis. Competitors are obligated to inspect, observe, and promptly

report to the Race Director or track manager any inadequacy in the facilities,

personnel, equipment, or conditions at the track before, during, and after each

event. All competitors have the right to withdraw from an event for safety concerns

whether real or perceived. Competitors are solely and directly responsible for the

safety of their race bike and racing equipment and are obligated to perform their

duties (whether as the owner, driver or crewmember) in a manner designed to

minimize the risk of injury to themselves and others. *Rock Springs Motocross LLC will not assume any liability for the safety or technical compliance of a competitor’s race bike and/or any racing equipment.*

During any RSMX LLC event; practice or race condition - ALL persons entering the

paddock, pit or track area must possess and display a pass provided at the time of

registration. All riders, crewmembers and spectators must pay all associated track

fees for their activity prior to participation. The rider is responsible for those people

who are with him/her, which includes crew and spectators.

**MEDICAL INSURANCE**

 We do not have Rider Medical Insurance, and urge you not to race without it. Riders are responsible for their own medical insurance. Rider medical insurance is available through the AMA’s RAMP Program at (800)-556-7614 or visit [www.insurance4ama.com](http://www.insurance4ama.com/).

**RSMX LLC Officials**

RSMX LLC officials, in the exercise of their independent judgment, shall report promptly

to the Referee any observed safety inadequacies in the racing facilities, safety

personnel or equipment. In addition, if a RSMX LLC official observes any safety

inadequacy in a competitor’s bike, racing equipment, or conduct, the official may

take whatever action is deemed reasonable and appropriate in order to correct

such inadequacy. Such action may include, but is not limited to, physical

examinations, medical determinations, and rider ability or experience tests. The

competitor is obligated to follow the official’s directives. RSMX LLC officials and

medical personnel are the only persons allowed on track surface unless

otherwise authorized by an official.

**GENERAL RULES**

Motocross at Sweet Water Events Complex with RSMX LLC will follow the AMA Competition Rules and all riders must possess a valid AMA Membership for sanctioned events. Any exceptions and amendments are listed with in this document

There may be per event exceptions and amendments and they will be addressed at rider meetings or provided at sign up.

- No competitor, crew member, or other related person shall be in any area of

the event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Any person

suspected of being under such influence is subject to immediate ejection

from the facility. Any entered competitor is subject to an immediate and

permanent disqualification.

* Verbal harassment and physical abuse will be grounds for permanent

disqualification of all parties involved.

* Any foul riding, unnecessary bumping, crowding, lack of caution, blocking or

other unsportsmanlike conduct will be grounds for penalty and/or

disqualification per the discretion of the RSMX LLC race officials or competition

committee.

* Riders must have ankle or higher boots, helmet meeting current Snell

standards, complete eye protection, and full arm/leg coverage. Chest

protectors and the like are highly recommended.

* Riders must finish all moto’s for the class entered on the same bike
* Riders must complete full laps during both practice and racing. Course

cutting is not allowed. If a rider leaves the course during a race for any

reason and decides to resume; they must re-enter at the same point as exit

before another lap will be counted. If it is unsafe or impossible to re-enter at

the point of exit, they must re-enter at the next closest place that is safe

without improving position.

* If, during the course of an event, a rider stops for any reason, they must

restart their bike without any outside assistance. After all bikes have passed they may receive assistance if it will not effect the race results. If a rider has fallen,

blocking the course, they may receive help to have the bike pushed off

course.

* The use of electronic communication with the rider or use of a portable

electronic device that could be deemed a distraction while on the track

during an event is prohibited.

* There will be no refunds once the first practice of the day has started at RSMX LLC’s discretion.

**FLAGS**

* Green: Start of race
* Yellow: Caution rider must ride cautiously between the point that the flag is

displayed and the incident (No jumping or passing is allowed while in that

zone)

* Black: Disqualification of rider – report to referee immediately
* Red: Stopping of race due to emergency (proceed under extreme caution

back to staging/starting gate area)

* White w/ Red Cross\*: Emergency personnel and/or equipment are on track –

ride with extreme caution between the point that the flag is displayed and the

incident – No jumping or passing is allowed while in that zone

* Blue\*: Rider is being overtaken by faster riders and should hold line while not

impeding their progress

* White: One lap remains until race finish
* Checkered: End of race

\*may or may not be used during an event – will be defined in riders meeting if used.

**Rider Eligibility**

A rider must race with RSMX LLC at the highest level that they have competed

with any other race organization. RSMX LLC reserves the right to class any entrant

as they so desire, and at any time, per their discretion.

The “Beginner” class is an entry level class for riders new to the sport. To

participate in any Beginner class, you must have less than one year of racing

experience on any size bike, or in any type of racing such as off-road; ArenaX,

etc. And are not allowed to ride any other classes. Moving up to a new size bike does not make you a beginner on the new size.

Age for youth classes is determined as of January 1st of the current calendar

year (includes Schoolboy and College boy). All youth class riders must have a

parent or legal guardian present at all times while at the facility.

Age for Vet classes is determined as of the first day of the event.

**Bike Eligibility for stock classes**

The stock class provides an even competition situation for riders who have a

stock bike they do not wish to modify. Certain changes to the bike will be

allowed in order to increase safe and reliable operation. These changes are

listed below. In any instance where the determination is not defined in the

following, the decision of the race officials will be final.

* Must have original engine, carburetor, frame, sub-frame, front

suspension, exhaust silencer system, wheel hubs and friction clutch

as supplied by manufacturer for that particular model. Must also have

OEM brakes, swing arm and gas tank. Must use original shock

mounting on frame and swing arm. No change to engine or carburetor

components allowed. No port clean-up or “blueprinting” of the engine

is allowed. No removal of gaskets, O-rings, springs or other

components.

* No components may be altered, changed or added to. No factory

options that contribute to the increase of power or factory bolt-on kits

to replace original stock parts will be allowed.

* There will be exceptions allowed for safety; such as handlebars, triple

clamps, quick throttles, foot pegs, rear shocks, seat/seat

covers/padding, fenders, tires, front and rear sprocket, spokes & rims

(original size), carb jets may not exceed 25% larger than original stock

jet. The frame may be strengthened or repaired by adding metal by

welding or similar process. Engine stabilizing or support brackets and

skid/protector plates may be added. Chain guides and tensioners will

be allowed. Air breather may be removed or replaced and air box may

be drilled or replaced. Clutch and brake levers may be changed and

hand guards (plastic, open-ended) may be added.

* Front suspension springs, valving, internal parts and oil may be

changed in forks. All other components must remain stock.

* Aftermarket pistons and rings will be allowed, providing specifications

are the same as the original components for that year and model of

bike. Overbore and stroking will not be allowed.

**Bike Eligibility for modified classes**

The modified class provides additional flexibility in creating the desired

performance for riders wishing to modify their bike. All classes will follow the

below rules unless otherwise specified in the class description.

* The modified class will be open to engine, frame and suspension

modifications providing they do not exceed the bike specifications

listed in the class description.

* All bikes must be made by a nationally known manufacturer.
* No overbore or stroking allowed that will exceed class cc limits.

**Bike Class**

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| PEE WEE 1 | 50cc air cooled non-competition style bike |  |
| PEE WEE 2 | 110cc-150cc air cooled non-competition style bike |  |
| 50cc BEG | Beginner cannot ride any age group class  0cc - 51cc 2-stroke  0cc - 51cc 4-stroke |  |
| 50cc (4-6) | 0cc - 51cc 2-stroke  0cc - 51cc 4-stroke |  |
| 50cc (7-9) | 0cc - 51cc 2-stroke  0cc - 51cc 4-stroke |  |
| 50cc OPEN | 0cc - 51cc 2-stroke  0cc - 51cc 4-stroke |  |
| 65cc BEG | Beginner cannot ride any age group class  59cc - 65cc 2-stroke | We will allow a 110cc 4-stroke that has the same wheel base and seat height of a 65cc |
| 65cc (6-8) | 59cc - 65cc 2-stroke | We will allow a 110cc 4-stroke that has the same wheel base and seat height of a 65cc |
| 65cc (9-11) | 59cc - 65cc 2-stroke | We will allow a 110cc 4-stroke that has the same wheel base and seat height of a 65cc |
| 65cc OPEN | 59cc - 65cc 2-stroke | We will allow a 110cc 4-stroke that has the same wheel base and seat height of a 65cc |
| 85cc BEG | Beginner cannot ride any age group class 79cc - 85cc 2-stroke  75cc - 150cc 4-stroke |
| 85cc (8-11 | 79cc - 85cc 2-stroke  75cc - 150cc 4-stroke |
| 85cc (12-15) | 79cc - 85cc 2-stroke  75cc - 150cc 4-stroke |
| SUPER MINI | 79cc - 112cc 2-stroke  75cc - 150cc 4-stroke  (16 and under) |
| BIGE BIKE BEG | Bike size 125cc and up  Beginner cannot ride any other classes. |
| 250 JUNIOR | 122cc to 250cc |
| 250 INTERMEDIATE | 122cc to 250cc |
| 450 JUNIOR | 122cc to open |
| 450 INTERMEDIATE | 122 to open |
| OPEN AM | 122cc to open |
| WOMEN 14 & UNDER | 59cc - 112cc 2-stroke  75cc - 150cc 4-stroke |
| WOMEN 15 & UP | 122cc to open |
| SPORTSMAN | Over 21 no doubling, can only jump ½ of table top jumps. |
| OVER 25 B | 122cc-open |
| OVER 30 B | 122cc-open |
| OVER 40 B | 122cc-open |
| OVER 50 | 122cc-open |
| 4 WHEELER B | 144cc- open |
| PEE WEE ATV | No larger than 125cc |
| SCHOOL BOY | 122cc - 250cc  Minimum wheelbase 53 inches. No minicycle or Supermini (16 and under)[ |
| 250 Pro | 122cc-250cc |
| 450 Pro | 122cc-open |
| Open Pro | 122cc-open |
| Over 25 A | 122cc-open |
| Over 30 A | 122cc-open |
| Over 40 A | 122cc-open |
| 4 Wheeler A | 144cc- open |

**GENERAL EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS**

The basic design of the bike must be suitable for high performance and safety.

* All kickstands must be removed for practice and competition.
* Brakes must be in good condition, properly adjusted and capable of locking

the front and rear wheel.

* Front and rear suspension shall be of a suitable design in proper order and

adjustment for maximum safety.

* No components are allowed to be taped or wired to the bike.
* Tuned exhaust systems and pipes cannot protrude beyond the length of the

bike’s rear tire, and must have a suitable silencer.

* Gasoline must be produced by a recognized, commercial manufacturer and

available to the general public.

* All number plates must be easily read by officials, with the numeral being in

stark contrast with the background. Any number plates found to be

unreadable must be corrected before being allowed to race. All rock and

chest protectors should display the same number as the bike.

**SCORING**

Each moto will be scored separately. The 1st place rider will receive 1 point, 2nd

place receives 2 points, and so on. All riders who take the checker flag under

power (not pushed) will receive a score, regardless of the number of laps

completed. Riders who complete over 50% of the required number of laps

per moto, but are unable to take the checker flag under power will also

receive a finish position.

- Riders not under power, and with less than 50% of the required laps

complete, will receive a “Did Not Finish” (DNF). A DNF will score 88 points,

regardless of number of participants in the class.

- Riders not completing any of the criteria above will receive a “Did Not Start”

(DNS). A DNS will score 89 points, regardless of number of participants in

the class.

- The lowest total score after all moto’s are complete will be declared the

winner.

- In the event of a tie score, the rider with the better finish in the last moto will

be declared the winner.

**Arena Cross**: Will consist of heat races and conci if needed and only the main will be scored. We will only take 12 bikes to the main for all armature classes. We will only take 16 bikes to the main for Pros

**PIT/CAMPING RULES**

- Pit vehicles include, but are not limited to, golf carts, side-by-sides, atv’s, and

scooters.

- All pit vehicle operators must be at least 16 years old and hold a valid driver’s

license.

- All motor vehicles must abide by posted speed limits (15 mph) and traffic

signs, and may not be operated in a reckless, careless or dangerous manner,

and may not be operated by anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

- All motor vehicles are not to be operated in any area identified as off limits. In

the case of Motocross at RSMX LLC, the paved road racing circuit is always

considered off limits.

- Camping quiet times are 10:00 pm – 5:30 am, and no race motors are to run

between 9:30 pm – 7:30 am.

- All pets must be kept on a leash or in a confined space at all times. Pets are

not allowed beyond any track perimeter fence, or in any buildings. All pet

waste must be properly disposed of by the pet owner.

**MISC**

- There may be a paper rider’s meeting provided in lieu of an in-person

meeting at any given event. It is the rider’s responsibility to read and

understand the provided information in such case.

- All trophies, prizes, etc. not picked up on the day of the event are considered

forfeited if not claimed by the rider.

- All pro purse earnings must be picked up by the rider. Exceptions will be

established in advance by RSMX LLC.

- The use of drones, with or without attached cameras, is strictly prohibited.

**PENALTIES & PROTESTS**

- All protests, whether a rider, machine or rule violation, must clearly state in

writing which part or parts, or rule violation is being protested. All protests

must be by a rider in the same class as the protested, must be signed by the

rider submitting the form, and follow the process below.

o The signed protest form must be presented to the race official within

30 minutes of the completion of the moto in which the infraction is

claimed to have happened.

o Machine protest must be in writing and presented to the race official,

accompanied by a $500 fee. $200 of fee will be retained by RSMX LLC as a

tear-down fee, while the remaining $300 will be awarded to the

winning/correct party in question. The protested machine will not be

torn down or evaluated in any manner which would be detrimental to

its function between moto’s. Machines protested in the case of a two-day

or longer event may be impounded by the race official until the

completion of said machines racing activity. Failure to submit a

machine for impound will result in disqualification of that machine. All

tear-downs will be witnessed by the bike owner only, technicians

designated by RSMX LLC and the race official.

o Protests of a rider’s age or classification will not be taken after the final moto has been posted for 30 min. and is deemed official.

o If for some reason the final decision of a protest is in question, the

participant involved or their representative may submit their position

in writing on the matter within 5 business days to the RSMX LLC

competition committee for further investigation.

In a case where a rule determination is not defined in this rule book, the

decision of the RSMX LLC race official and/or competition committee will be final.