

# **Best of the Midwest MX**

## **Championship Series**

### **Rules of Competition**

These rules are to be used for all events held in conjunction with the Best of the Midwest MX Championship Series (BMW MX). Rules are subject to change at any time without notice.

BMW MX and/or each individual track reserves the right to refuse service to anyone.

*Please note:* It is the responsibility of all entrants to familiarize themselves with, and fully understand these rules. If you cannot, please speak to a BMW MX official and he/she will attempt to explain the rules in a way you can hopefully understand. You can also send your questions to us via email at [bestofmidwestmx@gmail.com](mailto:bestofmidwestmx@gmail.com)

Officials of the Best of the Midwest MX Championship Series do not test the skill of individual participants. Participants are solely responsible for their safety.

#### **1 - General Rules**

- Every person who enters any area of a BMW MX event **MUST** sign a Release and Waiver of Liability. Any person who fails or refuses to sign said waiver shall be considered to be trespassing at that event.
- No rider under the age of 18 may compete without the written consent (signature on liability releases and entry forms) of his/her parents or legal guardians present at the meet. An authorized adult acting on behalf of the parents or legal guardians must provide a notarized statement indicating they have been given the authority by the parent or legal guardian to be responsible for the minor during the meet. The parents, legal guardians or authorized adult must remain present while the rider he/she is responsible for is at the meet.
- All riders and other race personnel must assess for themselves the track, facilities, existing conditions and other matters relating to safety. All riders and race personnel must rely on their own judgment and assume all risks of participating in competition of any manner.
- Rider medical insurance is not provided by BMW MX or participating tracks for **ANY** event.
- Officials will not be responsible for any two different riders competing in different classes on the same machine. It is up to the rider to notify the person working the starting gate of the situation as soon as possible. Time will be allowed (2 minutes max) for the riders to switch before starting the next race.

- Training wheels are **not** permitted.
- Rider can use a different machine for each moto but cannot use 2 different machines in the same moto. If switching machines between motos for the same class, the machine should retain the same number as the original machine. If the number is different, the rider **must** notify the scoring team prior to the start of the moto. An admin fee of \$5 may be assessed to change bike numbers. You will receive a DNS for the moto if you fail to notify the scoring team of the number change.

## 2 - Membership and Race Day Sign Up

- There is no series membership required to participant in the BMWMX
- Riders must sign up before practice.
- A late fee of \$5 will be assessed for anyone who signs up after 8:30am.
- To ensure accuracy of scoring, duplicate numbers will not be allowed. If you are assigned a "/" or "X", you must use it.
- All motorcycles must have legible numbers on all 3 number plates. Backgrounds must be of a contrasting color and be clearly readable from 100' away. Bikes with no numbers or illegible numbers will not be scored.
- It is the riders responsibility to ensure all numbers are legible on the motorcycle. Please clean off number plates before each moto. If the scoring team cannot read your number, scoring errors will result.
- Riders must complete 6 of the 7 BMWMX races to be eligible for year-end awards. There are no drop races. The best 7 overall finishes will be calculated for year end points.

## 3 - Conduct

- Any verbal harassment of track officials will be grounds for permanent disqualification/or fines for the rider or party involved. Any physical abuse of BMWMX officials, track workers, spectators, or fellow racers will be grounds for permanent disqualification and allow for notice to other tracks in the series to permanently ban said competitor.
- Each rider assumes the complete responsibility for their pit crew/family and friends. Any rules infraction committed by them will be reflected upon the racer and they will be penalized appropriately.
- Foul riding, unnecessary bumping, crowding, lack of caution, blocking, course cutting or other non sportsmanlike conduct is grounds for disqualification or other penalty as determined by track officials.

## 4 - Age

- January 1st of the current event year determines the classes youth riders are eligible for. (example – A rider that is 6 years old on January 1, 2011, is eligible to ride as a 6 year old for the entire 2011 race season, regardless of their day of birth.) If you have questions about your child's age and which class they should ride, please [Contact Us](#).
- Riders participating in the Vet classes must be the required minimum age on the day of the event (example - you MUST be 30 years old or older the day of the race). Driver's license may be required at sign up.
- Proof of age (Birth Certificate or Driver's License) must be available upon request of the event staff or BMW MX official. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification.

## 5 - Starting Line and Racing

- First moto gate pick is determined by either sign in order or random computer pick. 2nd moto gate pick is determined by the results of the first moto.
- No tools such as shovels/rakes are permitted at the starting line. No one other than track officials are allowed in front of the starting gate.
- Do not drop or pile dirt in the starting mechanism.
- No rider or rider representative will be allowed to hold or station themselves in a preferred position on the gate.
- Riders must be capable of holding their bikes up themselves. Starting blocks may be used. Riders may not be held up by fenders or any other part of their bike for the start.
- In the event there are more racers than gates, it is the track official's discretion to either run heats, or if there are only a handful of extra racers, they may be lined up along the edges of the gate. Special attention will be paid to those outside the gates to make sure there are no early starts.
- In the event of a starting gate malfunction, a restart will be at the sole discretion of the track official. Riders will be notified by a red flag on the track.
- If you are caught jumping the gate, the race will be red flagged and you will be required to start backwards on the restart. Refusal to abide by this rule will result in immediate disqualification.
- There will be no restarts unless determined by the race official that continuing the race will endanger the riders.
- If for any reason the race must be stopped it will be considered complete if the leading rider has completed over 50% of the laps. (example: 3 laps in a 5 lap race)

- Lapped riders must move over or be black flagged.
- Yellow flag situations – NO passing, NO double jumping, and NO tripling in the yellow flag area. NO improvement of position. Penalty is a minimum of one finishing position per infraction. Maximum penalty is disqualification. This will be the decision of the race official.
- The white flag is a courtesy flag. It is not necessary to display the white flag at the beginning of the final lap.
- In the event that a moto is red flagged due to one or more riders obstructing the progress and/or safety of that moto, the rider or riders that caused the stoppage may not be allowed to restart that moto unless allowed by the NSMS or track official.
- If a red flag is displayed during the race, all riders should return to the starting area to await further instructions.
- If during the riders meeting, it is stated that motos will be 5 laps and for some reason the race is not stopped until 6 or more laps are completed. The race will be considered over at the end of the 5th lap. Scorekeepers lap sheets will determine moto finish.
- Riders who are shown the black flag during a race should exit the track and report to the track official immediately.
- The checkered flag is displayed to riders to announce the end of the race.

## 6 - Scoring

- If a rider signs in and pays their entry fee, but does not compete by taking the green flag, no points are awarded. In order for this to count as a race attended the rider must have a bike at the race track, be fully suited up in race gear and be physically able to race. In the event a bike breaks during practice and is not fixable at the track, it will be counted as a race attended since you were in the process of trying to race. Also, if you are on the starting line and something happens, bike failure, crash before the green flag, that also shows the intent of trying to race and would count as a race attended. This is a judgment call of the track official that you tried to race. If he thinks you made every effort to race then it will be counted as a race attended.
- BMWMX officials and track personnel are not responsible for locating riders before their event.
- If the rider leaves the course for ANY reason, they must reenter the track at the safest possible point nearest their point of exit, but not at a point where they improve their position. Race officials will determine cutting the course going around a jump or obstacle. Penalty is 5 positions.
- Infractions are judged on a case by case basis.

- DNS – Did Not Start – A rider not coming to the starting gate and/or completing one full lap will receive a DNS for that moto. DNS results in no points earned for that moto toward the overall finish for the race and zero points toward the series for that moto.
- DNF – Did Not Finish – Riders will receive a DNF if they start the race and complete at least one lap, but do not take the checkered flag. A DNF results in last place points earned for that moto + one position.
- DSQ – Disqualified – Disqualification of any kind will result in zero points earned during that moto.
- Series points will be based on **OVERALL** finish at each event. (Example – Rider gets 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, the rider will receive 20 pts towards the series.)

Place:	Points:
1 <sup>st</sup>	25
2 <sup>nd</sup>	22
3 <sup>rd</sup>	20
4 <sup>th</sup>	18
5 <sup>th</sup>	16
6 <sup>th</sup>	15
7 <sup>th</sup>	14
8 <sup>th</sup>	13
9 <sup>th</sup>	12
10 <sup>th</sup>	11
11 <sup>th</sup>	10
12 <sup>th</sup>	9
13 <sup>th</sup>	8
14 <sup>th</sup>	7
15 <sup>th</sup>	6
16 <sup>th</sup>	5

17 <sup>th</sup>	4
18 <sup>th</sup>	3
19 <sup>th</sup>	2
20th on	1

## 7 - Classes

- The following classes are offered:
  - **50cc Jr**
    - 4-6 yrs old
    - 0-51cc 2 and 4 stroke
    - No Sr. Cycles allowed in the this class
  - **50cc Sr**
    - 7-8 yrs old
    - 0-51cc 2 and 4 stroke
  - **50cc Open**
    - 8 yrs old and under
    - 0-51cc 2 and 4 stroke
  - **65cc Jr**
    - 9 yrs old and under
    - 65cc 2 stroke and 110cc 4 stroke
  - **65cc Sr**
    - 10-11 yrs old
    - 65cc 2 stroke and 110cc 4 stroke
  - **65cc Open**
    - 11 yrs old and under
    - 65cc 2 stroke and 110cc 4 stroke
  - **85cc Jr**
    - 11 yrs old and under
    - 85cc 2 stroke and 150 4 stroke
    - Small wheel bikes only (14 inch rear max)
  - **85cc Sr**
    - 12-15 yrs old
    - 85cc 2 stroke and 150cc 4 stroke
    - Small wheel bikes only (14 inch rear max)
  - **85cc Open**
    - 7-15 yrs old
    - 85cc 2 stroke and 150cc 4 stroke

- *Small wheel bikes only (14 inch rear max)*
- **Supermini**
  - *16 yrs old and under*
  - *Max 112cc 2 stroke and 150cc 4 stroke*
  - *Small and big wheel bikes allowed (16 inch rear max)*
- **SchoolBoy**
  - *12-16 yrs old*
  - *Max 250cc 2 or 4 stroke*
- **Collegeboy**
  - *17-24 yrs old*
  - *Max 250cc 2 stroke and 450cc 4 stroke*
- **Womens**
  - *All ages of women/girls are eligible*
  - *Open displacement 2 and 4 stroke*
- **125 2 Stroke**
  - *No age restrictions*
  - *99cc-144cc 2 stroke only*
- **2 Stroke Open**
  - *No age restrictions*
  - *Open displacement 2 stroke only*
  - *100% payback*
- **250 Pro**
  - *No age restrictions*
  - *125-250cc 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *200% + \$500 payback to*
  - *Riders under the age of 16 may opt to receive gift certificates to local dealership in lieu of payout*
- **250 Intermediate**
  - *No age restrictions*
  - *125-250cc 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *Intermediate Class*
- **250 Novice**
  - *No age restrictions*
  - *125-250cc 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *Novice Class*
- **Open Pro**
  - *No age restrictions*
  - *125 and up 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *200% + \$500 payback to 50%*
  - *Riders under the age of 16 may opt to receive gift certificates to local dealership in lieu of payout*
- **Open Intermediate**
  - *No age restrictions*
  - *125 and up 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *Intermediate Class*
- **Open Novice**
  - *No age restrictions*
  - *125 and up 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*

- *Novice Class*
- **Plus 50**
  - *Must be at least 50 years old on day of race (Proof of Age may be required)*
  - *Any size 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *Track Option for payback or awards*
- **Plus 45**
  - *Must be at least 45 years old on day of race (Proof of Age may be required)*
  - *Any size 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *100% payback*
- **Plus 40**
  - *Must be at least 40 years old on day of race (Proof of Age may be required)*
  - *Any size 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *Track option for payback or awards*
- **Plus 30**
  - *Must be at least 30 years old on day of race (Proof of Age may be required)*
  - *Any size 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *Track option for payback or awards*
- **Plus 25 Advanced**
  - *Must be at least 25 years old on day of race (Proof of Age may be required)*
  - *Any size 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *100% payback*
- **Plus 25 B/C**
  - *Must be at least 25 years old on day of race (Proof of Age may be required)*
  - *Any size 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *Intermediate/Novice riding level. NO PROS*
- **Military Showdown**
  - *Must be at an active or retired Military (Proof of Service may be required)*
  - *Any size 2 or 4 stroke, Alta MXR allowed*
  - *Free to enter, one ten minute plus one lap race at intermission of each round*

*\*ALL 7 rounds will count towards year end awards.*

*\*Must race all six rounds to be eligible for year end awards.*