

# VERMONT MOTOCROSS ASSOCIATION, INC.

## GENERAL RULES OF COMPETITION & TRACK RULES

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These rules are in place to help ensure orderly conduct and a safe environment at VMA events.  
These rules apply to EVERYONE who enters the property.

- 1) All riders, mechanics, pit crews, spectators, and family members are deemed to be fully aware of all the rules of the Vermont Motocross Association, Inc. and will be required to abide by them.
- 2) The VMA racetrack is private property. Riding is allowed only at VMA scheduled events. Admission to the property is given only after the Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement form is signed, the fee is paid and a wristband is given. The wristband must be worn at all times.
- 3) Profanity, unsportsmanlike or disrespectful actions, on or off the track by riders, parents, friends, spectators or mechanics toward other riders, mechanics, spectators, track personnel, or race officials shall be subject to disqualification for the day as well as subject to further disqualification by the VMA Race Officials. Lifetime suspension is possible.
- 4) Unauthorized Entry/Panicked Reactions- **No one except VMA Staff/Officials and Racers are allowed on the track during the race.** Unauthorized assistance will cause the rider to be disqualified. If a rider is injured and you wish to enter the track, you must be escorted by or have permission from the VMA Staff/Official. Go to the signup booth to look for assistance. Only the trained Ambulance crew may attend to downed riders. We will make every attempt to connect family with the injured rider when it is **SAFE** to do so. **Panicked reactions** will only put the injured rider, other riders, EMS personnel and the staff at risk.
- 5) There is a 10:00PM-6:30AM noise curfew; includes generators, music, pets, children, and voices. Penalty for violation is at the discretion of a VMA official. Penalty will be imposed on the rider deemed to be associated with the violation, during their next moto and may include being escorted from the premises. In other words, riders are responsible for their actions and/or the actions of their guests. Fireworks are not allowed.
- 6) No bikes may be started/running between 8pm and 8am.
- 7) Do not park on roadways; these must be kept clear at all times. No saving of parking spaces, first come, first served.
- 8) Dogs must be on a leash, kept quiet, and owners must pick up after them anywhere on the property. Owners of loud, uncontrolled, or aggressive dogs will be made to remove the dog from the property.
- 9) No on site disposal of any kind, (tires, oil, solvents, grey/black water, fuel, etc.) lifetime suspension is possible. Trash only in dumpsters. If someone is disposing of the above items please contact the Track Officials or Staff. Any destruction of property will result in a lifetime suspension.

- 10) Riders under 18 years MUST have a Notarized VMA Membership Application AND a Notarized Minor Release of Liability form completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian. Rider Numbers are saved until the Annual Members Meeting each year. If you have not signed up before or at the meeting, numbers will be given out on a first come first served basis, starting the day after the Annual Members Meeting.
- 11) Riders may not use drugs or alcohol during the racing event. If found in violation of this rule you will not be permitted to race and further action may be taken.
- 12) No one except riders officially registered in any event may ride or practice on the day of the race. You must officially register before practice. Registration will end at 8:45am. Late entries will not be allowed.
- 13) All riders are to attend the MANDATORY riders meeting which follows registration. This is a requirement for racing. Listen carefully to the information given at this meeting.
- 14) When exiting the track at the end of racing, you must exit slowly (your race is over at the checkered) and ride slowly to the end of the "rock" area. Do not stop and block the exit area. Move forward so that all bikes can exit safely. No spectators are allowed at the exit gate, blocking the racers exit.
- 15) All vehicles (motorized or non-motorized) MUST be ridden, driven at a snail's pace. (This includes competition bikes, pit bikes, quads, bicycles, etc.) Penalties will be assessed to the racer assigned to the vehicle in violation of this rule.
- 16) No person shall stand / sit on or lean bikes or other materials on fences.
- 17) Race officials may deny track access to any rider for any reason we deem to be a safety hazard. This includes, but is not limited to such things as rider safety equipment, bike condition, rider's physical or cognitive impairments.
- 18) Track Officials reserve the right to remove dangerous riders from the track.
- 19) Stopped, fallen or disabled riders must use all precautions to ensure the safety of the other riders in starting their motorcycle and/or reentering the race. This includes pushing your bike to the side to restart so you are not blocking oncoming traffic. Any rider leaving the course must re-enter at the nearest SAFE location with no attempt to shorten the course or to improve his/her position.
- 20) A rider whose motorcycle is disabled may push it, without endangering or interfering with other riders, to complete the lap. All riders who complete 50% of the scheduled laps and cross the finish line for the checkered flag will receive moto points. Riders may push around the finish jump, rather than over the top, to be scored as a completed lap. If you do this, YOU must let the signup booth personnel know, after you have finished your race, in order to get scored.

- 21) Riders must be ready when their class is called to the starting line. Only riders with mechanical or equipment problems may signal the starter to delay the start of the moto for up to two minutes to correct any problems. The starter will determine when the race starts. 1 lap penalty for leaving on the wrong gate and rolling starts.
- 22) Check the posting board after signup is closed to make sure your information is correct. This is your responsibility and very important. Changes to bike/rider numbers must be resolved prior to the start of a race.
- 23) All riders must report to the starting line staging area prior to the start of the class preceding their own. Riders or mechanics are never permitted in front of the starting gate
- 24) After the second board is presented to the racers, the gate will drop within 10-30 seconds. Once the board is turned, the gate will be dropped at any time.
- 25) Track officials shall decide the number of motorcycles allowed to participate in a given class. In the event of an excessive number of riders entered in a class, that class may be separated.
- 26) Riders starting an event on a particular size machine must finish both motos on the same size machine, except in the  
Open Class. If you are borrowing a bike, you must temporarily affix your racer numbers to the bike. Refer to Rule#30.
- 27) Riders disobeying flags may be subject to the loss of (5) positions or disqualification at the discretion of the Race Officials. Removal of dangerous riders from the course is at the discretion of the Race Officials.

**\*\*\*\*\*FLAGS DEFINED\*\*\*\*\***

a) GREEN	Fair Start
b)CROSSED FLAGS	Half-way point
c) WHITE/CHECKERED ROLLED & HORIZONTALLY	2 laps remain
d)WHITE	1 lap to go
e)CHECKERED	Race is Over-Exit track slowing
f) YELLOW:	Caution: SLOW DOWN, NO PASSING, NO JUMPING until beyond the incident.
g)BLACK FLAG ROLLED	Rider warning, report to the race director at completion of race.
h)BLACK FLAG OPEN	Rider disqualification, report to the race director at once.
i) RED	Race has stopped; Proceed slowly to the start line for instructions. If ALL riders have completed half the race, the race will be determined "over" and finish position will be based on the last completed lap. If <u>all riders</u> have not completed half the race, the race will be rerun.

**\*\*\*MOTORCYCLES AND GEAR\*\*\***

28) Motorcycles must meet these minimum requirements:

- a) Throttle and all hand and foot levers must operate freely.
- b) Levers must have a knob end.
- c) Tires must have sufficient tread for race conditions.
- d) Exhaust must be in good condition with silencer in place.
- e) Kick stands are not allowed.
- f) Transponders: Attached to the right fork tube. Must be attached for practice and racing

29) All riders are required to wear the following apparel:

- a) Helmet: An approved full-face helmet must be worn and fastened throughout the race.
- b) Goggles: Shatterproof goggles or face shields must be worn at all times
- c) Gloves: Required
- d) Boots: All footwear must be a height reaching above the ankle (minimum of 8").  
Boots may be laced, multi buckled, or zipped and constructed for leg and foot protection.
- e) Jerseys: Jerseys must be long sleeved-may not be rolled up
- f) Pants: Pants must be full length and of sufficient weight material to afford a reasonable degree  
of protection.
- g) These items are recommended but are not required: Chest protector, kidney belts, shoulder pads, knee pads, hip pads and elbow pads.

**\*\*\*NUMBER PLATES\*\*\***

30) All numbers in all locations must match. All riders must start the race with three number plates on the motorcycle, a left & right side plate and a front plate. Numbers must show clearly. Any rider without numbers on each of these locations will not race. Scorers will be scoring with the number assigned to you on your Membership form and is matched with your transponder number. If you are racing with numbers that do not go with your transponder, you will not be scored.

**\*\*\*MOTORCYCLE SIZE\*\*\***

31) CC Classification

Class	Two Stroke cc limits	Four Stroke cc limits
50 cc Class	50cc	70cc
65cc Class	65cc	65cc to 110cc
85 cc Class	85cc	85cc to 150cc
SuperMini Class	85cc to 112cc	85cc to 150cc
Youth Class	86cc to 144cc,(85cc big wheels allowed)	150 Big wheels to 250cc
Women's Class	85cc and above, (no 65's)	80cc and above
250cc Class	86cc to 250cc, (no 85's)	150 Big wheels to 250cc
450cc Class	125cc+	250cc+
Open Classes	125+, (no 85's)	250cc+

- a) Any rider caught running more than 2mm of overbore will be subject to a 1 year suspension and loss of all points.
- b)k) Big Wheel 85's are only allowed in the 85A and 85B class. They are NOT allowed in the 85C class

**\*\*\*RIDER CLASSIFICATION\*\*\***

32) A rider participating in 250 and 450 races, as well as Open races, must ride in the same category(A, B, or C) in all classes. In other words a 250B rider must ride in the Open B class as well. A rider may return to racing in a lower classification if he or she has not competed in over two years and meets with the Race Director's approval.

**\*\*\*RIDER AGE CLASSIFICATION\*\*\***

33) Rider Age Classification

- a) 50cc Class Not over 10 years of age on January 1st
- b) 65cc Class Not over 12 years of age on January 1st
- c) 85/Supermini Class Not over 16 years of age on January 1st
- d) 30+ 30 years of age or older on January 1st
- e) 40+ 40 years of age or older on January 1st
- f) Youth class 17 years of age or younger on January 1st
- g) Women No age limits.

### **\*\*\*ATV Rules\*\*\***

**EQUIPMENT STANDARDS:** Equipment used in all competition must meet basic standards, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this Equipment Standards section. Where the rules permit or require components of equipment to be installed, replaced, altered or fabricated, it is the sole responsibility of the rider to select components, materials and/or fabricate the same so that the all components will perform in competition with safety.

1. All ATV's must be equipped with a functional tether type mechanical kill device attached to the vehicle and to the rider so that the engine ignition is cutoff at any time when the rider becomes separated from the ATV.

2. Suitable OEM floorboards or side bars, known as Nerf Bars, are required either above or below the bottom frame rail. They must be of closed loop design and not extend beyond a point of widest dimension of the vehicle when measured with a straight edge touching the front and rear tires. The bars should be covered with a material so as to prevent rider's feet from going below the bars. Webbing or plastic mesh are accepted materials. No sharp protruding or open tubing ends are allowed. The bars should be securely mounted (welded or bolted) to the frame.

3. The width of the ATV will be considered legal provided the wheels do not lift the spreader bar off the ground with the ATV in normal ride height (suspension relaxed), as the ATV is ridden between the 50-inch-wide spreader bar.

4. The exhaust system must be securely attached together and to the to the frame, and must remain in board of the riders' legs, either above or below the bottom frame rail, when sitting on the ATV.

5. ATV's must functional front and rear brakes. The machine must have all brakes as originally manufactured or better. The machine also must have a self-closing throttle.

6. All glass must be removed or properly covered.

7. All riders must wear protective gear which includes helmet, goggles, boots, gloves, motocross shirt, and motocross pants. Chest protectors are not mandatory but should be worn for your safety.

8. Classification will be according to the manufacturer's piston displacement specification for the make of ATV and/or engine, an engine can be over bored, but not pass the class limit. Stroking is not permitted in the stock classes.

9. All front and rear end suspension components must be in good safe working order; no excessively worn or bent components will be allowed. (ball-joints, tie rods or ends etc...)

10. Participants must have attained the stated minimum age before being eligible to compete any class. The age of the rider is determined as of the date of the event. If you change age during the racing season you have the option of completing the class you started in, moving up to the next class or running both classes. The penalty for false birth certificate or lying about your age is suspension from VMA for the remainder of the season, loss of all points, no refund for VMA membership. Depending circumstances additional penalties may be enforced.

11. All front bumpers must be of a tubular design with no sharp protruding edges. Mud screens are permitted as long as no sharp edges are exposed.

12. Aluminum axles are allowed.

13. ATV fenders must extend to cover portion of the rear tires.

14. Youth classes may not exceed the maximum listed class displacement. With rider in normal riding position with hands on handlebars, there must be a bend in the elbows, fingers must reach all control levers. A rider in a standing position on foot pegs must have inches of space between seat and rider inseam.

15. All levers must have safe ends and axle nuts must have cotter pins or clips if applicable.

16. All ATV's must have vertical number plate mounted to the front bumper/front hood and rear grab rail number plate as well as both rear fenders. The numbers shall be a minimum of 6" blocked numbers (no shading or outlining). All numbers must correspond; the number plates shall not be mounted to the handlebars for safety. No wood or metal number plates. The number plates and numbers shall be legible and be of contrasting colors as listed below:

17. All number plates must be clearly displayed on the front and back of the ATV, both rear fenders and be of contrasting colors

18. Sound - All ATV's must meet the 99db limit. Any ATV found over the 99db limit will receive a written warning and will have until the next race event to resolve the problem. The ATV must be tested again at the next event and be approved before the ATV can be used in competition. If the ATV is still found to be over the legal db limit, that ATV will not be allowed to race that event or any event until tested in the legal limit. If a rider is found racing the failed ATV without being tested at the legal limit and AT Vis found to be still over the legal db limit that rider will be disqualified and lose all points for that event. The rider will not be allowed to ride in any event unless the ATV is tested before the day's event and will be placed on probation. A third offense will result in rider membership being forfeited for the rest of the season.

Notes: Always remember to maintain your pipes (repacking, fix cracks, etc.) Most pipe manufacturers do offer exhaust inserts and end caps at a cost below \$50.00 that make big a reduction in sound without losing any major horsepower.

**\*\*\*CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS\*\*\***

34) Championship points are awarded for each moto for the first 20 positions in the following order using the High-Point system. Riders must attend 50% of races to be eligible for championship awards. Ties will be broken by best finishes. Day members are not eligible for championship points.

1 <sup>st</sup> place finish	25 points	6 <sup>th</sup> place finish	15 points	11 <sup>th</sup> place finish 10 points	16 <sup>th</sup> place finish 5 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place finish	22 points	7 <sup>th</sup> place finish	14 points	12 <sup>th</sup> place finish 9 points	17 <sup>th</sup> place finish 4 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place finish	20 points	8 <sup>th</sup> place finish	13 points	13 <sup>th</sup> place finish 8 points	18 <sup>th</sup> place finish 3 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place finish	18 points	9 <sup>th</sup> place finish	12 points	14 <sup>th</sup> place finish 7 points	19 <sup>th</sup> place finish 2 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place finish	16 points	10 <sup>th</sup> place finish 11 points		15 <sup>th</sup> place finish 6 points	20 <sup>th</sup> place finish 1 point

**\*\*\*\*\*SCORING \*\*\*\*\***

39) Transponders are mandatory. They are to be worn attached to the right fork tube. They must be attached for Practice and Racing. Charging is the responsibility of the rider.

40) Scoring Results become final **30 minutes after being posted**. For issues with scoring, a scoring issue form must be completed and turned into the Sign Up booth **before the 30 minute time limit**. They will be researched and corrections may be made. Check the posting board for reposts. The Race Director and/or Race Officials reserve the right to make additional safety and conduct rulings when necessary. Their decisions are final. If you have a question about a ruling, you must speak to the Race Director.

41) All riders, mechanics, pit crews, spectators, and family members are deemed to be fully aware of all the rules of the Vermont Motocross Association, Inc. and will be required to abide by them.