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## **Rulebook Changes for 2011:**

- **Exhibition riders will not receive event/year-end points or awards. (see: II,B; VIII,C, XI,M)**
- **Gate marker clarification (see: X,B,7)**
- **No new events will be added after April 15<sup>th</sup>. (see: XV,A,2)**
- **One work day will be required for 8 events or less, two work days for 9 events or more. (see: II,A,2)**
- **The annual meeting/banquet will be held the following January. (see: XV,B)**

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# 2011 NETA RULEBOOK

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**NETA RULEBOOK / MISSION STATEMENT:** *The following rules for trials competition are intended as a guide to assist the trials clubs in New England providing a consistent set of rules governing NETA sanctioned events.*

## **NATC-AMA RULEBOOKS:**

Applicable NATC-AMA rules will be used as supplements to the NETA Rulebook.

## **DISCLAIMER:**

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL RIDERS, MINDERS, EVENT WORKERS AND PROMOTORS TO READ, UNDERSTAND AND COMPLY WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THIS RULEBOOK. Rules directed toward, or related to safety, are promulgated to make all persons concerned with safety. However, the NETA and/or the AMA neither warrant safety, if the rules are followed, nor compliance as to enforcement of these rules. Moreover, each participant in competition has the responsibility to assess the safety aspects of facilities and conditions and must assume the risk of competition. MOTORCYCLE MISHAPS, IN COMPETITION OR OTHERWISE, CAN RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH. MOTORCYCLES SHOULD NEVER BE RIDEN BY MINORS WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT AND SUPERVISION.

## ABBREVIATIONS FOUND IN THIS RULEBOOK:

AMA – American Motorcyclist Association  
NATC – North American Trials Council  
EX – Expert  
SR ADV – Senior Advanced  
SR A – Senior A  
SR B – Senior B  
SR C – Senior C  
WO – Women  
RK - Rookie

NETA – New England Trials Association  
CH – Champ  
ADV – Advanced  
INT – Intermediate  
SP – Sportsman  
VIN –Vintage  
NOV – Novice  
JR – Junior

## BOARD AUTHORITY:

The NETA Board of Directors will be the final authority for all NETA sanctioned events. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to eliminate any section considered inappropriate.

Any NETA Board member may administer penalty points or disqualify a rider from the final standings for any infractions of these rules.

## TRIALSMASTER AUTHORITY & RESPONSIBILITY:

***THE TRIALSMASTER HAS THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO ENFORCE THESE RULES.***

### I. RIDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

A. Any person entering an NETA event must be a member of:

1. The New England Trials Association (an NETA “Day Pass” fulfills this requirement. (see: XIII, A, 3)
2. A full member of the American Motorcyclist Association (neither AMA Associate nor Canadian Motorcyclist Association memberships meets this requirement).

B. Any person who, in the opinion of the organizers, has a reasonably prepared trials motorcycle may enter an NETA sanctioned trials competition to compete for the sponsoring club’s awards.

C. A reasonably prepared non-trials type motorcycle shall be allowed in the Youth classes however, specific trials-type tires may be required at some locations (see: VI, A and IX, O, 6).

D. Youth Riders must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at ALL TIMES while riding a motorcycle, including in the pit area and loops/sections. Non-compliance may result in expulsion from event site.

E. Any person entering an NETA event should have health insurance.

F. No rider who has test-ridden a section prior to an event may ride that section during the event for a score (see: X, C, 1).

## II. COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS >Year-End-Points:

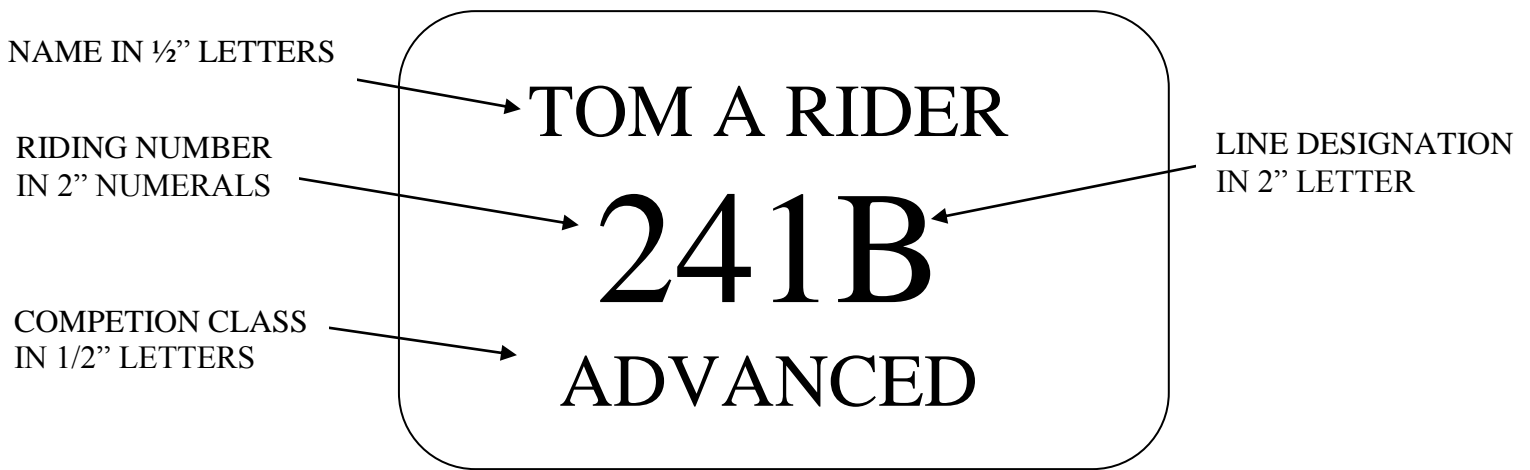
- A. Competitors in an NETA sanctioned series for “year-end-points” must fulfill the requirements of Section I. (above) and fulfill the requirements of this section. A rider:
1. will be considered as having competed in an event, if the rider’s front axle enters the start gate of any section after receiving scorecards for that event (see: XI- SCORING).
  2. must work at (and not compete in) one NETA sanctioned event in a season with 8 events or less and two sanctioned events in a season with 9 events or more. To guarantee work dates, they must be confirmed with individual Trialsmasters in advance. All activities that are attributed to work date requirements for year end points are at the discretion of the Trialsmaster of that event. Champ class riders are exempt from this requirement.
  3. submit a “*Letter of Intent*” (found on the NETA Adult and Minor Membership forms) to the NETA Membership Chair stating the rider’s intention to ride for year end points. It must be filed before the event for which the rider wishes to receive points (see: VIII, B.).
- B. All classes are eligible for NETA annual awards, except Youth (see: XI, M) and anyone riding Exhibition.
- C. Riders who are working an event for year end points must be listed on the official results (score sheet) posted after the event.

## III. MINDER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Minders shall be allowed at NETA events; however, they must fulfill all requirements of Section I (above) and fulfill the following stipulations:
1. Minders will follow all AMA and NATC rules, with the exception that Minders will NOT be charged a fee by the hosting club for the event.
  2. Prior to each event at which a Minder assists a rider, he/she will complete and file proper paperwork with the NETA Membership Chair. The signatures of the rider and Minder are required.
  3. All Minders will be issued a temporary (yellow) “*Minder*” plate with his rider’s number on it, by the Membership Chair. This plate must be properly displayed on his bike during the event (see: XI, F). Non-compliance will result in a ten (10) point penalty added to the Competitor’s score.
  4. The conduct of Minders will be subject to any applicable penalty points listed in this Rulebook. The Minder’s penalty points will be reflected in his rider’s scores. Further, it is the responsibility of the competitor to avail his Minder, for whom he is fully accountable, of these requirements.
  5. Approval of non-trials type bikes ridden by Minders will be at the discretion of the Trialsmaster prior to the event.

#### IV. RIDER NUMBER PLATE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. Riders must display the proper number plate on the front of their motorcycles as depicted in the following guidelines (refer to graphic). A 10-point penalty will be assessed to any competitor who does not display a proper Number Plate (see: XI, F).



LAYOUT AND COLOR OF PLATE IS NOT SPECIFIED BUT REQUIRED ELEMENTS MUST CONFORM TO SIZE AND READABILITY STANDARDS

1. Rider's last name and class in a minimum of 1/2" tall letters.
2. Riders must display their NETA issued Rider Number in minimum 2" tall numbers. However, if a rider finishes the previous season in the top 10 for their class, they may display that position on their number plate during the following season.
3. A "letter" (A, B, C), indicating the line the competitor will ride, must be clearly displayed after the Rider's Number (i.e. "241 B"). The letter must be a minimum of 2" tall.
4. The colors and fonts applied to the Rider's Number Plate must sufficiently contrast with the background color of the plate to provide adequate readability for Checkers positioned anywhere within a section.

- B. Competitors changing classes are required to update their Number Plate info. Non-compliance is subject to a 10-point penalty.
- C. Day-Pass riders must display the temporary Rider Number Plate issued by Membership at registration on the front of their motorcycles. The competitor's last name will be written across the top, class at the bottom. This plate is valid for only a single event (round), except in the case when a multi-use pass is issued for two-day events. Non-compliance is subject to a 10-point penalty.

## V. MOTORCYCLE USE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. A competitor may not ride more than one (1) machine, nor compete in, more than one (1) class at any event. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification.
- B. A motorcycle may not be ridden by more than one (1) rider at an event. However, an exception may be made by express permission of the Trialsmaster for riders in the Rookie's class. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification.

## VI. MOTORCYCLE & GEAR REQUIRMENTS:

- A. TIRES: Non-trials-type tires may be used in Youth Class B if not prohibited by local land use rules (III, A, 5). Only trials-type tires are permitted for use in all other NETA classes. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification.
- B. MUFFLERS: Motorcycles found to be improperly muffled may be disqualified by the Trialsmaster or any NETA board member.
- C. RIDING GEAR: It is the rider's responsibility to provide and wear suitable riding garments consistent with motorcycle competition. Long sleeve jerseys are recommended, however, three-inch (3) minimum length short sleeves are acceptable. All riding gear is subject to scrutiny by the Trialsmaster. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification.
- D. HELMETS: Approved motorcycle helmets are required and must be worn on the head of all riders while riding any motorcycle at the site of all NETA sanctioned events. This includes, but is not limited to, practice before and/or after an event plus riding in the pit area. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification and possible expulsion from the event site.

## VII. GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

- A. PIT RACING: Pit racing is prohibited and considered unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after an event (see: XI, G). Event organizers shall post the pit area and other areas where appropriate with 5 M.P.H. speed limit signs. Non-compliance is subject to a 25-point penalty and may lead to disqualification (XI, J).
- B. MINOR RIDERS: All minors (children under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian during registration and on-site during the event. Both must sign a Minor Liability

Release form. The parent/legal guardian is responsible for the conduct of the minor, his/her safety and the safety of others, and their property, at ALL times while at the event site.

- C. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: All riders should have a working, 2-pound minimum, BC rated fire extinguisher in their pit area.

## VIII. AWARD REQUIREMENTS:

- A. YEAR-END POINTS: Riders fulfilling all the requirements (see: I. and II.) may ride events for year-end points and/or individual event awards. The accumulation of year end points (see: XII, B), will decide the final positions of competitors in the season series and the distribution of awards based on those positions.

B. LETTER OF INTENT / CLASS CHANGES:

1. A “*Letter of Intent*” must be filed with the NETA Scorekeeper before any year-end championship points will be awarded in any class (see: II, B, 3).
2. Competitors are permitted to change classes, however the following stipulations apply:
  - a. A new “Letter of Intent” is filed with the NETA Scorekeeper prior to riding the new class for year end points.
  - b. The rider relinquishes all year end points earned prior to the class change.
  - c. Events ridden without a “*Letter of Intent*” to “*change*” class will accrue no year end points and will be considered Exhibition rides.

- C. EXHIBITION RIDES: Riders may enter and ride any class as Exhibition without filing an amended “*Letter of Intent*.” Exhibition riders may ride any line within a section but will receive 5 points for passing through gates other than the class that they selected at sign-up. No year end or event points will be awarded or lost due to Exhibition rides. No trophies will be awarded for Exhibition rides.

## IX. RIDING CLASS DEFINITIONS:

- A. CHAMP CLASS (CH): The CH class is offered to the most proficient riders and is a self-promoting class from the Expert Class. The rider earning the most year end points in this class is the winner of the season’s New England Trials Champion award.

1. This class will be designated as CH on signage.
2. Trialsmasters shall provide a minimum of two (2) CH sections. CH sections may be gates within the EX sections.
3. Will ride the “A” gates in EX sections and all CH gates (see: X, B, 9).
4. Will ride four (4) loops.

- B. EXPERT CLASS (EX): This is a self-promoting class. Advanced riders may move up to EX class after completing a minimum of three (3) NETA events in Advance class.

1. This class will be designated as EX on signage.

2. Will ride the “A” gates in EX sections.
3. Will ride five (5) loops.

C. ADVANCED CLASS (ADV): This is a self-promoting class from Intermediate.

1. This class will be designated as ADV on signage.
2. Will ride the “B” gates in EX sections.
3. Will ride five (5) loops.

D. SENIOR ADVANCED (SR ADV): This is a self-promoting age specific class.

1. This class will be designated as SR ADV on signage.
2. Riders must be over forty (40) years of age.
3. Will ride the “B” gates in EX sections.
4. Will ride four (4) loops.

E. INTERMEDIATE CLASS (INT): This is a self-promoting class for any rider who has accrued at least forty (40) points in Sportsman class.

1. This class will be designated as INT on signage.
2. Will ride the “A” gates in Novice sections.
3. Will ride five (5) loops.

F. SENIOR A (SR A): This is a self-promoting age-specific class.

1. This class will be designated as SR A on signage.
2. Riders must be over forty (40) years of age.
3. Will ride the “A” gates in Novice sections.
4. Will ride four (4) loops.

G. SPORTSMAN (SP): This is a self-promoting class.

1. This class will be designated as SP on signage.
2. Will ride the “B” gates in Novice sections.
3. Will ride five (5) loops.

H. SENIOR B (SR B): This is a self-promoting age-specific class.

1. This class will be designated as SR B on signage.
2. Riders must be over forty (40) years of age.
3. Will ride the “B” gates in Novice sections.
4. Will ride four (4) loops.

I. VINTAGE (VIN): This is a motorcycle specific class.

1. This class will be designated as VIN (Vintage) on signage.

2. Limited to trials bikes with two (2) rear shock absorbers, air-cooled engines and drum brakes (front and rear).
3. Will ride the “B” gates in Novice sections.
4. Will ride four (4) loops.

J. SENIOR C (SR C): This is a self-promoting age-specific class.

1. This class will be designated as SR C on signage.
2. Riders must be over forty (40) years of age.
3. Will ride the “C” gates in Novice sections.
4. Will ride four (4) loops.

K. NOVICE (NOV): This is a self-promoting class.

1. This class will be designated as NOV on signage.
2. Will ride the “C” gates in Novice sections.
3. Will ride four (4) loops.

L. WOMEN (WO): This is a gender specific class.

1. This class will be designated as WO on signage.
2. Limited to female riders of any age.
3. Will ride the “C” gates in Novice sections.
4. Will ride four (4) loops.

M. JUNIOR (JR): This is a self-promoting age-specific class.

1. This class will be designated as JR on signage.
2. Limited to riders age fourteen (14) and younger.
3. Will ride the “C” gates in Novice sections.
4. Will ride three (3) loops.

N. ROOKIE (RK): This is a self-promoting non-age-specific class.

1. This class will be designated as (RK) on signage.
2. This class is intended as an introductory class for new riders.
3. Will ride the “C” gates when using Novice sections. Separate RK sections may be used at the discretion of the Trialsmaster.
4. Will ride three (3) loops.

O. YOUTH A and B: These are age-specific classes.

1. This class will be designated as YOUTH A or YOUTH B on signage.
2. Youth A and B are age specific classes, dedicated to minors age twelve (12) and younger, who may be younger and/or less experienced than those participating in the Rookie class. Youth riders must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.
3. Youth A and B classes will include sections and a loop segregated from all other classes and with a dedicated Youth Trialsmaster.

4. Youth A will be the more advanced group, yet their sections will utilize open turns and very small or no obstacles. Admission to Youth A will be at the discretion of the Youth Trialsmaster.
5. Youth B is the least challenging youth class, designed for small non-trials type motorcycles and very young and possibly inexperienced riders. Youth B is recommended for riders eight (8) years of age or younger riding their first event.
6. Although all classes are mandatory at NETA sanctioned events, there are some venues that prohibit non-trials bike tires, thus disqualifying some Youth A and B riders' bikes. If Youth A and B classes are not offered at an event, event organizers will give notice in the NETA newsletter and on the NETA website.
7. Youth A and B classes will start one (1) hour earlier than adult classes, usually at 10:00 a.m.
8. Parent/legal guardian is responsible to provide appropriate riding gear and size motorcycle for their rider (see: I.).
9. Will ride three (3) loops at the discretion of the Youth Trialsmaster.

## X. THE TRIALS COURSE:

- A. CLASSES: ALL classes are mandatory and must be included at all NETA sanctioned events, unless otherwise noted in this Rulebook (see: I, C and IX, O, 6).
- B. SECTION BOUNDARIES and GATE MARKINGS: Each section must be marked so the intended class lines are unambiguous and must be clearly visible for the duration of the event as follows:
  1. Section boundaries must be marked by RED flags or RED or WHITE ribbon on the RIGHT and BLUE flags or BLUE or WHITE ribbon on the LEFT.
  2. All boundary flags will be a minimum of 3"x5". All ribbon must be a minimum of one (1) inch wide.
  3. Ribbons should be four (4) to twelve (12) inches off the ground wherever possible.
  4. Ribbons should be attached to solid stationary objects (i.e. trees, stakes and large rocks) and not to easily movable objects (i.e. dead trees, small limbs, twigs or stones).
  5. The minimum section width at handlebar height shall be forty-eight (48") inches. However, much wider sections are recommended to permit multiple lines for the riders.
  6. When marked by flags, out of bounds shall be determined by one bike length, or six (6) feet, at the (consistent) discretion, of the section's Checker. Arching between flags is permitted. However, a rider shall not ride at right angles between the flags or cross their own path.
  7. The minimum gate width shall be no less than forty-eight (48") inches. Gate markers must be any color other than those used for section boundaries (see: X, B, 1). Yellow or orange are recommended. Gates must be clearly marked with the letter which indicates its level of difficulty (i.e. A, B, C). "A" being the most challenging followed by "B" then "C". Gates can be ridden in one direction only. Gate marker arrows should be visible from one side only.
  8. Youth gates shall be "A" and "B", "A" being the most challenging.
  9. All events shall include a minimum of two (2) CH sections or two (2) EX sections with CH gates. CH will ride all the "A" lines in all EX sections and all CH gates.
  10. The beginning of all sections shall have two (2) markers (a min. of 3"x5") showing the word "START" with the section number and class designation (NOV or EX). The end of all sections must be similarly marked showing the word "FINISH" or "END."
  11. The loop shall be sufficiently marked with "LOOP ARROWS" to provide adequate trail direction for riders and spectators. Spectator only trails shall be clearly marked (i.e. "Spectator Only" or a footprint graphic).

C. SECTION LAYOUTS: (see: IX. RIDING CLASS DEFINITIONS for class, # of loops and gate requirements.)

1. Sections must be laid out so all eligible types of trials bikes can successfully compete (see: I, B). Furthermore, it is suggested that the hosting club have riders with appropriate riding skills, attempt all sections prior to events to insure they are class-appropriate and in compliance with layout rules. Riders may not compete in sections they have test ridden for year end points (see: I, F).
2. There should be no impossible turns, ascents or descents.
3. Youth A and B lines shall be exceptionally easy containing objects less than 3” high with wide turns.
4. Scottish-type trials are acceptable for NETA year end points events. It is recommended that:
  - a. The total loop distance is more than twenty (20) miles.
  - b. The total number of sections is more than ten (10).
  - c. Average speed required is less than 18 MPH.
5. Three-Minute Rule: The Three-Minute Rule is an optional rule to be used at the discretion of the Trialsmaster. If the Trialsmaster enforces the rule, it shall apply to all sections and all classes utilizing the following guidelines:
  - a. Riders shall have three (3) minutes to complete each section.
  - b. Checkers will signal the start of the ride, with a two (2) minute warning, and at the three (3) minute mark.
  - c. If the rider’s front axle is not out of the section at the 3-minute mark, a 5-point penalty will be awarded.
6. There shall be at least eight (8) separate EX sections and seven (7) separate NOV sections at any given event.
7. It is recommended that adequate spacing between sections should be allowed to avoid congestion or long waiting lines.

D. RIDING SECTIONS: (see: SCORING for penalties due to non-compliance of this section)

1. Competitors may choose to start at the section of his choice, unless designated by the Trialsmaster. All sections shall be strictly ridden in numerical sequence (i.e. 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8); or the last section shall be followed by the first section (i.e. 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-1). (see: XI, A, 5)
2. At the discretion of the Trialsmaster, the number of loops may be reduced if conditions deem it necessary. (i.e. course condition, time constraints, etc.).
3. A rider is considered “in the section” when his front axle crosses the vertical plane of the “start” gate and is out of the section when his front axle crosses the vertical plane of the “end” gate.
4. A rider cannot ride a section more than one (1) time per loop, except in the case of a re-ride (see: X, D, 8 also XI, A, 5).
5. Competitors in all classes must ride section gates for their class only with the exception of the Champ class. Champ riders must ride all “A” and “CH” gates.
6. Competitors may walk sections at the discretion of the Checker.

7. No changes may be made to any section BEFORE or DURING the event except by the Trialsmaster. Noncompliance will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will result in a 25 point penalty. However, sections may be closed during an event, at the discretion of the Trialsmaster or any member of the NETA Board of Directors, if they are deemed inappropriate for competition. Points accrued in sections closed during an event will not be included in the riders' final scores.
8. RE-RIDE: If a rider is severely distracted or blocked after entering a section, he may claim a BALK and request a re-ride. At the discretion of the checker, a re-ride may be permitted and the re-ride score will be final.
9. Any rider cutting the course or riding backward on the loop shall be assessed a 25-point penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

#### E. RIDER PROTOCOL:

1. All riders shall attend the Riders' Meeting.
2. All riders and Minders are allowed to walk, not ride, the sections prior to the event. Altering any sections is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and a 25-point penalty will be awarded for each offense. (see: X, D, 7).
3. The Trialsmaster must designate the official time and clock at the beginning of the event. The NETA "atomic clock" should be used as the official clock when available.
4. After completing his mandatory loops (i.e. finishes the event), a competitor shall not ride any section until after the Trialsmaster or his agent has notified the Checker that the event is over.
5. Neither event workers nor spectators may ride sections while an event is in progress.
6. A rider may not protest another rider's score in a section. Checkers must score solely on direct observation.
7. No rider is permitted to enter a section until repairs are made to flags, ribbons or markers.
8. No rider shall enter a section without the checker's acknowledgement.

## XI. SCORING and PENALTIES:

#### A. LOOP CARDS:

1. Clubs shall only use the loop cards issued by NETA for series events.
2. All clubs must use punches.
3. Competitors are responsible for the readability of their loop cards. If the scorekeeper cannot read the card, the rider will be disqualified.
4. Competitors must clearly write their name, rider number, class and a loop number on each of their cards.
5. It is the rider's responsibility to have his loop card punched after riding each section. Failing to do so will result in a ten (10) point penalty (per section missed) if the situation is unresolved and the rider attempts another section. However, a missed ride or punch can be corrected by continuing through the loop (without attempting any subsequent sections) and returning to ride the missed section, or obtaining a missed punch (if the Checker can recall that score).
6. Riders shall turn loop cards into the scoring officials at the end of each loop or as soon as possible after each card is filled.

- B. **SCORING SYSTEM:** A standardized scoring system will be used for all NETA sanctioned events while the rider is in the section as follows:
1. ZERO POINTS shall be awarded:
    - a. When no part of the rider's body or motorcycle other than the tires, skid plate or foot pegs touches any surface while attempting to maintain balance or forward motion.
  2. ONE POINT shall be awarded:
    - a. For one (1) dab or touch with any part of the body or motorcycle other than the tires, skid plate or foot pegs against any surface while attempting to maintain balance or forward motion.
    - b. Foot rotation is considered one (1) dab or touch point.
  3. TWO POINTS shall be awarded:
    - a. For two (2) dabs or touches accumulated as above or for two (2) dabs or touches at the same time.
  4. THREE POINTS shall be awarded:
    - a. When single points are accumulated as described above, for any number of touches greater than two (2).
    - b. For a "sliding" dab where the rider gains support from a continuous linear contact with one or more points on their body.
  5. FIVE POINTS shall be awarded:
    - a. When requested by a competitor opting to not ride a section.
    - b. When a rider does not have both hands on the handlebars when footing while the motorcycle is stopped.
    - c. When the engine stops while footing or while any other part of the machine, except for the tires, is used for support without forward motion. The motorcycle must be moving forward while footing with a dead engine to avoid a five (5).
    - d. If the handlebar is used for support and the motorcycle is beyond 45-degrees from vertical.
    - e. For any backward motion of the motorcycle.
    - f. When the motorcycle or rider breaks, or permanently displaces, a boundary ribbon or flag, or marker in a section through direct contact. Breaking or displacement of a ribbon or marker due to indirect shock of impact is not a failure.
    - g. When either tire of the motorcycle is clearly outside the section boundaries while the rider is attempting the section. If the tire is on the section boundary (i.e. on top of the ribbon or flag) it is still considered in the section. For sections marked with flags, the actual boundary is at the Checkers' discretion. However, it is generally one (1) motorcycle length outside a line drawn between the two (2) nearest flags of the same color, or six (6) feet. Riders should confer with Checkers regarding section boundaries before entering a section.
    - h. When both tires cross their own path while in the section.

- i. When a rider passes through the “start” gates of a section more than once.
- j. When a rider dismounts from the machine and has both feet on the ground on the same side of or behind the machine.
- k. Floating both tires over a boundary.
- l. When a rider receives outside assistance.
- m. When a rider begins a section attempt without the checker’s acknowledgment.
- n. When a rider fails to pass through all of the gates for their class.
- o. When a rider passes through a gate of another class, backward or forward. Breaking the vertical plane of the gate with either axle is considered passing through the gate.
- p. When the rear wheel passes through the gate before the front wheel.
- q. When a rider passes through a gate from the back side of the gate.

6. 10-POINT PENALTIES: (see: III, A, 3; IV, A, B & C; XI, A, 5; XI, F.)

7. 25-POINT PENALTIES: (see: VII, A; X, E, 2; XI, G.)

8. DISQUALIFICATION: (see: V, A & B; VI, A, B, C & D; VII, A; XI, A, 3; XI, C, H & J)

9. EXPULSIONS: (see: I, D)

10. NOTE: There is no possible combination that will generate a four (4) point score in any one section. Points for one ride can only total “0, 1, 2, 3, or 5” (with the exception of additional unsportsmanlike conduct points).

11. Checkers must score solely on direct observation. The opinion of spectators and riders should in no way sway a Checker’s decisions. Competitors may not protest another rider’s score in a section.

C. TIME LIMIT POINTS: All events shall have a time limit set and announced at the Riders’ Meeting. A penalty of ½ point per minute will be added to the riders’ scores after the time limit has been reached, up to a thirty-minute grace period (i.e. a rider finishing twenty-three minutes into the grace period would have 11.5 points added to his score). Riders finishing after the grace period will be disqualified.

D. FINAL SCORE TALLY: A rider’s final score for an event will be the sum of his loop scores, accrued time penalties and unsportsmanlike conduct points.

E. TIEBREAKERS AND RIDE-OFFS: In the event of a tie score with no points lost, there must be a “ride-off.” In the event of a tie score where points have been lost, the rider with the greatest number of clean rides prevails. If a tie still exists, the rider who has completed the most individual rides with the loss of only one (1) point prevails, and so on to two (2) points, three (3) points, and lastly, five (5) points until the tie can be broken. If at the end of this elimination, a tie still exists, a “ride off” will be used to settle the tie.

F. NUMBER PLATE PENALTY: A 10-point penalty will be assessed for non-compliance of the Number Plate Requirement (see: IV, A, B and C).

G. PIT RACING: A 25-point unsportsmanlike conduct point penalty will be assessed for non-compliance of the Pit Racing Requirement (see: VII, A).

H. FALSIFYING SCORES: Any competitor found self-modifying the score on their loop card or using any means to knowingly falsify their score, will be disqualified.

I. FINAL RESULTS:

1. All event results will be final thirty (30) minutes after being posted.
2. Final standings for year end points awards will be based on all event scores for a given season, minus two (2) for a season with eight or less sanctioned events, or minus three (3) for a season with nine or more sanctioned events.

J. UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Competitors shall be assessed 10 or 25 penalty points for abusive language and other offenses enacted by themselves or their Minders as defined in this Rulebook as unsportsmanlike conduct at any time on site. Severe or chronic unsportsmanlike conduct can result in disqualification at the discretion of the Trialsmaster or any NETA board member. Unsportsmanlike conduct does not have to be directed at a checker to result in disqualification.

K. SCORING A RE-RIDE: (see: X, D, 8).

L. YOUTH CLASSES: Special rules apply to the Youth Classes as follows:

1. Scoring of both Youth A and B should be very lenient and only used as a learning tool and encouragement. Youth Trialsmasters should be mindful that these riders do not compete for event awards or year end points.
2. Roll-backs are not penalized.
3. Minders (parent/guardian) should be in sections at all times and may gently assist and instruct their riders without penalty.

M. AWARDS: The recommended awards to be given at each event are as follows:

CHAMP – 1<sup>st</sup>  
EXPERT – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd  
ADVANCED – 1<sup>ST</sup> thru 3rd  
SENIOR ADVANCED – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd  
INTERMEDIATE – 1<sup>ST</sup> thru 3rd  
SENIOR A – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5th  
SPORTSMAN – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd  
SENIOR B – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5th  
SENIOR C – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd  
NOVICE – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd  
VINTAGE – 1<sup>st</sup>  
WOMEN – 1<sup>st</sup>  
JUNIOR – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd  
ROOKIE – 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3rd  
YOUTH – All participants shall receive finisher awards/medallions (clubs can purchase medallions from NETA @ cost per medallion).

No trophies will be awarded for Exhibition rides.

N. PROTESTS: All protests and problems should be brought to the attention of the sponsoring club's Trialsmaster. If they are unable to successfully rectify any situation, it can then be brought to the attention of any NETA board member for resolution.

## XII. YEAR-END-POINTS AWARDS:

A. TIE BREAKING: In the event that competitors should tie for year end points, the rider having the greater number of first places, second places, etc. shall be the winner. The positions used shall not be from the rider's original positions, but from those used after indexing the competitors that qualify for final year end points (except for the required number of work events for the season and one (1) throw-away for the season). If there is still a tie, the Scorekeeper shall check for all the events ridden by both riders and total the points lost by the tied riders for each event. The rider having the lowest score shall be the winner of the tie. If the tie is still unbroken, they shall share that "place" (position) in the year-end standings.

B. Points for final standings shall be awarded as follows:

1 <sup>ST</sup> PLACE = 20 POINTS	6 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE = 10 POINTS
2 <sup>ND</sup> PLACE = 18 POINTS	7 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE = 8 POINTS
3 <sup>RD</sup> PLACE = 16 POINTS	8 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE = 6 POINTS
4 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE = 14 POINTS	9 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE = 4 POINTS
5 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE = 12 POINTS	10 <sup>TH</sup> PLACE = 2 POINTS

C. The NETA scorekeeper will provide pre-printed scoreboard sheets (11"x17") to clubs on request. Score sheets will be collected by the NETA Scorekeeper, along with the workers list, after each event. Scores and workers' lists are final 30 minutes after posting. It is the workers responsibility to ensure that their name is posted on the workers list.

## XIII. DUES AND FEES:

A. NETA MEMBERSHIPS:

1. New = \$10.00 (first time member or anyone who has not been a member for the past 3 years)
2. Renewal = \$30.00
3. Day Pass Rider = \$15.00

B. NETA EVENT AND SANCTIONING FEES:

1. NETA event sanction = \$50.00
2. Loop Cards = @ cost per card
3. Riders' Fund = \$1.00 per rider  
Monies from the Riders' Fund may be donated to NETA riders participating in NATC/AMA National Series or Trials'd Nations events by recommendation of the NETA Board of Directors and a vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.
4. These fees will be collected by an NETA Board member at each event.

C. EVENT ENTRY FEES: (These fees are generated by the hosting clubs, not NETA)

1. \$10.00 per rider, per event for Rookie and Youth riders.
2. \$25.00 per rider, per event for all other riders.

D. AMA FEES:

1. All riders competing in NETA sanctioned events must be full members of the AMA. AMA membership fees can be paid at events (cash or check), on-line, or by telephone with a credit card.
2. Clubs should apply for their current AMA club Charter plus submit Sanctioning and Insurance applications no less than sixty (60) days prior to their event date(s).
3. Event Sanctions and Liability Insurance provided through the AMA (or AMA approved providers) is required for all NETA sanctioned events. The NETA must be listed as an “Additional Insured” on the Liability Insurance application.

#### XIV. EVENT SITE REQUIREMENTS:

- A. All spectators, competitors, minders, event workers and anyone on or near an operating motorcycle over the age of eighteen (18) must sign an Adult Liability Release form.
- B. All spectators, competitors, minders, event workers and anyone on or near an operating motorcycle under the age of eighteen (18) must sign a Minor Liability Release form along with their parent/legal guardian.
- C. Toilet facilities must be provided at all NETA sanctioned events. A \$250.00 fine may be assessed for non-compliance, payable to the NETA.
- D. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring club to obtain landowner permission and all required permits.
- E. It is suggested that organizers provide separate loop entrances and exits from the pits to minimize two-way traffic.
- F. Trialsmasters should consider rider skill limitations when laying out the loop for Junior, Rookie, Youth A and B classes and others on small motorcycles.

#### XV. EVENT SCHEDULES AND PAPERWORK:

- A. Event schedules for the following year are set at the Annual Meeting at the end of each season. However, additions to the Event Schedule may be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval within sixty (60) days of the proposed event. No new events will be added after April 15<sup>th</sup>. It is suggested that clubs wishing to add an event after the Annual Meeting, check for AMA application sanctioning deadlines prior to submitting a requested date on the NETA schedule.
- B. The annual meeting will be held in January of the following year. The newly elected Board president shall set, at his discretion, the date and location for the next annual meeting.

- C. All requests for event sanctions must include the name of the Trialsmaster, location of the event, contact information, date of event, directions to the event, start time, fees (spectator, gate, land use, etc.) and any other pertinent information that must be conveyed to the membership (i.e. provisions for camping, knobby tires use, bans on pets, etc.). It is recommended that clubs procure more insurance than is required by the AMA. It is recommended that clubs forward a copy of their event sanctions to the Secretary/Membership Chair along with a current listing of their officers and Trialsmaster(s) to assure that all AMA paperwork has been submitted and approved.

## XVI. RULE CHANGES:

- A. Changes and additions to the NETA Rulebook are determined by a vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.
- B. When deemed necessary, the Board of Directors may make changes to this Rulebook at any time, without membership approval, to ensure the safety of competitors, minders, workers and spectators and/or to protect the best interests of the Association.