

2024 Rules Update Summary

Section C3

The age for riders to start checking is lowered from 15. An adult helper is required.

15. For any non-junior rider, 13 years old or older to be championship eligible he/she must accrue checker credits equal to at least 50% of the events they ride during a season. A young or inexperienced checker will be paired with an experienced, adult checker. At a buddy check trial, all competitors are considered as checkers.

Section E

The definitions of our formats have been expanded. Guidelines for event schedules are included.

2. C.A.T. primarily operates on the "AM/PM" format. AM riders check for the PM riders and vice versa. The checkers clean-up their section when done. The event flyer will designate which classes ride at what time. CAT events are usually 3 loops of 8-10 sections.
3. Buddy System Scoring – At certain distant locations or should some unforeseen reason such as weather or lack of checkers exclude the "AM/PM" checker system of scoring, the "buddy system" will be used. This system allows each competitor to become a checker, and score the other competitors in his/her group. When possible, this 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 assign the riding groups and a group leader. The group leader 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. Riders will clean up a section assigned on their group's scorecards after the Trialsmaster confirms all results are final.

Note: For practical purposes a rider may punch his own scorecard with another rider as a witness. This system is primarily used to shorten the length of an event, so 3 loops of 8 sections is utilized to expedite the event and minimize impact on the terrain.

4. The AM/PM event schedule shall be as follows:
 - Sign-up – 7:00-8:00 AM
 - AM start time – 8:30 AM. Penalty period starts - 11:45PM (1 point per minute, see E.11)
Final cutoff --12:00PM.
 - PM start time - 1:00 PM. Penalty period starts - 4:45PM (1 point per minute, see E.11)
Final cutoff – 5:00PM.
5. The Buddy Check event schedule shall be as follows:
 - Sign-up – 8:00-9:00 AM
 - All riders start time - 9:30 AM. Penalty period starts - 2:30PM (1 point per minute, see E.11)
Final cutoff – 3:00PM.

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The tiebreaker has been updated from first point taken to first loop score since some riders may start on a harder section than their competitor.

15. In the event of a tie, finishing places will be decided on the following basis:
 - a. Most cleans, most ones, most twos, most threes will win. If still tied, then the Rider with the lowest first loop score, then second loop and so forth will win.

Note: The "first point taken" tiebreaker is only fair when all riders start at the same section.