

Supplemental Rules for AMA/NATC Youth National Observed Trials Championship

Objective: The purpose of the Youth 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. 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 6 through 14, 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 championship 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 3 rounds in accordance with the points system used for the adult NATC series.

Rider Skill: There are no formal qualifications for riding the AMA/NATC Youth Championships. However, the event is a championship caliber competition and riders should have competency with their motorcycle appropriate for their age brackets. There will be different lines to be ridden by different ages in accordance with the general riding ability of youths or widely varying ages.

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 lines for different degrees of difficulty, with splits within the section indicating the different lines as is done with adult championships and most club events. Line "0" is the most difficult for the OPEN Class open to any age competitor up to and including age 15. Line "1" will be the next most difficult and will be for ages 13-14. Line "2" will be for ages 11-12, line "3" will be for ages 8-10 and line "4" will be for ages 6-7. All riders competing for the Youth Championships must ride the line designated for their age. Any rider not wishing to attempt a section can accept a "5" from the observer of the section.

In the event that a rider decides that his or her skills are insufficient to competently ride the designated line, that competitor may withdraw from the championship competition and ride a lesser line *for exhibition only*. A youth rider who wishes to ride for exhibition only should notify the scorekeeper or the Referee of this intent and may then complete the course while riding a less challenging line (and still being scored). Any youth rider who completes the course (exhibition too) is eligible for finisher prizes.

Overall Youth National Champion: This is the top championship that riders of any age(6-15) may ride for, riding the "0" line.

Motorcycles on Loop: Only competitors, their minders and event workers will be permitted to ride motorcycles on the loop during the youth event. The Youth Championship loop 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 adult competitors in the NATC Championships. 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: Youth competitors may ride any size motorcycle in any age class, provided that the youth 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.

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 a \$30 fee. 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.