

CENTRAL ARIZONA TRIALS, INC.

RULES OF COMPETITION  
FOR  
MOTORCYCLE OBSERVED TRIALS

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C.A.T. Rules of Competition 2008

Section A: ELIGIBILITY

1. Championship points shall be awarded only to residents of the State of Arizona who are members of Central Arizona Trials. If a rider joins or renews their membership after the current trials season has begun, Championship points will only be awarded from that date until the end of the current trials season.
2. Due to legal and safety implications, a DOT, Snell 95 or any FIM approved helmet must be worn whenever operating a motorcycle at a trials site.
3. Each machine must have an effective silencer and spark arrestor. Machines competing in an event must have an U. S. Forest Service (USFS) approved spark arrestor or a USFS approval sticker.
4. Chains or other traction devices are not permitted.

5. As an aid to checkers, every machine must have a number plate with the rider's proper class designation. It is suggested, though not required, that Class 1, 2 and 3 riders include their state ranking number from the previous year. Plate type shall be left to the judgment of the rider.

6. In Classes 1, 2, 3, 4A, 5, 6 and 7 (Expert, Advanced, Intermediate, Senior, Novice, and Twin Shock ):

- A. "Trials" tires only are permitted. This applies to both wheels.
- B. An event must be completed on the same machine upon which the event was started.

## Section B: COMPETITION CLASSES and RIDER CLASSIFICATION

### Section B1: Competition-.Classes

1. Class 1 - EXPERT LEVEL - Competitors who have accumulated 20 transfer points competing in Class two. Class I shall be divided into four levels of competition each duplicating the U.S. National class:

#### Class 1A - CHAMPIONSHIP

Shall be a "high intensity" level of competition determining the overall "Arizona State Trials Champion" for each competition year.

#### Class 1B - EXPERT

Shall be a level of competition leading to the Arizona Expert State Championship.

#### Class 1C - EXPERT SPORTSMAN

Shall be a level of competition between Expert and Sportsman that will lead to the Arizona Expert Sportsman State Championship.

#### Class 1D - SPORTSMAN

Shall be for those Expert level riders who choose to ride a line of more moderate difficulty in competition. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Sportsman State Championship.

2. Class 2 - ADVANCED - Competitors who have accumulated 20 transfer points competing in Class 3. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Advanced State Championship.

3. Class 3 - INTERMEDIATE - Competitors who have accumulated 20 transfer points competing in Class 4A. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Intermediate State Championship.

Class 3A - ELITE - Shall be for those riders who are extremely capable in Class 4, but have difficulty in Class 3. It should be noted that riders are urged to use Class 3A as a temporary stop to build skill and confidence leading to competition in Class 3 as soon as possible. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Elite State Championship.

4. Class 4A - NOVICE - Any beginning rider, regardless of age, who feels that they are not ready to ride Class 3 OR any rider who has accumulated 15 transfer points in Class 4B. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Novice State Championship.

Class 4B - BEGINNER - Any rider, regardless of age, who feels they are not ready to ride Class 4A. This class is generally designed for persons with no previous riding experience. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Beginner State Championship.

Class 4C - JUNIOR - Any rider 14 years old or younger who does not wish to compete in the above classes. Class 4C will ride the Beginner lines in the observed sections. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Junior State Championship.

Class 4D - BICYCLE - Any bicycle rider, regardless of age, competing on any type of bicycle. Generally, riders in this class shall complete one loop, riding the Bicycle line (as specified by the Trialsmaster) twice consecutively at each section. The exact nature of Class 4D competition at each event may be modified at the discretion of the Trialsmaster. In that case, all Bicycle riders will be notified prior to the start of the event

5. Class 5A - SENIOR ADVANCED - Riders 35 years old or older who choose to ride Advanced lines. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Senior Advanced State Championship.

Class 5B - SENIOR INTERMEDIATE - Riders 35 years old or older who choose to ride Intermediate lines. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Senior Intermediate State Championship.

Class 5C - SENIOR NOVICE - Riders 35 years or older who choose to ride Novice lines. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Senior Novice State Championship.

6. Class 6 - TWIN SHOCK - Any trials specific motorcycle that is equipped with dual shock rear suspension. Twin Shock competitors will ride the Novice (Class 4A) lines. Number plates will be marked "TS". Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Twin Shock State Championship.

#### Section B2: Rider Classification

1. Competitors may compete in any class they wish by riding "non-trophy" and designating such on their entry. (Exception: Only current Class 2 riders may compete in Class 1 as non-trophy.) Competitors who ride as a non-trophy entry shall not receive a trophy or transfer points in the class being ridden, nor will they count as a rider towards the distribution of trophies. They will not affect the placing of the other riders in the class. All event fees are applicable to non-trophy riders.

2. Competitors who have accumulated their transfer points and do not wish to move up to the next class may ride non-trophy until their transfer points expire.

3. A rider wishing to ride a non-trophy class, plus ride his own class must have prior approval of the Trialsmaster to ride the non-trophy class. This is necessary due to checker availability.

4. A rider must complete all loops of his or her competition class before starting a non-trophy class if two classes are to be ridden in one day.

5. If a rider enters a higher level class on a non-trophy basis and finishes above a competing member of that class in two events, the rider will automatically be transferred to the higher class based upon "demonstrated ability".

6. Competitors may move up one class by petitioning the C.A.T. Trials Committee Chairman in writing with recommendation by two active C.A.T. members competing in the class, which he/she intends to enter.

7. The C.A.T. Trials Committee may, by majority vote, upgrade a competitor who is grossly underclassified. The competitor involved must be consulted before, and be present during, such a vote.

8. If a C.A.T. competitor has earned no transfer points (or trophies in the case of Class 1), in the previous competition year, he/she may petition the Trials Committee Chairman to be moved down one class. Such a petition shall be in writing and must be accompanied by recommendations from two active members of the class, which he/she intends to enter. The decision will then be made by majority vote of the Trials Committee. Exception: Once any rider has transferred from the "Beginner" class (Class 4B), he/she cannot be reclassified as a Beginner. However, under extraordinary circumstances, the Trials Committee Chairman may make an exception to this rule.

9. A single entrant constitutes a class. Transfer and championship points will be awarded as explained in the Trophies, Transfer Points and Rankings section.

### Section C: TROPHIES, TRANSFER POINTS AND RIDER RANKING

#### I. Trophies:

A. Trophies shall be awarded in each class on the basis of the number of riders in that class with the exception that non-trophy riders do not figure into the count. Trophy distribution is as follows:

1 to 3 competitors	=	1 trophy
4 to 6 competitors	=	2 trophies
7 to 11 competitors	=	3 trophies
12 to 18 competitors	=	4 trophies
19 to 26 competitors	=	5 trophies
27 to 35 competitors	=	6 trophies

One trophy for each 10 competitors thereafter.

B. Trophies awarded for performance other than in regular classes, such as team, hot dog, etc., shall be proposed by the Trialsmaster and coordinated with the Trophy Chairman.

C. At the end of each trials season, the C.A.T. Trials Committee shall select the "Most Improved Rider" and present this rider with the appropriate traveling trophy, which he/she may keep for the following season.

D. At the end of each trials season, the C.A.T. Trials Committee shall select the "Most Outstanding Youth" C.A.T. trials rider under 16 years of age and present this rider with the appropriate traveling trophy which he/she may keep for the following season.

E. At the end of each trials season, the C.A.T. Trials Committee shall select the "Checker of the Year" and present this person with a plaque, inscribed with the checker's name, the year of the season, and the words "Arizona State Observed Trials Checker of the Year" as a permanent award.

F. At the end of each trials season the C.A.T. Trials Committee Chairman will determine the overall winner of the Championship class (Class 1A). The winner of Class 1A shall receive the following:

(1) The Arizona State Observed Trials Champion Perpetual Cup, inscribed with the rider's name, to remain in the rider's possession for the next season.

(2) A plaque, inscribed with the rider's name, the year of the season, and the words "Arizona State Observed Trials Champion" as a permanent award.

(3) A lightweight jacket with the words "Arizona State Champion" and the year of the award inscribed on the back. The front of the jacket shall include the rider's name plus C.A.T. club patches. (For multiple-year winners, substitute awards may be selected.)

G. At the end of each trials season, the C.A.T. Trials Committee Chairman will determine the overall winner of each of the other classes. Each winner will receive a plaque inscribed with the rider's name, the year of the season, and the words "Arizona State Observed Trials \_\_\_\_\_ Class Champion" respectively, as a permanent award, regardless of the rider's current class at the end of the season.

## 2. Transfer Points:

Transfer points shall be awarded on the basis of the number of trophies presented in a class as follows:

- A. A rider placing first in his class shall receive a number of transfer points equal to the number of trophies awarded in that class.
- B. A rider placing second in his class shall receive a number of transfer points equal to the number of trophies awarded in that class minus one.
- C. A rider placing third in his class shall receive a number of transfer points equal to the number of trophies awarded in that class minus two, and so on.

Example: If there are 21 riders entered in a class, there will be 5 trophies awarded and transfer point distribution will be as follows:

1st Place = 5 points  
2nd Place = 4 points  
3rd Place = 3 points  
4th Place = 2 points  
5th Place = 1 point  
6th Place and below = 0 points

D. Riders competing in the Senior Novice, Senior Intermediate, Senior Advanced, Elite, Twin Shock, Sportsman, Expert Sportsman, Expert and Championship classes will not receive transfer points.

E. Transfer points over two "trials seasons" old will be dropped from the transfer points standings. ("Trials season " being defined in Section C.3.A below.)

F. A rider that completes the majority of the season's events in a class will not be forced to point out of that class that season. They will move to a higher class the next season.

## 3. Class Ranking:

All riders competing at Arizona State Championship events shall be awarded "Championship Points" leading to overall class rankings for the season. Championship points and class rankings shall be determined by the following rules:

A. All Arizona State Observed Trials events shall be considered championship events unless approved as non-championship events by the Trials Committee. Any approved non-championship events will not add to any rider's championship or transfer points total.

B. Championship points will be awarded based upon each rider's finishing position among riders eligible for championship on each state championship event. Points shall be awarded as follows:

1st Place = 15 points  
2nd Place =12 points  
3rd Place =10 points  
4th Place =8 points  
5th Place =6 points  
6th Place =5 points  
7th Place =4 points  
8th Place =3 points  
9th Place =2 points  
10th Place =1 point  
11th Place and below = 0 points

C. All year-end rankings shall be determined from the best finishes in the championship events held each season – as follows: 6 events-5 best finishes 7 events-5 best finishes 8 events-6 best finishes 9 events-7 best finishes 10 events-8 best finishes 11 events-8 best finishes 12 events-9 best finishes 13 events-10 best finishes

D. At the end of each trial season, the Trials Committee Chairman shall rank all competitors in each class as to their final placing in the class. No other competitor may use that assigned ranking position number during the following trial season.

E. In the case of a tie in the amount of points for the Number One ranking in a class, the Number One plate and State Championship shall go to the rider with the most wins. In the event that there is still a tie, the rider with the most seconds, then thirds, then fourths, etc., shall be determined the winner. If a tie still exists, the events that the riders competed in together are used. The rider with the best record for these events shall be declared the winner. If the riders are still tied, then the overall points differential in the events they competed in together are used. The rider with the least amount of total points for these events shall be declared the winner. All conditions apply to rule 3C.

F. Each rider will keep his/her class ranking number for the complete season and will have the privilege of displaying that number on the front of the bike. However, when the rider transfers to the next higher class, the rider will then assume the "last place" number then existing in the new class.

G. Non-trophy ridden events will not count towards any class ranking. If a rider who repeatedly rides non-trophy has no points towards a ranking, then that rider shall receive the last place number in the rider's "normal" class for the coming season.

H. The Trials Committee Chairman will provide a state ranking at the end of the competition season for every class.

I. In order to make a class championship eligible, at least one (1) rider needs to compete in 50% of the championship events plus 1 event. (i.e. If there are 6 events per year, 1 rider must ride 3 events + 1 event = 4 events to make the class championship eligible) 7 events=5 rides 8 events=5rides 9 events=6 rides 10 events=6 rides 11 events=7 rides 12 events=7 rides 13 events=8rides

J. For a rider to be championship eligible he/she must check in at least 50% of the events they ride during a season. At a buddy check trial, all competitors are considered as checkers.

K. Trialsmasters (both morning and afternoon) will be awarded 15 championship points in the class of their choice. They will also be awarded 2 checker credits.

## Section D: THE TRIALS COURSE

1. Sections must be marked clearly for each class by "gates" or "tapes" that are color coded so as to have BLUE markers on the extreme left boundary and RED markers on the extreme right boundary.
2. It is permissible to divert routings of the various classes within a section. All such changes in routing shall be done in a concise and legible manner by signs at least as large as the conventional "pie plate".  
Note: Generally, the Expert Sportsman class will ride the harder Sportsman lines or moderate Expert lines in their entirety. The section start gate will be marked "ES=S" or "ES=E". However, if there are specific splits for the Expert Sportsmen, then the start gate must be marked "ES=ES".  
Generally, the Sportsman class will ride the harder Advanced lines or moderate Expert lines in their entirety. In that case, the section start gate will be marked with a "S=A" or "S=E" notation. However, if there are specific splits for the Sportsmen, then the start gate must be marked "S=S". Similarly, the Elite class may ride either the harder Novice lines or moderate Intermediate lines in their entirety, so "E=N" or "E=I" must be marked on the start gate. If Elite has specific splits, then "E=E".
3. Under extremely unusual circumstances and as a last resort, the Trialsmaster may change the above color codes and marking methods as long as all competitors and checkers are made aware of the change prior to the event.
4. Entry and Exit Gates:
  - A. Entry gates must be marked with TWO white signs (minimum 6" x 6") marked "Section Begins" or "Start". The entrance gate must display the section number and classes for which the section is intended. The start gates for the Elite, Sportsman, and Expert Sportsman classes will be marked as indicated in D.2 above.
  - B. Exit gates must be marked with TWO white signs (minimum 6" x 6") marked "Section Ends", "End", "Finish", or "Exit".
  - C. All entry and exit gates MUST BE AT LEAST FOUR FEET WIDE!
5. Artificial Boundaries:
  - A. Artificial boundary gates or tapes may be used to define the section laterally. Any such gate or boundary must conform to the color-coding describe in section D.1.
  - B. Each artificial boundary gate must be clearly visible to a person standing in the previous gate.
  - C. No artificial boundary gate may be less than three and one half feet (3' 6") wide.
6. To ensure that sections are not unduly dangerous, the Safety Committee may inspect all sections prior to the event. If a section is determined to be unduly dangerous, the Trialsmaster must change or remove the section. The Safety Committee's ruling shall be final.
7. Each section must be ridden through (though not necessarily cleaned) at least once before the trial by either the Trialsmaster or another non-competitor to ensure:
  - A. That the section can be ridden by the intended class.
  - B. That the section is not unduly dangerous or confusing.
  - C. To determine any wearing effect that competition will have on the terrain.
8. The Trialsmaster may not compete in the trial. Trialsmasters helpers may compete only in sections, which they have never ridden. For example, if a helper creates Novice and Intermediate sections, but does not help create Advanced or Expert sections, then the helper can compete in the Advanced or Expert classes.
9. At the option of the Trialsmaster, a section may be used for more than one class. However, the routings for the various classes must be clearly marked with "pie plate" signs so as to be easily understood by all competitors.
10. A competitor may only ride the section and routing for his class during a trial.

11. A competitor may walk in a section at any time so long as he does not interfere with a rider competing in that section.

12. Prior to the start of an event, a competitor may not practice ride in any marked section that he will ride in competition. To do so will result in disqualification.

13. No one shall change a section intentionally except the Trialsmaster. After the start of an event, no one, including the Trialsmaster, shall change a section. If a section becomes unduly dangerous during the event, the Trialsmaster will remove the section and strike all scores given for that section.

14. During competition, sections must be ridden in numerical order, though not necessarily beginning at Section 1. Unless specifically instructed by the Trialsmaster, C.A.T. competitors may start the event at any section they choose.

15. Any section not meeting the requirements detailed in Section D shall not be scored.

16. Protest of Sections:

A. Protests concerning the legality of a section must be submitted in writing by the competitor at the close of the trial. Protests should be submitted to the Trialsmaster, a club officer, or the person at the sign-in desk. The validity of the protest will then be judged by a panel consisting of the Trialsmaster and two officers of C.A.T. within one hour of the closing time of the trial.

B. If a section is under protest, no finishing places of the class under protest may be decided until the validity of the protest is determined.

C. If the section is judged to be non-conforming to these regulations, all competitors in the protester's class shall be scored all cleans in that section.

D. Due to time limitations, it is advised that any competitor who feels a section does not conform to these rules should file the protest and locate two club officers as soon as possible since section markings are usually removed at closing time.

17. Loop Markings:

A. Morning loops shall be marked with Red and White Striped ribbon. Afternoon loops shall be marked with Orange ribbon.

## Section E. SCORING

1. Observed Trials Scoring - In observed trials, the competitor is being graded by an observer or "checker" who has no competitive interest in the competitor or in the section that he/she is checking. The "checker" may be a competitor in a different class than he is observing as long as the "checker's" event occurs in a different block of time. Example: Intermediate or Novice checking an Advanced or Expert event, or vice versa.

2. Buddy System Scoring - As a last resort, should some unforeseen reason exclude the "checker" system of scoring, the "buddy system" must be used. This system allows the competitor to exchange his score card with another competitor and the competitors become the checkers, scoring each other. When possible, the buddy system should be organized to use groups of a minimum of three riders so as to be as fair as possible to all riders. When it is necessary to use the buddy system, the Trialsmaster shall draw the riding groups. Note: Under no circumstances will a competitor record his/her own score. Should this be realized by the Trialsmaster, the competitor will be disqualified from the event.

3. Scoring shall begin when the front wheel spindle (axle) of the machine passes between the vertical lines defined by the "section start" gate markers.

4. Scoring shall end when the front wheel spindle (axle) of the machine passes between the vertical lines defined by the "section end" gate markers.

5. Points (or marks or dabs) shall be imposed on the competitor's score in each section for the following infractions:

A. Zero points - For no infractions. Called a "clean" or "zero".

B. One point:

(1) For any contact providing support between any part of the rider's body or machine (exception: tires, footpegs, or skidplate) with the terrain (the "terrain" is considered ground, rocks, trees or any other obstacle). This contact is typically called a "dab" or "footing".

(2) If a competitor lofts the front wheel of his machine outside any boundary but clearly brings it down to the ground inside the boundary while dabbing once, he shall be scored only one (1) penalty point.

(3) A competitor's foot may "pivot" at the same spot on the ground and still be scored as one point.

(4) Footing can occur either inside or outside boundaries.

C. Two points:

(1) For two dabs in a section as described in 5.B above.

(2) Both feet placed on the ground simultaneously counts as two points.

D. Three points - for three OR MORE dabs in a section as described in 5.B and 5.C above.

Note: If a competitor's foot slides along the ground during a dab, it is scored as three points.

E. Five points - for any of the following:

(1) The machine is moving backwards with or without the rider dabbing (as defined in 5.B.1).

(2) The Rider dismounts from the machine and has both feet on the ground on the same side of, or behind the machine.

(3) Any displacement of markers with the machine or rider requiring that they be reset, i.e. breaking or knocking down. Touching a boundary is not a five.

(4) Either wheel touches the ground or obstacle outside a boundary marker. If the marker is fastened to a tree branch, bush or grass, the boundary is where the trunk meets the ground. Note: Trialsmasters should avoid marking boundaries with ribbon on any grass, bush, branch or rock, which is unstable. In the case of running over a taped boundary, there must be ground visible between the tape and the wheel and the wheel must be on the ground on the out-of-bounds side of the tape. It is permitted to float one wheel over a marker, but not both wheels, i.e. jumping the machine over a boundary is a five.

(5) Receiving outside assistance while attempting a section.

(6) Intentionally altering a section.

(7) Crossing one's own wheel tracks except where specifically required or permitted by the Trialsmaster.

(8) Not waiting for a signal from the checker before entering a section.

(9) The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar when dabbing (as defined in 5.B.1) while stationary.

(10) The engine stops while dabbing (as defined in 5.B.1) or while any part of the machine, except for the tires, is used for support, without forward motion. The motorcycle must be moving forward while footing with a dead engine to avoid a five.

(11) If the handlebar of the machine is used for support and the motorcycle is beyond 45 degrees from vertical.

(12) Not riding the line designated by the split gates for the rider's class. Riders may ride where they choose where boundaries are not marked by either split gates or tape.

F. Ten points will be assessed for each section that is not punched on a rider's score card when the card is turned in at the scorer's table.

6. Marking Score Card: With the exception of E.5.F above, no more than five points shall be imposed for infractions in any single attempt of a section.

A. Upon completion of that section, the competitor will present his score card to the observer for scoring. When the card is marked or punched, the competitor should check the card to ensure that the proper section and score has been marked, as this is the only time at which a protest can be noted. If the wrong score has been marked, the observer must punch all but the correct score. The observer, however, may not change the initial score for the ride; this can only be done under protest.

B. The competitor shall not argue with the checker over scoring.

C. No competitor shall influence a checker's scoring of another competitor.

D. Violation of rules 6B or 6C may result in review by the Trialsmaster and/or The Trials Committee who may impose penalties.

7. Balk: If a rider's line is blocked or altered by a person or animal in the section or by an object knocked into the section while he is riding that section, the rider may claim a balk. If the balk is accepted by the checker, the rider receives no score for that attempt but is required to attempt the section again immediately.

8. The time limit of the trials event must be announced at the riders' meeting. Once the event has started, the time limit cannot be changed. The Trialsmaster may, at his option, allow a "grace" period beyond the normal time limit provided:

A. All riders are informed of the grace period at the riders' meeting.

B. Late riders are penalized one point per minute beyond the normal time limit.

C. There is a definite cut-off time for the grace period.

D. The Trialsmaster will designate an official clock that will remain at the scoring table.

9. Any participant not completing the event in the announced time will be scored a "DNF", regardless of the number of sections ridden.

10. At the end of the trial, the rider who has received the fewest marks and has been scored in all sections shall be deemed the winner of his/her class.

11. In the event of a tie, finishing places will be decided on the following basis:

A. Most cleans, most ones, most twos, most threes, etc.

B. Then a "ride off" as determined by the Trialsmaster.

12. Any disputes over scoring in a section shall be decided by protest. The correct procedure for protesting is:

A. In the section where the discrepancy occurs, the competitor must advise the checker that they are going to protest the score.

B. When the competitor turns in the score card, he/she must also submit a written protest to the Trialsmaster or person accepting scorecards. The written protest does not have to be anything formal, but must include the section number, lap number, the score given by the checker and the score the competitor believes to be correct.

C. The Trialsmaster shall settle any and all protests before finishing positions are decided.

## Section F- GENERAL INFORMATION

1. These rules shall remain in effect for one year from the date of acceptance unless amended by The Trials Committee. At the end of that year they shall be reviewed by the C.A.T. Trials Committee and re-adopted or amended as necessary. Note: If a club member would like a rule changed or a new rule adopted, he/she should submit the proposed rule in writing to a club officer or Trials Committee member before the review. The Trials Committee must vote on all written proposed rules within 60 days of submission

### 2. Release of Liability

It is a condition of acceptance of entry that Central Arizona Trials, Inc. shall not be held responsible for any damage to any motorcycle or it's accessories, whether by fire, accident or any other causes, nor the theft of any motorcycle or it's accessories during the event.

Further, it is a condition of acceptance of entry that Central Arizona Trials, Inc., property owners, government agencies or any associated parties shall not be held responsible for personal injuries, loss of life or loss of limb incurred by entrants in any C.A.T. event or spectators or visitors attending said event.

An entrant is liable for any damage caused by himself, or any agent, representative or servant acting on his behalf during the day or days of the event.

## Section G- SUPPLEMENT

1. In order to maintain an efficient observation system, when a competitor enters a C.A.T. event, the competitor has automatically agreed to check a section as necessary. Exception: Visiting riders from out-of-state are exempt from this rule.

2. If there are insufficient volunteers to act as checkers at any C.A.T. event, the Trialsmaster will "draft" the required number of persons from those entered in the event.

3. If an entrant is drafted to check and refuses to do so, then any championship points or transfer points will not be awarded for that event. In addition, any trophies or awards will be forfeited. Exceptions or legitimate excuses will be decided by the Trialsmaster only.

4. If an entrant can supply a capable substitute to work in a trial, either by volunteering before the event or providing a substitute upon being drafted at the event, his/her obligation shall be considered fulfilled for that event.

5. If a rider attempts to sign-in for the event after the announced cut-off time, he/she will be charged \$10.00 for reopening the sign-in table unless he/she checks a section.

End of C.A.T. rules for 2008.