

Official 2008 Road Riding and Recreational Riding Rules & Guidelines

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FOREWORD

The American Motorcyclist Association is proud of its long record of achievement as a national organization promoting the sport of motorcycling. To help maintain that record, the Association follows four objectives:

- to foster strong and fair competition
- to provide reasonable rules for various types of competition
- to provide an impartial competition program
- to promote safe competition

Rules directed at or related to safety are intended to provide a safe riding environment or participants. However, the AMA does not guarantee the safety of participants if the rules are followed nor compliance with enforcement of the rules. Moreover, each participant in competition has the responsibility of assessing the safety aspects of facilities and conditions, and must assume the risk of competition. In the event of a protest judgment will be based on information contained in these rules.

All entrants, club/promoter members and all others associated with AMA-sanctioned meets must not have consumed or be under the influences of any intoxicant or drugs which could affect their normal mental or physical ability. Any such use may not only jeopardize the safety of a meet, but is also considered inconsistent with good sportsmanship and therefore is considered harmful to the sport of motorcycling. No reference to the consumption or serving of alcohol may be used in any advertising or literature for an AMA-sanctioned meet as defined in Chapter 4 of these rules.

Chartered district organizations may submit temporary, locally appropriate supplemental regulations for prior approval by the AMA Member Activities Department. Supplemental regulations

must not be in conflict with national rules and in the event of a protest or appeal, judgment will be based on information contained in the AMA national rules.

These rules are compiled by the AMA Congress during its annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. If you have any suggestions concerning any of these rules, please contact the Congress delegates in your district. Names and addresses of delegates are published in American Motorcyclist or are available by contacting the Association office.

USING THESE RULES

This reference is intended to give motorcyclists an understanding of the large variety of competition events available to road riders, and knowledge of the rules that apply to these events. Of special interest are chapters dealing with definitions, eligibility, equipment, meets contest rules and national championship events. The following chapters will guide newcomers and veterans alike through the fine points of road riding competition.

This reference also provides clubs and promoters with the information they need to host successful events. In addition to the guidelines mentioned above, organizers also should read and understand those chapters that describe points, protests and offenses, officials' duties and powers and sanctions. Throughout these rules an asterisk (*) indicates a change from previous year.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

The following is a statement of responsibility that must be posted in all registration areas at all Road Riding events. Posters are available through the AMA for a nominal fee.

You have voluntarily entered an AMA-sanctioned road riding event. An AMA-sanction indicates that this event is listed in the Association's official calendar and that AMA road riding rules may be used as a guideline. It does not indicate that the facilities or course have been inspected or approved by the Association, nor does it indicate that the officials have been trained or accredited by the

Association, nor does it indicate that your safety has been warranted by an AMA authority or by the promoter.

To some extent, all motor vehicles are inherently dangerous. You should take part in this event based on your own assessment of your abilities. Today's route may traverse public highways and the promoter is not responsible for their condition or the actions of other individuals using the public highways.

Regardless of state law, the AMA urges you to wear a helmet and other appropriate safety apparel. The Association also urges you to receive professional instruction before operating a motorcycle.

The promoter does not provide medical insurance. We urge you not to operate a motorcycle without personal medical coverage.

If you have any doubts at this time about your personal ability to participate in this event, if you have not adequately prepared yourself and your equipment, if you question the condition and safety of local public highways, or if you believe your personal insurance coverages are not adequate to compensate you for any loss that might occur, we urge you to notify the promoter who will immediately refund your entry fee.

CHAPTER 1 SANCTIONS

Special Note:

An AMA sanction indicates that the event is listed in the Association's official calendar and that the AMA rules and guidelines apply. It does not indicate that the facilities or course have been inspected or approved by the Association, nor does it indicate that the officials have been trained or accredited by the Association, nor does it indicate that your safety has been warranted by any AMA authority or by the promoter.

For a current listing of AMA policies and requirements for sanctioning AMA events, contact the AMA Recreational Riding department.

A. Application for sanctions

- 1.** An AMA sanction may be obtained only by a chartered AMA club or AMA chartered promotional organization. Individual chapters of multi-chapter organizations must be chartered as individual AMA clubs or promoters before any sanctions can be awarded. Except for meets open only to members of the sponsoring club, all road meets sponsored by AMA clubs or promoters should have an AMA sanction. A properly completed sanction application and proof of required insurance must be submitted to the AMA before a sanction will be issued. The sanction must not have been withdrawn or cancelled before the meet is run.
 - a.** Violating these provisions can result in the suspension of an organization's charter for the remainder of the calendar year, as well as the loss of all sanctions for a year after the date of suspension.
 - b.** Points are awarded only for meets applied for at the district's annual sanction meeting. However, chartered districts may submit supplements to the AMA concerning additional point-payment needs. Sanction fees must be paid at district sanction meetings for all event dates granted at the meeting.
 - c.** Dual events, such as a poker run and road run, require dual sanctions. All point-paying events held during a district tour or district rally will be covered by the tour or

rally sanction. However, all events offering points must be listed on the sanction application for the tour or rally.

- d. Applications for sanctioned district tours and rallies by AMA Chartered clubs/promoters may be submitted to AMA two years in advance of the actual meet year.
2. Sanction application forms are available from the AMA office and must be completely filled out before they are returned.
 - a. All sanction applications must be received at least 14 days before the date of the meet. Applications arriving less than 14 days before the meet will not be honored.
 - b. Sanction requests received less than 25 days before the meet must include a double sanction fee and insurance premium payment in full.
 - c. Where there is an AMA-chartered district organization, sanction applications must be sent to the proper district official for clearance. The district will then forward the application to the AMA headquarters. Applications must allow time enough for the district officer to receive and clear the sanction request and for the AMA to receive the application at least 22 days before the meet will be subject to confirmation between the Association and the district. Applications received by the AMA less than 25 days before the meet are subject to a double sanction fee. Any sanction application not cleared by the district due to a mileage conflict or other matters must be sent to the AMA office for final disposition.
 - d. Two-day meets may be applied for on one sanction application if overall points or awards are based only on both days' competition. Two-day meets with separate points or awards for each day must be applied for on two sanction forms and include a separate fee for each application.
 - e. Sanctions must be applied for within the district where the facility is located or where the event is to be held.
3. Entry blanks and closing times

- a. Where applicable, entry blanks must include the printed name and address of the entrant, age, make and model of motorcycle, displacement, class, AMA number and expiration, signature, club affiliation (if any), and acknowledgment of release and parental consent for minor.
- b. Unless the pre-entry or advertising materials specify a closing time for the start of an event, the entry closing will be 1 p.m. for day events and 7 p.m. for a night event. Overnight meets may use either as a closing time.

B. Rules governing sanctions:

1. Sanctions cannot be transferred or assigned to another organization. No sanction fees will be refunded unless authorized by the AMA. All sanctions must be used during the current year on the date that has been specified or on an approved rescheduled date.
2. Chartered & Non-Chartered Districts:
 - a. In non-chartered districts, promoters who do not submit official referee reports and membership applications to the AMA within 14 days after the event may lose their privilege to obtain AMA sanctions.
 - b. In chartered districts, promoters who do not submit official referee reports to the appropriate district official, a legible front copy of the report and membership applications to the AMA, within 14 days following the event may lose their privilege to obtain sanctions.
3. The AMA may refuse to grant a sanction, or may withdraw or cancel a sanction already granted, for any reason the association believes is in the best interest of the sport.
4. The promoter must exhibit the official AMA-sanctioned certificate and proof of medical insurance (if available) at registration prior to the start of an event.
5. General duties of an event host:

- a. The AMA statement of responsibility must be conspicuously displayed at the registration area.
- b. All conditions regarding entry must appear on advertisements or the entry application.
- c. Event hosts should take reasonable and careful precautions to see that the course is properly selected with the safety and well being of the entrant in mind.
- d. At all AMA-sanctioned motorcycle events open to the public, the following notice must be conspicuously displayed: "Spectators witnessing these events hereby assume all risks for any injuries or damages resulting therefrom."
- e. Event hosts should notify law-enforcement officials about the meet, preferably in writing, and ensure that permission is obtained for using any public or private facilities.
- f. An event host must not provide false or misleading information in advertising or in announcements to the press or public.
- g. All advertising must include the type of meet being run, such as poker run, timed road run, etc.
- h. All advertisements must state "AMA-sanctioned" and include the AMA logo. Any advertisement for an AMA-sanctioned event may not contain references to non-sanctionable, unsafe or inappropriate activities which may not be covered by the event insurance or which could reflect negatively on the AMA. Final judgment will be by AMA staff. The words "area," "regional," "district," "state championship," "classic" or "national championship" cannot be used without the appropriate sanction and written permission.
- i. Ensure AMA-approved insurance release is properly signed by every entrant.
- j. It is the event host's responsibility to make sure rules relating to safety are followed and that safety is promot-

ed during the event. The AMA does not attend or supervise events and cannot make judgments about an event's safety.

Chapter 2 Definitions

*ATV — All-Terrain Vehicle: A 4-wheel vehicle, 50" or less in width which receives power transmission to the drive wheels from one motorcycle type engine. The vehicle must be controlled by the use of handlebars and must be equipped with a seat that requires the rider to straddle the vehicle. All AMA rules apply to ATV's as well as motorcycles, unless otherwise defined in the ATV chapter or supplemental rules. ATV age restrictions must be followed.

BUDDY RIDER—The operator of a two or three-wheeled motorcycle carrying a passenger.

CONTESTANT/ENTRANT/RIDER/PASSENGER—Any person who has signed an entry and competes in a meet.

CHARITY RUN—A series of games, contests, or events sanctioned by the AMA and conducted according to AMA rules with proceeds (beyond the promoter's expense) going to a charitable organization.

DISTRICT/STATE CHAMPIONSHIP—One event per year, as authorized in writing by the chartered district organization or by the AMA if a district organization does not exist. The words "area," "national" "district," "state championship" or "classic" cannot be used without the appropriate sanction or written permission.

DUAL SPORT—A type of activity designed to include both on & off-road riding opportunities.

EVENT—Any one of the motorcycle contests in a meet.

INVITATION ONLY EVENT—Promotional materials specify who is invited.

MANUFACTURER—The original manufacturer of the motorcycle (not the distributor).

MEET—A motorcycle activity during which one or more events are held.

***NON-ROAD** —When used in conjunction with “chapter”, “event”, “meet”, etc. indicates the use of appropriately registered (per local statutes), motorcycles or ATVs on public or private roads, trails or lands in a recreational (non-speed oriented) manner. Trail Riding is included in this description because of the types of motorcycles/ATVs used.

PASSENGER—Any person riding on a motorcycle but not operating it.

PISTON DISPLACEMENT—The space covered or volume swept out by the piston during each stroke.

PROMOTER—The chartered club or chartered promotional organization holding, proposing to hold or organizing the meet.

***ROAD**—When used in conjunction with “chapter”, “event”, “meet”, etc. indicates the use of registered, street-legal motorcycles on public or private paved and unpaved roads, trails or lands in a recreational (non-speed oriented) manner. Dual Sport and Adventure Riding events are included in this description because of the types of motorcycles used.

ROAD CHAPTER—Any chapter chartered with the AMA as a road chapter, or any chapter that sanctions road riding events.

ROAD CLUB—Any club chartered with the AMA as a road club, or any club that sanctions road riding events.

ROAD ORGANIZATION—Any organization chartered with the AMA as a road organization, or any organization that sanctions road riding events.

SANCTIONED MEETS—A series of games, contests or events sanctioned by the AMA and conducted according to AMA rules.

SIDECAR—A two-wheeled motorcycle manufactured by a recognized motorcycle company to which is attached a sidecar suspended upon its own wheel, making the vehicle a three-wheeled motorcycle rig.

SOLO RIDER—The operator of a two or three-wheeled motorcycle not carrying a passenger.

SUSPENSION—Loss of all rights to compete as an entrant for a stated period.

TRIKE- A three-wheeled motorcycle driven by one or more wheels, neither of which follows in the front wheel.

CHAPTER 3 ENTRANTS AND ELIGIBILITY

Special Notices:

To some extent, all motor vehicles are inherently dangerous. The participants should take part in a motorcycle event based on their own assessment of their abilities. Regardless of state law, the AMA urges the participant to wear a helmet and other appropriate safety apparel. The Association also urges the participant to receive professional instruction before operating a motorcycle.

The promoter does not provide medical insurance. We urge the participant not to operate their motorcycle without personal medical coverage.

Any participant who: doubts their personal ability to participate in an event, feels they have not adequately prepared themselves and their equipment, questions the condition and safety of local public highways, believes their personal insurance coverages are not adequate to compensate them for any loss that might occur, are urged to notify the promoter who will immediately refund their entry fee.

A. General

1. All AMA members must show proof of current membership to participate as AMA members at AMA sanctioned events. AMA clubs and promoters may allow non-AMA members

to participate in AMA-sanctioned events, provided that entry fees, awards, and/or other benefits are structured to encourage AMA membership and that non-members (where the number of entrants permits) are classed in separate award categories. Clubs and promoters will be permitted to promote sanctioned road riding events as 'invitation only' provided they adhere to mileage limits and other standard review processes of AMA districts.

- *2. Events sanctioned under these rules and guidelines are open to all qualified entrants except invitation only events.
- *3. Motorcycles/ATVs participating in AMA-sanctioned events must conform to the motor vehicle code of the state in which the vehicle is registered.
4. No entrant under the age of majority in their state may compete without having their parent or guardian sign a written consent form in the presence of an unrelated adult witness. All original signed releases and written consent forms must be forwarded to the AMA with the referee and/or the injury report after the meet.
5. All entrants and other participants must assess for themselves the course, facilities, existing conditions and other matters relating to safety. The AMA cannot and does not supervise any competition. All entrants and other participants must rely on their own judgment and assume all risks of participation.
6. AMA pins, patches, etc., supplied by the Association at sanctioned events may be given or sold only to AMA members showing current membership cards.

B. Entrants and Classifications

1. Entrant classifications include:
 - Buddy Rider
 - Solo Rider
 - Passenger
2. At the discretion of chartered AMA districts and within the limits of Chapter 7, entrants classifications and engine

displacement classifications may be combined-but not revised-to reflect district needs and make competition even. If entrant classifications have not been established by the chartered district organization, the referee at any event may set classifications based on current circumstances. Any such classifications, however, must be based on reasonable qualifications as established by the event host.

3. All meets must be run without regard to the sex of an entrant.

C. Entries

1. All entry forms must be signed in ink by contestants.
2. No more than one motorcycle may be registered on any entry form.
3. An advance closing date may be set by the promoter. Post entries, with a higher entry fee may or may not be accepted.
4. Entrants may be removed from a meet for violating rules of conduct. However, promoters and chartered districts do not have the authority to issue continuing suspensions of AMA riders.

CHAPTER 4 DESCRIPTION & GUIDELINES OF MEETS

Special Note:

AMA-sanctioned meets may use routes traversing public highways and the promoter is not responsible for their condition or for the actions of other individuals using the public highway.

***A. Adventure Ride**

A type of Dual Sport event designed to include both on- & off-road riding opportunities typically designed for dual purpose motorcycles with engines over 600 cubic centimeters.

B. Bike Blessing

A general type of road event, usually held near the beginning of the riding season, which includes some type of religious

ceremony to “bless” the bikes and riders for the upcoming year.

C. Bike Show

Bikes are to be judged in their own individual classes with awards to be given to the bikes that place. Classes vary depending upon the type of bike show: vintage, classic or open.

D. Bingo Run

A bingo run is very much like a poker run. Each rider is given a bingo check card. At first check “B” the rider picks any number from 1 to 15 and the checker writes that number on the rider’s card and initials it. At the other four checks the same procedure is followed except that second “I” picks numbers from 16 to 30, third “N” from 31 to 45, fourth “G” from 46 to 60, and fifth “O” from 61 to 75. At check-in at the end of the run, the riders’ chosen numbers are recorded the same as cards are now recorded in poker runs and their check cards are given back to the riders. After the finish deadline, a regular bingo game is played with the first bingo awarded high point and each following bingo awarded a class trophy until all awards are given. If there is a tie (i.e., for second in a class), second and third awards are put aside and the two riders pick an uncalled number. The first rider whose number comes up is second and the other is third. If in the meantime another rider in the class has bingo, they are fourth. As each bingo is called the promoter should check that the numbers called back claimed bingo are the rider’s numbers and have been called (just as in a regular bingo game). Do not clear the call board after each bingo. Any bingo set numbers apparatus may be used to choose the numbers and any master board will work fine.

E. Carnival Run

A carnival run is similar to a poker run except carnival games are played at the stops to determine scores.

F. Dice Run

A dice run is similar to a poker run except that dice are rolled at each stop instead of picking playing cards.

G. District Tour and District Rally

1. A district tour should be the best organized and most prestigious event of the year in each district. The tour or rally should span at least a weekend and contain multiple activities and events.
2. Each district will be allotted one meet per year that can qualify for district tour status and receive district tour awards. Each district may also be allowed one district rally per year. The district rally cannot be sponsored by the same club or promoter that hosts the district tour, unless no other organizer applies for the district rally before or at the annual sanction meeting.
3. Multiple events may be included in the district tour or district rally sanction. However, each separate event must be listed on the application for the meet.
4. Road clubs represented at the annual sanction meeting will select the sponsor of the next district tour or district rally. This will be done by popular vote — one vote per club. In case of a tie vote, those clubs desiring a district tour will submit their written proposal to the AMA District Tour Review Board, which will decide who to issue the sanction to based on the presentation submitted. The District Tour Review Board will be made up of the President of the AMA, the Road Riding Director and the Road Riding Coordinator, or their designates.
5. Protests of the awarding of a district tour must be made in writing to the District Tour Review Board and sent in care of the AMA President. The protest must provide convincing evidence why the tour should not be awarded and must be accompanied by a \$25 fee. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld.
6. No other road riding events in the district will be sanctioned for the time of the district tour, unless those clubs attending the annual sanctioning meeting, by majority vote, choose to do so. Districts which permit other events during the district tour may set their own mileage limitations within the district; however, under no circumstances will events in the district be sanctioned within a 75-mile radius of the district tour.

7. The AMA staff will discourage district tours on the same dates in adjoining districts, and will act as mediators in resolving such conflicts.

H. Dual Sport Run

This event takes place on highways, hardtop roads, backwoods dirt roads and other terrain not necessarily accessible to a conventional automobile. All entrants and their vehicle must be legally licensed for highway use. No speed competition or timing is allowed. Routing may be by descriptive route sheet, arrows, maps or trail guides.

I. Egg Hunt

- ¹ Colored eggs or similar objects are hidden throughout a field or wooded area. Point values are established for each color, and those values are made available to entrants.
2. Entrants are assigned numbers and divided into classes (described in Chapter 7 C).
3. At the referee's signal, contestants begin looking for eggs, never losing physical contact with the motorcycle. Each egg must be carried individually to the start/finish for deposit. At the end of the allotted time, scores are tabulated and winners posted.
4. Entrants will be disqualified by the referee for assisting another competitor, or for being assisted by another competitor or spectator. Anyone who transports more than one egg at a time to the start/finish area also will be disqualified.

J. Field Meet

A field meet is divided into many contests testing the skill of the entrant in handling a motorcycle. Contests relying on speed alone are to be avoided by the promoter. Games or contests may include: ride the plank, bicycle tire toss, figure eight, backward push, barrel push, balloon bust, etc. Games for two persons on a motorcycle include: potato sack race and ride, apple dunk, nail drive and ride, finding the motorcycle while blindfolded, etc. A person may operate the motorcycle in one event

and be a passenger in another at the discretion of the promoter and posted prior to the meet.

K. Fun Run- Undefined

L. Grand Tour

1. Checkpoints will be accessible by motorcycle.
2. The event will be held over a specified period of time, during the calendar year, as designated by the promoter.
3. A log of designated checkpoints with validation information will be provided by the event promoter.
4. At each check point, the log will be validated.
5. Awards will be based on the number of checkpoints validated by each entrant.
6. Awards should be structured to benefit the AMA entrant.
7. A Grand Tour may be included in the AMA Premier Touring Series.
8. A National Tour may be organized by the AMA or another chartered organization designated by the AMA.
9. A Grand Tour may cover more than one district.
10. The road clubs and promoters present or represented at the annual sanction meeting will select the organizer of the next District Grand Tour. This will be done by a popular vote - one vote per road club or promoter.

M. Gypsy Tour

A Gypsy Tour is a day-long or overnight meet involving a ride from a designated starting point, to a point of interest or to an event such as a campground, national monument, motorcycle meet or cookout. Multiple events may be included in the Gypsy Tour sanction. Often another sanctioned meet takes place at the Gypsy Tour destination-a field meet or an amateur or professional race. A Gypsy Tour need not have winners, but Gypsy Tour awards must be given to all AMA members who participate.

N. Lime Run

1. Lime splotches are used to make a route, and winners are determined both by coming closest to the actual number of splotches and based on a secret key time established by the layout crew. Checkpoints are located along the road, and a contestant's time will be measured against an average speed determined by the promoting organization.
2. Lime marks are placed indiscriminately along the route, except for intersections. Splotches are placed before an intersection to mark a turn, and another splotch must be placed within a quarter-mile after a turn as confirmation. Two splotches close together indicate no turn at an intersection. Splotches also must appear no farther than two miles apart where there are not intersections or other changes.
3. The use of marking material shall be in accordance with applicable city, state, federal and EPA regulations.

O. Map Run

This event tests a rider's map-reading ability. Just prior to departure, each contestant is provided a map of the route. Winners are those who come closest to a secret key time established by the organizer.

P. Midnight Run

This is a run that begins at midnight.

Q. Mystery Run

All contestants follow the road captain of the promoting club or a designated guide to the final destination. The road captain is the only one who knows where the run ends.

R. Observation Run/Quiz Run

This ride is a test of the rider's observation skills. Question sheets may be given out prior to or after the conclusion of the ride. Answers must be posted prior to awards presentations.

S. Poker Run

1. At established checkpoints along the course, entrants draw sealed envelopes containing playing cards, or pickup

slips or markers distinctive to each check and exchange them for a poker hand at the finish. Only the original or first poker hand counts towards district points. Winners are based on the best five-card poker hand. Any variation of poker games may be used, but the rules must be announced before the first contestant begins the run. Entrants may not purchase extra cards or extra hands to improve their chances of winning, unless the proceeds go to a charitable recipient.

2. Classes for poker runs are the same at those outlined in Chapter 7, Section A.
3. The course must be at least 30 miles long and have three or more checkpoints on the route. The course can be marked with lime splotches, or contestants may use route cards, maps or gimmick clues. The method of indicating the route will be explained at an entrants' meeting prior to the start of the event.
4. Checkpoints should be located on the right side of and off the route. Each check should be able to accommodate 10-15 motorcycles at a time. The checkpoints must be identified with clearly visible markers, such as flags, signs or time marks located at least 100 feet prior to the check. The method of marking checkpoints must be explained to contestants prior to the start of the event.

***T. Reliability Run**

A reliability run takes place over highways, secondary roads, backwoods, dirt roads and other types of terrain suitable to the type of motorcycle/ATV for which the event it is intended. Prominent permanent landmarks (i.e.: public buildings, railroad crossings, etc.) and official route numbers (Road) as well as arrow markers and flags (Non-Road) may be used to mark the course and annotated on route cards/sheets.

- a. Checkpoints, gas stops, known controls and gas available will be determined and established as determined by the organizer.
- b. Timing devices are generally limited to electric or mechanical watches. Unless all participants in a class

are so equipped, any type of computer or two-way radio is prohibited.

- c. Non-Road - Speed averages must not exceed 30 mph. Multiple speed averages may be used

U. Road Rally

A rally is a day-long or overnight meet held at a single location. Multiple events may be included in the road rally.

***V. Road Enduro (Timed Road Run)**

1. This event is based on contestants maintaining a specified time schedule where speed is not a determining factor. A series of checkpoints are used to collect entrants' times along the route. The course, described on a route card, may include little-used roads, highways and any other terrain as selected by the organizer for the specific mode of travel. (If private property is used, written permission must be obtained from the owner or lessee.)
 - a. Road enduros cannot be longer than 12 hours of continuous riding, with a minimum of two scheduled stops of at least 30 minutes each, and each 12-hour riding session shall be followed by a mandatory 8-hour scheduled rest stop. In any 24-hour meet, there must be at least two scheduled stops of at least 30 minutes each. A 24-hour meet is considered a two-day run.
 - b. The course must be laid out and time schedule established in compliance with all local and state laws, including speed limits.

2. Program

a. General

- 1) Those who actually lay out the course are prohibited from competing. Entrants will be disqualified for riding the course before the event.
- 2) Participants must comply with all local and state laws, including speed limits.

- 3) The course must be traveled under the power of the motorcycle or the entrant's own muscular energy. Towing and any organized repair service is prohibited, except at scheduled controls and rest periods. Violations will result in disqualification. Entrants may assist one another on any part of the course, provided that they are still contesting the event.
- 4) Route cards will be given to entrants no less than one hour before the start. The card will provide the key time for the start and for all known controls, as well as the exact mileage and schedule in miles per hour between such controls. The route card also will list the exact mileage between turns and the direction of each turn. It should indicate by mileage an official gas stop as well as "gasoline available" locations.
- 5) Starting order may be determined either by the order in which entries are received or by drawing. The method by which the order is chosen must appear on the entry blank. At the starting time, which is one minute after the printed key time, the starter will send off one rider every minute. If there are more than 100 competitors, more than one may be started every minute.
- 6) An entrant who leaves the marked course may continue in the meet only returning at the point where they left the course.
- 7) If motorcycles are to be sealed throughout the meet, the sealing must be done by officials at the starting control and removed only by officials at the finish control.
- 8) Teams, if they are recognized by the promoter, are made up of three entrants (excluding passengers). A club team consists of three entrants who are members of an AMA-chartered club. Entrants each may compete as part of only one team.

b. Checkpoints

- 1) Checks must be conspicuously marked and easily visible. If conditions are such that contestants may not see a check in time, it must be marked in a way that will provide reasonable advance warning. Checkpoints and controls must be located where contestants will not be needlessly delayed by traffic lights, speed limits or congestion.

Definitions:

Known Control— a checkpoint whose location is known to all participants; Secret Check- an unknown timed checkpoint; Emergency Check-the same as a secret check, except that minutes and seconds are recorded, and used for breaking ties; Observed Check- an unknown checkpoint where no penalty for time shall be recorded.

- 2) If flags are used at checkpoints:

Known control—yellow

Secret check—red and white diagonal

Observation check—white

Emergency check—green and white diagonal.

Flags must measure no less than 18 inches. All flags are to be conspicuously placed and will designate the exact checking point. Checking time will be taken the instant the motorcycle's front wheel arrives opposite the flag.

- 3) The finish may or may not be a known control. However, rest stops or gas stops must be known controls. It is up to the promoter whether or not checks are known controls.
- 4) Checkpoints cannot be more than 40 miles apart. Secret checks must not be less than 5 miles from any known or secret control or check. If the meet is 100 miles or less, the minimum distance from other checks will be 3 miles.

- 5) Each check must be manned by a member of the promoting organization or an authorized representative. This person marks the time on the checking sheets and signs the route cards or receipts for entrants. It is the entrant's obligation to make sure the official signs the checking sheet, but no entrant is allowed to mark their own time or signature on the checking sheet.
- 6) All checks to be opened before the first contestant is due, and remain open until one hour, 59 seconds, after the last entrant was to have arrived. If more than 50 percent of the entrants still in contention at the previous checkpoint reached a check station that is in question, then the questioned checkpoint will be declared official.
- 7) The mileage at any check may be computed from the last known control and the time may be computed to an even minute. An entrant arriving within 59 seconds after the even minute is recorded as having arrived on the even minute. Contestants may not stop within sight of the check; those who do will have their time taken when they stop moving forward. Putting one's foot down does not indicate the point of timing, but time will be taken if the entrant zig-zags or paddles to stall time.
- 8) Emergency checks are used to break tie scores. The time to an emergency check must be computed to an even minute. Time is taken at an emergency check in seconds. When contestants' scores are tied, the rider checking closest to 30 seconds within the minute due wins the tie. If more than one emergency check is used, the total emergency points lost will be used to determine the winner of a tie score. If a tie continues, the emergency check closest to the end of the run will be used as the tie breaker. Emergency checks may also be secret checks, but in any case an emergency check must be marked by a green and white diagonal flag.

c. Scoring

- 1) Riders are scored on a points-lost basis, with the best score a zero.
- 2) Entrants whose check cards are not properly made out will have 24 penalty points deducted.
- 3) Entrants are penalized 1 point for every minute they are late leaving the starting control. Because of traffic or other conditions, final scoring may be taken at a secret check prior to the finish control. Under such a situation, there will be no scoring from that point to the finish, but each entrant must reach the finish control to complete the course.
- 4) Entrants are penalized 1 point for every minute they are late arriving at a known control. An entrant leaving a known control before their scheduled departure time will be penalized 2 points for each minute ahead of schedule. There is no penalty for arriving early at a known control, unless the entrant is more than 15 minutes early.
- 5) At emergency checks, entrants are penalized 1 point for each second they arrive early or late.
- 6) At secret checks, entrants are penalized 2 points per minute for arriving early, and 1 point per minute for arriving late.
- 7) No penalties are assessed at observation checks. However, at any check station, if the entrant is more than 15 minutes ahead of their schedule, more than one hour, 59 seconds late or has cut the course, they will be disqualified at that point. They will be credited with the mileage to the last timed section and is eligible for awards on that basis.
- 8) Results must be posted for at least one-half hour before they are official.
- 9) Timing devices are limited to mechanical or electric watches only. Electronic or mechanical computers or

two-way radios are not allowed. However, event organizers may also offer “computer” classes for riders using computing, global positioning and communications systems.

W. Road Run

A single day organized ride or tour.

***X. Trail Ride - Recreational**

A recreational trail ride is a non-competitive, (non-speed oriented) event on any type of terrain suited to the motorcycle/ATV used. The course may be indicated by a descriptive route sheet, arrows, maps, GPS data, or trail guide. When possible, more than one type of route description or marking should be available. Other events such as poker runs and quiz runs may be included in a trail ride meet.

Y. Scavenger Hunt

Contestants are provided with a list of difficult-to-find items, none of which should be available for purchase. Examples of items include a flat rock, ear of corn, gray feather, live minnow or canceled postage stamp. Each item is assigned a point value. Each contestant is given a list of items to be scavenged, and an amount of time is announced for the hunt. Winners are determined in each class by totaling the point values of the items found which are accepted by the promoter.

Z. Toy Run

Contestants are to bring with them a toy which will be donated to a charitable organization.

AA. Turkey Run

This event is held around the Thanksgiving Holiday Season. Instead of trophies/awards, gift certificates for turkeys, turkey dinners, etc., may be awarded.

AB. Non-Riding Events

Social event held as a gathering for motorcycle enthusiasts. No riding events may be included. Examples of non riding events are: 1)Open House—an event typically held at a motorcycle related business 2)Cruise-in—can be held at any location a promoter designates 3)Swap Meet.

AC. Other Sanctions

Any event not described in this chapter can be considered by the AMA for sanctioning. The promoting organization must include a written description for the proposed event with its sanction application.

CHAPTER 5 NATIONAL AND REGIONAL MEETS

A. General

1. National and regional road riding events are open to all qualified AMA members. Entry fee discounts will be accorded those entrants holding a valid membership card. See chapter 2 for general requirements.
2. AMA-sanctioned clubs and promoters wishing to host an AMA national road riding event must complete and submit to AMA staff an official application by September 1 of the year preceding the event applied for. To aid in event promotion, applications may be submitted, considered and awarded up to two years in advance. Completed applications must be accompanied by the appropriate sanction fee, which will be refunded if the proposal is rejected. Official applications are available on request at the AMA offices and are included in the annual June club mailing.

B. Road Riding Conventions

1. These are a series of prestigious, well-attended national and regional meets combining a variety of different events over a period of at least a weekend.
2. Only AMA members are eligible for AMA road riding convention awards, and only members may purchase AMA convention pins and patches. Additionally, only AMA members who are registered and participate are eligible for AMA pins and patches.
3. AMA regional boundaries may be disregarded when selecting regional conventions if there are no applicants from that region.
4. Awards: The minimal awards to be presented shall be: Long distance AMA Solo Male Rider; Long distance AMA

Solo Female Rider; Long distance AMA 2-up Rider; Oldest AMA male participant (must ride event); Oldest AMA female participant (must ride event); Youngest AMA participant (must ride event); Largest AMA club in attendance (All must be signed up). Additional awards may be presented to encourage attendance at promoter's discretion.

C. AMA National Championship Recreational Riding Series - UNDER REVIEW

CHAPTER 6 CONTEST RULES

Special Note:

Any participant who: doubts their personal ability to participate in an event, feels they have not adequately prepared themselves and their equipment, questions the condition and safety of local public highways, believes their personal insurance coverages are not adequate to compensate them for any loss that may occur, are urged to notify the promoter who will immediately refund their entry fee.

A. General Rules

1. Every club, association, promoter, entrant and all other persons participating in, or in any way connected with any meet is obligated to obey the rules of competition.
2. No gambling is permitted at any AMA-sanctioned meet. It is the duty of the promoter to ensure this rule is honored.
3. No club may use any facility developed by another club unless permission is granted by the club that developed the facility. In case of a dispute, the matter will be resolved by the AMA.
4. An entrant who uses a motorcycle other than the one entered in the meet will be disqualified. No entrant may enter more than one motorcycle for a meet except to participate in events requiring different classifications or displacements. With the exception of buddy seat or sidecar classes, no motorcycle may be used by more than one contestant during a day's program.

5. At meets where motorcycle classes are based on engine displacement, the following applies: if there are six or more entrants for any class, that class must be run. If there are more than six but fewer than 12 entrants for each of any two consecutive classes, these classes may be run concurrently (for separate trophies). If there are fewer than six entrants for any class, entries will be placed in the next larger class.
6. To be eligible for the awards an entrant must ride the event in its entirety. No one except those officially entered may ride on or practice any course the day of a meet.
7. An entrant must be ready if they are required by the event's rules to be in a designated position. A three minute grace period will be allowed, after which they are disqualified from the event.
8. When long-distance trophies are awarded, the entrant riding the greatest distance to the event is given first consideration. Distance will be determined by a mileage chart, or by a straight-line measurement on a map. Specific conditions for the award must be explained on the entry form or event advertisement.
9. Organizations eligible for club awards must be made up of members who live close enough to a club's home community to attend meetings held on a regular basis. Regional or national organizations are not eligible for club awards. A minimum of six club members should participate in an event to qualify for a club trophy or award. The club's members must present a current charter number, valid AMA card and club membership card in their name at the start and finish of the event. All club members counted toward a club award must be on a motorcycle and start the event. Except for intra-club awards, the sponsoring club is not eligible for club awards at a sanctioned event.
10. An entrant whose motorcycle is disabled before reaching the finish point may, by muscular energy, push or carry their motorcycle to complete the event. Under such a situation, they will be considered as having finished the event.

11. If necessary for the referee, at their discretion, to halt an event after a time or distance equal to half the total event, the event may be considered completed. Entrants will be scored according to their position or place at that time.
12. Any entrant leaving the course can continue again only from the point where they left the course.
13. An entrant may not ride in a way that endangers other entrants, officials or the public.
14. Contestants entering or leaving a closed course must ride in the designated entrance or exit lane. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
15. Checkpoints where needed or used in events listed in Chapter IV shall be identified clearly on the right side of the course by use of appropriate flags or markers.

B. Scoring

1. If available, all meets will use a scoring system approved by the AMA Congress.
2. An entrant is entitled to examine their score card with the clerk, as well as to see how their position has been recorded on the roll checks.
3. No official announcement of event winners will be given until all checks have been examined and the clerk has approved the cards. Official results become final if no re-check is requested by an entrant within 30 minutes after the results have been posted.
4. Events involving questions and answers must have results posted together (i.e. questions with correct answers) at least 30 minutes before any award presentation.

CHAPTER 7-POINTS

Points in the AMA Road Rider Division are awarded on the district level based on the following:

- A.** Events in which the passenger (if there is one) can win the event even if the rider does not, such as a poker run,

scavenger hunt or observation run. Points categories include:

1. Buddy Rider
2. Solo Rider
3. Passenger

B. Events in which the passenger (if any) and rider can only win together and engine displacement or motorcycle size is not a determining factor. Examples of competition include reliability run, road enduro, map run, and secret mileage run. The passenger and rider receive equal points. Sidecars and trikes are considered a single category. Points categories include:

1. Buddy Rider
2. Solo Rider
3. Passenger

C. Events in which the passenger (if any) and rider can only win together, and displacement or motorcycle size does affect competition (i.e., egg hunt). Points categories include:

1. 0-250cc Solo Rider Buddy Rider Passenger
2. 251-500cc Solo Rider Buddy Rider Passenger
3. 501-750cc Solo Rider Buddy Rider Passenger
4. 751-1000cc Solo Rider Buddy Rider Passenger
5. Over 1000cc Solo Rider Buddy Rider Passenger

D. Field Meet Solo Stock Solo Dress 2Up Stock 2Up Dress

1. 0-500cc Solo Stock Solo Dress 2Up Stock 2Up Dress
2. 501-999cc Solo Stock Solo Dress 2Up Stock 2Up Dress
3. 1000cc-Up Solo(any Size) 2Up (any size)
4. Sidecar Solo 2Up
5. Trike

6. Dress class is for any motorcycle with, at minimum, a frame-mounted fairing or saddlebags.
7. Stock class includes motorcycles without frame-mounted fairings or saddlebags. However, sport bikes with factory-equipped, frame-mounted fairings must compete in the stock class.
8. Displacement classification is determined by the manufacturer's model designation.

E. At the discretion of chartered AMA districts and within the guidelines of this chapter, entrants' classifications may be combined-but not revised-to reflect district needs and to encourage more even competition. If entrant classifications have not been set by the chartered district organization, the referee at any event has the authority to establish classifications to satisfy current circumstances. Any such classifications, however, must be based on reasonable qualifications.

F. The following chart is used to determine points earned. The number at the top of each column represents the range of contestants in each class. The number of entries determines the amount of points awarded through as many as 30 positions.

CHAPTER 8 PROTESTS AND OFFENSES

A. Protests

1. Any entrant may file a protest with the referee concerning motorcycle legality, classification or any other matter relating to the event. The protest must be in writing and accompanied by a protest fee of \$10 for each issue under protest. The protest must be given to the referee no later than 30 minutes after results are posted or awards presented.
2. The referee must issue their decision on protests as quickly as possible. If not possible to decide the protest immediately, the referee may allow an entrant and motorcycle to compete under protest. However, any prize the entrant may win is withheld pending the outcome of the protest.

3. If the referee decides in favor of the contestant who filed the protest, the referee will refund the protest fee and forward their report in writing to the AMA. If they decide against the protesting party, the referee must forward the protest fee along with their written report to the AMA, unless the protest concerned engine displacement. In that case, the protest fee is turned over to the entrant against whom the protest was filed.
 - a. The referee has the authority to disqualify entrants as the result of any protest. The disqualification applies only to that event, but may, at the referee's discretion, be extended to any or all events during that meet.
 - b. If a protest involving engine displacement is upheld by the referee and the AMA, the entrant will be suspended from competition for at least 30 days, will forfeit any trophies won at the meet and will be fined \$25.
 - c. An entrant who refuses to allow their motorcycle to be examined as a result of a protest must forfeit all trophies won at the meet and will be suspended from competition for at least one year.
4. Once received, a protest cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the referee. Any legitimate expense incurred by the referee as a result of the protest must be paid by the entrant who filed the protest. The referee also may demand in advance from the protesting party a deposit to cover any such expense.

B. Offenses

1. Unless penalties are specifically required in this chapter, the referee may disqualify any entrant or suspend him for the remainder of the meet for violating these rules of competition, being overdue at the starting line, defiance or disobedience, or any other behavior detrimental to the meet. In addition, the referee may fine an entrant from \$5 to \$10 for each offense.
2. Unless penalties are specifically required in this chapter, the AMA may suspend any entrant for the actions listed

below or for intentional violation of any other rules. There are no limits to the length of suspension the AMA may impose, and the AMA also may fine an entrant up to \$50 for each offense.

- a. Competing under a false name or in any other way attempting to gain an unfair advantage.
 - b. "Fixing" any meet, or knowingly participating in competition in which the results have been pre-arranged.
 - c. Bribing or attempting to bribe any official or any person with access to or in charge of a motorcycle.
 - d. Accepting or offering to accept a bribe from any officials or any person with access to or in charge of a motorcycle.
 - e. Knowingly enter or starting competition with a motorcycle that has been disqualified.
 - f. Failing to ride in a meet after entering, unless the entrant or motorcycle is not able to compete.
 - g. Conspiring with anyone to violate any rules.
 - h. Altering a motorcycle after it has been inspected and approved.
 - i. Engaging in any unfair practice, misbehavior or action harmful to the sport of motorcycling, whether relating to competition or not. Any suspension imposed by the AMA under this section will be no fewer than 15 days for the first offense and at least six months for a second related offense. There will be no opportunity for appeal.
3. Any entrant who is ordered to pay a fine will remain under suspension until that fine is paid to the referee or the AMA. If the referee collects the fine, they will forward it to the AMA along with a report. Any entrant paying a fine is entitled to a receipt.

C. Appeals

Only the entrant who filed a protest, the entrant protested against or the referee may appeal the following matters:

- 1. Decision of the referee on protests.**
 - a.** Such an appeal must be in writing and filed with the respective chartered district within 10 days after the decision has been made. A \$10 fee must accompany the appeal. Appeals of referees' decisions at national championship meets must be sent within 72 hours directly to the AMA, accompanied by a \$10 fee.
 - b.** Each appeal will be heard by three persons appointed by the district.
 - c.** A decision must be made within 30 days.
- 2. Decision of a district on appeal**
 - a.** Such an appeal must be in writing and filed with the AMA within 10 days after the decision has been made. A \$10 fee must accompany the appeal.
 - b.** Each appeal will be heard by three members of AMA staff.
 - c.** A decision must be made within 30 days. The decision may be appealed to the AMA Congress at its annual meeting, and its decision will be final.
- 3.** Any fine imposed by a referee or the AMA can be appealed to the Road Division of AMA Congress as recommended by the appropriate committee. This appeal must be in writing and forwarded to the AMA along with a \$5 fee.
- 4.** All fees will be returned to those who file appeals that are upheld. The fees will then be collected from the losing party.

D. Reinstatements

Any entrant who is not under suspension or otherwise disqualified by these rules may be reinstated by the AMA Congress.

CHAPTER 9 OFFICIALS DUTIES AND POWERS

All members of AMA clubs who are eligible to hold office and vote in club affairs must also be members of the AMA.

A. Road Captain

1. The duties of the road captain are to plan all club tours, runs and activities; to stimulate interest in club activities; to assist in club socials, parties and other functions; to enforce all rules of group riding; and to select an assistant to help with special tasks.

B. Referee

1. The referee is the official in charge in any meet, acting as general supervisor. They should not, however, attempt to carry out the duties of other meet officials. The promoting organization elects or appoints the referee.
2. It is the referee's responsibility to:
 - a. Determine if any changes in a meet's program are necessary.
 - b. Receive and decide protests.
 - c. Disqualify entrants who violate any rules of the meet or of the AMA.
 - d. Forward a written report to the AMA, providing details about the meet. The report must be received within 14 days after the meet.

C. Starter

1. The starter is in charge of starting procedure at events requiring formal starts.
2. The starter's duties are to:
 - a. Notify entrants of the official starting times.
 - b. Prepare a formal starting area.
 - c. Display the proper starting signals for the event.

- d. Perform any other tasks assigned by the road captain or referee.

D. Clerk

1. The clerk must:

- a. Exhibit a list of all events.
- b. Receive entries and registration for all entrants.
- c. Determine entrant classification and place entrants in the proper events.
- d. Keep a complete record of winners and placing of all entrants in each event, turning all records over to the referee at the conclusion of the meet.
- e. Notify all entrants of their starting times and positions.

E. Timer - to be used if necessary to keep time of an event.

F. Judges and Umpires

- 1. Judges may be assigned by the referee to decide the outcome of any event.
- 2. Umpires may be assigned by the referee to oversee a meet and report any infractions to the referee.