

## 2004 AMA NATIONAL HARE & HOUND CHAMPIONSHIP SUPPLEMENTAL RULES

### RECOMMENDED RACE PROCEDURES:

1. A National Hare & Hound is a marked course over natural type terrain, approximately 100 miles. Gas pits no more than 40 miles apart.
2. For checking purposes, all riders must stop and be checked for positive identification.
3. A check shall be considered a legal check if at least 75% of the riders who check in at the next following check were in at the check in question.
4. The area from the starting line to the "smoke bomb" may be scouted up to one hour before the scheduled starting time. Contestants must pick up the course near the smoke bomb and remain on the course thereafter. Any rider obviously off-course will be subject to disqualification. A rider may be considered obviously off-course if he/she is not close to the course markings and has gained an obvious advantage: i.e. riding on a road or jumping out of a sand wash.
5. All riders must remain on course and approach checks from the proper direction. All checks should be arranged to eliminate course cutting.
6. The start shall be a banner type mass start with no less than 500 meters in length of open terrain. Comprehensive printed instructions for each rider and/or a rider's meeting is mandatory prior to the start of the race. All expert classes must be started prior to the remaining entries. When different classes run a different or partial course, the instructions must be included in all rider information. All starts must be dead engine with the rider standing beside or astride of his motorcycle in a normal fashion.
  - A. STARTS:
    1. The banner, which must be in front of the starting line, must be raised at least one (1) minute before it can be dropped, signaling the start of the race.
    2. No one may display additional banners that may be confusing.
    3. In case of a false start, the banner shall be rolled up while in the vertical position and taken down slowly. Once the course is clear, the regular starting procedure will resume.
7. Course markings shall be ribbons, arrows and fluorescent day-glo cards.
  - A. Course marking must not be over 200 feet apart or whenever possible, each mark should be visible from the previous marking.
  - B. All danger areas, including road crossings, will be marked with plain orange day-glo cards at the danger point. In addition, arrows pointing down shall be used as warning markers prior to the danger. A minimum of one warning will be placed sufficiently prior to a danger to allow enough time for the fastest rider to adjust.
  - C. Sample course markings and procedures shall be displayed at sign-up to allow everyone to become familiar with them.
8. Finishing position shall be determined by order of finish at the checkered flag with all legal consecutive checks. Two (2) written lists of riding numbers shall be used at all legal checks. The checkered flag must be a minimum of 50 yards before the start of finishing chutes. This shall be the finish to the race and 2 lap sheets are to be taken at the checkered flag. Any rider racing after passing the checkered flag is subject to disqualification.
9. Desert courses shall provide a fifty-foot wide lane through pit and spectator areas whenever feasible. Pit areas should be confined to one side of the course only.
10. It is the promoting club's responsibility to make sure that all entrants are in from the course.
11. The promoting club is responsible for reporting to a central control point the numbers and locations of stranded riders anywhere along the marked course so assistance can be supplied.
12. Hare & Hound races may be laid out as either a point-to-point or a multiple separate loop race, where the majority of the loop shall be run only once during the event.

- Local rules and procedures may also apply but will not be in conflict with the above rules. All supplemental rules will be supplied by the host club to the riders prior to the event.
- Points shall be kept by the AMA based on the results submitted by the meet organizers and series class champions will be crowned.

**GRAND NATIONAL AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:**

- At each meet, the top twenty (20) overall finishers from the "A" classes receive points toward the AMA Grand National Hare & Hound Championship. An overall winner shall be crowned at the conclusion of the series based on Grand National points earned. The top 20 overall Grand National Champions may display their earned number.
- \*All riders who earned a National finishing position for the series in the previous years, in each "A" class, womens class & ATV class, will be allowed to display their earned number on their motorcycles/4-wheel ATV's during all Hare & Hound competition provided they participate in the same class. A black number plate with white numbers will be used. The letter 'N', indicating national, must precede the rider's number and be the same size. The class indicator will follow the rider number and be half the size of the number. See listing below under National classes. It is the responsibility of the promoter to score these riders properly. It is the rider's responsibility to display the proper number plate with legible numbers and letters.
- Only those riders earning the National and Grand National number may display them.
- Championships will be determined by points accumulated in two less than all events held in the series.

**NATIONAL AND GRAND NATIONAL POINTS:**

- In order to be eligible for Grand National/National points, a rider must earn points in at least two (2) meets. Grand National points and National class points will be based on the following points schedule:

Finish / Points	Finish / Points	Finish / Points	Finish / Points
1 - 30	6 - 15	11 - 10	16 - 5
2 - 25	7 - 14	12 - 9	17 - 4
3 - 21	8 - 13	13 - 8	18 - 3
4 - 18	9 - 12	14 - 7	19 - 2
5 - 16	10 - 11	15 - 6	20 - 1

Example: At a series meet a rider may finish first in the 250cc class and third overall. He would receive 30 points for his 250cc class win and 21 points toward the Grand National Championship. Class points and overall "A" points shall be kept separately by the AMA.

**NATIONAL CLASSES:**

- The following are the classes in which National Hare & Hound points will be kept.  
**NOTE:** Each of the following classes, except the 4-wheel ATV, Masters 60+, and Women's classes, will have "A" and "B" class divisions. The single letter shown below, within the parenthesis ( ), are the class indicators.
  - 86-125cc (A)
  - 126-250cc (X)
  - 251-open (none used)
  - Veteran (30 yrs. & up) (V)
  - Senior (40 yrs. & up) (S)
  - Super Senior (50 yrs. & up) (M)
  - Women's 0-Open (one class) (L)
  - 4-Stroke (F)
  - 4-Wheel ATV 100-Open (16 yrs. & up) (Q)
  - Masters 60+ ( R)

**RIDER/PROMOTER RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- It is the responsibility for the promoting club to send the complete results to the participants and the AMA within 14 days after the event. The top 20 overall results must be received by the AMA no later than Monday morning following the race.
  - It is the responsibility for the promoting club to sign up all participants and promptly report the race results to the AMA using the above national class structure.
  - It is the responsibility of the rider to inform the national event organizer the proper national class in which he/she wishes to participate.
- \* "Smoke Bomb" - a visual designation of the course start, i.e. smoking fire, strobe light, banners, etc.