

# AMA District 14 - 2012 ATV HS RULEBOOK & Guidelines

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**REFEREES DUTIES:** Referee must send event report to point's keeper within 7 days after event. Report shall include date and type of event, results of each class and number of riders, and check or money

order for point's fund. Points fund check shall be calculated on a per rider basis as described below:

**Rider Points fund:** Four dollars (\$4.00) per rider, per class

## General Rules

1. The following are supplemental to, or part of, the AMA/ATVA Rules and Guidelines. All other rules and guidelines applicable to the event shall be derived from the AMA/ATVA rulebook / guidelines and AMA/ATVA rules supersede in the case of conflict.
2. A rules committee shall be composed of the ATV Chairman, ATV Congressman, and rider representatives. The ATV Chairman will break all tie votes. Rule changes and additions may be submitted, in writing for consideration at any time during the year, but if adopted will not take effect until the following season.
3. Rider representatives will be appointed at annual sanctioning meeting. They will be required to represent the riders, and will work with chairman to advance all phases of the sport.

## ATV Specifications

1. Per ATVA Guidelines - All ATV's shall be fitted with a tether type engine kill switch.
2. Number plates and backgrounds should be white or black contrasting combination. Number plates for event scoring are required on the front and rear of the ATV. (Note, the promoter is not responsible for mis-scoring when the numbers are difficult to read, it is the riders responsibility to ensure that the numbers are easily readable at a fair distance, see AMA/ATVA rule book.) Below are commonly accepted ways to number your ATV:

*FRONT:* White background / Black numbers 8" high

*REAR:* White background / Black numbers 8" high, mounted to rear grab bar or riders back.

Numbers also highly recommend on rear fender deck and riders back also.

*CROSS COUNTRY:* CC (Hare Scrambles) riders are required to post class letter designation on number plate ,and back of helmet. Riders will be sold / rented a transponder card that shall be mounted / taped to the underside of the helmets visor.

## ATV Scoring

1. Riders shall earn full points on any race day that is the only points paying event in the district on that day even if they are the sole rider in the class. On a day when two (2) separate tracks are paying points within the district, a full class constitutes having a minimum of 2 riders and is required to earn full points. If less than 2 riders are signed up in a given class on a day when 2

- separate tracks are paying district points, ½ points will be awarded for a finishing position
2. On the date of a nationally sanctioned ATV event held within District 14, that event will be the sole points paying event for that discipline in the District for ATV's on that day.
  3. Championship awards will be presented at end of season or series, and points fund will be distributed until fund is spent in full on above-mentioned awards. The number of awards given will be based on participation in class.
  4. In the event that a race is dubbed "double points", the points will count as 2 separate race finishes instead of 2 times the total points possible. Example: If a rider wins a "double point's event", he/she will be awarded 2 race results worth 25 points each (25+25)
  5. All riders must go through the scoring chute in 1<sup>st</sup> gear! The scoring area is a no passing zone.

#### **ATV Points**

All events scheduled for points will be accumulated towards division championships and year-end awards.

See the points schedule below:

#### **FINISH CROSS**

##### **COUNTRY**

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

#### **General Information**

1. All Cross Country races will be dead engine starts by class, one row at a time.
2. **Start Procedure.** Riders shall line up in their assigned starting row on a first come basis.
3. A riders meeting will be held at the starting line, or scoring, before the race. All riders are responsible for attending.
4. The starter will give a 10 second signal before the start of the race. Between 8 and 10 seconds the green flag will be thrown, signaling the start.
5. Riders starting their machines prior to the green flag signal, or taking off with the wrong row, will be penalized.
6. Club members not able to race an event due to club work obligations may be allowed to use one less than the required 80% score, and will receive a score for the event based upon the rider's average for the season. This averaged score will apply to only one race per season, and will be used to complete the rider's total class and overall division points. Notice must be given to the

ATV Chairman or points keeper 60 days prior to event

7. Numbers 1 - 10 are reserved for the previous seasons top 10 overall finishers and are not to be used unless earned. If 1 - 10 are on the Quad, they must be covered or taped over.

### **On track regulations**

1. Riders must remain on the marked course, the marked course is within 25 feet of race arrows. However, riders must stay within the confines of the following markers: Double arrows posted on both sides of the trail, Ribbons, Signs, Stakes, Hay bales, Barrels, Motocross track etc...

2. Riders encountering a traffic jam or "bottle neck" may go more than 25 feet off the course to get around the bottle neck only! However, the rider must re-enter the course as soon as possible, and upon approaching this section the next lap, must ride the original arrowed section if the track is clear. If the original marking devices are knocked down, the rider must stay on the original marked course regardless.

3. If a rider leaves the course for any reason, they must re-enter where they left.

4. **Reckless riding.** No rider may ride in such a manner as to endanger life or limb of other riders, officials or the public. Riders will be penalized for the reckless operation of their machine, including but not limited to the deliberate ramming, blocking or intentional contact with another rider, or the running into of an official.

5. Penalties will be assessed at the discretion of the Chairman and Rider reps based on the severity of the offense, and may include one or more of the following: position(s), lap(s), time adjustment, disqualification, suspension or loss of championship points.

### **Class Structure and Starting Order**

**Expert "M"** \*Top 10 overall riders from previous year qualify, but are not required to run this class. Other riders may receive permission from the Chairman to race this class as well.

**Advanced "A"**

**Veteran (25+) "V"**

**Intermediate "B"**

**Senior (35+) "O"**

**Novice "C"** \*Recommended for first time and novice racers

**Sportsman "S"** \*See qualifications below

**Youth Sport "Y"** \*See qualifications below

**YOUTH SPORT class (Y) qualifications:** This class follows ATVA rules and guidelines for Schoolboy

Jr. class. (**-For Reference-** By AMA/ATVA Rules, 13, 14 & 15 year old riders are eligible to ride a 200cc

2 stroke, or a 4 stroke with a max displacement of 300cc. To qualify, a rider must be large enough that

when standing on pegs has 3" between quad seat & pants inseam. For complete definition of rule consult

AMA/ATVA rulebook.) Y class riders must be present at the start line 15 minutes before the start of the

race, for a pre-race riders meeting with the rider rep(s) and the referee. Y class riders must be accompanied

by a parent or guardian. Youth riders are required to install a rear number plate with a 3-4" letter "Y" centered on the plate.

**SPORTSMAN Class (S) qualifications:** This class was designed for the riders of 2 or 4 wheel drive quads with either an automatic clutch or transmission. Depending on rider turnout, some classes may be combined into the same starting row for the start of the race. That decision will be announced at the riders meeting.

### **ATV Cross Country Scoring**

1. Riders must complete 1/3 the laps of their class leaders laps in order to receive points.
2. Any rider leaving prior to their assigned starting order will be penalized one lap.
3. Riders are **required** to have a class letter on their number plates (front and rear of quad) and the rear of their helmet to insure proper scoring in the case of transponder error.
4. No other Cross-Country points paying events may be scheduled on same day within D-14. 80% of the scheduled number of races in the series will count toward series championship, with a minimum of six events. Remaining scores will not be counted (throw away).
5. Expert / M class and Advanced / A class riders are allowed throw-away races based on the following schedule: Less than a 10 race series = 0 throw-away. 10-13 series races – 1 throw away. 14+ scheduled races = 2 throw-away. The exception to this rule being workers at club events who will receive the average of their scores.
6. In the event of a tie in year end points for the Cross Country Series, the tie breaker will be based on the 2 rider's last head-to-head match-up. The rider finishing in front of the other rider will break the tie and assume the higher position
7. A rider must attend a minimum of 51% of the race dates in a particular class to be considered eligible for Series Awards.
8. In the event that a rider gets DQ'd from an event for any reason, that race must be used in their year end totals and cannot be used as a 'dropped score'.

-Reference-

-The Event Referee is responsible for resolving all scoring disputes and protests. All protests must be resolved within 30 minutes of the race result posting per AMA/ATVA Rules.

\* Riders who are outclassing the field may be advanced from the C class at the discretion of the ATV Chairman and Rider Representatives.

-Note: all adult classes are open displacement and do not require that the ATV be a production model, riders must be 16 years of age or older.

### **General Guidelines** *(this section is for reference only, please consult AMA/ATVA rules and guidelines for complete rules)*

1. All ATVs entered in competition shall be in good mechanical working order. Rider is solely responsible for judgment of the acceptability of his machine for competition.
2. Rider shall use the last 2 digits of their AMA number for their machine number. An earned or requested number may be used, provided that number is not already in use. Except for numbers 1 - 10, which are reserved for the previous years top 10 finishers.
3. Advancement of riders to higher classes will be based upon accumulation of points, performance, and/or ability. Chairman will notify riders being considered for advancement.
4. All Hare Scramble events must provide timing equipment at the scoring chutes. Scoring will be on a lap-by-lap basis, recorded in minutes and seconds for every rider, so that the overall winner can be determined regardless of class. Scoring will be by transponder, a card will be sold / rented at riders' first event of year. Scoring will be manual if transponder system fails.
5. Overall XC winner may come from any class.
6. All XC events shall be from 1 to 3 hours long, and key times will be 8:30 / 9:00 AM. Longer events may start as early as 8:00 AM.
7. Riders may be provided a parade / practice lap for a XC race. No passing will be allowed on parade lap. (Except for mechanical problems.)

8. Recognizing that riders may want to try different types of racing, when a rider transfers from one type of event to a different type, (for example from motocross to cross country) the rider will be allowed to drop down one class, except for "A" class. This is in recognition of the widely different skills in each type of event, and shall pertain only for the new type of event the rider is attempting. However, if a rider is found very dominant in the new class, they may be advanced in that series as well.

**Many of the tracks on the circuit have motocross sections incorporated, no rider from any class is required to jump, but may choose to. If you are not doing the jump, you must choose a line to one side or the other and KEEP THAT LINE!! Do not veer or swerve until you are clear of the obstacle. This is for everyone's safety...**