

## **Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Riders Association (RMRA)!**

We are a nonprofit organization that works with local promoters/tracks in Colorado, Wyoming, and New Mexico. We have three different series that you can race (Motocross, Supercross AMA Plate series, and the Motocross AMA Plate series) and earn points towards a championship. RMRA is sanctioned by the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA).

### **AMA**

The RMRA is AMA sanctioned and we are the largest sanction in the country and the only one that holds two plate series with both Motocross and Supercross. We strive to give our riders the best and safest race experience possible. This page will give you the information that you will need to know as a first-time racer.

### **THINGS TO KNOW**

Each of our members will need to sign up with the AMA before anything. The AMA offers a few different memberships including a 1-year membership (\$49), a 3-year membership (\$147), or a family membership. If you get the family membership, it must be the family competition membership. You can purchase your membership either online or by signing up at your first race. Your AMA membership will be valid at any AMA sanctioned event across the country.

### **MINORS**

Minor riders will need an annual AMA Minor Release Card on file before being able to get an RMRA membership. There are zero exceptions to this. After getting your AMA membership go [HERE](#) and apply for the appropriate minor release. In a few days they will email you a digital minor release card - that card needs to be sent to [admin@rmra.racing](mailto:admin@rmra.racing) and filed before an RMRA membership can be finalized.

Next you will need to get a RMRA membership (\$40) for that calendar year. Once you have done this, you will need to sign up for the appropriate class for your age, bike size, and skill level.

The RMRA has a wide variety of classes that one can enter. Any riders 125cc and up must choose between bike size and skill level – A (Pro), B (Intermediate) or C (Novice/beginner). Younger riders select classes based on bike size and age groups. Contact anyone from the RMRA if you have questions about what class(es) will be right for you.

Transponders are required for main track classes. Rentals are available in person and online. The Mylaps TR2 transponder is the recommended unit.

## **50cc CLASSES**

50cc riders and parents, welcome to the sport!

Here's what you need to know: RMRA provides multiple class options for our 50cc riders specific to bike and skill level. For motocross, we have 3 classes that race throughout the day on the main track. Micro 4-6 Limited and Micro 7-8 Limited as well as Micro Open 4-8 Limited.

We also have 2 classes that operate on a modified main track. The Micro Shaft Drive Limited 4-8 class and the Mini E Bike Open.

For supercross, all of the same classes will remain available. They will participate on the same track and all classes will be incorporated into the daily race schedule instead of any separate halftime racing.

To participate in age restricted classes such as these, you must be within the stated age range as of January 1 of the seasonal year.

As with any class, there are very specific bike and rider rules and restrictions for these classes so please make sure you are familiar and compliant with them, if you are unsure please check the RMRA or AMA Rulebooks for these details or reach out to us and we will be happy to assist you.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Each rider must bring their own machine and gear.

Mandatory gear that each racer must have is:

- Helmet
- Chest protector (youth classes are mandatory)
- Boots
- Goggles
- Jersey
- Pants
- Gloves

Additional recommended gear that a racer can have is:

- Knee pads or knee braces

- Neck protection
- Elbow protection
- Mouth guard
- Ear plugs

### **What is the difference between the promoter (local track owner) and the RMRA?**

1) The promoter is in charge of organizing the race and oversees the operation of the facility, staff, medics, and use of their equipment.

As an example some responsibilities of the promoter would include:

- Admission fee for use of property
- Weekend Race fees
- Saturday Practice Fees and Schedule
- Signature on waiver of liability
- Respect for all members of staff
- Picking up after yourself
- You are responsible for your team and/or members behavior
- Obey designated rules and facilities signs

2) The RMRA is in charge of the series and competition operation

As an example some general rules of the RMRA include:

- An RMRA membership
- An AMA membership
- Organization of race information
- Rider classifications
- Operation of race sign-up
- Issuing of race numbers
- Race regulations

At each event the RMRA, referee, and the promoter will collaborate to make decisions based on safety, weather, duration of race, etc.

## How Race Day Works

### MX

- Camping for the weekend is available at most tracks.
- For our regular one-day MX format, some races have a Saturday practice that anyone can attend. Fees, times, and duration are at the promoter's discretion.
- Sign-up on Saturday generally starts after practice.
- Sunday race sign-up generally starts around 5:30 am and ends after all practices are done.
- Practice starts at 7 am. Practice schedule is on the race order that is given when you sign up. It can also be found on the website and on Facebook/Instagram. There will also be a rider's meeting on the back of the race order that will cover general rules and regulations, the purpose of each flag, etc. If there are further announcements that need to be made, they will be announced throughout the day and posted at the sign-up shack.  
Each bike size and skill level will get a practice.
- Motocross is broken down into 2 motos for each class. For example, if you sign up for two classes, you will have 4 motos that day. The race order will be run through fully one time, there will be a short break, then they will resume with the second motos. It is your responsibility to pay attention to the race order and listen to where they are in the running order. It will be announced during the day but you must pay attention so you do not miss your moto.
- Get up to the gate 3-4 motos ahead of yours to begin the staging process.  
After practice is complete, the first motos will begin immediately. If you are in one of the first 3-4 motos, you will report directly to staging. Staging is right behind the gate. Staging = sorting all the riders and giving them their randomized gate pick for the first moto. Second moto gate picks depend on the riders finish from the first moto. You will be called by your bike number.  
Once you are at the gate, your race will begin. There may be one or two people running the gate:
  - If there is one person running the gate, they will point everyone down and walk to the dog house (middle of the starting gate that is covered). Then the gate will drop within 1-5 seconds.

- If there are two people running the gate, there will be a person holding a 1-minute card. This is to tell everyone that they need to get their bikes started, get their goggles on, and get ready to go racing. The person will point each rider down to signify that they are ready. Once they have done that, the card will turn to 30 seconds. The card will then be dropped down and turned sideways. Once the card is sideways, the gate will drop within 1-3 seconds.
- Once the gate drops, your race will begin.
- Each class runs a certain number of laps. Each rider races to the checkered flag. Each track has a finish line that will signify the end of the race. Once your race has ended, exit the track in the designated spot and head back to your pit until your next race.
- It is always a good idea to check your results after each moto to make sure you were scored correctly. You only have 30 minutes after results are posted to protest if something is incorrect.
- Once the day is done and you have completed both motos, check your scores from the day to see if you earned a trophy. If you did, collect your trophy from the sign up shed.

## **SX**

- For supercross, practice is on Friday. Time varies from promoter to promoter so check our website or social media to find the information on start times and practice schedule.
- Races start on Saturday at 7 am. The class structure is a bit different for supercross. There is a morning program and an afternoon program and a heat/main format is run for scoring. Check the website or RMRA's social media to find the information on when you would be racing for your specific class.
- All the procedures (sign up, practice, staging, gate drop, racing, etc.) are the same as motocross. The only difference is that motocross is a two moto format with combined moto scores for your result, and supercross has a qualifier for gate pick, a last chance qualifier or consi (LCQ) if you didn't qualify, and a main event. Your overall score is just from the main event. SX varies based on promoter. Amateur classes will run a 2 moto format or Heat/Main. 250,450,Open Pro runs Heat/Main no matter what.

## **CONCLUSION**

Racing can be intense, but the number one goal for everyone is to do the best that you can, have fun, and stay safe. The RMRA is a wonderful community with some of the most amazing people in it. Racing for your first time can be extremely intimidating, but almost everyone at the track will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Every racer must start somewhere and we are happy that you are here with us and hope you have a positive experience. We at the RMRA are happy to answer any questions that you may have to help you succeed in your first race. With that said, welcome to the RMRA! Now lets go racing!!