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# 2025 EMPIRE STATE MX RIDER GUIDEBOOK



It is the **Rider's Responsibility** to read this guidebook prior to participating in any Empire State Motocross event.



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# WHY RACE WITH EMPIRE STATE MOTOCROSS?

Thank you for joining Empire State Motocross. The promoters sponsoring this organization share the deep history of motocross racing in New York. Together, Area 51, Hogback Hill, Pavilion MX and Sick Bros MX have many years combined promoting experience. Each track offers a unique feel and style guaranteed to challenge riders of all ages and skill levels.

## Why Join Empire State Motocross:

- Promoter owned & operated with many years combined experience in motocross
- Premier Tracks
- Membership growing year over year
- National and Regional support growing year over year
- **Manufacturers Contingency** support from **ALL 7 Manufacturers!!! \$668,840 in Contingency money for 2025! - Yamaha, Honda, Kawasaki, Suzuki, KTM, GasGas and Husqvarna**
- **Thousands of \$\$\$ in FLY** support given to riders throughout the season
- **Different Ultra Series , and Mega Series Awards!**

# ESMX PROMOTERS



## **Area 51 Motocross**

3323 Harloff Rd., Batavia, NY 14020  
Gates Open Saturday: 3 p.m. – 11 p.m. Sunday: 7 a.m.  
Information: (585) 345-7433  
E-Mail: [Chris@Area51Motocross](mailto:Chris@Area51Motocross) or [Corey@Area51Motocross](mailto:Corey@Area51Motocross)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MotocrossNewYork/>  
Website: [www.area51motocross.com](http://www.area51motocross.com)



## **PAVILION MOTOCROSS PARK**

1054 Taylor Rd., Pavilion, NY 14525  
Gates Open: Saturday: 9 a.m. - 11 pm, Sunday: 7 a.m.  
Information: (585) 409-8947  
E-Mail: [gtaylor8947@gmail.com](mailto:gtaylor8947@gmail.com)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pavilion.mx/>  
Website: [www.pavilionmx.com](http://www.pavilionmx.com)



## **SICK BROS. MOTOCROSS**

3224 Henry Drum Rd., Cohocton, NY 14826  
Information: 585-335-7992  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Sick-Bros-Mx-Cohocton-260111760674957/>  
Website: [www.sickbrosmotocross.com](http://www.sickbrosmotocross.com)

IF YOU ARE IN DOUBT AS TO WHETHER A RACE IS GOING TO BE RUN, YOU MAY CALL THE INDIVIDUAL TRACK OR CHECK THE EMPIRE STATE MOTOCROSS WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK FOR LATE BREAKING NEWS.

## ESMX STAFF



Michelle Jones – Secretary



Dawn Walker – Treasurer



Lisa Allan - Points Keeper

# ESMX CONTACT INFORMATION

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# RIDER GUIDEBOOK DISCLAIMER

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein by Empire State Motocross are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have complied with these rules. No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from publications of or compliance with these rules and/or 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 a participant, spectator or official. Supplemental rules can be added and adjusted at any time.

The race promoter or referee shall be empowered to permit minor deviation from any of the specifications herein or impose any further restrictions that in his opinion do not alter the minimum acceptable requirements. **No expressed or implied warranty of safety shall result from such alteration of specifications.** Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of the officials. Their decision is final.

## **All riders are responsible for their own medical insurance.**

Other reminders:

- Race results and other Empire State Motocross info can be found at [www.empirestatemx.com](http://www.empirestatemx.com).
- All Riders must sign a waiver of liability when entering the facility and all required registration forms must be signed prior to being permitted to practice or race. If the rider is a minor, a parent or authorized adult must accompany the rider to sign up to fill out the appropriate forms. The parent/guardian must be present for the entire day.
- Any rider who has not raced in the past 3 years may elect to race one lower class with approval of the day's referee. All decisions are subject to review.
- The cut-off date is Jan 1<sup>st</sup> for classes with age restrictions.
- Mini riders advancing to a big bike class must ride novice.
- Mini riders advancing are not guaranteed to keep their bike number for the following year.
- Please observe the facilities quiet hours.
- All pets must always be on a leash and are the responsibility of the owner.
- No PIT Riding (See [page 20](#)).
- TRASH IS CARRY IN - CARRY OUT FOR ALL TRACKS DURING THE YEAR.

# MEMBERSHIP

**You must have a current Empire State Motocross membership to be eligible for the Ultra Series, and Mega Series awards!** Series Points accumulated prior to becoming an Empire State Motocross member do not count toward Series Awards.

The fee for an Empire State Motocross membership is **\$40.00** per member

- Your last year's bike number will be held until March 15<sup>th</sup> 2025
  - Membership forms being mailed in must be postmarked by this date.

Empire State Motocross will honor current valid motocross racing district cards. The rider will have to produce their district card in order to race and will race in their ranked class. All other non-member riders that do not hold a district card from another district will pay a \$10.00 fee each race. **This fee is not applied towards a membership with the Empire State Motocross.**

- Riders without an Empire State Motocross membership will not be eligible for Ultra and Mega Series awards and prizes.

# MOTOCROSS RACING SEASON

The season shall be run from April through October and will be determined by the yearly-published schedule. Points will be accumulated, recorded, and carried forward as necessary by Empire State Motocross.

- Empire State Motocross race promoters may conduct races outside the race season limits but may not have Empire State Motocross sanctioning.

# ESMX MEMBERSHIP FORMS

There are three things needed to become a 2025 Empire State MX member:

1. Membership Form.

Completed Empire State MX Membership forms are required to race in the Empire State MX. Please complete the forms and send to the address at the top of the Membership form. Remember to fill in all information on both the front and back of the form. Membership forms are available online at [www.empirestatemx.com](http://www.empirestatemx.com) or from the Empire State MX secretary.

2. Proof of Age

***Proof of age is required for all members.*** It can be a copy of a birth certificate, school record, or driver's license.

3. Payment

The cost of an Empire State Membership can be found at the top of the membership form. ***All payments must be made in US funds.***

*Any member who is actively engaged in military service will have a free Empire State MX membership for the season. A copy of a current active military ID must be provided with the membership form.*

**\*\*Completing and mailing these forms with the appropriate membership fee assumes that you have read and agreed with the rules and regulations set forth in this book.**

**Please call any rider advisor if you have any questions whatsoever (see ESMX Contact Information).**

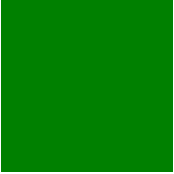
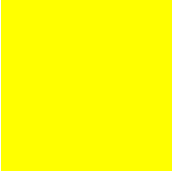



# WHAT EVERY RACER SHOULD KNOW


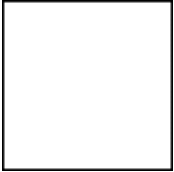
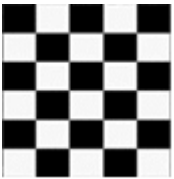
Motocross, like all sporting events, is meant to be fun, and like all sporting events there are certain rules and regulations that apply to everyone. So that there are no unnecessary surprises or disappointments we have summarized here the activities/actions described throughout this rulebook that could cost you points, prizes, or the privilege to participate.

<b><i>Infraction</i></b>	<b><i>Penalty</i></b>
<b>Bike specifications must be as outlined</b>	Machine and rider disqualified
<b>Switching bikes or riders between moto's</b>	Rider disqualified/Loss of points and/or prizes
<b>Falsifying your riding status</b>	Loss of points and/or prizes
<b>Pit Riding (anything except walking the bike with the engine off or outside the designated areas)</b>	Reviewed by the referee of the day and the promoter. See more details on page 19.
<b>Reckless riding</b>	Disqualification and/or suspension
<b>Unsportsmanlike conduct of rider and/or pit crew</b>	Rider disqualification, and Empire State Motocross board review
<b>Alcohol or drug consumption by a rider</b>	Immediate disqualification and/or suspension
<b>Rider or any member of his party entering restricted areas</b>	Disqualification
<b>Riding in other than your designated practice</b>	Loss of line position in first moto (last place pick) or disqualification
<b>Assistance of any rider to restart their bike during a moto by anyone other than track personnel.</b>	Penalty at Referees discretion. Max penalty: Rider disqualification for that moto
<b>Jumping the start</b>	Penalized at referee's discretion
<b>Cutting or leaving the track</b>	Penalized at referee's discretion
<b>Passing or jumping on yellow flag</b>	Discretion of the referee. Minimum 2-position penalty
<b>Passing or jumping on red-cross flag</b>	Discretion of the referee. Minimum 3-position penalty

# FLAGS AND THEIR MEANING

The following flags, measuring 30" by 30", shall be used:

<b>GREEN</b> 	Start race
<b>YELLOW</b> 	<b>Danger on track. All riders are to exercise caution and hold position until completely clear of the accident. Any reckless riding under the yellow flag will lead to a 2-position penalty at a minimum.</b> <b><u>NO JUMPING OR RACING.</u></b>
<b>WHITE WITH RED CROSS</b> 	<b>Danger on track involving medical staff. All riders are to exercise EXTREME caution and hold position until completely clear of the accident. Any reckless riding under the yellow flag will lead to a 3-position penalty at a minimum.</b> <b><u>NO JUMPING OR RACING.</u></b>
<b>RED</b> 	<b>IMMEDIATE stoppage of a race for an emergency.</b> Report back to starting line for further instructions. <b><u>NO JUMPING / RACING.</u></b>
<b>BLACK</b> 	Disqualification of individual rider, report to Referee at once.

<p>GREEN &amp; WHITE FLAGS CROSSED</p> 	<p>Half the moto is complete (Required in all classes).</p>
<p>WHITE</p> 	<p>One lap to go until the finish of the race.</p>
<p>BLACK WITH WHITE CHECKER</p> 	<p>Finish – End of race</p>

***\*\*The decision of the Referee is final and fully backed by the Board and Promoters. Any rider disqualified or suspended forfeits all points and or prizes and all fees paid. We don't like to penalize anyone but in fairness to the majority, these rules will be enforced. We trust everyone will follow the rules and encourage others too so everyone can have a great day.***

# CLASSES

All classes will be advertised and run during every ESMX event. Point standings will be kept for all classes.

The cut-off date for any class having a **maximum age** limit is January 1st. If a rider is born on or after January 1<sup>st</sup>, they can elect to stay in the class until the end of the year.

A rider can elect to ride in any class that has a **minimum age** after they have celebrated their respective birthday.

Once a rider moves to the next higher age class they cannot return to the lower age class, or ride in both age groups.

## SKILL LEVEL DEFINITIONS

**BEGINNER:** First year rider and/or limited to riders who have not accumulated 100 advancement points in the Beginner class\* or have not raced in a higher class. A rider may not race this ranking for more than **2 years**.

**NOVICE:** This class is for riders who have advanced from the Beginner class or have not accumulated 200 points **and** 5 overall top 3 finishes in the Novice class\* or have not raced in a higher class. Mini riders advance to Novice. A mini rider advancing may petition Empire State MX to advance to the Beginner class.

**AMATEUR:** This class is for experienced riders who have advanced from a Novice class and have not accumulated 300 points and 5 moto wins in the Amateur class\* and have not raced as an Expert with any other organization.

**EXPERT:** This class is our highest advanced classification. If a rider has EVER carried a pro card they must race in this ranking. If a pro card was carried and you do not feel that you should be an Expert ranking you can follow the appeal process listed on [page 30](#).

**+25 A:** These riders must be a minimum age of 25 and of Expert status. The +25A class will be paid back according to the Expert payback schedule.

**+25 B-C:** These riders must be a minimum age of 25 and of Beginner, Novice or Amateur status.

**SENIOR CLASSES:** Senior riders must be 30-, 40- or 50-years old or older on race day (depending on which class). Seniors will be divided based on your ranking. Beginner riders may race in the C labeled classes. +30 A and +40 A will be 100% cash payback. If a senior rider **EVER** held a pro license, they must ride the Senior A classes.

**WOMENS:** These riders must be female.

**GIRLS:** These riders must be female.

**RIDERS WHO DOUBLE CLASS:** You must sign up for your Primary class to be eligible. Your status does not change regardless of the CC class you run. The only exception is a Mini rider who also rides a big bike class will be considered a **NOVICE** in the big bike class.

**CLASSES CONSIDERED SECONDARY CLASSES:** 125cc 2-stroke, Schoolboy and Collegeboy

**NOTE:** A rider may advance to the next higher ranking without pointing out at their discretion. After that choice they may not move back down without petitioning the Board.

**Please consult Empire State MX Rider Advisors or referee with any questions**

## Class Definitions

CLASSES	AGE	ENGINE SIZE	ENGINE TYPE	NOTES
51cc SHAFT /E2 (4-8)	4-8 Yrs.	51cc	2-STROKE	SINGLE-SPEED AUTOMATIC, 2-STROKE OIL-INJECTED. MAXIMUM WHEELBASE 36 INCHES. MAXIMUM WHEEL SIZE 10 INCHES. MAXIMUM SEAT HEIGHT 22 INCHES. NO LARGER THAN 12MM ROUND INTAKE.
51cc OIL INJECTED	4-8 Yrs.	51cc	2-STROKE	THE 51cc OIL INJECTED CLASS WILL INCLUDE STOCK AUTOMATIC SINGLE-SPEED OIL-INJECTED MACHINES, MAX WHEELBASE 36 INCH, WHEEL SIZE 10 INCH, SEAT HEIGHT 22IN, 12MM ROUND INTAKE. SEE 51cc CLASS SPECIFICATIONS BELOW.
51cc Jr. (4-6)	4-6 Yrs.	51cc	ANY	THE JR. CLASS WILL INCLUDE ALL MACHINES ELIGIBLE FOR AMA CLASSES 1,3 AND 4, SINGLE OR MULTI-SPEED AUTOMATIC, MAX WHEELBASE 37 INCH, WHEEL SIZE 10 INCH, SEAT HEIGHT 24IN, 14MM MAX ROUND INTAKE. SEE 51cc CLASS SPECIFICATIONS BELOW.
51cc OPEN (4-8) / E-BIKE	4-8 Yrs.	51cc	ANY	SINGLE-SPEED AUTOMATIC. 2 STROKE. MAXIMUM WHEELBASE 41 INCHES. MAXIMUM WHEEL SIZE 12 INCHES. RETROFITTED 12-INCH WHEELS ARE PERMITTED ON ALL CLASS 2 MOTORCYCLES. NO LARGER THAN 19MM ROUND INTAKE. SEE 51cc CLASS SPECIFICATIONS BELOW.
51cc Sr. (7-8) / E-BIKE	7-8 Yrs.	51cc	ANY	THE SR. CLASS WILL INCLUDE ALL MACHINES ELIGIBLE FOR AMA CLASS 2, 3 AND 4, MAX WHEELBASE 41 INCH, WHEEL SIZE 12 IN. 19MM ROUND INTAKE. SEE 51cc CLASS SPECIFICATIONS BELOW.
65cc (7-9)	7-9 Yrs.	60cc - 65cc 53cc - 125cc	2-STROKE 4-STROKE	MINIMUM WHEEL SIZE OF 12" AND A MAXIMUM WHEEL SIZE OF 14", A MAXIMUM WHEELBASE OF 45.5".
65cc (10-11)	10-11 Yrs.	60cc - 65cc 53cc - 125cc	2-STROKE 4-STROKE	MINIMUM WHEEL SIZE OF 12" AND A MAXIMUM WHEEL SIZE OF 14", A MAXIMUM WHEELBASE OF 45.5".
65cc (7-11)	7-11 Yrs.	60cc - 65cc 53cc - 125cc	2-STROKE 4-STROKE	MINIMUM WHEEL SIZE OF 12" AND A MAXIMUM WHEEL SIZE OF 14", A MAXIMUM WHEELBASE OF 45.5".
JUNIOR MINI (9-11)	9-11 Yrs.	59cc - 85cc 53cc - 125cc	2-STROKE 4-STROKE	59-85cc 2-STROKES, 53-125cc 4-STROKES FRONT WHEEL MAXIMUM OF 17" A REAR WHEEL MINIMUM OF 12" AND A MAXIMUM OF 14", A MAXIMUM WHEELBASE OF 51.5".
SENIOR MINI (12-15)	12-15 Yrs.	79cc - 85cc 75cc - 150cc	2-STROKE 4-STROKE	79-85cc 2 STROKE AND 75-150cc 4 STROKE. MAXIMUM WHEELBASE OF 52.5IN. MINIMUM REAR WHEEL 12IN, MAXIMUM 16IN. FRONT WHEEL MAXIMUM 19IN
MINI COMBINED 9-13	9-13	85cc	2-STROKE	FRONT WHEEL MAXIMUM OF 17", A REAR WHEEL MAXIMUM OF 14"
SUPERMINI	12-16 Yrs.	79cc - 112cc 75cc - 150cc	2-STROKE 4-STROKE	A REAR WHEEL MINIMUM OF 14" AND A MAX OF 16". 80 TO 112cc 2 STROKES. 75 TO 150cc 4-STROKES. BIG WHEEL AND SMALL WHEEL ALLOWED.
SCHOOLBOY (12-17)	12-17 Yrs.	122-150cc 126cc-250cc	2-STROKE 4-STROKE	12-17 YEARS OF AGE. NO EXPERT RIDERS. MINIMUM FRONT WHEEL 21IN, MINIMUM REAR WHEEL 18IN. *MUST BE 14 TO RACE A 250cc
COLLEGE BOY (18-24)	18-24 Yrs.	122cc - OPEN	ANY	18-24 YEARS OF AGE. ANY RANK.
25+ B-C	25 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	25 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY.
25+ A	25 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	25 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY.
30+ C	30 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	30 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY.
30+ B	30 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	30 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY.
30+ A	30 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	30 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY.
40+ C	40 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	40 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY.
40+ B	40 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	40 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY.
40+ A	40 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	40 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY.
50+ A/B/C	50 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	50 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY. ANY RANKING
55+ OPEN	55 Yrs. & OVER	122 - OPEN	ANY	55 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER ON RACE DAY. ANY RANKING
GIRLS 59-112cc (11-16)	11-16 Yrs.	65cc - 112cc 90cc - 150cc	2-STROKE 4-STROKE	BIG WHEEL AND SMALL WHEEL ALLOWED. FEMALE ONLY. MUST BE 12 YRS OLD TO RIDE A SUPERMINI
122-125cc 2-STROKE	12 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - 125cc	2-STROKE	TROPHY CLASS, ANY RANKED RIDER ALLOWED.
WOMEN 99-250cc	12 Yrs. & OVER	85cc - 250cc	ANY	FEMALE ONLY.
250cc BEGINNER	*12 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - 250cc	ANY	FIRST YEAR RIDER AND HAVE NOT RACED IN A HIGHER CLASS. ADVANCING MINI RIDERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE BEGINNER CLASS (THEY ARE CONSIDERED NOVICE) WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL.
250 C	*12 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - 250cc	ANY	THIS RANK IS FOR RIDERS WHO HAVE ADVANCED FROM THE BEGINNER CLASS OR HAVE NOT RACED IN A HIGHER CLASS. MINI RIDERS ADVANCE TO THIS RANKING.
250 B	*12 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - 250cc	ANY	THIS RANKING IS FOR EXPERIENCED RIDERS WHO HAVE ADVANCED FROM A LOWER CLASS AND HAVE NOT RACED AS AN EXPERT WITH ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION.
250 A	*16 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - 250cc	ANY	THIS RANK IS OUR HIGHEST CLASSIFICATION. FOR AN EXPERT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN OVERALL TOP NUMBER FOR THE YEAR, THEY MUST RACE AT LEAST ONE EXPERT CLASS IN EACH SERIES.
OPEN BEGINNER	*12 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	FIRST YEAR RIDER AND HAVE NOT RACED IN A HIGHER CLASS. ADVANCING MINI RIDERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE BEGINNER CLASS (THEY ARE CONSIDERED NOVICE) WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL.
450 C	*12 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	THIS RANK IS FOR RIDERS WHO HAVE ADVANCED FROM THE BEGINNER CLASS OR HAVE NOT RACED IN A HIGHER CLASS. MINI RIDERS ADVANCE TO THIS RANKING.
450 B	*12 Yrs. & OVER	122cc - OPEN	ANY	THIS RANKING IS FOR EXPERIENCED RIDERS WHO HAVE ADVANCED FROM A LOWER CLASS AND HAVE NOT RACED AS AN EXPERT WITH ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION.

450 A	*16 Yrs. & Over	122cc - Open	ANY	THIS RANK IS OUR HIGHEST CLASSIFICATION. FOR AN EXPERT TO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE AN OVERALL TOP NUMBER FOR THE YEAR, THEY MUST RACE AT LEAST ONE EXPERT CLASS IN EACH SERIES.
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\* No Rider under the age of 16 years may ride a 450cc or larger motorcycle.

\*No Rider under the age of 14 years may ride a 250cc or larger motorcycle

## 50CC CLASS SPECIFICATIONS

51cc Shaft / E2 (4-8)	51cc Oil Injected	51cc Junior 4-6	51cc Open 4-8 / E-Bike	51cc Senior 7-8 / E-Bike	
Yamaha PW 50	Yamaha PW 50	Yamaha PW 50	All 50cc Bikes Eligible including electric bikes.  E3 & E5	KTM 50 Sr Adventure	POLINI X3 WORKS
Suzuki JR 50	Cobra PW3 OI	Suzuki JR 50		KTM SX Pro JR LC	LEM R3
Kawasaki KDX 50	KTM SX Mini	Kawasaki KDX50		KTM SX Pro SR LC	CONTI RX 50
E2	Husky TC Mini	KTM Mini Adventure SX		COBRA KING	FACTORY PHANTOM R12
		Cobra PW3 OI		COBRA CH2	PRC LX
		KTM Mini LC		COBRA CM	PRC LX-R
		Cobra CM50		COBRA R2	PRC LX-RR
		KTM Junior		POLINI X1 WORKS	PHANTOM R12/1
				KTM SX	Husky TC
				E3 & E5	All brand electric bikes

\*Motorcycles must still meet wheel size requirements/restrictions.

\*Electric 50cc bikes are only eligible to race in the 51cc Open 4-8, and 51cc Senior 7-8 classes unless specified otherwise.

## GENERAL EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS

1. One engine with a maximum displacement of the cc limit.
2. Gasoline and electric only. Octane boosters will be permitted.
3. All motorcycles shall have: a frame, wheels and axles, handlebars, proper working controls, forks, gas tanks, fenders, manual transmissions, exhaust systems, and tires per approval of Empire State Motocross. Motorcycles will have no sharp protruding objects. **No** studded tires will be allowed. Kickstands must be removed and any lights and/or gauges must be taped. All glass or plastic must be taped.
4. Number plates must be securely mounted. **Numbers must at least 5" for 100cc or below and 6" or higher for anything larger than 100cc bore.** Numbers must be standard type block lettering and appear on each side and front of the motorcycle. **If there are no numbers on the bike, the Promoter is not responsible for scoring issues.**

## BACKGROUND AND NUMBER PLATE SPECIFICATIONS

**BLACK BACKGROUND with WHITE NUMBER'S:**

PW50's

51cc 4-6

51cc 7-8

65cc  
85cc  
Beginner  
Novice (C)

**YELLOW BACKGROUND with BLACK NUMBER'S:**

Amateur (B)

**WHITE BACKGROUND with BLACK NUMBER'S:**

Expert (A)

**Pro National Riders Holding a Current License:**

These backgrounds and numbers take precedence over Empire State MX regulations. However, somewhere on the number plates a small "n" be displayed in a contrasting color.

5. It is the rider's responsibility to be sure their rider number is displayed visibly and clearly for scoring purposes. **If the rider is not riding their Empire State MX designated number, it is the rider's responsibility to notify the sign-up personnel with the sign-up form that day or the rider will be disqualified for that moto.**
  - a. Permanent riding numbers assigned by Empire State MX will take precedence in case of duplications. Big bike numbers have precedence over mini-bike riders moving up. National numbers will be accepted one week before and after the National event.
6. The referee shall have the power to disqualify any motorcycle that does not meet the rules and standards.
7. Apparel: Riders, during practice and competition, must wear a DOT & Snell approved helmet (full-face helmets are highly recommended), shatterproof motocross goggles, gloves, protective pants and jerseys, and protective over-the-ankle leather boots. All other protective clothing is recommended but not required. All visible numbers must be corresponding.
8. Maximum allowance noise level shall be 99dB for Empire State MX events. The standard MIC/SAE J1287 sound test will be the district standard test.

## RIDER RESPONSIBILITY

1. **Each rider is responsible for the actions of his or her family and pit crew.** Unnecessary trouble caused by a rider's family or crew makes that rider subject to disqualification. No alcohol or drug consumption by any participant will be permitted. **ALL VIOLATORS WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
2. Actions of a person or persons in dealing with Track Officials shall be considered the responsibility of the rider and the rider shall be subject to referee decisions pertaining to unsportsmanlike conduct of the person(s) so specified.
3. Any rider found to have falsified his or her rider status rank or age will lose points, awards, and/or cash prizes.
4. Riders are responsible for following pit riding rules at each event. Pit riding is considered anything except walking the bike with the engine off. **All rules are subject to each event Promoter's discretion.**

## DISTRICT PIT VEHICLE RULES

- Hours of operation is DAWN to DUSK
- No motorized vehicles allowed in spectator or designated area's

- No unauthorized vehicles of any kind are allowed on the track side of the fence at any time. (Especially during operation)
- Helmets must be worn at all times
- Vehicles operated at slow speeds and permitted use ONLY on driveways, NOT through or around pits
- No wheelies, horseplay or reckless driving of any kind
- Pit vehicles are ONLY for transportation, not entertainment

**Rules are strictly enforced and may vary from event to event. Riders are responsible for themselves and anyone within their party. Failure to comply will result in docking of points or disqualification at promoter's and referee's discretion.**

5. Only the rider may establish his position on the starting line. Once established, pit crew members will be allowed to hold the rider's position. Once the two-minute warning on the line has been activated, the rider is the only one on the line. No parent or pit crew will be allowed on the starting line during this time.
6. In the event of a rider jumping the start, he or she shall be penalized at the discretion of the referee.
7. Any rider leaving the track shall only continue the race from the point where he/she exited. If it is unsafe or impossible to re-enter at the point of exit, the rider must re-enter somewhere near the point of exit. A rider who completely exits the racecourse area before receiving the checkered flag, will be considered to have completed their race. In no case shall the rider advance a position. Penalty for failure to do so will be at the discretion of the referee.
8. When entering or leaving the pit area, a rider must use the designated entrance and exit lanes. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.
9. All appeals for change of class rank shall be submitted in writing and must include reasons for the appeal. Appeals may be presented to any Rider Advisor or Secretary. Approval or denial will be returned in writing.
10. **All riders are responsible for their own medical insurance.**
11. It is the rider's responsibility to monitor their points for advancement and awards. If the rider has not picked up their award or trophy for the year end and/or series within 30 days, their award will be discarded.

If you are under 18, a parent or an authorized guardian MUST accompany you to sign-up EACH WEEK where you must both sign insurance releases and MUST remain present during your participation in any sanctioned event. An authorized guardian must have a notarized authorization signed by the rider's parent or legal guardian. A blanket authorization will not be accepted. Authorizations must specify the date and track and will be retained by the track for their records.

# Race Day Information

## RACE ROTATION

<i>Race #</i>	<i>Race Order</i>
1	51cc Shaft / E2 (4-8)
2	51cc Oil Injected (4-8)
3	51cc Jr (4-6)
4	51cc Sr (7-8) / E-Bike
5	51cc Open (4-8) / E-Bike
6	450 A
	450 B
7	65cc (7-9)
	65cc (10-11)
8	450 C
9	Open Beginner
10	50+ A/B/C
	Women 85-250cc
11	Supermini
12	Collegeboy (18-24)
13	Schoolboy (12-17)
14	25+ A
	25+ B-C
15	Girls 11-16
	65cc (7-11)
16	40+ A
	40+ B
	40+ C
17	250 A
	250 B
18	Senior Mini (12-15)
19	Junior Mini (9-11)
20	250 C
21	250cc Beginner
22	30+ A
	30+ B
	30+ C
23	122-125cc 2-Stroke
24	55+ Open
25	Mini Combined 9-13

This Race order is subject to change at any time.

Race Rotation will cycle/rotate each week by having the last class moving to the top of the order the following week and so on except 51cc classes.

**NOTE:** Classes for the day may be combined by the promoter with the approval of the Empire State MX Referee. They must, however, be stagger started. The 51cc and 65cc classes should never be combined.

## RACE DAY SCHEDULE

### **Sign-up for racing:**

Saturday check with each promoter for times

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Sunday

**Rider's Meeting** starts at 8:30 a.m. Sunday

**Race Day practice** starts at 8:45 a.m. Sunday

**First Race** starts at 9:45 a.m. Sunday

**NOTE:** Refunds are at the discretion of the promoter.

## PRACTICE

Practice order is at the discretion of the Promoter

Late/Second Bike: **NO MINI RIDERS** (At the discretion of the promoter). This practice is for riders who have missed their distinctive practice class. **Note:** You must practice with your ranked class.

1. Practice rotation is up to the discretion of the promoters. At the discretion of the promoter, any practice may be split and the practice starting time adjusted. Riders should check at the riders' meeting for any changes to the above practice schedule. Any other changes after the riders' meeting will be posted and announced by the promoter. Race changes and classes being combined will be posted by 9:30 a.m. that morning. It is the rider's responsibility to check the posting board at 9:30 a.m. for schedule or class changes.

2. Any rider who feels he qualifies for a second practice must first have the approval of the Head Starter or the Promoter. No matter how many classes you sign up for, you must practice with your group only.

## RACE DAY GENERAL INFO

1. Under penalty of disqualification, a rider shall not use any bike in a meet other than the one they have used in the first moto.
  - a. No rider is permitted to qualify more than one bike for any class, except when a meet includes events requiring equipment of a different classification or displacement. (Classification, unless otherwise

specified in the rulebook, will be according to the manufacturer's piston displacement specification for the make of motorcycle and/or engine.)

- b. Maximum allowable overbore for 51cc is .020 inches. For all other classes, bikes must fit within the limits of the class.
2. The bike that appears at the starting line for the rider's first heat or moto shall be deemed the qualified bike for the day's meet in the class. Two contestants may use one bike only if they are entered in different classes.
3. Practice shall be limited to the designated racecourse. Anyone riding or permitting their bike to be ridden outside of the boundaries shall be excluded from the meet.
4. A rider whose bike is disabled before he reaches the finish line may, by his own unaided muscular energy, push or carry his bike (in the direction of the track) across the finish line to receive the checkered flag, and under such conditions will be considered as having completed the event.
5. Riders must not be assisted off the starting line. If a rider stops for any reason whatsoever during a race, he must restart without any outside assistance, except for a 51cc bike. Should he fall and block the course and/or endanger other riders, he may be assisted to safety. **Any attempt to assist other than in this manner will entail immediate disqualification for the rider assisted.**
6. In the case, at the discretion of the Referee, it is necessary to stop an event, the race will be considered completed if 1/2 or more of the moto has been run. The rider shall be scored according to their position in the lap **preceding** the lap in which they were RED FLAGGED. Restarts will be at the discretion of the referee.
7. No rider shall at any time ride in such a manner which endangers the safety of other riders, officials, track personnel, or the public, and when in violation of this rule, shall be subject to immediate disqualification and/or suspension, permanent or otherwise, by the Referee.
8. The maximum number of riders allowed to start in any event is one rider per gate. The starting riders shall be a stipulated number of fastest qualifiers by reason of time trial or qualifying heats. At no time will more riders be permitted to start in a consolation event than were deemed numerically safe for competition in any of the earlier events.
9. Empire State MX will not limit the number of classes any rider may race.

## RACE START PROCESS

Uniform starts will be practiced at each event and the process is as follows:

1. A two-minute warning will be displayed followed by a one-minute warning.
2. The Starter will perform a "Ready" review of the riders by going down the line pointing at each rider. A "yes" head nod is required by each rider. If a rider has an issue, they must raise their hand. This is the only signal that will be accepted. The starter will hold the start for two minutes maximum or until the rider signals ready. A rider is allowed only one (1) issue per moto. The Starter will repeat the Ready process again.
  - a. This will only be done once for the split gate starts before the first gate drop. After the first gate drop there will be no wave off accepted.
3. A ready signal will be given, the 1-minute board turned sideways, and the start will occur as soon as possible thereafter.

**NOTE:** Some race facilities have electronically controlled starting lights that are used with or in place of a starting board. The Promoter will discuss the light (red, yellow, green) definitions and process at the riders meeting.

All starts will be made with a mechanical gate. A computer-generated random list will decide the gate positions for the first moto of each class. Gate position for 2nd moto is determined by finish in the 1st moto (1st place=1st choice, etc.). When a moto is split into 2 heats, the 1st place rider in heat 1 will get 1st choice, 1st place in 2nd heat will get 2nd choice and so on. No shovels or foreign substances such as but not limited to, stickem, brake cleaner, speedy dry may be used. You may clean the starting area behind the gate with your boot or a broom for concrete. At no time may the

rider or anyone with the rider be in front of the gates. You may request the Starter to remove any large rocks that are in your line that may be a safety issue or cause an equipment issue such as a bent rim.

## MECHANICAL GATE STARTS

- A rear marker should be placed no more than 8 feet behind the starting gate drop bars.
- A rider must keep his rear tire in front of and off any established rear marker. In the event there is no rear marker, the front tire must not be more than 12 inches from the starting gate drop bar.
- Bikes must be lined up on the straight section of the drop bar. Lining up between the drop bars will not be allowed.
- In the event of a breakdown in equipment, the referee will coordinate a flag start.

## FALSE STARTS

- An official must be stationed at the side of the course, under orders of the starter or Referee.
- In the event of a false start, which will be indicated to the starter by a prearranged signal, the starter will display a red flag to stop the race as soon as practical.

## POINTS AND SCORING

Pro point's format will be used for scoring. Points will be awarded per moto with a maximum of 50 points awarded for a 1/1 finish.

Finish Placement and points awarded:

1 – 25	5 – 16	9 – 12	13 – 08	17 - 04
2 – 22	6 – 15	10 – 11	14 – 07	18 - 03
3 – 20	7 – 14	11 – 10	15 – 06	19 - 02
4 – 18	8 – 13	12 – 09	16 – 05	20 – 01

## HOW TO CALCULATE YOUR FINISH

Your 1st moto finish + your 2nd moto finish = your score. The rider with the lowest score is awarded 1st place overall. The rider with the 2nd lowest score is awarded 2nd place overall, and so on. In the case of two or more riders receiving the same total score, the 2nd moto finish position will be used to break the tie.

In the event of a one moto format, you will be scored on the 1<sup>st</sup> moto finish. You will earn double points for however you finish in moto 1.

**Example:**

	1 <sup>st</sup> Moto	2 <sup>nd</sup> Moto	Score	Overall
Rider No. 1	1	3	4	3
Rider No. 2	3	1	4	1
Rider No. 3	2	2	4	2
Rider No. 4	4	4	8	4

**DNS** = Did Not Start

Rider never came to the gate. Riders that do not appear on the score sheets in any of the laps will be given a DNS

**DNF** = Did Not Finish. A rider must meet both criteria below in order to be scored or will be given a DNF.

1. Complete  $\frac{1}{2}$  the laps of the leader, rounded down. **Example:** if the leader completes 5 laps, the other rider must complete at least 2 laps to be scored
2. Cross the finish line with the checkered flag waving

**DSQ** = Disqualified by Referee.

If you do not complete the entire moto your finish position will be determined by the laps you complete. (I.e., 28 riders start; 26 riders complete an entire 6 lap moto, 1 rider completes only 4 laps, and 1 rider completes only 3 laps. The rider who completed 4 laps would be given 27th place and the rider who completed 3 laps would be given 28th place.

Any class that has over 40 riders must be split into two heat races. The top 16 riders from each heat will advance directly to the main. Riders who did not advance to the main from the two heat races are eligible to race the consolidation race. The top 8 riders from the consolidation race will advance to the main. This will be a two-lap format. There are NO separate awards/points given for a consolidation event.

## RACE DAY PRIZES AND PRIZE MONEY

- A minimum of at least two (2) award places will be awarded for the first five riders in each class run, with at least one (1) additional award per each four (4) additional riders in that class. If there are not 5 riders in the class, the promoter can pay back only one (1) award. It is recommended that the promoter give one (1) award for every three (3) riders with up to a maximum of 10 positions paid back for amateur riders.
- Prize money for Expert classes will be paid per moto at the ratio of 1 for 3. It is recommended that the promoter pay back one (1) place for every three (3) riders with up to a maximum of 10 positions. The total minimum payback for both moto's will be as follows:

Rider sign-up	Pay back
0-150	100%
151-250	150%
251-299	175%
300+	200%

The +30A and +40A classes will be set at 100%.

- The trophy payback and expert pay back will be posted prior to the start of the second set of moto's.
- Percentages for expert payout may vary at special events.

## PROTESTS

- All disqualification and/or penalties shall be made by the head Referee only and will be upheld by the promoter. The Referee's decision is final.
- All Protests must be filed in writing within 30 minutes after the protested moto results
- Tear-Down Protests:
  - The fee for a Tear-down Protest is \$250.00. The protesting rider must fill out the Empire State MX Tear Down protest form. If the protest is upheld the fee will be returned to the protesting rider and protested rider will pay Empire State MX \$250.00 for the teardown costs and forfeit all points for the day and if they are an Empire State MX member will forfeit all points for the current race series. If the protest is overturned the protesting rider will forfeit the \$250 to Empire State MX. Protested bikes will be torn down after the second moto.

If a rider needs to file a protest, the rider will need to fill out a protest sheet prior to speaking with the referee. The rider must be specific about the protest. (I.e., Over bored, carburetor, etc.) These sheets will be located at the sign-up area at each track.

## PROMOTION AND ADVANCEMENT

Points are carried from series to series and year to year for ADVANCEMENT to the next higher class. Advancement points will follow the rider and will accumulate from year to year. If a rider competes in both size classes (250 and Open) the highest points to carry in both classes to be used for advancement only. Advancements will be enforced at each season end.

A rider who accumulates enough points to advance during a series may elect to remain in the class he began the series in until the end of that series but must advance to the next higher class at the conclusion of that series. Advancement points will be set to 0 once advanced to the next higher ranking and will carry over from year to year.

The following chart will be used to determine Advancement points:

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>1</b>	20	<b>6</b>	10	<b>11</b>	5
<b>2</b>	17	<b>7</b>	9	<b>12</b>	4
<b>3</b>	15	<b>8</b>	8	<b>13</b>	3
<b>4</b>	13	<b>9</b>	7	<b>14</b>	2
<b>5</b>	11	<b>10</b>	6	<b>15</b>	1

All promotions shall be subject to review by the referee committee.

## ADVANCEMENT POINTS

Beginner to Novice (C)	100 points with a minimum of 8 riders
Novice (C) to Amateur (B)	200 points and 5 Overall top 3 finishes with a minimum of 8 riders
Amateur (B) to Expert (A)	Must be at least 17 years old with 300 points and 5 moto wins with a minimum of 8 riders.

**NOTE:** If there are not 8 racers signed up for an event, then only half of the advancement points will be assigned for that event.

The following classes **do not** carry advancement points:

All Expert (A) Classes	51cc
Schoolboy	65cc
Collegeboy	Women
Supermini	Girls
Senior Mini	30+ A
Junior Mini	40+ A
125cc 2-Stroke	50+ A/B/C
30+ B	30+ C
40+ B	40+ C
55+ Open	25+ B/C

### **NOTE:**

- Any rider participating in a National event must move to the next higher class than he currently rides in Empire State MX at the start of the next season (providing there were 20 or more entries in the National event class).
- Mini riders who double class or move to a 125cc bike - Rider status for the 125 class will be NOVICE.
- Riders who advance from any single class automatically advance in all other classes.

## RIDER ADVANCEMENT APPEAL

Once you have achieved a class rank, you cannot move down unless you petition the Empire State Motocross referee committee through the appeal process only. A rider who wants to appeal their class rank, must submit the “**Rider Advancement Appeal/Classification Form**” located on the [Empirestatemx.com](http://Empirestatemx.com) website within 14 days of advancement notification to be considered. They should include supporting documentation including race results as well as appeal fee. The petition will be reviewed at the next scheduled Empire State Motocross board meeting. Any rider who has not raced in the past 3 years may elect to race one lower class with the approval of the referee for the day. Riders returned to a lower class are only those who are considered a safety concern and/or are completely noncompetitive in the class they are leaving and who won't dominate the class they are returning to. Those who are granted their appeal will be monitored by the referee of the day and Empire State Motocross referee committee at each event. Should the rider's abilities and finishes reflect competency and competitiveness, Empire State Motocross has the right to move the rider

back to their previously ranked class at any time. Once you have accumulated enough advancement points in your class and the season ends, your new ranking status begins.

**NOTE:** An exception may be made if you are qualifying for the Loretta Lynn Amateur National Race, in which case you may fill out the *“Rider Advancement Appeal/ Classification Form”* and submit required appeal fee to delay such action until after the Loretta Lynn's Amateur Area/Regional Qualifiers or National event is over whichever comes first. During that time, you will not be eligible for any race day points and awards, series points and series awards.

**All decisions are subject to the Appeals Board review.**

# SERIES AWARDS

Each week, all points a rider accumulates are tallied for a series award.

- Series Points will be accumulated based on the rider's finish.
- You **MUST** be an Empire State MX member and attend 40% of the events (or specified number of events) to be eligible for Series Awards or a Special Series!
- Battle Series does not require an ESMX membership, but does require 4 out of 5 of the events to be attended to qualify for awards.
- Points accumulated prior to becoming an Empire State MX member do not count toward Series Awards.
- Expert Series Awards Purse will be paid out at the annual awards banquet. They will be paid out at 1 for 3.
- In the event of a tie, Series Awards will be decided in order of the following:
  1. Number of Events Attended
  2. Rider with best overall finishes.
- Riders may also take Empire State MX bucks instead of a series award.
- Series Awards will only be held until the completion of the next season. Series awards will be held by the Secretary until after the Empire State MX banquet.

# YEAR END AWARDS (MEGA SERIES)

Each series all points a rider accumulates are tallied throughout the year for a year-end series award

- You **MUST** be an Empire State MX member and attend **40%** of the events to be eligible for Series Awards or a Special Series!
- Points accumulated prior to becoming an Empire State Mx member do not count toward Year-End Awards.
- Expert Year-End Awards Purse will be paid out at the annual awards banquet. They will be paid out at 1 for 3.
- In the event of a Tie, Year-End Awards will be decided in order of the following:
  1. Number of Events Attended
  2. Rider with best overall finishes.
- Riders may also take Empire State MX bucks instead of a series award.
- Points are totaled per series for overall series awards. All series are totaled together for overall year-end awards.
- Series Awards will only be held until the completion of the next season. All Series awards will be held by the Secretary until after the Empire State MX banquet.

# YEAR END AWARDS BANQUET

Empire State MX will hold an annual awards banquet to celebrate the year and hand out awards. Please see our website for details: [www.EmpireStateMX.com](http://www.EmpireStateMX.com)

# MANUFACTURER'S CONTINGENCY

Empire State MX is proud to offer rider's the following manufacturer's contingency for 2025:

<b>Yamaha</b>	<a href="http://www.yamaha-motor.com">www.yamaha-motor.com</a>	7 events \$28,170
<b>Suzuki</b>	<a href="http://www.suzukicycles.com">www.suzukicycles.com</a>	10 events TBD
<b>Kawasaki</b>	<a href="http://www.kawasaki.com">www.kawasaki.com</a>	19 events \$200,000
<b>Honda</b>	<a href="http://www.powersports.honda.com">www.powersports.honda.com</a>	19 events \$104,975
<b>KTM</b>	<a href="http://www.ktmcash.com">www.ktmcash.com</a>	19 events for a total of \$203,775
<b>GasGas</b>	<a href="http://www.gasgasracer.com">www.gasgasracer.com</a>	19 events for a total of \$203,775
<b>Husqvarna</b>	<a href="http://www.racehusky.com">www.racehusky.com</a>	19 events for a total of \$203,775
<b>Triumph</b>	<a href="http://www.triumphcontingency.com">www.triumphcontingency.com</a>	19 events for a total of \$85,500
A Grand Total of TBD events worth		<b>TBD</b>

## Q. What are manufacturer's contingencies?

A. Manufacturer's support a select number of amateur Motocross organizations and events with contingency dollars. Contingency earnings are allocated based on rider placement. See manufacturer's websites for requirements and details

## Q. How do they work?

A. Each rider signs up directly with manufacturer by going to manufacturer's online website. After a contingency race, Empire State MX sends manufacturer the race results and the rider is paid directly from the manufacturer. See manufacturer's website for details. Rules are different for each manufacture.

## Q. How do I know if I'm eligible to participate?

A. Refer to your manufacturer's web site to see what the eligibility rules are.



# EMPIRE STATE MX SPONSORS



**Fast Cash awarded at select events**

## **FLY Bucks**

Empire State Motocross is proud to once again be partnering with FLY Racing for the 2025 season. As the official gear sponsor of Empire State Motocross, FLY has given Empire State Motocross

\$8000 in FLY Bucks to be given away to our riders throughout the 2025 season.

### **Q. What are FLY Bucks?**

A. FLY Bucks is FLY money that can be used to purchase FLY products at our local FLY dealers.

### **Q. Who is eligible for FLY Bucks?**

A. FLY has structured the program to give back to those individuals that do not get podium finishes so FLY Bucks will not be used for the top 3 finishers or for expert classes.

### **Q. How are FLY Bucks distributed?**

A. FLY Bucks will be distributed in a variety of different creative ways

### **Q. What races will FLY Bucks be distributed at?**

A. FLY Event dates have been identified on the calendar



Scott USA will also be proud sponsors of Empire State Motocross for the 2025 season. More details to come! Keep an eye out on the website [www.empirestatemx.com](http://www.empirestatemx.com) for more details.

