

CAT Rule Changes for 2023

- We have been setting our Elite sections as a complete stand-alone class and so will update this rule to match.

ELITE 40 - Riders 40 years old or older who choose to ride ~~a combination of Novice and~~ Elite lines. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Elite 40 State Championship

- We are combining Novice 40 and 55. The Novice 40 class did not even qualify in 2022 due to low participation. The 40 designation was chosen to follow the other age specific classes. Novice 55 number plates will be allowed for the 2023 season.

~~**NOVICE 55** - Riders 55 years or older who choose to ride Novice lines. Competition in this class will lead to the Arizona Novice 55 State Championship.~~

- A small policy change to save time and materials is incorporated. When a section has a 10' tall rockpile running alongside of a section that no one will go up except Josh, we don't need to ribbon it as a boundary.

Sections boundaries must be marked clearly with white ribbon as continuous as ~~possible~~ practical.

- As a stand-alone class we no longer need the E= designators.

~~Similarly, the Elite classes shall ride approximately 50% of the Novice lines and in the other sections be given Elite gates, so "E=N" or "E=E" must be marked on the start gate.~~

- Buddy checking actual practice for some groups has not been following the card punching part of the rules. This has been working well and so the rules are changed to match.

Buddy System Scoring - When it is necessary to use the "buddy system", the Trialsmaster shall draw the riding groups, and assign a group leader. The group leader ~~will~~ should record all scores, except his/her own, and will settle all scoring disputes, subject to protest. Riders must stay in their assigned groups for the duration of the event.

Note: For practical purposes a rider may punch his own scorecard with another rider as a witness. ~~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.~~

- We have copied this line from Section B2 Rider Classification bullet #2 to Section C Transfer Points #7 to add clarity.

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