

C.A.T. Litter

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RULE CHANGES FOR 2008 SEASON

Condensed version of rules changes for 2008:

The period of our season is now the calendar year.

Championship points are awarded only to the following riders:

1. **Current, paid up members of CAT**
2. **Those who check at least 50% of the CAT events they ride.**

All classes except Bicycle are now championship eligible.

Vintage and Ladies classes have been deleted.

Twin Shock class has been re-defined as any trials specific motorcycle that has 2 rear shocks.

Transfer points required to move up has been changed to 20 points for all classes except Beginner, which are now 15 points.

The following are scored as a five:

1. If you dab with a dead engine, unless there is forward motion.
2. If the handlebar of the machine is used for support and the motorcycle is beyond 45 degrees from vertical.

WEBSITE

Our website is under construction, and will be updated in a more timely fashion, in the future, by our new webmaster Dwayne Elrod!

A few thoughts to club members for the up-coming trial season.

Checking: Last season, there were a number of trials where we were really scrambling to find checkers. We need to remember that the club has always held the philosophy that the trial is an all day family event: afternoon riders show up early to check the morning riders, and the morning riders stick around and return the favor to check the afternoon riders. The club cannot exist without the participation and help of all the members. Of course there are always those occasional times when one has to leave early/show up late for personal reasons, but we should all endeavor to do our part, and check our fellow riders as the needs dictate.

And while we are on the subject of checking, trialsmasters should take note that we will be trying to have 3 people check each section, both morning and afternoon. This should give us better coverage and help move the riders through the section more quickly since one person will be punching the cards while the other 2 are checking the section.

Section clean up: Another area we need to be aware of is cleaning up the sections after the trial, both morning and afternoon. The forest service is becoming increasingly strict about us leaving the area as we found it. This means that in addition to collecting the section boundary ribbons that we also try to eradicate the tire and footing evidence by smoothing out the dirt, replacing logs that may have been moved for the section route, etc. Basically we need to leave the area as we found it as much as possible. Also, remove the loop ribbon when you find it after the trial on your way back to the pits. As those of you who have been trialsmasters are well aware, putting on a trial is incredibly time consuming, so we can all make a very difficult job easier by helping clean up the loop on your way back in after checking. The trialsmaster will really appreciate it.

Thanks, and here's looking forward to great CAT season.
The CAT Club Officers.

CHECKERS NEEDED FOR NATIONALS

Plan a vacation to Colorado and come help RMTA with the NATC/AMA Nationals Rounds 1, 2 and 3.

Rocky Mountain Trial Associations (RMTA) is in need of checkers on Sunday, May 25th. RMTA needs approximately 15 checkers from the CAT club and 15 checkers from the New Mexico Trials Associations. Your gate fee will be waived for the entire weekend. It is a great place to visit and watch a National. Please email or call Carolyn Saum ASAP. carolyn@acsconsulting.net phone 480-985-2095.
2008 SCHEDULE (so far – other dates to be finalized)
March 16 – Table Mesa, Mike Meschede/Jim Wagner
April 6 – Oak Flats, Ray Peters, and...
August 31 – Jones Crossing
November 16 – Oak Flats

EMAIL LIST

To receive flyers, CAT Litter, or notice of changes as quickly as possible – get it by email! (You can still receive copies by regular mail, too, if you want). Send an email to CentralArizonaTrials@live.com. Let me know if you still want paper copies too, or just email.

Kathy C.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

All new membership cards that were not picked up at the banquet have been mailed out with this flyer.