



2021 Hare Scramble Series RULE BOOK

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The rules and regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of hare scramble events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all NSORRA events, and, by participating in these events, all NSORRA members are deemed to have agreed and complied with these rules.

No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from this publication of, or compliance with, these rules and regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators or others.

Note: The terms hereof importing the singular number, or the masculine gender shall include the plural number or the feminine gender as the case may be.

1. Purpose, Vision and Goals

The Purpose of the NSORRA Race Series is to give participants a safe, legal, controlled environment to engage in the sport of off-road motorcycle racing.

The Vision of the NSORRA Race Series is to bring a race series to our members that is fun, safe, professional and promotes good sportsmanship.

The Goals of the NSORRA Race Series are to promote off road motorcycle riding to all Nova Scotians and Atlantic Canadians as a safe, fun, and healthy sport.

2. Administration

- 2.1. These rules are applicable to all Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association (NSORRA) sanctioned events and may not be waived without the express consent of the NSORRA Board.
- 2.2. Rule changes relating to safety specifically may be implemented by the Board by special resolution, at any time. They shall consult with the organizer in matters related to the schedule.
- 2.3. The authority of the Senior Referee (or, in his absence, the next ranking official) at all NSORRA sanctioned events, is absolute with regard to the operation of the event.
- 2.4. 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 the Nova Scotia Off Road 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 riders' meeting that there are supplemental regulations/rules in effect.
- 2.5. 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. NSORRA will appoint an event referee for the event.
- 2.6. Members owing monies to NSORRA will be considered as not in good standing if full payment is not made within 14 (fourteen days) after a final notice of overdue account has been sent to the last known address. All NSORRA privileges will be suspended until such time as the payment is made.
- 2.7. **Rider Classification**
 - 2.7.1. Riders will be classified annually by the NSORRA race committee. Notice of reclassification will be forwarded together with details of the appeal process. Riders will be classified annually by the NSORRA race committee. Notice of reclassification will be forwarded together with details of the appeal process. The race director reserves the right to reclassify any rider whose ability is deemed beyond that of his/her chosen class, within their first or second race meeting of the year (see 6.24.5).

- 2.7.2. Rider classes are specified in the rule book and reclassification is based on previous performance. Promotions (except those determined by age) will automatically be moved to the next higher class for the upcoming season.
- 2.7.3. Appeals are not permitted except where, in the opinion of the NSORRA race committee, such automatic move up poses a danger for the rider or other riders in the class.
- 2.8.** When a hearing conducted by the Board results in rider suspension, it will apply provincially to all NSORRA events. If the suspension is appealed, the penalty will be in effect until the Board has dealt with it. The Board may:
 - 2.8.1. Uphold the original decision.
 - 2.8.2. Rescind the original decision.
 - 2.8.3. Assess a lesser or greater penalty.
- 2.9.** Notice of the suspension will be issued to the appropriate NSORRA officials.
- 2.10.** When the Board levies a fine in lieu of suspension, the rider concerned will be obliged to pay the fine in full within 14 (fourteen days) of the hearing and prior to competing in another NSORRA sanctioned event.
- 2.11.** The rider will have the right to appeal the penalty to the Board as per the procedure listed below.

3. Membership

- 3.1.** All entrants in NSORRA events must hold an NSORRA membership which must be valid at the time of competition.
- 3.2.** Persons found guilty of falsifying applications shall be subject to a fine and/or possible suspension at the discretion of the NSORRA Executives.

4. Entries

- 4.1.** Event entry fees will be set by the NSORRA Board of Directors and will be posted on the NSORRA Website as well as at each race event. Entry fees for the 2021 season have been set at \$50.00 for all large-wheel classes and \$25.00 for Pee Wee class and \$35.00 for all other small-wheel classes. These rates will remain in effect until NSORRA initiates a change.
- 4.2.** NSORRA does not test nor qualify participants for their riding competency. It therefore is the responsibility of each participant to judge for themselves their ability and at what level they should race. It is recommended that motocross racers who compete at the junior level enter Intermediate or above when racing Hare Scrambles. It is also recommended that motocross racers that compete at the Intermediate level or above enter the expert class.

4.3. The official NSORRA registration form must be completed online at <http://nsorra.ca/events> 2-3 days prior to each event as decided by the NSORRA Race Committee. This registration form must be used by every organizer. These forms are the property of NSORRA.

4.4. By entering any event it is understood that the entrant has read these rules and is bound thereby.

4.5. Any entrant, rider or mechanic, by entering and taking part in any event, shall be bound by the NSORRA waiver which is worded as follows:

"I have read the Rules and Regulations issued for this event and agree to be bound by them. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry or of my being permitted to take part in this event, I for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the organizing club, the Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association, the other competitors and their respective agents, officers, servants and representatives from and against all actions, claims, costs and demands in respect of injury, death, loss of or damage to my person or property howsoever caused arising out of, or in connection with, my taking part in this event, and notwithstanding that the same may have been contributed to or occasioned by the negligence of the same bodies, their agents, officers, servants or representatives."

4.6. Participants will enter an event by completing an official NSORRA registration form. A current NSORRA membership is required to register. Failure to register online prior to deadline will result in disqualification or fine, at the discretion of Referee.

4.7. No rider who is a member of NSORRA may be refused entry in any NSORRA sanctioned event, provided terms of acceptance as stated in NSORRA approved supplementary regulations and entry forms are complied with, or unless approval of refusal is obtained from the head office or there is a penalty in place.

4.8. A competitor may not enter or ride the same machine in 2 different capacity classes. Competitors may only enter 1 class per event unless they have received prior permission from the Race Referee prior to an event.

4.9. A rider may, at the referee's discretion, be permitted the use of any motorcycle which has been officially entered in the event, has passed technical inspection and is legal for the class involved (permissions would normally only be withheld for safety reasons).

4.10. In all cases where more than one competitor uses the same machine, applicable riding numbers are to be used at all times.

4.11. Failure to obtain referee's approval for change of machine will result in disqualification.

5. Fines, Penalties, Disqualification and Protest

- 5.1. At the event referee's discretion, a participant may be disqualified or penalized time or positions depending on the severity of the violation. (See Appendix A for a list infractions and penalties.)
- 5.2. Any entrant or pit crew may protest a decision of the Senior Official (Senior Referee at racing events) re: matters connected with the running of the event, provided they are directly involved and are NSORRA members.
- 5.3. No protest at racing events will be accepted against a statement of fact which has been personally observed by the Referee or officials reporting to the Referee (e.g., false start/course cutting/dangerous riding/inappropriate entry to or use of the course).
- 5.4. No protest at events not overseen by a NSORRA Referee will be accepted against a statement of fact which has been personally observed by the Senior Official (e.g., course cutting/dangerous riding/ inappropriate entry to or use of the course)
- 5.5. Reports of such infractions made by third parties to the Senior Official will, in some cases, require an on-the-spot hearing to verify accuracy. Such hearings are at the discretion of the Senior Official and details must be included in the event report sent to NSORRA.
- 5.6. Protests from organizers are not accepted.
- 5.7. Protests during the event may be accepted by the senior official only (in writing on an available form at timing and scoring and with fee, if applicable) as follows:
 - 5.7.1. Scoring Questions (racing events) - Within 30 minutes of the posting of the race in question (No fee required and may be verbal).
 - 5.7.2. Rule infractions - Within 30 minutes of the completion of the race in question (\$20 fee may be applied).
 - 5.7.3. Machine legality (External assessment) - Before racing has commenced (\$20.00 Fee may be applied).
 - 5.7.4. Fees will be refunded if protest is upheld.
- 5.8. The protest period after the event shall be 24 hours after receipt of results and must be made by email to nsorra_timing@outlook.com for timing and scoring issues and info@nsorra.ca for all other items. No fee is required however NSORRA reserves the right to assign fees in cases where protests are being filed frequently and found to be without merit.
- 5.9. NSORRA Directors and Officers may, if after observing an infraction and not obtaining satisfaction from the Senior Official, file an appeal with no fee, provided they are not personally involved.

5.10. Parties involved in an appeal may have a representative act on their behalf. Where a club is involved, one representative only may participate in the hearing.

5.11. The presentation of evidence by video image must be treated with utmost caution. Video images are influenced by choice of lenses and by angle distortions, the effect of which is difficult to evaluate without expert help.

6. Race Information, Scoring, Championships

6.1. At each event the following classes must be run as outlined in these regulations:

6.1.1.	Pee Wee	30-minute class
6.1.2.	School Kid	45-minute class
6.1.3.	Supermini	60-minute class
6.1.4.	Junior	60-minute class
6.1.5.	Women B	60-minute class
6.1.6.	Sportsman	60-minute class
6.1.7.	Vintage	60-minute class
6.1.8.	Women A	90-minute class
6.1.9.	Intermediate B	90-minute class
6.1.10.	Intermediate A	105-minute class
6.1.11.	Plus 50	105-minute class
6.1.12.	Expert	150-minute class

6.2. 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. No points will be awarded towards their regularly entered class.

6.3. All large-wheel events shall run a designated time of not less than 1 hour. 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.

6.4. 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.

6.5. 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.

6.6. 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 NSORRA Officials will determine who advances. A rider may appeal advancement to the NSORRA Board of Directors.

6.7. The event shall be deemed official if half of the original duration is completed.

- 6.8.** Track rerouting may also be deemed necessary from time to time at the referee's discretion to ensure participant safety, progress of the race and fairness to participants.
- 6.9.** All Championship hare scramble tracks must be a minimum of three (3) km long as initially laid out at the start of the event. A longer course is more desirable.
- 6.10.** Awards will be presented in all Classes for Top Three Finishers except Sportsman which will receive no formal recognition. Vintage class will receive certificates.
- 6.11.** Age restrictions are based as follows:
- 6.11.1. Minimum - as of the date of the event. (e.g., Participant must be 6 on or before the first race of the season.)
 - 6.11.2. Maximum - as of January 1st of the current year. (e.g., If participant is 11 at any time in 2021, they can compete as an 11-year-old for the 2021 season.)
 - 6.11.3. Participants are able to race at a higher category, but once they move up, they cannot move back down.
 - 6.11.4. Final point totals are only given in one category, not carried from one category to another if the participant changes categories during the season.
- 6.12. Pee Wee Class**
- 6.12.1. Any color #'s and backgrounds. Ages 6-9 years. Maximum 50cc 2-stroke and maximum 110cc 4-stroke with auto transmission. 30-minute class (Minimum 6 yrs old as of the date of the event).
 - 6.12.2. The Pee Wee class is optional because all event organizers may not have a suitable track for the class.
 - 6.12.3. 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 finish 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.
- 6.13. School Kid Class**
- 6.13.1. Black numbers on white backgrounds. Ages 7-11 years. 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. 45-minute class.
 - 6.13.2. 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 finish times be recorded.

- 6.13.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

6.14. Super Mini

- 6.14.1. **Blue numbers on White backgrounds.** Ages 12 years to 16. Maximum wheel size of 19" front and 16" rear. 60-minute class. Minimum wheel size of 17" front and 14" rear. Dead engine start.
- 6.14.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **60-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 finish times be recorded.
- 6.14.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

6.15. Junior Class

- 6.15.1. Red numbers on white backgrounds. Ages 14 years to 25. Minimum wheel size of 19" front and 16" rear. 60-minute class.
- 6.15.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **60-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 finish times be recorded.
- 6.15.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

6.16. Women B Class

- 6.16.1. White numbers on blue backgrounds. Minimum wheel size of 19" front and 16" rear. 60-minute class.
- 6.16.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **60-minute mark** will receive the checkered flag and their exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact finish times be recorded.
- 6.16.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be

possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

6.17. Sportsman Class

- 6.17.1. Black numbers on white backgrounds. Minimum 19" front and 16" rear wheel sizes. This is a non-competitive 60-minute class, ages 14 years and up.
- 6.17.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **60-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 finish times be recorded.
- 6.17.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.
- 6.17.4. There will be no points awarded or any formal recognition for the Sportsman Class race results.

6.18. Vintage Class

- 6.18.1. Black numbers on yellow backgrounds. 1990 model year or older 4-stroke with front disc or drum brake and **rear drum only**. 1983 model year or older 2-stroke manufactured with **drum brakes front and rear**. (No 2-stroke machines will be permitted to be equipped with a front disc brake.) Minimum 21" front and 17" rear wheel sizes. Minimum age 14 on January 1st prior to the first round of the respective year's series.
- 6.18.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **60-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 finish times be recorded.
- 6.18.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.
- 6.18.4. Points and a Championship Award will be made for the Vintage Class, but no advancement to other classes shall be made.

6.19. Women A Class

- 6.19.1. White numbers on blue backgrounds. Minimum wheel size of 21" front and 18" rear. 90-minute class.
- 6.19.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **1.5-hour mark** will receive the checkered flag and their exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact finish times be recorded.

- 6.19.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

6.20. Intermediate B Class

- 6.20.1. Black numbers on white. Minimum 21" front and 18" rear wheel sizes. 90-minute class.
- 6.20.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **1.5-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 finish times be recorded.
- 6.20.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

6.21. Intermediate A Class

- 6.21.1. Red numbers on white. Minimum 21" front and 18" rear wheel sizes. 105-minute class.
- 6.21.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **1.75-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 finish times be recorded.
- 6.21.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

6.22. Plus 50 Class

- 6.22.1. White numbers on black background. Minimum 21" front and 18" rear wheel sizes. 105-minute class. Riders must be 50 years of age on January 1st prior to the first round of the series.
- 6.22.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **1.75-hour mark** will receive the checkered flag and their exact finishing time (to the nearest second) shall be recorded. All subsequent riders shall be given the checkered flag and their exact finish times be recorded.
- 6.22.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be

possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

6.23. Expert Open Class

- 6.23.1. White numbers on red background. Minimum 21" front and 18" rear wheel sizes. 150-minute class.
- 6.23.2. The first rider to cross the scoring area at or after the **2.5-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 finish times be recorded.
- 6.23.3. 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 time of start to time of finish) and total laps completed. Therefore, it may be possible that the first rider to receive the checkered flag may not be the overall winner.

6.24. Advancement

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 NSORRA Officials will determine who advances. A rider may appeal advancement to the NSORRA Board of Directors.

- 6.24.1. There will be no advancement from Plus 50, Vintage or Expert.
 - 6.24.2. Riders may advance from Super Mini to Junior or Intermediate.
 - 6.24.3. Riders may advance from Junior to Intermediate.
 - 6.24.4. Riders may advance from Intermediate to Expert.
 - 6.24.5. Riders determined to be riding out of class will be removed from the race results and prohibited from competing further in that class, and the class will be rescored. The rider will be assigned to the appropriate class, determined by NSORRA race committee.
- 6.25.** The Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association Champions will be decided based on total accumulated points in all rounds of the series, unless otherwise indicated by NSORRA.
- 6.26.** In order to be eligible for Championship points, a rider must finish in the top 20 of their class.
- 6.27. Ties**
- Ties will be broken by comparing the number of 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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. If there is still a tie after using the above method, 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.

6.28. Points - Championship class points will be based on the following points schedule:

Place	Points Awarded
1 st	25
2 nd	22
3 rd	20
4 th	18
5 th	16
6 th	15
7 th	14
8 th	13
9 th	12
10 th	11
11 th	10
12 th	9
13 th	8
14 th	7
15 th	6
16 th	5
17 th	4
18 th	3
19 th	2
20 th	1

7. Insurance

- 7.1.** Organizers must apply for sanctions and insurance on the official form and according to procedures established by head office.
- 7.2.** In the event of accidents causing fatal injury, injury to spectators, or property damage, the Senior official is responsible to immediately contact the Board, by the fastest available means. This must be followed up by a written report complete with a diagram of accident details and listing any witnesses. In the case of fatalities, the official must also contact the local authorities.
- 7.3.** All NSORRA sanctioned events must have 3rd party liability insurance (including participant legal liability) to a minimum limit as established by the NSORRA Executives.
- 7.4.** Organizers shall use the official NSORRA insurance coverage unless documentation is submitted showing coverage equal to, or superior to, the NSORRA policy. Approval must be obtained from NSORRA, at least one month prior to the event.

8. Referee

- 8.1.** 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.
- 8.2.** Each event will have a referee as appointed by the NSORRA Race Executive. That person shall be a member in good standing of NSORRA and familiar with the rules of competition and have a copy of the rules with him on the day of the event.
- 8.3.** The event referee shall have sole discretion over the event duration, disqualifications, noise violations, course redirections and all course violations.
- 8.4.** The event referee may appoint designates for each or all of the duties under their authority. These designates must know the NSORRA rules as defined in this book.
- 8.5.** The referee can draw upon the experience of other riders, organizers and NSORRA officials in rendering any decision.
- 8.6.** The Referee is responsible to the Board to comply with any directives or requests forwarded to him. Deviation from this rule book must be authorized. Referees shall be assigned to all NSORRA races.
- 8.7.** The Referee may authorize the check of the engine to verify machine classification.
- 8.8.** The Referee has the authority to impound for the purpose of measuring any protested machine.
- 8.9.** The Referee has the authority to disallow any machine that he/she feels is unsafe or ineligible to race.

- 8.10. The Referee has the authority to disallow/refuse entry/not participate to any rider/participant or Pit Crew that they feel is unsafe, impaired, and ineligible or is deemed not in a condition to race until such time as the rider gets a clearance from a doctor stating that the rider is fit to race.
- 8.11. The Referee has the authority to flag off any rider considered riding dangerously.
- 8.12. The Referee has the authority to bar any competitor refusing to comply with these Rules.
- 8.13. The official scrutinizer, as designated by the Senior Referee, must inspect all safety equipment and machines before the rider is allowed on the course for practice or racing. Equipment found to be in unsatisfactory condition shall be rejected by the scrutinizer.
- 8.14. Referees are not permitted to compete in events at which they are officiating.
- 8.15. Referees must always wear the official NSORRA uniform while they are on duty.
- 8.16. No race promoter shall use any NSORRA literature or documents including this rule book and NSORRA entry forms for non-series events, without the written consent of the NSORRA board of directors.

9. Riders Equipment

- 9.1. Except as specified otherwise in the rule book, competitors must wear CSA approved off road riding equipment in good condition, consisting of:
 - 9.1.1. Protective gloves
 - 9.1.2. Riding jersey or long sleeve T-shirt
 - 9.1.3. Sturdy pants (jeans, mx pants)
 - 9.1.4. Shin Pads (for all riders under 16 yrs.)
 - 9.1.5. Elbow pads (for all riders under 16 yrs.)
 - 9.1.6. Chest Protector (for all riders under 16 yrs.)
 - 9.1.7. Leather boots of a minimum height of 8" from the top of the sole and overlapping the pants, hard plastic boots manufactured for motorcycle competition, may be substituted for leather. Boots must cover the rider's ankle.
- 9.2. Eye protection in the form of a helmet shield, motorcycle goggles or safety glasses. **Eye protection may be removed during the event but must be worn for the start.**
- 9.3. Approved full face helmets certified by the manufacturer as meeting at least one of the following standards, and must have the original certification label(s) affixed (clearly visible/not painted over):

- 9.3.1. Europe - ECE 22-05 (P, NP or J)
- 9.3.2. Great Britain - BS 6658 Grade A (Road Racing) and Grade B (all other disciplines)
- 9.3.3. Japan - JIS T 8133 : 2007
- 9.3.4. North America - Snell M2010 / Scorpion ECE 750 Series / Snell 2005, ECE 22-04, ECE 22-05, DOT or equivalent testing standard and must bear the authorized decal

10. Machinery

- 10.1. **Engine Displacement Limits** - Displacement limits for classes will be as listed, plus 5%. This 5% is to permit over bores to compensate for wear. However, an engine within the total maximum allowable cc's shall be legal for the class, regardless of how its displacement is obtained (sleeving, stroking permitted). i.e., 125 class will allow $125 + 6 = 131$ cc
- 10.2. Motorcycles must meet the sound limits established for each discipline according to the 2 Meter Max testing or the FIM method. The maximum sound level will be 94 dB for hare scrambles.
- 10.3. 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.
- 10.4. A competitor may be removed from the race if his/her bike becomes too loud during the event.
- 10.5. All machines must be fitted with properly working, complete clutch, gear box, brakes (unless otherwise specified in the rule books) and integral ball ended clutch and brake levers. Minimum size of ball end shall be 5/8-inch diameter.
- 10.6. The rear wheel must have an efficient cover extending back at least to a vertical line drawn through the rear axle.
- 10.7. The drive chain must have all factory guides and guards in place.
- 10.8. All accessories considered dangerous by the scrutinizer, must be removed.
- 10.9. The use of handlebars made from carbon, Kevlar or any other composite materials is forbidden.

11. Numbering

- 11.1. Beginning in the 2021 season, all hare scramble participants will receive a unique competitor number. This will ensure no duplicate numbers causing confusion in Timing and Scoring. To request your unique number, contact info@nsorra.ca

- 11.2. In all racing events, competitors' machines shall be fitted with three number plates (with the exception of Trials Style Motorcycles, see 4.2) securely fastened to the machine, and bearing the rider's official NSORRA competition number.
- 11.3. For all other types of competition, the number plates shall be 9 x 11" oval or rectangle, with matt finish: number 6" high with 1" stroke. In the case of Trials bikes competing in either trials or enduro events only a front plate number is required due to the frame restriction of the bike.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. 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 Rule 11.4.
- 11.6. Where electronic scoring is employed, the rider must ensure that they have secured their transponder to their helmet visor in the proper location and method, and that they have had it scanned at sign in and that it is in working order.
- 11.7. A Rider's failure to properly submit their Transponder Number at Registration leading to incomplete or no laps being registered shall disqualify the rider from

12. Fuel

- 12.1. At all sanctioned events engine fuel must consist of gasoline defined as a petroleum fuel where specific gravity falls within the range .700 to .765 at 60 degrees F and whose dielectric constant falls within the range $2.025 + 5$ (2.025 is "0" reference meter). Additives for lubrication and knock suppression will be permitted, provided the resulting mixture falls within the above values.
- 12.2. Supercharging by means of a device of any kind is forbidden. The direct injection of fuel is not considered to be supercharging.
- 12.3. Samples may be taken from a competitor's machine at the discretion of the referee, or upon receipt of a protest accompanied by a fee of \$50.00

13. Conduct

- 13.1. There shall be no practicing prior to the signing of the official release and without the permission of the referee. Penalty; disqualification from the day's racing. The referee may not permit practice prior to the advertised practice time.
- 13.2. All mechanics must be NSORRA members.

- 13.3. Competitors and their crew (including family members) shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. Any abuse, including verbal, of officials or other participants WILL result in a penalty.

14. Race Procedures

- 14.1. Starting procedures will be explained at Riders' Meeting.
- 14.2. If possible, an optional siting lap lead by the referee or designate, with a Sweep Rider in the rear, will lead the riders around the course once. It is the responsibility of the rider to make it back to the Starting Line Prior to the race start.
- 14.3. Riders, pit crew members, machines and equipment are not permitted on the starting line until authorized by the race official.
- 14.4. Each wave will start at exactly one-minute intervals if required.
- 14.5. The afternoon race start order will be Expert, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Plus 50 and Women A.
- 14.6. The Early Morning race start order will be PeeWee, followed by Super Mini and School Kid.
- 14.7. The Late Morning race start order will be Junior, Sportsman, Women B, Vintage and then any optional classes that the event organizer wishes to run will follow.
- 14.8. Complete classes should be combined to start fewer waves if the number of entries allows.
- 14.9. Riders shall line up on their assigned starting row on a first come basis when directed by the race official.
- 14.10. No practice runs or practice starts.
- 14.11. All starts are Dead Engine Starts with Rider's Left Hand on Head or rider sprint to bike, unless otherwise directed by the race director. In the event that a bike is not equipped with a kickstand, that competitor may use a work stand or have a person hold their bike upright until the rider reaches his/her bike.
- 14.12. The **BLUE** Flag will signal all riders to turn off their engines.
- 14.13. A "10 Seconds" signal will be given before the GREEN flag is thrown. At the "10 Seconds" signal, all crew members must clear the start area and exit with the exception of a "Sprint to Bike" start.
- 14.14. All flags and signals will be explained by the referee or designate at the riders meeting.

15. Course Markings

15.1. Course Marking

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

- 15.1.1. Corner Warning Arrows: Arrow pointing down on a 45-degree angle in the direction of the turn. Corner warning arrows are placed approximately 0.1km before the turn.
- 15.1.2. Caution Arrows: Arrow or arrows pointing straight down.
- 15.1.3. “W” arrows: Used to signal the riders that he/she made a wrong turn or missed a turn.

15.2. Event organizers who deviate from the official route marking scheme will fully explain the methods of route marking and colours used during the rider’s meetings.

15.3. Additional Marking

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 staffed at all times to ensure riders take the correct course.

16. Flags and Signals

16.1. The following is a list of flags and their meaning.

- 16.1.1. **Blue** - turn off your engine, commencing start procedure, lapping flag
- 16.1.2. **Green** – Start of race, go
- 16.1.3. **Yellow** – Caution or stop when used at check point. Proceed when raised.
- 16.1.4. **Red** – stopping of race.
- 16.1.5. **Black** – report to the referee or race official.
- 16.1.6. **Red Cross** – proceed with extreme caution, medical staff on course. Wait until past the incident to resume racing.
- 16.1.7. **Checkered** – race is finished.

16.2. In the event that a rider wants to pass a lapped rider the passing rider is to “Rev the Engine” several times or honk the bike's horn. The rider being passed shall move over to allow the passing rider to pass safely. This is only to be done when it is safe to do.

17. Medical requirements

- 17.1.** Riders with a known medical condition are to wear a medical alert tag.
- 17.2.** All riders requiring medication (Epi Pens, inhalers) are to have it 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 of this condition.
- 17.3.** Appendix C indicates the procedure to be followed for possible medical incidents, medical incidents and other incidents resulting in race interruptions.

Appendix A – Infractions and Penalties

The following is a list of infractions and the possible penalties:

1. Unsportsmanlike behaviour as decided by the referee jury – **Disqualified**
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.**
3. Failure to obey instructions or stop when indicated by a Referee, Official or Flagger in the Timing area.
 - 3.1.1 First Infraction – Warning
 - 3.1.2 Second Infraction – **1 Lap Penalty**
 - 3.1.3 Third Infraction - **Disqualified**
4. No Pit Riding is permitted. Riders are to only ride from Pit to Track and Track to Pit. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in disqualification. This is to ensure safety for all Participants, Pit Crews and Spectators.
- 5. Refueling Infractions**
 - 5.1.1 Outside areas provided for this purpose by the organizers, or carrying fuel other than in the fuel tank – Disqualified
 - 5.1.2 Not stopping the engine while refueling – Disqualified
 - 5.1.3 Carrying out any kind of welding work in the refueling areas - Disqualified
 - 5.1.4 Smoking in any refueling area – Disqualified
 - 5.1.5 Using extraneous motive power – Disqualified
6. Being accompanied by another rider not entered in the event (unless otherwise granted by the referee) – **Disqualified**
7. Intentionally riding outside the marked route; riding in the wrong direction, not observing the marked route – **Disqualified**
8. Intentionally leaving the course – **Disqualified**
9. Riders must complete the event on the same machine they start on – **Disqualified**
10. Use of electronic communication devices - **Disqualified**
- 11. Intentionally destroying course markers or in any way alter the course - Disqualification and sanction from one or more additional events**
12. Practicing on the course within 2 days of the event – **Disqualified**
13. Breach of any item listed in in this rule book – **Disqualification and/or fine**
14. Alcohol/Drug Consumption
 - 14.1 Consumption of alcoholic beverages or use of drugs causing impairment by the event organizers, volunteers, course workers, check crews, participants and their support crews and any other people involved in the event is forbidden prior to and during the event.

- 14.2 Alcohol consumption, use of drugs after the event must be in accordance with any and all laws and bylaws in effect for the event location.
- 14.2.1 Disqualification** - local authorities will be contacted and sanction from one or more additional events.
15. Failure/refusal to be scrutinized or the use of unapproved equipment –
Disqualification
16. “Roosting” or causing stones to be flung on the Timing and Scoring staff or Scoring Equipment while departing the timing Tent
- 16.1 First Infraction - 1 Lap Penalty
- 16.2 Second Infraction – 2 Lap Penalty
- 16.3 Third Infraction - Disqualification
17. Other penalties as defined by the event referee at the riders meeting.
18. At the discretion of the referee a participant may only be penalized time or position on the severity of the violation.
19. NSORRA has the authority to discipline or penalize its members concerning the following:
- 19.1 Any voluntary or involuntary action or deed accomplished by a person or persons during an event, contrary to the current regulations or instructions given by an official of the event.
- 19.2 Any corrupt or fraudulent act, or any action prejudicial to the interest of the events, or of the sport, carried out by one person or a group of persons.

The holder of a NSORRA membership commits themselves to respect the NSORRA regulations, and to accept the penalties applicable in the case of an infringement. Possible penalties can include warning and/or fine and/or suspension and/or exclusion.

Appendix B – Fueling Area (Pit Lane) Regulations

The following is a list of regulations that are applied and enforced in the Fueling Area (Pit Lane):

- 1.1.** Riders will only refuel in the designated refueling area which will be located after the scoring/finish line area.
- 1.2.** The organizer will provide a minimum of two 3A10BC rated fire extinguishers for the refueling area and ensure that volunteers and pit crews know the location of the extinguishers. Volunteers\course marshals assigned to the refueling area will ensure that they are familiar with the operation of the extinguishers.
- 1.3.** Smoking is prohibited in the refueling area.
- 1.4.** Welding is not permitted in the Fueling Area
- 1.5.** Riders are not to be at race speeds while entering and exiting the Fueling Area (Pit Lane) pit lane.
- 1.6.** Motors are to be shut off while refueling.
- 1.7.** Riders are not to “Rooster Tail” or depart the Fueling Area (Pit Lane) in a manner that will throw large amounts of debris into the crowd or officials’ area.

Violation and subsequent penalties are at the discretion of the referee.

Appendix C – NSORRA Medical Incident Process

1. Rider down reported
2. Sweepers and/or Medical dispatched to investigate
3. Timing and scoring medical flag race
4. First responder arrives on scene
5. Is track blocked or unsafe for riders or responders?
 - a. **If NO**, has a racer given up their position as a result of reporting or assisting with the incident?
 - i. First on scene updates Race Director
 - ii. Timing and scoring red flag race
 - iii. Riders are stopped and sent to start location
 - iv. Race Clock
 - b. **If YES**
 - i. First on scene updates Race Director
 - ii. Timing and scoring red flag race
 - iii. Riders are stopped and sent to start location
 - iv. Race Clock
6. Medical arrives on scene and conducts primary assessment
7. Is transport of patient required?
 - a. **If NO**
 - i. Medical updates Race Director
 - ii. Race Director communicates that race will continue
 - iii. Is race already red flagged?
 - a. **If NO:**
 - i. No action required Race continues
 - b. **If YES**
 - i. Medical updates Race Director
 - ii. Race Clock is stopped if not already stopped
 - iii. Timing and scoring red flag race if not already flagged
 - iv. Riders are stopped and sent to start location
 - v. Transport proceeds
 - vi. Medical informs Race Director that transport is complete and responders are off course
8. Has the race leader completed two full laps?
 - a. **If NO**
 - i. Race Director communicates that there will be a full restart of the race. Previous results are discarded
 - b. **If YES**
 - i. Has 50% of the allocated time for the highest class elapsed?
 - 1) **If NO:** Race is restarted single file by class by position in the last completed lap from the start location.
 - 2) **If YES:** Race Director communicates that the race is finished and final race results are as of the end of the last completed lap

Appendix D – COVID-19 Processes

We are living in a new world today because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to you all for staying the course by following NS Public Health protocols. As a result of your efforts, we have been able to keep COVID-19 in check and we are able to run an almost full hare scramble season.

To ensure we can complete the season, guidelines have been put in place. We are following the guidelines of the province for putting on a safe event. Regardless of your personal opinions on the changes, NSORRA and its volunteers are asking for 100% compliance. Noncompliance will put our members, the race series and NSORRA at risk. We have a zero-tolerance policy. For everyone's safety, guidelines will be enforced and those not following the guidelines will be asked to leave with no refund of their registration fees.

NSORRA Hare Scramble COVID-19 Operation Plan

The adherence and monitoring of the operational plan will be undertaken by all NSORRA board members and volunteers present at the event. Failure of any attendee to follow our event rules can result in immediate expulsion of their participant and pit crew from the event and possible disqualification of future events.

Hare Scramble Registration

1. THERE WILL BE NO ONSITE REGISTRATION.
2. You must be an NSORRA member to register. Go to <http://nsorra.ca> and click on Become A Member.
3. Online registration and payment for all events can be found at <http://nsorra.ca/events>.
4. Agreement to follow the COVID-19 guidelines and waivers will be done online during event registration.
5. Registration for Craigmore will close at 8:00 PM three days before each event. No registrations will be accepted once the event is closed.

Public Health Signage

Public health signage has been installed at our ride parks, thanks to the efforts of Board members Josh Kelly, Grant MacLeod and Mike Ritter and many other hands. We ask that you follow the protocols put in place to ensure we all stay healthy to ride and compete again.

- If you are ill, do not attend the event. Return home and call 811.
- Physical distancing expectations (maintain 6 feet/2 metres)
- Hand hygiene – use hand sanitizer frequently
- Coughing and sneezing etiquette (into your arm)
- Cleaning and disinfection practices

- Play etiquette (e.g., no handshaking or loitering).

COVID -19 PRECAUTIONS TO STAY HEALTHY AND HAPPY ON TRAIL

Together we can!



KEEP A DISTANCE OF 2 METRES/6 FEET BETWEEN TRAIL USERS OF DIFFERENT HOUSEHOLDS AT ALL TIMES. KINDLY STEP TO THE SIDE TO LET OTHERS PASS AT A DISTANCE.



AVOID CROWDED TRAILHEADS. OPT FOR OFF-PEAK TIMES OR LESSER KNOWN TRAILHEADS. PLEASE FOLLOW CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE.



AVOID RISKY ACTIVITIES THAT COULD LEAD TO INJURY OR REQUIRE MEDICAL ATTENTION.



STAY HOME IF YOU ARE UNWELL. IF YOU NEED TO COUGH OR SNEEZE, COVER YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE WITH A TISSUE OR SLEEVE.



WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP AND WATER BEFORE AND AFTER USING THE TRAIL. AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE.






Screening of Event Participants, Pit Crew and Volunteers

- Only vehicles that transport the participant and their pit crew will be allowed on the event grounds. Vehicles that are not transporting a participant will be turned away at the entrance to the event and the vehicle occupants will not be allowed to enter the event.

- There will be a check-in at the entrance of the event. We will verify that the participant is registered, the class they are racing in and the bike race number. We will also need to record all pit crew names, and contact numbers. This is a government requirement.
- All participants and pit crew will need to answer a COVID-19 screening questionnaire. These are basic questions about your health, travel and contact with COVID-19 positive people in the last 14 days.
- If you are part of the vulnerable population at greater risk of severe effects of COVID-19 we ask that you take any additional precautions as recommended by our government or not attend the event. We understand that COVID-19 can be life threatening to people with underlying conditions that make them more susceptible to the virus' effects. Please attend at your own risk.

Screening Questions

IF YOU RESPOND YES TO ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THE SCRAMBLE.

1. Have you travelled outside the Atlantic Provinces in the last 14 days?
2. Do you currently have the following symptoms: fever (over 38°C), dry cough or difficulty breathing, aches/pains, sore throat, diarrhea, conjunctivitis, headache, loss of taste or smell, rash on skin, or discoloration of fingers or toes?
3. Have you been exposed to a person who has a confirmed or probable case of the COVID-19 infection?

Physical Distancing Measures

- When parking your vehicle please leave room for physical distancing to occur between you and the neighbouring pit crew. 6 feet on each side is the recommended distance.
- All participants and pit crew must socially distance from other participants and pit crews. If you cannot socially distance you must wear a mask.
- Participants and their pit crew will remain at their pit location unless assisting their rider to the race meeting and starting line.
- Racers will keep their helmets on or wear a mask while attending the race meeting and the start line.
- Where physical distancing cannot be maintained (riders' meetings and awards ceremonies), masks will be required for participants, pit crew, volunteers and board members.

Controls to ensure the safety of the event and attendees

Volunteers:

- All volunteers must physically distance or wear a mask.
- We will be screening all participants and guests.

- All volunteers must practice personal hand hygiene.
- There will be an assigned volunteer that will be responsible for the rules in place for a safe event.
- All sweep riders must keep their helmet on while assisting event participants while sweep riding. Masks will be provided for all sweep riders so that if they must remove their helmets, they will be able to wear a mask.

Participants and Pit Crew:

- All participants and pit crew must stay in their bubble and social distance with other bubbles and volunteers or wear a mask.
- Participants and pit crew will be encouraged to practice personal hand hygiene.
- Participants will need to wear their helmets and pit crew must physically distance or wear masks at all times heading to the race meeting while setting up at the start line and waiting on the start line for the race to start.
- Participants and pit crew are asked to remain at their parking location prior to the race start.
- Participants and pit crew are encouraged to spectate from the sides of the racecourse but must maintain physical distance from other participants and guests.
- Participants and pit crew are strongly encouraged to leave the event grounds promptly after awards ceremonies are completed.

Facility controls:

- We will have a check-in/information desk with a 6-foot barrier at the entrance of the event.
- We will have a hand sanitizer station outside of the restroom to be used before and after using the restroom.
- There will be no high touch areas beside the restroom which will include a hand sanitizing station.
- There will be no registration on the event grounds and no exchanging of forms or money.
- We will have signage made for the entrance to the facilities and throughout the event parking lot.
- A six-foot barrier around timing and scoring is required.
- Only vehicles that are transporting participants or volunteer vehicles are allowed on event grounds.
- Parking will be provided so that physical distancing may occur between participant and pit crew bubbles.

Cleaning and Disinfection Procedures

- Bring hand sanitizer and masks with you. We ask that you practice good hand hygiene at the event
- Spray In, Spray Out: Portable restrooms and outhouses include bleach spray to sanitize the toilet area. After visiting the restroom, use the handwashing stations stocked with soap and paper towel found adjacent to the units.

Awards:

- Awards ceremonies will include the participant and presenter wearing masks.
- Winners will wheel their bikes to the awards area and stay with their bikes in a triangle format with winner in front; 2nd place 6 feet behind and to the left; 3rd place 6 feet behind and to the right.
- If Holeshoot winner has placed, they will receive their prize in the formation. If the Holeshoot winner has not placed, they can bring their bike and t-shirt to the formation for photos.
- Presenter will give each award and step away for award photos. Masks can be removed is everyone follows physical distancing rules.
- There must be physical distance or mask wearing for all group pictures after ceremonies.

Final Words

The penalties for putting on an unsafe event are very, very harsh. We do not want any bad publicity. It only takes one attendee to post a picture on social media that portrays our event in a bad light if we are not following these guidelines. We ask that everyone do their part in making this event a safe and fun one for all and we show the public how to put on safe events in this new COVID-19 world we live in.