

# **NextGen Mototrials**

Youth and Women's <u>Eastern, Western, and Central</u> Regional Mototrials Championships Presented by Trials Progression

# Supplemental Rules

**Objective:** The purpose of the Youth and Women's Regional Championship events is to provide a setting for young and women riders to meet and make new friends from all over North America, to enjoy the spirit of competition, and to develop their riding skills and sense of good sportsmanship. The series is intended to provide an annual focus on the youth and women's trials competition to promote the growth of trials as a lifelong sport and for the AMA to recognize rankings of Regional Championships in the ages 4 through 15-year-old competitors and women of all ages. The objective of participating in the Youth and Women's Regional Championships is also intended to be an incentive for more young riders and women to participate in trials clubs across North America.

The general rules for competition will follow those of the NATC Championship events (<a href="https://www.mototrials.com">www.mototrials.com</a>) with the following provisions:

**Series:** The rounds of competition on consecutive days at each Eastern, Western, or Central-designated site will constitute the Eastern, Western, or Central Regional Championship. Each round of competition will be scored separately, with awards issued after each round. Each Regional Championship will be determined based on the total championship points earned in each round of competition in accordance with the points system used for the AMA series. A minimum of 2 (two) completed rounds must be achieved for eligibility for the top-class championships. If no rider in the top class completes 2 (two) rounds, then the next highest class meeting the requirements will be considered the overall champion.

Start times will begin at <u>9:00 A.M.</u> local standard time each day. Riders have 4 (four) hours to complete all loops with a 30-minute grace period.

Start times will be posted both at the designated score locations and announcement board once registration is completed.



## **Class Structure:**

Youth Classes: Youth classes in all Eastern, Western, and Central NextGen Mototrials Regional Championship events will be as follows. Classes for competition will include an OPEN class for any youth up through age 15, and classes for every youth aged 4 through 15, based on age as of Jan 01 of the current competition year.

Class	Age (as of Jan 1)	Line Name	PLATE Numbering	PLATE Color
Youth A	15 and Under	Expert Sportsman	ES-A	Blue
	(Championship Class - Expert Sportsman)	Sportsman	SP-A	White
		Clubman	CM-A	Green
		Novice	NV-A	Purple
Youth B	13 and Under	Sportsman	SP-B	White
	(Championship Class - Sportsman)	Clubman	CM-B	Green
		Novice	NV-B	Purple
Youth C	11 and Under	Clubman	CM-C	Green
	(Championship Class - Clubman)	Novice	NV-C	Purple
Youth D	9 and Under	Novice	NV-D	Purple
	(Championship Class - Novice)	Beginner	BG-D	Purple
Youth E	7 and Under			Yellow with
	(Championship Class - Beginner)	Beginner	BG-E	purple polka dots

<sup>\*</sup>NATC plates for blue/white/green lines will be accepted; updated plate numbering is not required

The overall Youth Regional Champion in the Eastern, Western, and Central Regional Championship will be designated as the top finishing rider in the Youth A Championship class (see Series explanation). Overall champions in each Youth class will be the top finishing rider in the Championship class. Awards will also be issued for top finishing riders in the Sportsman, Clubman, Novice, and Beginner classes for each age group as designated above. These classes are added in order to encourage participation by Youth riders of all ages and skill levels.



# <u>Women's Classes:</u> Women's classes at the NextGen Mototrials Regional Championships will be as <u>follows.</u>

Women's Open Lines *Championship line determined by signup						
Class	Line	PLATE Numbering	PLATE Color			
	Expert					
Expert Sportswoman	Sportsman	ES-W	Blue			
Sportswoman	Sportsman	SP-W	White			
Clubwoman	Clubman	CM-W	Green			
Novice	Novice	NV-W	Purple			
Beginner	Beginner	BG-W	Yellow with purple polka dots			

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Overall champion in the Women's class will be the top-finishing rider in the Top class (see Series explanation). Awards will also be issued for top finishing riders in the Advanced, Intermediate, Novice, and Beginner classes as designated above. These classes are added in order to encourage participation by female riders of all ages and skill levels.

#### Meetings:

- Rider / Minder meeting: On the day prior to the first day of competition, there will be a rider/minder meeting (meeting time will be posted at sign-up and any other announcement boards) at the sign-up area. Attendance is mandatory.
- **Tech Inspection meeting:** Tech Inspection will begin the day prior to the competition. Tech Inspection times and rider's individual start times will be posted both at the designated score locations and announcement board.

**Sections and Marking:** There will be 4 loops of 8 different sections each day, although some Youth classes/lines may not ride all 4 loops or all 8 sections. The sections will be marked with different color lines for different degrees of difficulty, with gates within the sections indicating the different color lines as is done with NATC championship events. Gate markers are required to be a minimum 1 meter / 3 feet apart. All riders competing for the Youth or Women's Regional Championships must ride the color gates designated for their line. Any rider not wishing to attempt a section can accept a "5" from the observer of the section.

**Motorcycles on Loop:** Only competitors, their minders and event workers are permitted to ride motorcycles on the loop during the competitions. The loops will be very spectator friendly for hikers, and it will be possible to follow a competitor on foot.



**Riding Gear:** Youth or Women competitors are subject to the same requirements as the NATC competitors in the NATC Championship events. A DOT, or Snell 85, 90, 95 or any FIM approved helmet is required to be worn when on the motorcycle or minding. A riding jersey should be properly lettered with the competitor's last name printed on the back. The lettering may be any permanent type material and a minimum height of 2".

Machine Requirements: Youth competitors may ride any size motorcycle in any age class, provided the youth can competently operate the motorcycle. Electric motorcycles must adhere to the same rules as motorized motorcycles. Small-wheeled motorcycles (smaller than 21" front and 18" rear) will be permitted to use knobby tires. All motorcycles must be equipped with a plainly visible, professional quality number plate; the plate must be the color designating the line to be ridden (see Class Structure section above). The inclusion of the competitor's name and home state in smaller letters is encouraged but not required. Technical Inspection of the machine as part of the entry requirements will be made in accord with the rules for NATC Championship events. Adequately operating front and rear brakes, no broken parts, ball end levers, handlebar mounted motor killing device, approved helmet and riding apparel (see above) number plate, and muffler will be required. Spark arrestors may be required at some locations.

**Minder/Parent:** Each competitor may register one minder/parent to ride the course with them. The minder must sign up, present a current AMA card, pass bike tech inspection, proper helmet and pay minder fees. The minder must have a letter "M" on their number plate. The "M" riders must keep their motorcycles out of the way on the loop and at section starts. They are to park beyond the end "gates" at sections. If you have a small child competing on a small bike, you will be better able to help them if you are walking the loop not riding it.

- Minders for riders in the A/Blue line and in the B/White line must follow NATC rules. The minder is allowed in the section *only* when their rider is riding.
- Minders for riders in the C/Green, D/Purple, E/Yellow & polka dots lines may walk the sections with their rider.

## Fault Definitions (as per NATC rules):

- Toe dabs will be counted as dabs.
- Re-rides
- Necessary resetting of paper markers will be a 5 or failure.
- If the rider begins a section without observer acknowledgment, it is a failure, and the rider will receive 5 points for the section.
- The rider removes their hand from the handlebar and uses their hand to reposition the
- motorcycle or perform mechanical adjustments to the motorcycle when footing while stationary is a failure and the rider will receive 5 points for the section.



**Exception to NATC Rules:** The rider is entered in the Eastern, Western, <u>or Central</u> Youth Regional Championship, not the motorcycle. In the event of a motorcycle failure, a rider may continue to compete on a "different motorcycle," provided that the "different motorcycle" has cleared tech inspection and the scorekeeper has been notified. A rider may "tech" a second motorcycle for use as a competition backup or use a Minder motorcycle that has been through tech.

The NATC rules allow 90 seconds to complete a section. The Eastern, Western, <u>or Central Youth</u> and Women's Regional Championship Supplemental Rules does not restrict the rider to the 90 second per section NATC rule. The overall time of 4 hours plus 30 minutes grace is the time restriction for the Eastern, Western, <u>or Central Youth</u> and Women's competition each day.