



2020 eMTB RULES & REGULATIONS

THE ONLINE VERSION IS THE OFFICIAL RULE BOOK

The rule book found online at the WORCS eMTB Info Page: WORCSRacing.com/eMTB is the official up to date version.

All revisions to rule book are posted to the WORCS eMTB Info Page and all revision made are the responsibility of the racer.

This rule book, if printed, should only be used as a quick reference only.

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INTRODUCTION

Entry Fee:

\$50 - Pro; Top 3 Purse

\$30 - All other Classes at event and pre-entry

PODIUM PROMOTIONS LLC. (referred to as PP hereinafter) is the licensed promoter of WORLD OFF ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (referred to as WORCS hereinafter). Rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to establish minimum acceptable requirements and to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events. Effective January 1, 2020 these rules and regulations will govern all PP/WORCS events. All PP members and racers willingly participating in these events are deemed to have read and agree to comply with these rules and regulations. No express or implied warranty of safety shall result from publication of or compliance with these rules and/or regulations. These rules and/or regulations are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators, or any person or persons. They are intended as guide for the conduct of the sport only.

GENERAL RULES

1: Off road racing is a hazardous sport, and with participation being voluntary, no entrant, pit crew member or vehicle sponsor shall have any claim for damages, expenses, lawsuits or otherwise against promoter, track operator, PP its officers, agents or directors arising from damage to any vehicle, personal injury or death, monetary loss of any kind whatsoever. Entrants, pit crew members or vehicle sponsors who voluntarily participate

in any racing activities conduct under these rules waive any claim they may have against promoter, track operator, PP, its officers, agents or director.

2: The promoter or track operator may run any type of approved PP event.

3: The director shall have the authority to penalize, disqualify and/or suspend any entrant or crewmember for the violation of these rules including special rulings.

4: PP may issue special rulings to account for conditions presented by the location of the race, the condition of the course or any other circumstance.

5: Supplementary regulations may be issued for each event as necessary to amend, suspend or modify existing rules and regulations.

6: PP assumes no responsibility whatsoever for delays, postponements and/or cancellations of all or part of an event because of inclement weather, unsafe course conditions and/or any other reason.

7: PP members are not employees of PP. PP members assume all responsibility for all charges, premiums and taxes payable on any funds they may receive as a result of their participation in any PP sponsored event(s).

8: PP reserves the right to refuse and/or deny any entry application.

9: All PP Policies will be at the discretion of the promoter, whether written or not.

10: PP Reserves the right to uphold rules and policies whether written or not.

2020 eMTB CLASSES

CLASS	35 MINUTE RACE	PLATE	NUMBER
1	PRO	WORCS WILL PROVIDE	
2	AMATEUR	WORCS WILL PROVIDE	
3	WOMEN	WORCS WILL PROVIDE	
4	MASTERS (50+)	WORCS WILL PROVIDE	
5	YOUTH (12-17)	WORCS WILL PROVIDE	

eMTB COMPETITION RULES

The following rules and regulations are solely applicable to WORCS Events. Please direct all questions and inquiries to Podium Promotions, LLC. All decisions by Podium Promotions, LLC are final.

A. SPECIFIC

1. **Rider Age:** The age of the rider is determined as of the date of the event. However, riders competing in a younger age division are not required to move to an older age division once they become eligible to do so.
2. **Race/Course Length:** Race length will be 35 min, weather permitting. Course length will be 2-4 miles.
3. **Inclement Weather:** Events may be conducted regardless of weather conditions. In the event of rain or unfavorable conditions, it may be necessary to alter the order of the event schedule, including but not limited to, adjusting the length of the race or delaying or stopping the program

completely. Should a delay occur, every effort will be made to resume the schedule in a timely fashion if conditions significantly improve.

4. **Medical Insurance:** WORCS Racing does not provide medical insurance for competitors. We urge you to not compete without it. Medical Insurance is the sole responsibility of the competitor.
5. **Pit Crew:** Riders are responsible for the actions of their entire pit crew.

B. Bicycle Eligibility

1. **Class 1:** Pedal assist bicycles with an electric motor of less than ≤ 750 watts that provides motor assistance only when the rider is pedaling and only up to a speed of 20 mph. Approved Drive Units only. Bicycles must remain locked.
2. **Production Rule:** OEM drive unit and matching combination model required (Matching year not required). Electric conversion kits and after-market frames are prohibited. Once qualified for the meet the bicycles' frame may not be replaced.
3. Current list of approved drive units: Bosch, Shimano, Panasonic, Yamaha, and Brose.

C. GENERAL EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

1. Pedals must be fully operable.
2. Throttle mechanisms are prohibited.
3. Non-production electronic devices designed specifically for traction control are prohibited. This includes sensors that can determine front wheel speed and any electronic control to the brake system.
4. Cracked or broken handlebars are prohibited.
5. Adequate and operating front and rear wheel brakes required.
6. Studded tires are prohibited.
7. A front number plate is required. Refer to above to find your appropriate plate color. All colors will be available for purchase at registration.
8. No headphones, earphones or sound devices are permitted. Horns and bells are permitted.
9. Riders are required to wear an approved helmet at all times while riding a bicycle, including but not limited to practice sessions, qualifying sessions, or when competing on course. The helmet must have a chin strap "retention system", be properly fastened, be of good fit and good condition with no

alterations and meet either the US DOT helmet standards or the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) standard for bicycle helmets.

10. Pants or shorts, shirt and shoes are required. Shoe Clips are permitted.
11. Body armor (i.e., knee pads, elbow pads, etc.) is recommended but not required.
12. All bicycles must pass a visual technical inspection no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the race. Bicycles may be tested by officials any time prior to, during, or after the event. A bicycle that passes a pre-race inspection is subject to further inspection or protest at any time during the race program. A rider who refuses to turn over their bicycle for inspection or testing at the request of the Race Official is automatically disqualified from the program.
13. Goggles, face shields or other protective eyewear is optional and must be shatter-resistant.

D. REGISTRATION

1. Riders under the age of 18 must provide a photo ID with proof of age upon request by an official and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at registration.
2. Riders must register for the race before riding their bicycle anywhere and must always wear a helmet.
3. Riders must obtain a WORCS Approved transponder. WORCS uses MyLaps transponders only. For 202, transponders will be included with entry fee. WORCS requests you mount the transponder on your front left fork (white or black side down) for best results.
4. All bicycle and rider helmets must be taken through Tech Inspection prior to competing for the purpose of inspecting transponder function, number assignment and placement, and contingency eligibility. Safety equipment and bicycle eligibility are the sole responsibility of the rider.

E. START PROCEDURE

1. Riders shall line up on their assigned starting row on a first come basis when directed by the race official. No one is permitted on the start line until authorized.
2. The Riders Meeting will be conducted on the Start Line before the start of each race unless announced otherwise. All riders are responsible for attending.
3. **Start Procedure:** The following procedure will be used to start each class:
 - A. Start line official will notify when 2 minutes remain to start the race.

- B. 30 seconds prior the official will notify you by pointing at you and confirming you are ready.
 - C. Within 10 seconds the Green Flag will be raced signaling the start of the race.
4. Riders taking off the start prior to the green flag or with wrong row will be penalized.
 5. Riders missing the start of their class must enter the race course at the start and must complete the start chute.
 6. The bicycle a rider starts the race with is the official bicycle of the rider for that event and may not be switched during the event.

F. THE RACE COURSE

1. A WORCS course may include trails, footpaths, roads, hills, motocross tracks, or any type of terrain which can be negotiated by a bicycle.
2. The eMTB course will be marked with the same arrows always used. (orange, black)
3. The course will be open to inspection Thursday after 5pm. Participants are permitted to walk or bicycle the course only. No racing permitted.
4. Marking, cutting, or tampering with or otherwise changing the course in any manner is strictly prohibited. Course modifications may only be monitored by an official.
5. No one, except officials and riders officially entered into the race program, may ride or walk on the racecourse at any time during the race.
6. Riders will be disqualified for riding a WORCS course during the 5 days prior to the first day of the event.

G. SCORING

1. Transponder scoring is the official scoring procedure for WORCS Racing. All riders will be required to have a fully functioning transponder in order to compete. Transponders will be available for rent at registration.
2. The scoring chute is a no passing zone.
3. Riders may not service or pit in the area around the scoring chute.

H. ON TRACK REGULATIONS

1. Riders must remain on the marked course. The marked course is always in between race arrows posted on both sides of the trail, ribbons, signs, stakes, hay bales, barrels, motocross track, grass track, etc.
2. Riders encountering a traffic jam or bottleneck may go more than 10 feet off the course to get around the bottleneck only. However, the rider must re-enter the course as soon as possible, and upon approaching this section the next lap, must ride the original arrowed section if the track is clear. If the original marking devices are knocked down, the rider must stay on the original marked course regardless. A “bottleneck” is a section of the track that becomes impassable for any reason, with the exception of the scoring chute.
3. Riders may not cut to the inside of any marked corner.
4. If a rider leaves the course for any reason he/she must re-enter where he/she left the course.
5. Riders may make repairs and otherwise receive mechanical assistance anywhere along the course from anyone. All such repairs and assistance must be made without causing interference with other riders and be in a suitable area off the track.
6. Batteries may not be changed or charged during the competition.
7. Electronic transmittal of information, including radio communication to or from a moving bicycle, is prohibited.
8. Data logging is permitted; however, the information may not be downloaded in real time from a moving bicycle. Information downloaded from the bicycle or rider may be reviewed by the race official at any time. Strava, Wahoo, Garmin or other app tracking programs are permitted.
9. Reckless Riding: No rider may ride in such a manner as to endanger life or limb of other riders, officials or the public. Riders will be penalized for the reckless operation of their bicycle, including but not limited to the deliberate ramming, blocking, or intentional contact with another rider, or for running into an official.
10. Team Tactics are prohibited and include but are not limited to: altering the race course, marking the race course, blocking course lines, blocking riders, allowing another rider to pass in order to affect the outcome of the race, or exchange bicycles in order for another rider to continue on their race. Riders, team members or spectators involved will be penalized, including but not limited to disqualification, removal and or suspension from WORCS.
11. Unsportsmanlike Conduct: Persons whose appearance, conduct, associations or affiliations, on or off the track, deemed harmful or not conducive to the best interest of the sport or who exhibit conduct which is inappropriate, offensive, abrasive or in bad taste, may be excluded or suspended from WORCS at the discretion of the Race Director.

Participants engaged in any event, public appearance, media activity or any other situation relating to their participation in the series must refrain from intentional physical contact with any participant, inappropriate or profane language, fraud, and unsportsmanlike behavior. At the sole discretion of WORCS, participants who exhibit behaviors deemed inappropriate or unsportsmanlike behavior, prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of the sport, or detract from the enjoyment, appreciation or interests of the fans, sponsors or other supporters of the sport, may be penalized by monetary fine, cocking of championship points, or both. Such penalties are not subject to protest or appeal.

I. RACE FINISHES

1. The race officially ends for all contestants at the completion of the lap in which the checkered flag is displayed to the overall winner.
2. An Inspection Corral will be located on Vendor Row. Top Finishers will be directed to the Inspection Corral at the completion of the race to await post-race inspection and testing.
3. To be considered as having a completed lap, the rider must remain with his bicycle and with his helmet on at all times, and both rider and machine must cross the plane of the checkered flag under the riders own unaided ability. No credit will be given for any distance covered during which time the riders helmet was removed.
4. Towing is not allowed. Riders whose disabled bicycles are towed back to the pit area by staff or otherwise, for any reason, are not eligible to return to competition. Any laps earned by a rider that returns to competition after receiving a tow back to the pit area will be removed. If a rider decides to repair their bicycle and return to the competition, they must decline the offer to tow their bicycle back to the pit area.
5. Riders will be scored in order of their finish and number of laps completed. It is not necessary to complete all laps in order to receive a score.
6. Podium Procedure: The following riders will be recognized on the podium: The Top 3 Overall, regardless of class, then the Top 3 Pro and Top 3 Amateur.
7. Results: Riders have 20 minutes to finish the race after the overall winner takes the checkered flag. A rider may question the results within the 30 minute period following the posting of the final results. After 30 minutes, awards will be given out and results will be final unless a protest is pending.
8. Impound: After the race, the top 3 overall riders, as well as any other rider requested by an official to do so, must leave their bicycle at a designated impound area until released by the official.

9. Protests must be in writing and comply with the WORCS Protest Procedure. Riders may only protest matters regarding a class in which they were a registered competitor.
10. Penalties will be assessed at the discretion of the race official based on severity of the offense and may include one or more of the following: position(s), lap(s), time adjustment, disqualification, suspension, loss of championship points, fine and/or probation.
11. Awards are given at the rate of 1 per 3 riders, with a minimum of 5 awards per class. To win an award, a rider must complete 50% of the laps of the class winner.

CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Points will be earned in each class per event as follows:

POSITION	POINTS
1 st	25
2 nd	22
3 rd	20
4 th	18
5 th	16
6 th	15
7 th	14
8 th	13
9 th	12
10 th	11
11 th	10
12 th	9
13 th	8
14 th	7
15 th	6
16 th	5

17 th	4
18 th	3
19 th	2
20 th	1

Ties: Ties for the class championship will be broken by the most first place finishes, then by the best finish in the final race of the season if necessary. Ties for other class positions will be broken by the best finish in the final race of the season.