

2014

THE NETRA COMPETITION PROGRAM

The competition program of the New England Trail Rider Association is a private, amateur sports program operated by Association members for their fellow members. Association policy stresses the amateur nature of this program, and opposes any form of professionalism, including cash prizes, or any commercialism or exploitation of the Association, its members or its events.

The NETRA competition program has been developed over a period of years to provide enjoyable, safe opportunities for trail bike competition for a wide range of riders. The program is administered by the NETRA Competition Committee, which has responsibility for all aspects of it, including: the promotion program, the championship series, sanctioning, formulating rules, and otherwise coordinating and organizing the supporting services that the program requires.

Rules related to safety are promulgated to make all persons concerned with safety, but NETRA warrants neither safety if the rules are followed, nor compliance with enforcement of the rules. Each participant in competition has the responsibility to assess the safety aspects of facilities and conditions, and must assume the risk of competition.

NETRA does not inspect vehicles used in NETRA events for safety related problems. Participants are solely responsible for the condition of their vehicles and their competence to operate them.

NETRA does not inspect courses nor certify the competence of organizers. Participants should recognize that trail riding is inherently dangerous, and that their safety is their responsibility.

Because of the special nature of its responsibilities the Competition Committee operates under written bylaws as defined in the BYLAWS OF THE NEW ENGLAND TRAIL RIDER ASSOCIATION INC., SECTION VI.

AMENDMENTS

The NETRA competition rules may be amended or suspended at any meeting of the Competition Committee. Voting will be conducted using "Robert's Rules of Order" as a guide. In case of conflict between Robert's Rules and the NETRA Rulebook, the NETRA Rulebook shall prevail.

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. As proposed rule changes are received, a screening committee will be formed to study the proposals and make recommendations for changes. The screening committee cannot delete any proposed changes. All proposed rule changes must come before the entire Competition Committee for consideration.

OFFICERS

2014 Competition Committee Chairman – Andy Anthony
2014 Competition Committee Secretary – Jim Sherman
2014 Vice Chair/ Youth Competition Coordinator – Mike Hery
2014 Vice Chairs/Hare Scrambles Paul Cimino and John McIntyre
2014 Vice Chairs/Enduros - Ed Ventura and Rich Seymour

THE NETRA HARESCRAMBLE PROGRAM

A Hare Scramble is a meet over any course, preferably cross country, where rider ability is the determining factor, and no time schedule is followed. The course shall include roads, dirt roads, trails, footpaths, up and down hill, or any other type of terrain, which can be negotiated by a motorcycle. The course should be a closed course, between 5 and 20 miles in length, with the number of laps determined by the promoting club. The riders go through a check each lap, at which the rider's laps are counted. Additional checks may be added to prevent course cutting.

One championship sanctioned Hare Scramble will be allowed per NETRA club (maximum 16 Hare Scrambles per competition year). A 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 wishing 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).

DEFINITIONS

Heat – A Hare Scramble is divided into sub-events called heats, where classes of riders are started together, compete together, and finish. Typically there are three heats: Expert/Amateur, Novice, and Mini/Big Wheel/Girls. Two types of starts are allowed: “Blackwater” (row) and “wave”.

Wave – For wave starts all of one class of riders (as a minimum) is started at one time e.g. Expert 250. The typical interval between waves is one minute.

Row – For Blackwater style starts, the riders are started in rows of five or less, at five second intervals.

Article I. RIDER REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Membership and Permission. All riders participating in a NETRA sanctioned Hare Scramble must meet the following requirements:

1. Each rider must hold a valid NETRA membership (except as noted in Section B below). To earn Championship points in NETRA sanctioned events, the rider must also be a member in good standing of a NETRA recognized club. Those NETRA members not members of a NETRA club are only eligible for trophy awards at the event and promotion points, and are not eligible for Championship Points or end-of-year awards. 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. The results published on the official NETRA website are the Championship standings.
2. If the rider is under the age of majority in the state where the event is held, he must meet the permission requirements specified in the Junior Enduro Rules, Article I, section A, items 3, 4 and 5.
3. Riders can participate in only one class per NETRA event.

An organizer of a NETRA sanctioned event cannot require New England resident riders to be members of any other organization, e.g., ECEA, SETRA, etc.

B. Guests. All riders must be NETRA members, except as noted below. Guests are eligible for trophy awards only and are not eligible for championship or promotion points. (Riders may join NETRA at an event.) Non-resident guests are riders who live outside of New England (the NETRA footprint), and are bona fide members of neighboring cross country motorcycle organizations outside of New England, (such as ECEA). Such riders shall be charged the same fee as a NETRA member, and are not required to buy a one day membership in NETRA.

C. Protective Equipment. All riders must wear an adequate safety helmet, proper eye protection, heavy boots at least ankle high, long sleeve shirt, protective pants, and gloves. Knee pads and elbow pads are recommended, however, chest protectors, knee pads are mandatory for all riders under the age of 17. Elbow pads are highly recommended for riders under the age of 17. If the state has other requirements riders must also meet them.

D. Numbers & Backgrounds. All riders must have 3-5” permanent numbers with the appropriate background. Proper background/number color combinations must be used in order for a rider to earn championship points for the events. The only exception is for those riders who sign up as a new NETRA member the day of the event or those

who have a class change (promotion). Riders must affix the club administered “sticky back #” to the front of the motorcycle and to the back of the helmet if permanent numbers are not displayed on the bike.

| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>NUMBER PLATE COLOR</u> | <u>STICKY BACK COLOR</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| AA | Red with White Numbers | Red |
| Expert (A) | White with Black Numbers | White |
| Amateur (B) | Yellow with Black Numbers | Yellow |
| Novice (C) | Black with White Numbers | White |
| Big Wheel, Mini, Girls | Red with White Numbers | Red |

E. Entry Forms/Waiver of liability. All riders must fill out an entry form with, at least, the following:

1. Rider’s name and address
2. Rider’s classification
3. NETRA membership number (if a NETRA member)
4. Waiver of liability signed by the rider or, if under the age of 18, signed by a parent or legal guardian. 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.
5. AMA membership is not required for NETRA sanctioned events. For those NETRA events which are also AMA sanctioned, AMA membership will be required of all participants.

F. Pit Racing/Pit Bikes. Persons riding hazardously in the starting area or at gas stops will be ejected. If they are entrants to the event, they will be disqualified. Pit racing is defined as:

1. Riding with one or both wheels off the ground or,
2. Riding faster than a man can walk in the pit area, or faster than a safe speed on automobile access roads, at the start area, or in gas areas.
3. Pit bikes (all motorized vehicles registered or otherwise being at an event for any purpose other than participating in that event or those used solely as transportation to and from that event) are prohibited at all NETRA events.

G. Passing Riders. All riders must obey reasonable rules of the road when overtaking and passing each other. It is the responsibility of the rider being passed to make way at the first safe opportunity. It is the responsibility of the passing rider to pass safely and cleanly. Flagrantly discourteous and dangerous riders are responsible for their actions and may be disqualified and/or barred from future participation.

H. Leaving the Course. Riders must stay on the intended course as marked by arrows, course ribbon or fencing except when traversing double marked sections where the rider must remain between markers.. A rider leaving the course can only continue in the meet by returning to the point where he left the course. A rider who has cut the course shall be disqualified. A marked course shall mean the following: In sight of the marking arrows, except that when traversing double marked sections the rider must remain between markers.

I. Riding back against the Traffic. Riding backwards against the marked course direction is especially dangerous. Such action may result in disqualification. Riders who are lost or who have missed a turn should be careful in backtracking, so as not to encounter oncoming riders. Riders who break down or drop out and wish to ride out against the course should wait until the race is over.

J. Unsportsmanlike Conduct. Any rider who exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct may be disqualified. Abuse of other riders, checkpoint personnel, the organizers, or the public, either verbally or physically, is grounds for disqualification. Any person may accuse a rider of unsportsmanlike conduct and request a disqualification. After the event, and before scores are posted, the rider and accuser shall meet with the Referee to review the incident. The Referee will then make a decision. If a rider is disqualified (for unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct not becoming a rider) from any competitive event, such disqualification will be recorded in the standings and the rider will NOT be able to use the event in which he was disqualified as a “throw away”.

K. Injured Riders. In the case of an injured rider on the course, riders should note the mileage and inform the personnel at the next check.

L. Assistance / Towing. The motorcycle shall cover the course by the power of the motor or by the muscular energy of the rider. Towing, as well as organized repair and service is prohibited. Riders who receive such assistance shall be ineligible to continue and shall be scored to the last check. Riders may assist each other on any part of the course, except that a rider who ceases to be a contestant may not assist any other contestant. Riders may receive outside assistance and /or make repairs in the designated pit area only.

Article II. VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

A. Same Motorcycle. The same motorcycle must be used throughout the event. This must be the same motorcycle which was submitted for sound and safety testing. Substituting the initial motorcycle will result in disqualification.

B. Safety. Any motorcycle judged unsafe by the Referee for the event will not be allowed to start the event.

C. Sound Test. All motorcycles entered in a NETRA sanctioned event must have securely attached exhaust components including mufflers/silencers; these motorcycles cannot exceed the maximum dB limit required by the State where the event is being held or 96 dBs, whichever is less.

If a motorcycle fails the sound test, that rider and his/her motorcycle are disqualified from participation in the event; organizers may allow additional attempts to pass. Once a motorcycle has passed this stationary sound test procedure, no modifications may be made to the muffler/silencer or any other exhaust component prior to the start of the event. Should it be discovered that modifications have been made, the rider and motorcycle will be disqualified. During an event any motorcycle with exhaust component damage or modifications resulting in excessive noise or does not meet sound level standards must be repaired. If not repaired, the rider and motorcycle shall immediately be withdrawn from the event.

D. Wheel Size Restriction. Motorcycles with less than a 21” front wheel shall not be allowed to compete in adult classes. Bikes with displacements of 106cc or less, but with wheels greater than 17 inches in diameter, will not be classified as Minis.

E. Tires. Manufactured studs and motorcycle specific screw-in studs will be allowed, however no Tapcon style concrete screws or ice racing screws (i.e. cold cutters) will be allowed.

Article III. RIDER CLASSIFICATION

- A. Ability Classification.** There are four ability classifications as defined below. B and C riders are promoted from one ability class to the next by accumulating promotion points. A rider must ride in the ability class for which he is licensed. No rider is allowed to self-promote (or demote) without the written approval of the Competition Chair. However, riders may change from A, B, or C into Supplemental Classifications (as defined below in Section B) should they desire and they meet the criteria. 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. All new riders without a ranking from another organization will be required to start as C riders.

2. **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 nationally AA hare scramble or enduro rider, or any current national or professional motocrosser. 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.
3. **A Class (Expert):** Promoted from B Class, or ranked as A Class enduro, expert trials, or expert motocross, or ranked as A Class on the basis of previous experience.
4. **B Class (Amateur):** Promoted from C Class; or ranked as B Class enduro, amateur trials, or amateur motocross; or ranked as B Class on the basis of previous experience.
5. **C Class (Novice):** Any rider with little or no experience riding a hare scramble.

B. Supplemental Classification. In addition to ability classifications, there are several “supplemental” classifications. These include the displacement classes, and also the Veteran, Senior, Super Senior, Women, and Masters. These classifications were established to foster competition, and together with the ability classes, are the basis for determining awards. A rider may be eligible to ride in more than one of the supplemental classes, but only one of these may be entered at any given event.

Riders compete for trophies, promotion to the next ability class, and for year-end championship awards. All riders, regardless of their supplemental classification, are eligible for promotion points in their respective ability class. Only A and B riders are eligible for championship points.

Displacement. These classes are based on the motorcycle’s displacement, as follows: 200 Class: 1-200cc; 250 Class: 201-250cc; Open Class: 251cc & over. A rider entering a displacement class must ride in the proper class for his motorcycle as determined by the manufacturer’s original cubic centimeter displacement of the engine. (If a motorcycle has been modified, for example the bike was originally a 250 cc but has been bored out to 300cc, it is still considered a 250 cc for classification purposes.)

1. **Women.** All women may ride in the C-Women’s Class regardless of their ability classification or engine displacement, with a minimum tire size of 19”, until such time the promotion points required to be promoted from C-Women to B-Class are earned. When promoted to B class, the woman will then ride according to her bike displacement in the B class and may not remain in the C-Women class. Wheel size requirements are as follows. If the rider is younger than age 18 she may compete on a motorcycle with a minimum front wheel size of 19” and rear wheel size of 16”. If the rider is 18 years old or older she must compete on a motorcycle with a minimum front wheel size of 21” and minimum rear wheel size of 18”.
2. **Veteran.** 30 years of age or older, any displacement.
3. **Senior.** 40 years of age or older, any displacement.
4. **Super Senior.** 50 years of age or older, any displacement. The Super Senior class will be divided into three classes: A, B, and C,. All Super Seniors will ride in the Novice Event, on the first row, and all will compete along the designated C-Class course layout.
5. **Masters.** 58 years of age or older, regardless of displacement or ability class will ride in the novice event.
6. **Optional Classes.** Organizers may include other classes. It is recommended that the following names be used: Vintage class: pre-1975, Heritage class: pre-1980.
7. **Mini A & B.** Open to riders who have passed their 7th birthday by January 1 of the current year, but have not reached their 18th birthday before January 1 of the current year. They must ride a 2-stroke motorcycle with a displacement of between 65 cc and 106cc or a 4-stroke motorcycle up to 150 cc., and having wheels no larger than 17 inches in diameter as supplied as standard equipment by the manufacturer. Based on promotional points earned, the Minis will be divided into two groups: “A” and “B”.
8. **Big wheel.** Open to riders who have passed their 9th birthday by the date of the event, but have not reached their 18th birthday before January 1st of the current year. They must ride a two-stroke motorcycle between 80cc and 106cc, or a four-stroke motorcycle up to 150cc, having a 19” front and a 16” rear wheel. They will ride with the Mini Class.
9. **Girls.** Open to girls who have reached their 7th birthday by January 1 of the current, but have not reached their 18th birthday before January 1st of the current year. They must ride a two-stroke motorcycle between

65 cc and 106 cc, or a four-stroke motorcycle up to 150cc, and having wheels no larger than 19 inches in diameter as supplied as standard equipment by the manufacturer. They will ride with the Mini Class.

10. **Sportsman's Class.** The Sportsman's class will run in the Novice heat and start in the last row. It will not be a Championship Class and will not affect Promotion Points. The Sportsman's Class will be open to all adult riders, regardless of ability level, age, or bike size. (A rider can only ride in one event per day.) One trophy (only to the top place finisher) will be given for the Sportsman class.
11. **Clubs** may have a stand-alone Mini/Big wheel/Girls hare scramble which may be sanctioned separately, but only those clubs which provide only Junior Enduro events.

Article IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

A. Club Requirements. Sanctions are awarded only to bona fide motorcycle clubs. The same guidelines as Enduros shall apply, (see Enduros IV, A.) except that the prior experience required will be Hare Scrambles.

B. Sanctioning. A Hare Scramble must have a sanction from the NETRA Competition Committee in order for championship points or promotion points to be awarded. Sanctions are granted at the Annual Sanction Meeting. The President of each club or his representative must request the sanction. A complete sanction form must be submitted, with the proper fee, for each event. Organizers requesting a sanction after the Annual Sanction Meeting must do so at least 60 days prior to the planned event. In special circumstances, and at least 30 days prior to the planned event, Hare scramble sanctions may be granted in exchange for Enduro sanctions by the Chairman of the Competition Committee. If an event is cancelled, the organizer must inform the Chairman of the Competition Committee and the NETRA office immediately. Hare Scrambles and Enduros may be sanctioned on the same date. However, every attempt will be made to avoid this. Stand alone Mini Hare Scramble events may be sanctioned for clubs who also sanction a Junior Enduro event.

C. Course. The organizer must lay out a route that will support the total number of riders entered. Any bridges or other manmade aids used or constructed for the event must be negotiable without any outside assistance. (Remember that 200 riders going 10 laps is the same as having 2000 riders on one lap. Remember to allow for this deterioration factor.) 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.

Organizers will utilize the lay of the land in course design and refrain from manmade jumps or other unnatural hazards. If the terrain is of a difficult nature, the Mini classes should be run on a shortened, easier loop, if possible.

D. Gas Area. Gas areas (refueling areas) must be away from popular spectator areas and on a slower section of the course. Unless well off the course, gas areas must be fenced in with a separate inlet and outlet. A corridor for bikes to pass should be marked off within the gas area and NO gas cans, tools, or equipment should be stored in the corridor.

One pass will be given to each rider at signup. These passes should be color coded or marked in some way to designate which race the rider is in. The organizer shall make sure that only people with correct passes are in the gas area. Under no circumstances should children be allowed in the gas area, the passes are not valid for children.

E. Spectator safety. A suitable barrier must be placed between the course and spectators at the more dangerous areas, including corners immediately after the start, before and after the scoring barrels, and at high speed corners or straight-aways where spectators may congregate. These barriers must be strong enough to stop a sliding motorcycle and should have at least a ten foot buffer ribboned behind them to exclude spectators. Suggested barrier material is plastic snow fence, the walls, log piles, and hay bales. It is the organizers' responsibility to be reasonably sure that spectators are not in harm's way before starting a race. It will be the option of any member of the Competition Committee to hold up the start of a race if he feels that an unsafe condition exists.

F. First Turn. Riders should be funneled down as soon as possible after the start to prevent high speed accidents. The use of large grass tracks immediately after the start can attract large numbers of spectators, which may pose

safety problems. This should be avoided. Arrow the riders into the woods as soon as possible. Use grass tracks after the riders have been spread out and/or eliminate them from the first lap altogether.

G. Medical Assistance. Organizers will provide a minimum of two EMT's (Emergency Medical Technicians) to be in attendance for the duration of the event, equipped with basic first aid equipment. Whenever possible, an ambulance should be onsite for the day; if not, a highly visible first aid station must be provided at a centralized location and staffed by the two EMT's. The local ambulance service must be informed at least one week prior to the event about the event and of the possibility of injuries.

H. Miscellaneous Safety Enhancement. There should be radio communication between the first aid station and the start, checks, and any particularly hazardous locations. Course marshals and organizing club members should be briefed on safety procedures prior to the event and should wear easily recognizable clothing (hats, shirts, etc.) for quick identification in case of emergency.

I. Required Classes. Events granted a championship sanction must include the classes required by Article III. Other classes may be added.

J. Publicity. The organizer must adequately publicize his event for all interested riders to inform themselves. His publicity must state the classes he intends to run and any deviations from the usual rules. The start times for each race must be stated. If a sound test is to be run, the limits should be stated in this ad. Any additional fees for parking, etc., must be included in the advertised fees. If the Start is to be a Blackwater style start, it must be advertised as such and a pre-entry cutoff date must be published in the advertising for the event.

K. Insurance. All events granted a NETRA sanction must carry liability insurance through the NETRA cooperative insurance program. Each member club must remit to the NETRA office a fee per entrant for all sanctioned competition events. The amount of such fee is determined by the NETRA Board of Directors and is used to pay for insurance program. This fee provides for basic liability insurance; extended insurance limits are available through the NETRA office upon request. Clubs will be charged an insurance fee per entrant to a maximum of 300 riders per event.

L. Entry & Competition Fees. Each member club must remit to the Competition Committee a per entrant fee for all sanctioned events. The amount of such fee is determined by the Competition Committee and will be used to cover the costs of operating the Competition Program. Clubs will be charged rider fees to a maximum of 300 riders per event. The maximum entry fee for the Mini/ Girls' heat is \$30.

M. Administrative Personnel. The organizer must appoint the following administrative personnel with the following duties:

Referee – To hear and adjudicate rider protests at the event.

Scorers – To sign up riders, assign rider numbers, prepare score sheets, calculate and post scores.

N. Toilets. The event organizer shall provide a minimum of five (5) toilets at each event, with a minimum of one (1) reserved exclusively for women.

O. Gate Donations. Any gate donations must be advertised boldly in the event ads. Maximum parking donations should be \$10.00 per car. All parking donations must be used to subsidize the land owner for use of his/her land. No other use of this money is acceptable.

P. Stoppage of Event. Unless there are medical or weather-related issues, no event may be stopped once it has begun. Event organizers must plan the event schedule appropriately to accommodate an entire event before another event begins.

Article V. ORGANIZER/RIDER RULES

A. Riding Numbers. The organizer shall furnish guest riders, new NETRA members, and those promoted who have not yet acquired their new numbers with stick on numbers for the front number plate and their helmets. Numbers shall be assigned according to guidelines furnished by the NETRA office for transponder numbers. The numbers will indicate the rider's class and differentiate riders within class. In the case of Blackwater style starts, the rider's row shall also be indicated, starting with row number zero. No duplicate numbers should ever be used. Any rider who has two Classes different numbers displayed on his bike and/or helmet shall be disqualified (large motocross numbers are excluded).

Riders will be assigned permanent numbers. Numbers 1 to approximately 25 will be set aside for the AA class. Numbers 1 to 15 will be assigned to the top fifteen riders from the previous season, in order of final standings. Numbers 16 and up, as required, will be assigned to riders with an overall win from the previous season but not finishing in the top fifteen. The remaining numbers will be assigned to AA riders from the other qualification categories (see Article III, section A, item 1).

B. Pre-riding a Course. No pre-riding of a course will be allowed ten (10) days prior to an event, whether fully arrowed or not. This includes club members who are planning to race the event. Juniors (A and B) and all other riders participating in a Jr. Enduro event on the preceding day of a hare scramble will not be considered to have pre-ridden the course. Violators will not be allowed to enter the event or will be disqualified if identified after the start.

C. Pre-Entry. All Blackwater style start events must provide for pre-entry. A cutoff date for pre-entry must be advertised and a lottery for starting positions held the day prior to the event. A pre-entered rider may cancel and receive a refund if he requests such from the organizer 24 hours in advance of the event.

D. Sign Up. The organizer must verify that every rider entered has a valid NETRA membership or qualifies as a guest (see Enduro Rules Article I, Section B.).

E. Alcohol and Drugs. The organizers must ensure that no rider using alcohol or drugs is allowed to start the event.

F. Riders Meeting. Organizers must have a riders' meeting explaining the number of laps, length of course, and a few words on passing and being passed. The riders' meeting can be oral, or written on a poster or letter.

G. Arrowing Rules. Mileage markers shall be placed on the course for easy location of injured riders. Markers will be placed every .5 miles as a minimum. See "Arrowing Rules" near the back of this book for additional requirements.

H. Class and Heat Restrictions.

1. If an organizer chooses to run two separate heats for the adult classes, he must run all the A and B classes in the same heat so the top ten overall can be tallied.
2. The novices (C Class) may be run in a separate heat either before or after the others. If the course is less than 8 miles long, the novice (C) class must be run as a separate heat.
3. Juniors will participate in their appropriate adult class based on engine displacement. For example, if a junior operates a KTM 250 in Junior Enduros, this junior would participate in the C250 Class. The mini and big wheel classes must be run separate from all the adult heats.

I. Starts. There are two types of starts allowed: "Wave" starts and "Blackwater" starts. For wave starts, many motorcycles start at the same time and a large, wide, staging area is required. For Blackwater starts, riders are started in rows of five or less at five second intervals, safely spreading the riders and allowing use of narrower staging areas. In no case shall the starting order of classes in a heat be changed. Bikes must be spaced a minimum of one meter (3.2 feet) apart at all Hare Scramble starts.

J. Starting Order.

1. **Wave Starts.** Starts will be of multiple waves. Depending on the course length and expected lap times, as many starting waves as possible should be used to provide for greater safety of riders and spectators. The following sequences should be used, as a minimum:

Amateur/Expert Heat:

- 1st wave: AA Class
- 2nd wave: A 250
- 3rd wave: A 200/ A Open
- 4th wave: A Vet / A Senior
- 5th wave: B 250
- 6th wave: B 200
- 7th wave: B Open/B Senior
- 8th wave: B Veterans

Novice Heat

- 1st wave: Super Seniors/ Masters
- 2nd wave: C250
- 3rd wave: C200
- 4th wave: C Open
- 5th wave: C Vet
- 6th wave: C Senior
- 7th wave: Sportsman/Women

Mini/Big Wheel/Girls Heat

- 1st wave: Big Wheels
- 2nd wave: Mini A
- 3rd wave: Mini B / Girls

The waves should be further subdivided, as conditions permit. When waves are further subdivided, classes shall be started in the order specified above from left to right, e.g., C 200 followed by C Open.

2. **Blackwater Starts.** The starting order shall be (from left to right, and top to bottom):
 AA class (by their assigned numbers, regardless of pre or post-entry)/
 Pre-entered Expert: 250/ Open/ 200/ Veterans/ Seniors
 Post-entered Expert, regardless of supplemental class
 Pre-entered Amateur: 250/ Open/ 200/ Veterans/ Seniors
 Post-entered Amateur, regardless of supplemental class

The Novices may be run in the same heat after the Experts/Amateurs or in a separate heat. Novices shall use the following sequence:

- Pre-entered Novice: 250/ Open/ 200/ Veterans/ Seniors/ Super Seniors/ Masters/
- Post-entered Novice, regardless of supplemental class.

The Mini/Girl/Big wheel heat shall use the following sequence:

- Pre-entered Mini/ Post-entered Mini/ Pre-entered Big wheel/ Post-entered Big wheel
- Pre-entered Mini Girls/ Post-entered Mini Girls

The maximum allowed is five riders per row, with four or less recommended. Bikes must be spaced a minimum of one meter (3.2 feet) apart at all Hare Scramble starts. The end rider of one class and the first rider of the next class shall not be started on the same row. Post-entered riders

will be started per order of sign-up (without regards to their supplemental classification), behind the pre-entered riders of the same ability class and before pre-entered riders of the next ability class. In heats where post-entered riders of one class are riding ahead of pre-entered riders of the next class, organizers should set aside a block of row numbers to accommodate the expected number of post-entered riders. This is required for the Ex/AM and Mini/Girls events and also for the Novices if they are run with the Experts and Amateurs.

K. Conduct of Starts. The bikes shall be facing the intended direction of travel. Riders shall be on the bikes, and their hands may be on the handgrip. Bikes may be in gear and the clutches may be pulled in.

1. **Wave Starts.** The engines must be off. An interval of one or more exact minutes must be used between waves. The starter shall hold a green flag higher than his head 15 seconds before the start and shall drop the flag when the riders are to go.
2. **Blackwater Starts.** The engine should be on. Rows will be started at five second intervals, starting with row zero. It is strongly recommended that the organizer move the start line to the riders rather than the riders moving to the start line. If the organizer elects to move the riders to the start line, enough personnel must be on hand to insure that riders do not jump the line.

L. Gas Stop. Refueling will take place only at designated gas areas. A fire extinguisher (Class B, 10lb minimum) must be available at the gas area and clearly marked. No smoking is allowed in the gas area and "No Smoking" signs must be posted.

M. Dogs and Bicycles. No dogs are allowed at hare scramble events. No bicycles are allowed in the pit area or on the course at hare scramble events.

N. Flags. A green flag is used in starting all wave starts (see K. Conduct of Starts). A white flag is to be used to signal the leader of the race and all behind him that there is one lap left in the race. A black and white checkered flag will be used to signal the end of the race.

O. Sound Test. The organizer shall adhere to and be required to enforce all aspects, procedures and requirements of NETRA's sound testing rules. Sound testing will be performed using the most current SAE J1287 procedures set by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE International: surface Vehicle Standard – Measurement of Exhaust sound Pressure Levels of Stationary Motorcycles). Testing by the promoting club is required before the start, and may also be conducted at any time during the event. If a rider's machine fails the sound test, the organizer shall disqualify the rider and rider's motorcycle from participating in the event. The organizer may suspend and disqualify any rider whose machine does not meet sound level standards at any time during the event. Riders whose machines fail the sound test, or who are suspended during the event under this rule are not eligible for refunds on entry fees. Such riders shall be ineligible to continue and shall be credited with mileage on the last timed check or checkpoint.

For all NETRA sanctioned events (at a club's discretion) an additional sound test/tech inspection will be performed immediately after a participant completes an event on motorcycles with temporary or modified exhaust components (including motorcycles with custom, aftermarket, and/or factory parts). Motorcycles to be retested include, but are not limited to, motorcycles with temporary or permanent modifications to exhaust silencers, tips, inserts or other exhaust components.

The organizers' failure to adhere to and enforce NETRA's sound testing rules will result in a fine of \$250 or loss of scheduled date rights (if the fine is not paid to NETRA by the next sanction meeting) for the event in the following year. Any fines will be applied to the NETRA Legal Fund.

Organizer must submit a summary report to the Competition Chairman and Secretary, detailing any and all machines that failed the sound test. This report must include machines that initially failed the sound test but then were retested after making modifications or changes to the machine and passed. Report shall include but not be limited to: rider name, NETRA number, rider number (if applicable), and failed sound test decibel reading."

Article VI. CHECKPOINTS

A. Types. There are two types of checkpoints in Hare Scrambles:

1. **Barrel or Gate Checks.** These are placed on the finish line and riders must stop and be checked through on every lap. Barrel/gate checks must be in place, clearly marked and in view to all riders prior to the start of the event. Any rider going through the wrong barrel/gate will not be scored until he goes through the proper barrel/gate for his class. No exceptions. Barrels should be arranged as specified by the NETRA office in the trail boss information package so that the arrangement is consistent from event to event.
2. **Punch Checks.** Placed anywhere on the course to deter course cutting. Riders must stop on every lap and have their cards punched. Stiff plastic is recommended, duct tape is not.

B. Rider Requirements at a Check. Each rider is responsible for being scored properly by going through the proper barrel and ensuring that the scorer gets his number.

Article VII. SCORING AND PROTESTS

A. Scoring. All events must use NETRA's primary scoring system and a separate backup scoring system, with the Club providing personnel, as requested, and supporting the scoring team. Separate scorers and score sheets will be used for both systems, so that any single error may be resolved. Score sheets, sticky numbers, and check sheets are available through NETRA. A rider's time must be recorded to the second on every lap. The rider's starting time differential is subtracted from the rider's finishing time to determine the total elapsed time for each rider. In the event of a complete even tie, the rider starting later will be declared the winner. (For Blackwater starts, the time differential between rows can be computed by multiplying the difference between rows can be computed by multiplying the difference between row numbers times 5 seconds.)

B. Finish Rules.

1. Each event ends when the overall leader completes the last lap.
2. At the discretion of the Trail boss, the event duration may be determined by either the number of laps or purely based on time as long as it meets the following criteria and is announced to the riders prior to the start of the race:
 - Mini Heat – 1 hour (for the leader)
 - Novice Heat – 1.5 hours (for the leader)
 - Am/Ex Heat – 2.0 hours (for the leader)
3. The race shall end with the final rider being scored fifty (50) minutes after the lead rider crosses the finish line. Any rider finishing after the 50-minute time interval will not be scored for their last lap.

C. Results. Final results must be posted as soon as possible after the event and must show the top 10 finishers in each class. The top eleven over-all finishers shall also be posted. The scoring of Big wheel and Mini classes shall begin immediately following the completion of those events. Trophies shall be awarded immediately after the protest period for the Big wheel/Mini has ended. (The organizer shall not wait until after the adult events.)

D. Protests. A rider who feels that the conduct of some portion of the event was not according to the rules contained herein may protest that event according to the rules below:

1. **Hare Scramble Liaison.** Is appointed at the annual sanction meeting by the Competition Committee majority vote. The liaison is empowered with the ability to immediately shutdown any event determined to be unsafe or with risk of liability. **Paul Cimino and John McIntyre are the Competition Vice Chairs for Hare Scrambles.**
2. **Protest Period.** Results become official one-half hour after they are posted. Protests must be made before the end of this period. Protests are made to the Referee, who in conjunction with the Yearly appointed Hare Scramble Liaison, may settle the protest or convene the Protest Committee. Following the protest period, corrections to results may be made, but are subject to later approval by the Competition Committee. The

Trail boss will make a generalized statement prior to trophy presentation that all awards are contingent upon the results of any protests heard or unheard being presented to the Competition Committee.

3. **Protest Committee.** If requested by the protesting or protested rider, (before or after the Referee's decision) the Referee must utilize a Protest Committee. This committee shall be made up of four or more Rider Representatives and the Referee. Committee votes shall be conducted by secret ballot. If the Protest Committee is convened, the Referee must abide by their decision. (However, he/she may also appeal, as defined below.)

2014 Designated Rider Representatives:

Jesse Arsenault
 Brendan Bernard
 Mike Kelley
 Eric Kipp
 Sean Levesque
 Dave Prouty
 Jim Senecal
 Bob Stadler

4. **Appeals to the Competition Committee.** See Enduro rules, article VII, section E, item 3.
5. **Event Records.** The organizing club must keep all score cards and score sheets until the final championship standings for the season are approved.

Article VIII. TROPHIES

- A. **Required Awards.** An organizer shall award trophies per the following chart for each required class. Additional trophies are at the organizer's discretion. The Trail boss will make a generalized statement prior to trophy presentation that all awards are contingent upon the results of any protests heard or unheard being presented to the Competition Committee. Based on the previous year's results, the Competition Committee Chair will designate the number of trophies to be given in each class. The formula will be for 1 trophy for every 3 (average) riders/entries in a class. There will be a minimum of 1 trophy/maximum of 5 trophies in each class.

| Class | # of Trophies | Class | # of Trophies | Class | # of Trophies |
|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Overall | 1 | AA | 4 | | |
| A Overall | 1 | B Overall | 1 | C Overall | 1 |
| A 200 | 2 | B 200 | 3 | C 200 | 5 |
| A 250 | 4 | B 250 | 5 | C 250 | 5 |
| A Open | 2 | B Open | 2 | C Open | 2 |

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|----------------------------------|--------|----------------|---|-----------|---|
| A Veteran | 2 | B Veteran | 2 | C Veteran | 2 |
| A Senior | 2 | B Senior | 2 | C Senior | 5 |
| Women | 1 | Super Senior C | 2 | Mini A | 5 |
| Super Senior A Super Senior B | 1 1 | Masters | 1 | Big wheel | 5 |
| Mini Girls | 2 | Sportsman | 1 | Mini B | 5 |

B. Trophy Results. The event organizer must supply accurate promotional/championship points, and contingency award positions to the Scorekeeper within 14 days of the event. Failure to do so may result in a \$250 fine and the loss of the sanction date for the following year if the fine is not paid by the next Sanction Meeting. Any fines will be applied to the NETRA Legal Fund. Promotion Points/Championship Points will be maintained by the NETRA Scorekeeper.

Article IX. PROMOTIONS

A. Promotion Point Criteria. Promotion Points will be awarded at each qualified event based on a rider's finishing position in his ability classification. They will be assigned to the top 15% (rounded off) of the riders in each ability class. The total number of riders in each ability class is the number who actually appeared at the event and were eligible to start, minus any non-NETRA entrants. Organizers will be responsible for determining this, based on the number of people who pick up score cards or some other appropriate way of keeping track. Eligible riders will receive points according to the promotion point chart in the back of this book.

B. Ties. Ties for Promotion points will be broken at each event. There shall be no duplicate points awarded.

C. Guests. Non-NETRA entrants shall not affect NETRA promotion points, i.e., NETRA members will be "bumped up" in the promotion point standings if guest riders finish ahead of them.

D. Promotion Points Results. The organizer must supply accurate promotion point tallies to the Scorekeeper within 14 days of the event. Failure to do so will result in loss of schedule date rights for the event for the following year. Promotion Point records will be maintained by the NETRA Scorekeeper.

E. Total Promotion Points. A rider is promoted based on his total promotion points earned in hare scrambles and enduros combined.

F. Self-Promotion. Except as specified herein, self-promotion or demotion is not allowed unless requested in writing and approved by the Competition Committee.

G. Juniors. Juniors will participate in their appropriate adult class based on engine displacement of their dirt bike. For example, if a junior operates a KTM 250 in Junior Enduros, this junior would participate in the C250 class.

H. Promotion to B Class. A C rider is promoted to B when he has accumulated 50 Promotion Points in any one season (based on the calendar year) or 75 points in two or more seasons (i.e., total for his riding career). Promotion Points earned in C Class do not carry over when promoted to B. Super Senior Class only: A class winner that wins 2 consecutive class championships will be promoted to the next higher ability class.

I. Promotion to A Class. A B Class rider is promoted to A Class when he has accumulated 100 Promotion Points in any one season or 150 points in any two or more seasons.

J. Promotion to AA Class. Promotion Points are not kept for this class. This ability class is composed of riders meeting the requirements of Article III, section A, item 1.

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. The rider will start the following season in the promoted class.

Article X. CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

In addition to trophies and promotion points, a successful rider may earn championship points. Championship points are accumulated towards year-end awards. Championship points earned in one year are not applicable in the following year. Championship awards shall be financed by a per rider per event fee, collected by the organizer and kept in the awards fund by the NETRA Treasurer. 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.

A. Championship Awards Definition. Awards will be presented as follows:

1. **Hare scramble Champion.** Top rider of the season regardless of class of competition. In addition to the Hare Scramble Champion, end of year trophies will be given to the Mini, Big Wheel, and Girls champions, as determined by their finishing positions.
2. **Championship Classes.** Year-end awards will be given to the top riders in each recognized class: the AA Class, the three displacement classes, Veteran, Senior, Super Seniors Super Senior A, B, and C, Masters, Women, Big Wheels, Mini and Girls.
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 youth 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.

B. Championship Awards Work Requirement.

1. **Club Rule/Statement of Requirement:** To be eligible for any NETRA year-end Championship Award, a rider who resides in New England must belong to a NETRA member competition club. There will be no “backdating” of club affiliation. A rider’s club membership, for purposes of championship points, cannot be backdated more than 30 days from the posting of an event in which the rider is not included. It is up to the club to maintain a timely and accurate club database and up to the rider to review results and to make sure that his club listing is correct. If a rider belongs to more than one club that promotes a championship event in his/her series, the rider MUST claim a primary affiliation and work that club’s event. If a rider resides outside of New England and does not belong to a NETRA Championship promoting club, he/she must notify the Competition Committee Chairman of his/her intent to compete for year-end Championship Awards prior to the first event and obtain a championship event assignment in order to satisfy his/her work requirement. A rider who otherwise qualifies for an award but who has not fulfilled this requirement, is dropped from the standings, with other riders advancing accordingly.
2. **Inclusions / Exclusions.** No one who has started the event as a competitor will be considered a worker. An organizer or Referee of a non-championship event who misses a championship event in order to work on his own event need not also work on a championship event. Working as a member of the First Aid Patrol for the event will be counted as working the event.
3. **Event Selection / Letter of Intent.** All riders wishing to be credited with fulfilling the work requirement must work their own club’s event. Riders who are not members of a club that sponsors a hare scramble must submit a letter of intent to work a hare scramble with the NETRA office by 1st of May of each year. The Competition Committee Chairman will then assign workers to needy clubs and contact the riders and the event trail boss of this action. The event trail boss will report all championship contenders (both club members and assigned non-club workers) who have worked his event.
4. **Last Event Cancelled.** In the situation when the last event of the year is cancelled and there are riders who do not have work credit, the rules pertaining to race standings will be modified. If the last event of the year is cancelled, the trail boss for the event must submit a letter to the Chairman of the Competition Committee stating who was scheduled to work. Riders without work credit will be required to drop the last race in

which they scored and their score would be replaced with a work credit. Standings for the year will then be calculated after consideration for the dropped race.

5. **Club Requirements.** Work credits will be listed on the season results page at the same time results are posted for that particular event. If for some reason the club member does not meet other club requirements needed to fulfill that credit, the work credit may be revoked within 2 weeks of the last event of the season.

C. Events Counted Toward Championship Awards. The number of events to be counted for points toward all championships will be set at the Annual Sanction Meeting. The number each year is the total number of “Championship” events actually held minus three throwaways (two throw aways and one work credit), providing 3 does not exceed 25% (rounded up) of the events sanctioned for that year at the Annual Sanction Meeting. . Scores to be counted will be the highest scores, with lower scores being dropped.

D. Ties and Tie Breaking for Championship Awards. If there are ties in final Championship point totals at the end of the season, riders will be ranked in order of their greatest number of highest place finishes, using as many scores as necessary to break the tie. (see Enduros, Article X, Section D for example.)

E. Championship Award Eligibility. To be eligible for championship awards, a rider must receive points in at least ½ (rounded up) for the hare scrambles counted towards championship awards (see Article X, section B).

F. Championship Points.

1. **Points Schedule.** Points towards all the yearly championships will be awarded to the top twenty riders in each championship class/displacement class at each championship event. Points toward the Hare Scrambles Championship will be awarded to the top twenty riders overall, regardless of displacement, at each Championship event. Points will be assigned according to the following table. All ties for championship points will be broken at the event.

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS (position : points)

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|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 st : 25 | 2 nd : 22 | 3 rd : 20 | 4 th : 18 | 5 th : 16 |
| 6 th : 15 | 7 th : 14 | 8 th : 13 | 9 th : 12 | 10 th : 11 |
| 11 th : 10 | 12 th : 9 | 13 th : 8 | 14 th : 7 | 15 th : 6 |
| 16 th : 5 | 17 th : 4 | 18 th : 3 | 19 th : 2 | 20 th : 1 |

2. **Championship Points Eligibility.** To be eligible for championship points a rider must complete at least 50% (rounded up) of the laps completed by the winner of his/her displacement or age class. This number is determined by multiplying the total laps completed by the winner X 50%; if there is a half lap, round up to the next whole lap.
3. **Guests.** Non-NETRA entrants shall not affect NETRA Championship Points, i.e., NETRA members will be “bumped up” in the championship point standings if guest riders, finish ahead of them.
4. **Championship Points Results.** The organizer must supply accurate point tallies to the Scorekeeper within 14 days of the event. Failure to do so may result in a fine of \$250 and loss of sanction date for the following year if the fine is not paid by the next Sanction Meeting. Championship Point records will be maintained by the NETRA Scorekeeper.

The event club must supply accurate point tallies (through the Hare Scrambles Scorekeeper) and send all new memberships and renewals to the NETRA office within six (6) days of the hare scramble event. Failure to do so will result in a fine of \$250 and the loss of sanction date if the fine is not paid by the next Sanction Meeting.