

NEW ENGLAND TRAIL RIDER ASSOCIATION
2014 RULE CHANGES
APPROVED DECEMBER 8, 2013

1. **NETRA Competition Program (page 1 of both Enduro and Hare Scramble Sections):**

CHANGE: Recommendations for rule changes must be submitted to the Competition Committee Chairman in writing **30 days** before the meeting at which they will be considered.

Hare Scrambles:

Maximum 16 Hare Scrambles per competition year. Any club looking to sanction a 2nd Hare Scramble may do so only after all clubs have had the opportunity to sanction their first Hare Scramble (provided 16 have not been sanctioned.) Multiple clubs looking to sanction a 2nd Hare Scramble that would bring the total number of Scrambles above 16 will be decided by mutual agreement between clubs or at a competition committee meeting (allowing up to 16 only).

1. **Article 1.A.1. Membership and Permission. Add:**

It shall be the responsibility of each NETRA club to ratify the season results at the annual competition meeting and verify all listed members of their respective clubs are in good standing.

Delete: The results published in the *NETRA News and*.

Change to: The results published on the official NETRA website are the Championship standings.

2. **Article 1.A.C. Protective Equipment. Change:**

...however, chest protectors and knee pads are mandatory for all riders under the age of 17. Elbow pads are highly recommended for riders under the age of 17.

Delete: except for new riders (first time riders) who will have their first event as a grace period.

3. **Article I.E.4 Entry Forms/Waiver of Liability. Change to:**

Any rider who participates in a NETRA sponsored event (either competition or recreation) without registering for the event and completing the appropriate paperwork **may be expelled from NETRA competitive events. Any rider who makes a liability claim against NETRA will be expelled from NETRA competitive events.**

4. **Article I.E.H Leaving the Course. Add:**

Riders must stay on the intended course as marked by arrows, course ribbon or fencing except when traversing double marked sections the rider must remain between markers.

5. **Article III.A.1. Ability Classification. Add:**

New riders from other organizations requesting to ride AA, A, or B class must show proof of other organizations' previous season's final results or current season standings, and/or ability card.

6. **Article III.A.2. Ability Classification Add:**

AA Class. The top fifteen riders from the previous year (as long as they have met the Championship requirements of their respective class), any rider with an over-all win in the previous season, any NETRA AA enduro rider, AA riders from any other organization (**including JDay**), any national AA hare scramble or enduro rider, or any current national or professional motorcrosser. Any AA NETRA Hare scramble or Enduro past champion may, for his/her lifetime, ride as an AA Rider. **Any AA NETRA Hare Scramble or Enduro rider that has earned AA status up to 3 years prior to the current season may ride AA class and once a person rides AA, he must ride AA class for the remainder of the season. The Competition Chairman and/or Vice Chairs may approve any non-NETRA riders requesting AA the day of the event.**

7. **Article III.A.3. Ability Classification. Add:**

3. A Class (Expert) (renumbering only)

8. **Article III.A.4. Ability Classification. Add:**

4. B Class (Amateur): DELETE: top ten Juniors electing to enter B

9. **Article III.A.5 Ability Classification. Add:**

5. C Class (renumbering only.)

10. **Article IV. C. Organizational Requirements/Course. Add:**

Any manmade jumps, obstacles or unnatural hazards must be part of an alternative route, and are not shorter than ½ of the normal course. The Competition Chairman and/or Vice Chairs must approve any manmade jumps, obstacles or unnatural hazards.

11. **Article IX.H. Promotion to B Class. Add:**

Super Senior Class only: A class winner that wins 2 consecutive class championships will be promoted to the next higher ability class.

12. **Article IX. Promotions. Add:**

K. Promotion "freeze". A rider may opt to freeze their promotion points in order to preserve a championship. A rider can only "freeze" if promoted any time after over 2/3's of the championship season races have been completed. Once a rider has frozen their promotion points, they are frozen for the season. Rider will start the following season in the promoted class.

13. **Article X. Championship Awards. Add:**

Year end awards will be determined by the number of participants in each class, with a maximum of 3 per adult class and 5 per junior class.

14. **Article X.A. Championship Awards Add:**

3. Iron Man Award. A year end award will be given to the rider that entered the most total adult events (Enduros, Hare Scrambles, Trail Rides, Turkey Runs, Dual Sports)

4. Youth Iron Man Award. A year end award will be given to the youth rider (17 and under) who entered the most total yout events (Junior Enduro, Mini, Pee Wee, etc.)

In the event of a tie or multiple way tie for the Iron Man Awards, multiple awards can be given, or one winner can be selected by random drawing.

Enduros:

1. **Article I.A.4. Licenses, Membership, and Permission. Add:**
It shall be the responsibility of each NETRA club to ratify the season results at the annual competition meeting and verify all listed members of their respective clubs are in good standing.
Delete: The results published in the *NETRA News and...*
Change to: The results published on the official NETRA website are the Championship standings.
2. **Article 1.C. Protective Equipment. Change:**
Chest protectors and knee pads are mandatory for all riders under the age of 17. Elbow pads are highly recommended. **DELETE:** except for new riders (first time riders) who will have their first event as a grace period.
3. **Article 1.D. Entry Forms/Waiver of Liability. Change to:**
Any rider who participates in a NETRA sponsored event (either competition or recreation) without registering for the event and completing the appropriate paperwork **may** be expelled from NETRA competitive events. **Any rider who makes a liability claim against NETRA will be expelled from NETRA competitive events.**
4. **Article III.A.1. Ability Classification. Add:**
The top ten endure riders from the previous year, any NETRA AA Hare scramble rider, **any JDAY AA rider**, AA riders from any other endure organization, any nationally ranked or any professional endure, hare scrambles, or motocross rider. Any AA NETRA Hare Scramble or Enduro past champion may, for his/her lifetime, ride as an AA rider. **Any AA NETRA Hare Scramble or Enduro rider that has earned AA status up to 3 years prior to the current season may ride AA class and once a person rides AA, he must ride AA for the remainder of the season. The Competition Chairman and/or Vice Chair may approve any non-NETRA riders requesting AA the day of the event.**
5. **Article IX. Promotions. Add:**
K. Promotion "freeze". A rider may opt to freeze their promotion points in order to preserve a championship. A rider can only "freeze" if promoted any time after over 2/3's of the championship season races have been completed. Once a rider has frozen their promotion points, they are frozen for the season. Rider will start the following season in the promoted class.

Junior Enduros:

1. **Article I.A.3. Membership and Permission. Add:**

It shall be the responsibility of each NETRA club to ratify the season results at the annual competition meeting and verify all listed members of their respective clubs are in good standing.

Delete: The results published in the *NETRA News* and...

Change to: The results published on the official NETRA website are the official Championship standings.

2. **Article 1.B. Protective Equipment. Change:**

In addition, chest protectors and knee pads are mandatory for all riders under the age of 17. Elbow pads are highly recommended. **DELETE:** except for new riders (first time riders) who will have their first event as a grace period.

3. **Article 1.C. Entry Forms/Waiver of Liability. ADD:**

Any rider who participates in a NETRA sponsored event without registering for the event and completing the appropriate paperwork may be expelled from NETRA competitive events. Any rider who makes (or whose parent/legal guardian makes) a liability claim against NETRA will be expelled from NETRA competitive events.

4. **Article III. A. Rider Classification. Junior/Mini Classification. Change/Add:**

Juniors who rider "A" class in Hare Scrambles will not be allowed to participate in the Junior Enduro Series. **An exception will be granted if the Junior rider has participated in the Junior Enduro series past the halfway mark of the season (50% rounded up) and is then promoted to A. the rider will then be allowed to complete the rest of the season in the Junior Enduro series.**

5. **Article X.D. Championship Awards Eligibility. Change:**

To be eligible for championship awards, a rider must receive points in at least $\frac{1}{2}$ (50%) (rounded up) of the Junior Enduros counted towards championship awards (see Art. X. section B.)

Pee Wees:

1. **Article 1.C. ADD:**

Any rider who participates in a NETRA sponsored event without registering for the event and completing the appropriate paperwork may be expelled from NETRA competitive events. Any rider who makes (or whose parent/legal guardian makes) a liability claim against NETRA will be expelled from NETRA competitive events.