

Supplemental Rules for U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN TRIALS

Objective: The purpose of the U.S. Women's Open event is to provide a setting for women riders of all ages and skills 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 event is intended to provide an annual focus on women trials competition to promote the growth of trials as a lifelong sport. A goal of participating in the U.S. Women's Open is also intended to be an incentive for women 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: There are 5 Classes for the US Women's Open; EXPERT, ADVANCED, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE & BEGINNER. There will be 5 "lines" in the sections, numbered 0-4. Expert = 0; Advanced = 1; Int. = 2; Novice = 3; Beg. = 4. Whichever class you ride, you should have a corresponding # on your bike's number plate.

Series: The 3 rounds of competition on consecutive days in Sequatchie, Tennessee will constitute the series. Each round of competition will be scored separately, with awards made after each round. The series championship will be determined on the basis of the total championship points earned in each of the 2 rounds in accordance with the points system used for the adult NATC series. You must compete both days to be awarded overall trophies. "The U.S. Women's Open Champion" will be awarded to the Top Rider in the EXPERT CLASS. There will also be overall awards for all other classes and individual day awards too.

Rider Skill: There are no formal qualifications for riding the U.S. Women's Open. The event is not a championship caliber event, but riders should have competency with their motorcycle appropriate for their class. The beginner class is meant to be for riders who have very little or no competition experience and are true beginners.

Sections and Marking: There will be 4 loops of 8 different sections each day, although beginner competitors may not ride all 4 loops or all 8 sections. The sections will be marked with different lines for different degrees of difficulty, with splits within the section indicating the different lines as is done with most club events. Line "1" will be the most difficult and will be for EXPERTS. Line "2" will be for INTERMEDIATES, line "3" will be for NOVICES and line "4" will be for BEGINNERS.. Any rider not wishing to attempt a section can accept a "5" from the observer of the section.

Event: The US. Women's Open will take place during the same time that the Youth National occurs. Riders in both events will be riding the same sections,

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

Riding Gear: A DOT, or Snell 85, 90, 95 or any FIM approved helmet is required to be worn. 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: Women competitors may ride any size motorcycle in any class, provided that the rider can competently operate the motorcycle. 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 should have a number at least 2" high designating the line which will 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 adult competition. 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.

"YOUTH" LADIES: If you are considering riding the Youth National and would like to be included in the US Women's Open in trophies and points, you should indicate so on your entry form, as well as notifying the person checking you in at sign up. There is NO additional fee to ride the youth national competition if you are riding the Women's Open.. You don't necessarily have to ride the Youth Championship either, you can just enter the US Women's Open. If you are thinking that the line you will have to ride for your age is too hard for your current skill level, you might opt to do the US Women's Open only. For example, let's say you're 13 and you just started riding, so you're a beginner or novice rider. To compete in your age bracket in the Youth Nat'l, you'll have to ride the "1" line, which is the most difficult. Alternatively, you could ride the US Women's Open in the novice or beginner class and ride a line more suited to your skill level. If it looks like you'll be very competitive in the national championship for your age, ride the Youth!