



2024 HARE SCRAMBLE RULE BOOK

NB DIRT RIDERS ASSOCIATION

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****ALL RACERS MUST READ THE RULEBOOK****



By purchasing a NBDRA membership, the competitor acknowledges their responsibility to read and understand the rules.

1.0 GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

1.1 Supplemental Rules

Any organizer wishing to run their event contrary to any of the following rules or with additional regulations must first get approval from the board of directors of NB Dirt Riders Association. If approval is granted, then the riders should be informed on all printed and electronic information that is distributed regarding the event. The riders should also be informed at the rider's meeting that there are supplemental regulations/rules in effect.

1.2 Championships

1.2.1 NB Dirt Riders Association Hare Scramble Championship. The NB Dirt Riders Association Champions will be decided based on total accumulated points in all rounds of the series. No results will be thrown away.

1.3 Championship Points

1.3.1 In order to be eligible for Championship points a rider must finish in the top 20 of their class.

1.3.2 Championship class points will be based on the following points schedule:

Position	Points
1	25
2	22
3	20
4	18
5	16
6	15
7	14
8	13
9	12
10	11
11	10
12	9



13	8
14	7
15	6
16	5
17	4
18	3
19	2
20	1

1.3.5 Ties will be broken by comparing the number of first, second, third, etc. place finishes until the ties are resolved. If there is still a tie, then the rider who finished ahead of the other more often will receive the higher placing.

1.3.6 If there is still a tie after using the methods described in 1.3.5 then the rider who finished ahead in the last race of the season that they both participated in will finish ahead in the points standings. If the two riders did not compete against each other during the series, the rider who rode the most events in the series will be the winner.

1.3.7 If there is still a tie after using the methods described in 1.3.5 and 1.3.6, then the rider who scored points last is the winner.

1.4 Move up/down policy

1.4.1 Once a rider has entered a class, they may drop back down **only** with permission of the NBDRA board.

1.4.2 A rider may move up a class but to advance higher than one class must be approved by the board.

1.4.3 Points are not transferable between classes.

1.5 Entries and fees

1.5.1 Event fees for one race in the 2024 season will be set at \$45.00 for all large wheel classes and \$25.00 for youth classes.

1.5.2 NB Dirt Riders Association reserves the right to refund race fees on a case-by-case basis.

1.5.3 NB Dirt Riders Association does not test or qualify entrants for riding competency and therefore each participant must judge for themselves their ability to participate in racing activities.

1.6 Requirements



1.6.1 Sound Testing

1.6.1.1 Sound checks may be performed at each event using the standard FIM method.

1.6.1.2 The maximum sound level will be 94dB for hare scrambles.

1.6.1.3 Sound limits may be adjusted at the event organizers discretion but must be advertised in advance at the time of pre-entry, including any exceptions for vintage class participants.

1.6.1.4 A competitor may be removed from the race if his/her bike becomes too loud during the event.

1.6.1.5 Once a rider has been informed, corrections must be made prior to the next race.

1.6.2 Protective Equipment

1.6.2.1 All riders are encouraged to wear protective gear since the nature of the events can be dangerous.

1.6.2.2 Helmets must be always worn when riding. Helmets must conform to Snell 2005, ECE 22-04, ECE 22-05, DOT or equivalent testing standard and must bear the authorized decal.

1.6.2.3 At minimum riders shall wear leather or similarly constructed boots that come above the ankle, measuring at least 8" from the sole to the top and overlapping durable riding pants, long sleeved jersey, and eye protection in the form of goggles or safety glasses that must be worn for the start of the race.

1.7 Event Referee and Jury

1.7.1 Each event organizer shall be familiar with the rules and have a copy of this rule book on site on the day of the event.

1.7.2 Each event organizer shall appoint an event referee for the event, that person shall be a member in good standing of NBDRA and familiar with the rules of competition and have a copy of the rules with him on the day of the event.

1.7.3 The event referee shall have sole discretion over the event duration, disqualifications, noise violations, course redirections and all course violations.

1.7.4 The event referee may appoint designates for each or all the duties under their authority. These designates must be familiar with the NBDRA rules pertaining to their assigned duty.

1.7.5 At the event referee's discretion a participant may be disqualified or penalized time or positions depending on the severity of the violation. (See section 9.0 for a list of infractions and penalties.)

1.7.6 Appeals of event referee decisions will be directed to the NBDRA executive within 24 hours of the official results being posted on the website or Facebook page. Appeals will be heard by a minimum of three directors either in person, electronically or via telephone. The appellant,



event referee, points standing administrator and event organizer will be informed of the final binding decision within two weeks of the notice of appeal.

1.7.7 Any entrant may protest a decision of the Promoter regarding matters connected with the running of the event, provided they are directly involved. No protest at racing events will be accepted against a statement of fact that has been personally observed by an event official (ex. false starts/course cutting/dangerous riding, inappropriate entry to or use of the course, unsportsmanlike behaviour, etc.).

1.7.8 Protests must be in writing, submitted, signed, and delivered by the rider lodging the protest and handed to an executive of the NBDRA:

1. Pre-Riding - protests of riders who have been witnessed pre-riding must be made prior to the race start (\$50 fee)
2. Scoring questions - within 24 hours of the posting of the race in question (no fee)
3. Rule Infraction - within 24hrs of the completion of the race in question (\$100 fee)
4. Machine legality at the end of the race (\$50 fee)

1.7.9 Fees will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

2.0 CLASSES

2.1. Peewee Class

2.1.1. Ages 6-9 years of age (minimum 6yrs as of the date of the event). 30 minute class. Maximum 50cc 2 strokes and maximum 110cc 4 strokes with auto transmission (no clutch lever). Maximum front wheel size of 14”.

2.1.2. The Peewee class is optional because all event organizers may not have a suitable track for the class.

2.1.3. The first rider to cross the scoring area AT or AFTER the **30 minute mark** will receive the checkered flag and his exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact times be recorded. Finish order will be determined by laps completed and time to finish. Overall scoring (as well as class scoring) shall be based on total elapsed time (from the time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. It therefore may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

2.2 Schoolkid Class

2.2.1. Ages 7-11 years of age. 45 minute class. Minimum 65cc 2-stroke to maximum 85cc 2-stroke or minimum 110cc 4-stroke to maximum 150cc 4-stroke. Maximum wheel size of 17” front and 14” rear.

2.2.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area AT or AFTER the **45 minute mark** will receive the checkered flag and his exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact times be recorded. Finish order will be determined by laps completed and time to finish. Overall scoring (as well as class scoring) shall be based on total elapsed time (from the time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. It therefore may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.



2.3 Supermini Class

2.3.1 Ages 12-16 years of age. 1 hour class. Maximum 112cc 2-stroke or maximum 150cc 4-stroke. Maximum wheel size 19" front wheel 16" rear wheel. Minimum wheel size 17" front wheel 14".

2.3.2 The first rider to cross the scoring area AT or AFTER the **1 hour mark** will receive the checkered flag and his exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact times be recorded. Finish order will be determined by laps completed and time to finish. Overall scoring (as well as class scoring) shall be based on total elapsed time (from the time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. It therefore may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

2.4 Women's class

2.4.1 Ages 14 years and up. 1 hour:15 minute class. Minimum wheel size of 19" front and 16" rear (big wheel).

2.4.2 The first rider to cross the scoring area AT or AFTER the **1 hour:15 minute mark** will receive the checkered flag and his exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact times be recorded. Finish order will be determined by laps completed and time to finish. Overall scoring (as well as class scoring) shall be based on total elapsed time (from the time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. It therefore may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

2.5 Junior Class

2.5.1 Ages 14 years and up. 1 hour:15 min class. Minimum wheel size of 19" front and 16" rear (big wheel).

2.5.2 The first rider to cross the scoring area AT or AFTER the **1 hr:15 min mark** will receive the checkered flag and his exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact times be recorded. Finish order will be determined by laps completed and time to finish. Overall scoring (as well as class scoring) shall be based on total elapsed time (from the time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. It therefore may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

2.6 Plus 40 Class

2.6.1 Ages 40 years and up. 1hour 30min class. Minimum wheel size of 19" front and 16" rear (big wheel).

2.6.2 The first rider to cross the scoring area AT or AFTER the **1 hr:30 min mark** will receive the checkered flag and his exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact times be recorded. Finish order will be determined by laps completed and time to finish. Overall scoring (as well as class scoring) shall be based on total elapsed time (from the time of start



to time of finish) and total laps completed. It therefore may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

2.7 Intermediate B Class

2.7.1 Ages 14 years and up. 1hour 30min class. Minimum wheel size of 19" front and 16" rear (big wheel).

2.7.2 The first rider to cross the scoring area AT or AFTER the **1hr 30min mark** will receive the checkered flag and his exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact times be recorded. Finish order will be determined by laps completed and time to finish. Overall scoring (as well as class scoring) shall be based on total elapsed time (from the time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. It therefore may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

2.8 Intermediate A Class

2.8.1 Ages 14 years and up. 2hr class. Minimum wheel size of 19" front and 16" rear (big wheel).

2.8.2 The first rider to cross the scoring area AT or AFTER the **2hr mark** will receive the checkered flag and his exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact times be recorded. Finish order will be determined by laps completed and time to finish. Overall scoring (as well as class scoring) shall be based on total elapsed time (from the time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. It therefore may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

2.9 Expert Class

2.9.1 Ages 14 years and up. 2 hour:30 minute class. Minimum wheel size of 19" front and 16" rear (big wheel).

2.9.2 The first rider to cross the scoring area AT or AFTER the **2 hr:30 min mark** will receive the checkered flag and his exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact times be recorded. Finish order will be determined by laps completed and time to finish. Overall scoring (as well as class scoring) shall be based on total elapsed time (from the time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. It therefore may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

2.10 Age restrictions

2.10.1 Minimum - as of the date of the event. (e.g., Peewee - participants must be 6 at the time of the event).

2.10.2 Maximum - as of January 1st of the current year. (e.g., If a participant is 9 at any time in 2024, they can compete as a 9-year-old for the 2024 season).

3.0 Event Rules



3.1 To maintain competitive racing it is the rider's responsibility to enter the proper class. Failure to do so will result in the loss of all points earned and the rider in question will be moved to the appropriate class.

3.2 At minimum, Peewee racers must be able to use both brakes and come to a controlled, complete stop.

3.3 Classes and Rider Numbers - All participants will run unique numbers for the entire event. Participants can request numbers through emailing the race director at racing@nbdra.ca

3.4 Race Numbers

3.4.1 All participants will be required to display a clearly visible **assigned** race number that is at least 4 inches (front plate) in height and of contrasting colours. For example, a light-coloured number on a dark background or vice versa.

3.4.2 If a race number contains multiple digits, then all must be of the same size. It is recommended for any racer who plans to race both NB and NS series to coordinate their race number to be usable in both associations. NBDRA race number availability can be found at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EZ64S3qp8Cc_1pkzmQdEx9fjFhfD072o/edit#gid=1019951585 To confirm your race number, email racing@nbdra.ca

3.4.3 The proper race numbers must be displayed on all three sides of the bike.

3.4.4 If a Scoring Protest is lodged, and the rider is found to have an improperly displayed race number, the rider will be informed that the protest will not be entertained as the rider has not followed the rules of 3.4.

3.4.5 A 2-point deduction penalty will be assigned to any rider not complying with the badging rules, for every race that the rider enters with incorrect displays.

3.4.6 No duplicate bike numbers will be allowed to register for the season. All riders may retain their rider number from the previous year(2) provided they renew their membership.

3.5 At each event, the following classes must be run as listed in these regulations: Schoolkid, Supermini, Women, Junior, 40+, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, and Expert. Peewee is an optional class due to some venues not being able to support a Peewee course. At the promoter's option, additional support classes may be run with classes as defined in these regulations.

3.6 Where a class has less than three entries, it will not be deemed a race, participants in that class may ride the next class up in progression and all points earned will be credited to their regular class standings.

3.7 First gear only in the pits. Pits defined as the area of parking and staging.

3.8 Riders may make repairs and otherwise receive mechanical assistance anywhere along the course from anyone. All such repairs and assistance must be made without causing interference with other riders and in a suitable area off the racetrack.



3.9 Any bikes (motorized, pedal-powered, or electric pedal bikes) other than racers and official sweepers cannot be on any of the courses, including the peewee courses. During the races parents need to be on foot.

4.0 Advancement

4.1. Top finishing riders in their respective classes at the end of the season will be promoted to the next advanced class, excepting age and gender-based classes. Year-end review of the results by NBDRA Officials will determine who advances. A rider may appeal advancement to the NBDRA Board of Directors.

5.0. Race Procedure

5.1 All large wheel events shall run a designated time of not less than 1 hour. No event should run longer than 2 hours and 30 minutes. The event referee may decide to call the event prior to the full duration in the event of inclement weather which at their discretion threatens the safety of the participants, property, or any other person.

5.2 The race shall be deemed official if half of the original duration is completed.

5.3 Track rerouting may also be deemed necessary from time to time at the referee's discretion to ensure participant safety, environmental concern, and progress of the race and fairness to participants shall be considerations in doing so but some may be unfairly penalized.

5.4 If a race is stopped due to injury or apparent injury of a rider, said rider may not restart.

5.5 Course Marking

5.5.1 The official route, which must not be left for any reason whatsoever, will be indicated by brightly colored arrows and plastic tape/ribbon where needed.

5.5.2 Event organizers will fully explain the methods of route marking and colours used during the rider's meetings.

5.5.3 In those cases where the riders must follow a very definite route (i.e., on grassland, rough terrain, footpaths, etc.), the organizers must indicate these passages precisely and very clearly by two rows of posts joined by a tape or double arrows on both sides of the trail. It is recommended that any course splits for the different classes be live and always staffed to ensure riders take the correct course.

5.5.4 No riding of the course once it has been posted closed. Any rider caught riding the course will be disqualified. Walking and bicycles are permitted.

5.5.5 Pre-ride protests must be made prior to the start of the event.

5.6 Finisher

5.6.1 A rider who finishes a minimum of one complete lap and crosses the finish line AT or AFTER the end of the race will be considered a finisher.



5.6.2 A rider must finish in the top 20 of his/her class to receive championship points. Riders who are DNF or disqualified will not receive points.

5.6.3 Event organizers will have a defined finish line. Riders that elect to stop participating in an event prior to being told they are finished must inform the scoring team that they have abandoned and off the course. Failure of a rider to inform the finishing line personnel that they are dropping out of the race will result in loss of points.

5.7 Waiting Out the Clock

5.7.1 Riders are responsible for managing their own time. A timeclock may be provided at or near the lap/finish line but will likely not be the official time. If you are waiting out the clock, take your cue to advance to the finish line from the scorers at the timing tent. First riders to advance will be those with the shortest race duration. Officials do not monitor the sequence of those waiting out the clock. ****Attention:** if you do not go through timing after the cut-off, you will be marked as a DNF.

5.7.2 Riders must pull off to the utmost side of the track for the safety of all and so as not to hinder competitors. There will be no attempting to back up once a rider has reached the scoring tent. The rider must continue for another lap.

5.7.3 Riders who have waited out the clock are to advance **one at a time** so as not to congest the finish for the other competitors. **The next waiting-out-the-clock rider will only advance once the previous rider has cleared the finish area.**

5.8 Where a race is stopped, the positions of the riders at the last check over the finish line before the stop signal shall be considered the finishing positions; with the rider(s) responsible for the stoppage being moved to last place in the results.

5.9 If the race is restarted, the rider(s) shall start consecutively in the order set by scoring. Riders that did not complete a scoring lap will restart after the other riders.

6.0. Start Procedure

6.1. Other than running engine starts the start procedure requires the participant to place both hands on the helmet to allow more fairness regardless of the type of motorcycle used. Every bike in the starting compound, including racers, course sweepers and spectators, regardless of the class currently starting, will have dead engines prior to the start of any class except for Peewee and Schoolkid.

6.2 Riders, pit crew members, machines and equipment are not permitted on the starting line until authorized by the race official.

6.3 Each wave will start approximately at one-minute intervals if possible.

6.4 The afternoon race start order will be Expert, Intermediate A, 40 Plus, Intermediate B

6.5 The morning race start order will be Peewee, Supermini/Schoolkid, Junior/Women and then any optional classes that the event organizer wishes to run will follow.



6.6 Complete classes should be combined to start fewer waves if numbers of entries allow.

6.7 Riders shall line up on their assigned starting row on a first come basis when directed by the race official.

6.8 Riders must ensure they are starting in their correct class. Riders starting in advance of their proper class will be deducted a lap.

6.8 A sight lap will be given to the Peewee class only. A sight lap is one slow guided lap through the course right before your race begins. There will be no passing of the leader.

6.9 Running Engine starts are for Peewee and Schoolkid classes.

6.10 Dead engine starts for all other classes. Both hands on top of the helmet.

6.11 At the time the riders are required to place their hands on their helmet all crew members must be clear of the start area.

6.12 A false start occurs when a rider leaves the starting line prior to the signal. The penalty for a false start shall be a deduction of one lap in the results if a restart cannot be coordinated.

6.13 All flags and signals will be explained by the referee or designated at the riders meeting.

6.14 An event's cut-off time(s) may be reduced to address environmental or safety concerns.

7.0. Scoring

7.1 The top three competitors of the Expert category from the previous year will be allowed to display their earned number on their motorcycles during all NBDRA Hare Scramble Events. Only those may display a top three number.

7.2 It is the responsibility of the promoter to score riders properly. It is the rider's responsibility to display the proper number plate with legible numbers/contrasting colours.

7.3 Where electronic scoring is employed, the rider must ensure that they have secured their transponder to their bike or equipment in the proper location and method, and that they have had it scanned at sign in and that it is in working order.

7.10 Riders must come to a complete stop for the flag person at all "Live Checks". Riders must take care to exit "Live Checks" safely, slowly, and without wheel spin or excessive noise. Obey the flagger. No pushing of the flag.

7.11 The finish line is considered a "Live Check".

7.12 No passing is allowed in the scoring lanes and a complete stop is required at the flag person for laps and the finish to allow scoring to record race number/time.

8.0. Refueling Area (Pit Lane)



8.1 Riders will only refuel in the designated refuelling area provided near to the scoring/finish line area.

8.2 The organizer will provide a minimum of one fire extinguisher for the refueling area and ensure that pit crews know the location of the extinguisher.

8.3 Smoking is prohibited in the refueling area.

8.4 First gear/low speed only while entering/exiting the pits. Violation and subsequent penalties are at the discretion of the referee.

8.5 Motors are to be shut off while refueling.

8.6 Welding is prohibited.

9.0. LIST OF PENALTIES

9.1 Except as otherwise stated in these rules, the penalty for a rule infraction is disqualification of the rider from the event. The Competition Committee may rule for a lesser penalty providing there is no reasonable objection from an affected rider.

9.1 Un-sportsman like behavior by a rider or his/her pit crew, NBDRA member, Director, Committee member, Volunteer or course worker will, at the discretion of the referee, result in the rider being disqualified or removed from the event and up to a year disqualification starting from date of infraction.

9.2 Making aggressive physical contact with any course workers, check point workers or medical staff on any part of the course with your body or your bike - Disqualified.

9.3 Refueling outside areas provided for this purpose by the organizers or carrying fuel other than in the fuel tank - Disqualified.

9.4 Not stopping the engine while refueling - Disqualified.

9.5 Carrying out any kind of welding work in the refueling areas - Disqualified.

9.6 Using extraneous motive power – Disqualified.

9.7 Being accompanied by another rider not entered in that event - Disqualified.

9.8 Riding outside the marked route; riding in the wrong direction, not observing the marked route - Disqualified.

9.9 Intentionally leaving the course – Disqualified.

9.10 If a rider cuts the course, a penalty of disqualification, up to 5 positions in the results or the removal of one lap may apply. This penalty will be decided by the Competition Committee.

9.11 Passing in the no pass/no roost zone – 30 sec penalty.

9.12 “Roosting” causing dirt and stones to be thrown at the timing/scoring staff –

9.12.1 First infraction – warning

9.12.2 Second infraction – 30sec penalty



9.12.3 Third infraction – disqualification

9.13 Riding too fast in the no pass/no roost zone –

9.13.1 First infraction - warning

9.13.2 Second infraction - 30sec penalty

9.13.3 Third infraction – disqualification

9.14 Twisting of the throttle at scoring to create noise –

9.14.1 First infraction – 30sec penalty

9.14.2 Second infraction – disqualification

9.15 Riders must complete the event on the same machine they start on – Disqualified.

** If approved by the race director, the rider may take another bike and re-enter the race but will not score any points or (officially) place in the race finish**

9.16 No electronic communication devices will be permitted, riders who are caught using these devices will be automatically disqualified.

9.17 Riders who intentionally destroy course markers or in any way alter the course will be subject to disqualification and sanction from one or more additional events.

9.18 Other penalties as defined by the event referee at the riders meeting.

9.19 Smoking in any refueling area - Disqualified.

9.20 Practicing on the course when it has been posted as closed - Disqualified.

9.21 Consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs by the event organizers, NBDRA members, Director, Committee member, Volunteer, course worker, check crews, participants and their support crews and any other people involved in the event **is forbidden prior to and during the event**. Alcohol consumption after the event must be in accordance with all laws and by-laws in effect for the event location.

9.22 No practice runs, or practice starts allowed on the course - 2 finishing positions.

10.0 Medical Requirements

10.1 Riders with a known medical condition are to wear a medical alert tag.

10.2 All riders requiring medication (Epi pens, inhalers etc.) are to have them ON their person and make it known to the referee and medical staff of their condition. It would be advisable to let other riders know as well. Recommended for each race you attend.

11.0 Flags and Signals

11.1 BLUE - turn off your engine, commencing start procedure.

11.2 GREEN - Start of race - GO.

11.3 YELLOW - Caution or stop when used at a checked point. Proceed when raised.

11.4 RED - Stopping of race.



11.5 BLACK - Report to referee or race official.

11.6 CHECKERED - Race is finished =>

11.7 In the event that a rider wants to pass a lapped rider, the passing rider is to “rev the engine” several times, call out or honk the bike’s horn. The rider being passed shall move over, when it is safe for them to do so, to allow the passing rider to pass safely.

12.0 Housekeeping and Conduct

12.1 Dogs must be on a leash.

12.2 Leave no garbage behind.

12.3 Riders, their guests, pit crew, etc. are expected to behave in a sportsmanlike manner and any infraction reflects on the rider.

12.4 No competitor will be allowed to compete when under the influence of any intoxicant or drug, which can affect their mental or physical ability.

12.5 Anyone caught discharging fireworks will be banned from all NBDRA events indefinitely.

12.6 Campfires/open fires will only be permitted in designated areas; permission must first be obtained by the landowner.

VOLUNTEERING

NBDRA is a volunteer-run association. To keep membership and racing fees low, it is an expectation that riders and their families volunteer in some capacity. Racers, please encourage family/friends accompanying you to participate and help!

