

Supplemental Rules for AMA/NATC 2019 East Coast Youth Nationals Observed Trials Championship and Women's Open

Objective: The purpose of the East Coast Youth Nationals Championship event is to provide a setting for young 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 trials competition to promote the growth of trials as a lifelong sport and for the AMA to recognize rankings of National Championships in the ages 4 through 15-year-old competitors. A goal of participating in the Youth Championships is also intended to be an incentive for youth competitors in clubs all over North America.

The general rules for competition will follow those of the NATC Championship events with the following provisions:

Classes: Classes for competition will include an OPEN class for any youth up thru age 15 and classes for every age 4 through 15, based on age as of Jan 01 of each year.

Series: The 3 rounds of competition on consecutive days in Sequatchie, Tennessee will constitute the East Coast Championship Series. Each round of competition will be scored separately, with awards made after each round. The series championship will be determined based on the total championship points earned in each of the 3 rounds in accordance with the points system used for the NATC series. **Start times will begin at 8:00 A.M. CDT each day. Riders have 4 hours to complete all loops with a 30 minutes grace period.** Start times will be posted both at the administrative office and at the pavilion announcement board once registration is completed.

Rider Skill: Trials National Youth Championships and Women's Open

Youth classes at the Trials National Youth Championships in both East Coast and West Coast will be as follows:

Class	Age (as of Jan. 1)	Skill Level	Riding Line	# Plate Background Color
Youth A	15 and under	Championship	0	Black
		Advanced	1	RED
		Intermediate	2	Blue
		Novice	3	White
Youth B	13 and under	Championship	1	Red
		Advanced	2	Blue
		Novice	3	White
Youth C	11 and under	Championship	2	Blue
		Novice	3	White
Youth D	9 and under	Championship	3	White
		Novice	4	Green
Youth E	7 and under	Championship	4	Green

Women's Open Lines		# Plate Background Color
Open	0	Black
Expert	1	Red
Advanced	2	Blue
Intermediate	3	White
Novice	4	Green

The overall Youth National Champion in both the East Coast and West Coast will be designated as the top finishing rider in the Youth A Championship class. Overall champions in each Youth class will be the top finishing rider in the Championship class. Awards will also be made for top finishing riders in the Advanced, Intermediate, and Novice 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.

Meetings: On the day prior to the first day of competition at 6:30 P.M. CDT, there will be a rider/minder meeting at the pavilion; attendance is mandatory.

Sections and Marking: There will be 4 loops of 8 different sections each day, although younger competitors 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 splits 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 apart. All riders competing for the Youth Championships must ride the color line 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 Youth Championship loops will be very spectator friendly for hikers, and it will be possible to follow a competitor on foot.

Riding Gear: Youth 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 Sections and Marking above). The inclusion of the competitor's name and hometown 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 are not required in Sequatchie, Tennessee.

Mechanic/Parent: Each competitor may register one mechanic/parent to ride the course with them. The mechanic must sign up, present a current AMA card, proper helmet and pay minder fees. The mechanic 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 0/Black line and in the 1/Red, line must follow NATC rules. The minder is allowed in the section only when their rider is riding.
- Minders for riders in the 2/Blue, 3/White, 4/Green lines may walk the sections with their rider.

Fault Definitions:

- Per NATC rules - Toe dabs will be counted as dabs.
- Per NATC rules - Re-Rides (take from NATC rules)
- Per NATC rules - Necessary resetting of paper markers will be a 5 or failure.
- Per NATC rules -If the rider begins a section **without** observer acknowledgment, it is a failure and the rider will receive 5 points for the section.
- Per NATC rules- 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 East Coast Youth Nationals, 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 only tech one motorcycle per day's competition.
- The NATC rules allow 90 seconds to complete a section. The East Coast Youth Nationals 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 East Coast Youth Nationals competition each day.