

Colorado Speedway & Flat Track Rules 2023

Special Note: Participants are solely responsible for their safety.

A. General

1. All riders in AMA-sanctioned competition are required to be AMA members or have an AMA issued one event pass. AMA associate members cannot participate in AMA sanctioned competition. **(AMA rule Section 3, A 1)**

2. Age Limitation **(AMA rule Section 3, A 6)**

The minimum age for competition is no younger than 4 years of age. The designated race official may ask for any rider's proof of age. Proof of age must be available at all meets or the rider may be subject to disqualification. Acceptable proof of age is considered to be: Birth Certificate, Driver's License, Passport or State Issued ID Card.

- With the exception of youth competition, the age of the rider is determined as the date of the event.

3. All race personnel, officials, riders, mechanics, photographers and anyone associated with riders must not consume or be under the influence of intoxicants or drugs that could affect their normal mental or physical ability. Failure to comply WILL result in disqualification of the rider. Besides affecting the safety of the meet, any such use is inconsistent with the concept of good sportsmanship and is harmful to the sport of motorcycling. **Alcohol and drugs are not allowed in the PIT areas at IMI Motorsports.**

4. Riders and/ family and pit crew who direct foul and abusive language to an official of the sponsoring club, and organizer are disqualified for the entire meet (All points for that event will be forfeited). **(AMA rule Section 3, A 12)**

5. Each rider is responsible for the actions of his/her family and pit crew, and any detrimental action by these individuals puts the rider at risk of disqualification. **(AMA rule Section 3, A 13)**

6. All riders and race personnel must rely on their own judgment and assume all risks of participating in competition in any manner. **(AMA rule Section 3, A 14)**

7. The rider must be able to control his/her motorcycle or ATV at all times, and to ride it safely. This includes stopping, starting, standing still, mounting, dismounting, and putting one or both feet on the ground. The race official(s) have the authority to disqualify a rider who can't safely control his/her machine.

B. Riders and Classifications

- Riders are responsible to enter only classes in which they are eligible, based on size of machine, age and skill level.

C. Entries

1. Contestants must sign all entry blanks in ink.
2. Organizers may establish advanced entry closing dates. Organizers may establish post entries with higher entry fees. In any case, the conditions of entry must appear in all advertisements.
3. Entrants may be removed from a meet for breaking any rules of conduct.
4. Duplicate entries ~
 - Multiple racers may use the same machine on the same day, provided that the machine is not entered more than once in any class, and that the machine and rider meet the requirements of each class.
 - A racer may use the same machine in multiple classes, provided that the machine and rider meet the requirements of each class.
5. A rider must actually start an event to be considered a participant.
6. The meet registration personal may request to see any racer's proof of age at any time. Any racer who is unable to provide proof of age may be disqualified from or prevented from entering a class.
7. Each class must have 4 entries to make a class, when possible some classes may be combined to make a class, but scored separately.
 - In the occasion that there are NOT enough racers to make a class and the class cannot be combined with another class safely the following laps will be put into place.
 - 3 racers = laps will be cut down by 1/3 (for example instead of 15 laps, the laps will be 10)
 - 2 racers = laps will be cut down by 1/2 (for example instead of 15 laps, the laps given to race will be 8)

D. Youth Riders and Eligibility WARNING: (AMA rule Section D, 1 A-C)

Motor vehicle mishaps, in competition or otherwise, can result in injury or death. Minors without parental consent or supervision should never use motor vehicles.

1. Youth General

- a. To compete in a youth meet, an AMA member SHALL be no younger than 4 years old and no older than 16.
- b. Parents, legal guardians or authorized adults must remain present at all times during the participation of an AMA member in any AMA sanctioned youth meet.
 - To authorize a minor to compete, parents, legal guardians or authorized adults must sign below the rider's signature on the entry form.
- c. The rider must be large enough and mature enough to control his/her machine at all times, and to ride it safely. This includes stopping, starting, standing still, mounting, dismounting and putting one or both feet on the ground. Race officials have the authority to disqualify a rider who can't safely control their motorcycle/machine. Training wheels are NOT allowed.

E. Brakes

- a. Brakes, when required, must be manufactured and installed in a safe and workmanlike manner.
- b. Motorcycles in all racing competition must be equipped with a functional rear wheel brake.

- c. A brake or braking device doesn't mean a compression release, although compression releases may be installed in addition to brakes
- d. Front-wheel brakes are prohibited in dirt-track & short track events.

F. Tires

- a. The tread pattern of tires in short track & Flat Track racing may be re-grooved or cut, provided it is done in a safe and workmanlike manner.
- b. Recapped or retreaded tires are prohibited.
- c. No rubber or metal studs (foreign materials) may be added to the tire thread.
- d. No liquid may be used as tire filler.
- e. In Flat Track racing, motocross knobby tires are at the option of the organizer and must be advertised in advance. **(AMA rule Section 3.3, H 4.A)**

G. Number Plates

- a. When number plates are required, a motorcycle must be equipped with three plates of uniform size, shape and color. Minimum dimensions are 7-1/8- inches high and 10-1/4-inches wide with four corners cut off at a radius of 1 inch. All other materials are prohibited.
- b. The racer is held responsible for ensuring that their number plates are legible to the scorers. Failure to provide easy to read plates may result in that bike not being scored for the event. Standard block numbers and letters are easier to read than cursive, shaded, or outlined numbers. Color combinations that have great contrast are easier to read than those colors that are similar; for example, a black upon a white color scheme is easier to read than a blue upon black color scheme. If sponsor, names or other advertising appear on the front number plate, they must be kept in the top 2 inches of the plate.
- c. Number plates must be securely mounted. The front plate must be attached parallel to the head angle and may not be curved.
- d. A minicycle number plate should be no smaller than the original equipment supplied by that model.
- e. AMA National numbers will take precedence in all events and will be designated by a capital letter N after the number that must be at least 3 inches tall.

H. Communication Devices

- a. Use of electronic communication with the rider or use of a portable electronic device of any kind (i.e. digital music device) that would be considered a distraction while on the motorcycle during the meet is prohibited.

I. Fluid Containment

- a. All liquid cooled engines shall have a radiator vent hose routed to a heat resistant catch can of at least 250cc capacity.
- b. Any machine that leaks any fluids should not be permitted onto the track.
- c. Any machine that begins leaking fluid once an event is in process should be removed from the track as quickly and as safely as possible.

J. Motorcycle/Machine Equipment Inspection

- a. The referee has the power to disqualify any motorcycle/machine that doesn't conform to the rules and may inspect any part of a motorcycle/machine entered in an AMA sanctioned meet. A machine that passes a pre-race inspection is subject to further inspection or protest at any time during the race program.
- b. A racer that refuses to turn over their machine for inspection or measurement at the request of the race officials is automatically disqualified from the meet.

K. Tether Kill Switch

1. All Speedway and ATV machines are required to have a Tether switch. Machines without tether switches will be disqualified for the day's event.

L. Competition Apparel (AMA rule Section 3, F 1-6)

1. Protective pants made of leather or other durable material must be worn in all competition. Protective pants and jackets (in short track and TT events, shoulder pads with long-sleeve jerseys may be used in place of a jacket) must be worn for road race, Flat Track, short track, speedway, and TT events. On tracks one half mile and larger, abrasion resistant outer gear is required. Abrasion resistant equals leather, Cordura, air mesh or stretch Kelvar.
2. Long sleeves must be worn in all competition.
3. **Boots** must be worn in all meets. **They must be at least 8- inches high with any combination of laces, buckles or zippers, or specially designed and constructed for leg and foot protection.**
4. A steel skid shoe may be worn. It must have a curved front that extends at least 2 inches over the toe of the boot.
5. All riders must utilize a shatterproof face shield or shatterproof goggles.
6. Wearing of Helmets: It is mandatory for all participants taking part in practice and races to wear a full face protective helmet. The helmet must be properly fastened, be of a good fit, and be in good condition. The helmet must have a chin strap type 'retention system'. 139 The helmet must conform to one of the following recognized standards and have a label affixed certifying its approval: **USA:** Snell M2010 or DOT FMVSS 218 **Europe:** ECE 22-05 'P', 'NP' or 'J' **Japan:** JIS T 8133 : 2007

Full Face Type Helmets only NO OPEN FACE helmets will be allowed!

All helmets must be intact and no alteration must have been made to their construction. The rider may perform the following checks before taking part in practice or the race: That the helmet fits well on the rider's head, that it is not possible to slip the retention system over the chin when fully fastened and, that it is not possible to pull the helmet over the rider's head by pulling it from the back of the helmet. It is recommended that all helmets used in competition be equipped with a commercially manufactured emergency helmet removal device and that all competitors display the following information on the base of the helmet: name, drug allergies and blood type. It is also advisable to carry this information on a small card and add any pertinent information such as epilepsy, diabetes, current medications and past medical problems.

7. Gloves are required and must be made of leather or other comparable protective materials.

8. Eye protection is required in the form of a face shield or goggles with shatter-resistant lens material. **(NO SUNGLASSES – unless prescribed eye wear).**

9. NEW FOR 2023 ~ It is highly recommended that chest and back protection be worn by all competitors. **It is required for all competitors in Youth Classes to wear chest and back protection. The protector may be worn under or over the jersey, and it should cover the sternum anterior ribs, posterior ribs, and spine from T1 to T12.** For road racing a back protector must be worn under their leathers unless integrated into the design of the leathers

M. Race Rules (AMA rule Section 3.3, C 1-20)

1. No one except riders officially entered may ride or practice on any portion of the course the day of the meet.

2. IF your machine breaks before the main event and you borrow any other machine from another racer or your spare, you will lose your poll position and start on the back line.

3. Practice or warm up is limited to the designated area identified by the organizer. Competitors riding, or allowing their machines to be ridden, outside these boundaries will be excluded from the meet.

4. A rider must be ready when called to the starting area. If not ready, he/she is allowed two minutes after the starters call for his/her name.

5. To participate in a main event, the rider must start all heat and semi events, as required, for that class.

6. A competitor who rides in a way that endangers officials, other riders or the public will be subject to immediate disqualification from the meet by the referee.

7. When entering or leaving the pits, a rider must use designated entrance and exit lanes. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. The speed limit around the entire IMI complex on race day is 5 MPH. If you or a family member is seen speeding through the pits, the referee will be contacted and you will be disqualified for that day's main event.

8. The race is completed when the leader takes the checkered flag. The number of laps completed determines finishing position.

9. Fighting with race officials, other riders and spectators is strictly prohibited and will result in removal from IMI Motorsports and all future racing events.

N. Flags (AMA rule Section 3.3, D 1-9)

1. **GREEN:** Start of race.
2. **WHITE:** One lap to go until finish. (courtesy flag)
3. **YELLOW:** Caution. When a yellow flag is displayed, competitors must ride cautiously until they have passed the incident that caused the flag.
4. **BLACK:** Disqualification of a rider. That rider must exit the track at once.
5. **WHITE WITH RED CROSS:** Indicates that ambulances, safety vehicles or emergency personnel are on the course. EXERCISE caution.
6. **BLACK AND WHITE CHECKERED:** End of race.
7. **RED:** Stopping of a race for any emergency situation.

L. Scoring (AMA rule Section 3.3 E 1-3)

1. An approved scoring system must be used. (AMA rule Section 3.9, A)

FINISH	POINTS	FINISH	POINTS	FINISH	POINTS
1 st	30	8 th	13	15 th	6
2 nd	25	9 th	12	16 th	5
3 rd	21	10 th	11	17 th	4
4 th	18	11 th	10	18 th	3
5 th	16	12 th	9	19 th	2
6 th	15	13 th	8	20 th	1
7 th	14	14 th	7		

2. Each rider is entitled to examine his/her score with the head scorer. **Video recordings will NOT be reviewed, the official calls are final for all starts and finishes.**
3. Orange/Green corner disks that are driven over intentionally will result in a black flag and the racer(s) will be disqualified for that day's event.
4. **Official results are declared final if no protest is submitted by the end of the following class.**
5. A rider **must finish the race "UNDER THE MACHINES OWN POWER in order** to earn points for that day's event.
 - No matter the number of entries – **POINTS will be** rewarded to those that compete and take the checkered flag
 - If a rider does not complete all required laps and under the power of the machine, the rider will earn 1 point and a **DNF = (Did Not Finish)**.
 - If a rider does not start the main the rider will earn 0 points and a **DNS = (Did Not Start)**.
 - **If a race is cancelled due to unforeseen events during the HEATS = NO POINTS will be accumulated & entries will roll over to the next scheduled event only (NO REFUNDS)**

- If a race is cancelled due to unforeseen events during the mains, those main events that have been completed WILL be rewarded points as normal. Any mains that have NOT BEEN COMPLETED = will be credited to the next scheduled event only (NO REFUNDS)

6. If at the end of the race season (State Championship Race) a tie exists, the winner will be determined by: The rider having the most 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. will be the winner.

O. ATV Racing requirements

a. **WIDTH** = The width of the ATV will be considered legal provided that the wheels don't lift the spreader bar off the ground with the ATV in normal ride height, as the ATV is ridden between the 50-inch-wide spreader bar. (This spreader bar will be on site during tech inspection & at the staging area, which all ATV's must ride through before entering the track for any heat or main event).

P. Protests/Penalties

A. Time limit for protests is as follows - any protest must be submitted by the end of the next racing class. For example – if your race was #11, you have until the end of race #13 to submit an official protest or the results are final. IF you are in the Pro Quad/Pro Motorcycle class at the end of the race order, you have 10 minutes to file your official protest.

B. All protests must be submitted, signed and paid (\$250.00) for only by the person directly concerned. Protests need to be submitted to one of the three board of directors by the racer. For youth racers aged 4-16 years of age, one adult may submit, sign and pay the protest for the youth racer that is involved.

C. Each protest must refer to a single subject.

D. A protest against the class eligibility of a rider, passenger, team or motorcycle entered, should be made before the start of the official practice or race if no practice is offered.

E. Attacking a race official or fighting will be a penalty fee of \$500.00 and suspension from Colorado Speedway & Flattrack for the remainder of the race season.

Q. Riders Meeting & Miscellaneous information

1. Riders meeting is a required meeting by all riders and must be in attendance to understand that evenings race events and changes to the program. This is the opportunity to get questions answered and to receive feedback from race officials.

2. Fireworks are not allowed before or during any racing event at IMI Motorsports, those riders that violate this request could be disqualified.

3. **Alcohol and drugs are not allowed at IMI Motorsports as we do not have a liquor license. IF alcohol is being consumed we will ask for that person to finish the beverage in the stands. No Glass JARS are allowed in the PIT areas at IMI Motorsports.**

4. Pit speed limit is 5 miles per hour (mph), those riders that violate the speed limit will be disqualified.

Disclaimer ***These are the rules from the AMA rule book, just selected important pieces. Please refer to the AMA Rule book – Chapter 3 Track Racing section for official rules ***