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# **RULE BOOK**

## **American Bluegrass Championship MX Series & Bluegrass KY State Championship**

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## CHAPTER 1

### INTRODUCTION

The rules of competition are intended only as a guide for the conduct of the sport pursuant to uniform rules.

Rules directed or related to safety are disseminated to make all persons concerned with safety, but the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX neither warrants safety if the rules are followed nor compliance with an enforcement of the rules. Moreover, each participant in competition has the responsibility to assess the safety aspects of facilities and conditions, and must assume the risk of competition.

The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP rulebook is designed as a guideline or quick reference tool to help you understand the rules that pertain to motocross racing. **It is a rider's responsibility to present a machine that is legal at all times. It is not AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP responsibility to detect every rules violation at every event.**

All rules in this rulebook are subject to change. Please check the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP website ([www.abcmxsports.com](http://www.abcmxsports.com)) for rule changes, additions and information not included in this rulebook. It is the rider's responsibility to visit our web site prior to each race to make sure they have the latest rule updates. Warning!! Motor vehicle mishaps, in competition or otherwise, can result in injury or death. Motor vehicles should never be used by minors without parental consent or supervision.

### DEFINITIONS

**ADULT:** Any person over the age of 18 in the state in which he resides.

**AMATEUR/ VET RIDERS:** Riders not competing for cash awards.

**ATV:** All-Terrain Vehicle. A 4-wheel vehicle used in competition which receives power to the wheels from one ATV type engine. The vehicle must be controlled by the use of handlebars and must be equipped with a seat that requires the rider to straddle the vehicle. All class structures should be based on the Chapters listings herein. ATV age restrictions must be followed.

**AUTHORIZED ADULT:** Any person over the age of 18, who can be the parent or legal guardian and who is given the responsibility, in writing and notarized, for a minor on a given day.

**CC:** Cubic centimeters.

**Cu. in.:** Cubic inches.

**CONTEST:** Competition between two or more riders in the meet.

**DOT:** Department of Transportation.

**EVENT:** Any one of the contests in a meet.

**EXPERT RIDERS:** Riders competing for cash awards.

**MACHINE:** One frame and frame number and one engine and engine number.

**MANUFACTURER:** The original manufacturer, not the distributor.

**MEDICAL RELEASE:** Authorization from the parent or legal guardian required by a hospital before it can treat a sick or injured minor.

**OEM:** Original Equipment Manufacturer.

**PISTON DISPLACEMENT:** The space covered, or volume swept out, during each piston stroke.

**PIT CREW:** Mechanics or assistants to a rider entered in an event.

**PROTEST:** Written disagreement with an official decision made involving AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP competition.

**RIDER:** Any person who has completed an entry and competes in an event.

**SLEEVE:** A cylinder insert.

**SUSPENSION:** The loss of all rights to compete as a rider or member of a pit crew for a specified period.

**WHEELBASE:** The length of a horizontal line connecting two vertical lines drawn from the center point of each axle to the surface, with the rear axle adjusted to its maximum rearward position. Wheelbase shall be measured with the machine in an upright unloaded position.

**YOUTH RIDER:** Any rider, age 4 through 15, competing in an event.

## **CHAPTER 2**

### **RIDERS AND ELIGIBILITY**

The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP does not test the skill of individual participants in AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP events, nor do they license amateur competitors or judge rider competence. Participants are solely responsible for their safety.

#### **General**

No rider under the legal age of 18 in the state in which the meet takes place may compete without the written consent (signature on liability releases and entry forms) of his/her parents or legal guardians present at the event. An authorized adult acting on behalf of the parents or legal guardians must provide a notarized statement indicating they have been given the authority by the parent or legal guardian to be responsible for the minor during the event. All releases and notarized statements must be forwarded to the BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES. The parents, legal guardians or authorized adult must remain present while the BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES member he/she is responsible for is at the event.

Riders, family and pit crew who direct foul and abusive language to a track official of the sponsoring club, promoter, or affiliate official are subject to disciplinary action, up to, and including disqualification for the entire event.

Each rider is responsible for the actions of his family and pit crew. Any unnecessary trouble caused by these individuals puts that rider at risk of disciplinary action, up to, and including disqualification.

The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP cannot and does not undertake to supervise any competition. All riders and race personnel must rely on their own judgment and assume all risks of participating in competition in any manner.

### **Riders**

Rider classification shall be as follows:

Expert - the highest classification ("A")

Intermediate - the classification preceding Expert ("B")

Novice - the classification preceding Intermediate ("C")

Beginner - the classification preceding Novice ("D")

Participation in or advancement to a higher class in any BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES or non-BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES activity by any rider will result in permanent advancement to that higher class in all BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES competition.

#### **SUPPLEMENTAL ADVANCEMENT RULES**

ALL Novice & Beginner Classes

Top 5 in Series Points move up in 2009!!

#### **Beginner Class Rule !!**

Beginner racers (Mini Beginner and Open Beginner) after three - 1<sup>st</sup> Place wins or five 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes combined, rider will be advanced the from the beginner class.

Points will NOT be transferred when a rider is advanced, however rider's series points will stand from the time the rider is advanced.

### **Series Class Structure**

See Appendix 1

### **Entries**

All entry forms must be signed in ink by riders. Parents, an authorized adult acting on behalf of the parents or legal guardians must sign all entry forms indicating they have given for minor to participate in each racing event.

When youth and Amateur events are being run on the same day at the same location, then no youth entrant would be eligible to enter more than three classes for the entire day. No youth rider shall ride in more than one age grouping during any event.

The same machine may be used by a youth or Amateur entrant in more than one class in youth and/or Amateur competition on the same day as long as the machine and rider meets the requirements of the class.

## CHAPTER 3

### EQUIPMENT

#### General Equipment Standards

Equipment used in AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP competition must meet the following standards, except as otherwise specifically provided for in this rule book or supplemental rules. When the rules permit modification from Stock or require equipment to be installed, replaced, altered or fabricated, it is the sole responsibility of the rider to select components, materials and/or fabricate the same so that the components will perform in competition with safety.

#### Engines

All classes are considered modified unless stated otherwise.

ATVs must use the crank cases of the production motor.

In all non-Youth Classes all heads and cylinders used in competition must be manufactured by the original OEM manufacturer.

The use of sleeving, stroking or boring to change displacement classes is allowed. An engine may be bored or stroked, to change displacement classes, but must not exceed the class limit. Example, 400cc engine may be increased to a maximum of 450cc. There is no .080 inches overbore allowed, over the class limit. The actual displacement of a motor must be stamped on the side of the cylinder or engine case.

Piston displacement may be measured using either of the following formulas:

$V = [\pi]R^2h = 2$  indicates the number is squared ( $\pi$ ) is 3.1416; R is 1/2 bore; and h is the measured stroke.

$V = B^2(.7854)(h)$ ; B is bore and h is stroke. (Bore X Bore X 0.7854 X stroke X number of cylinders.)

Note: (1) If bore and stroke is in millimeters, divide the end product by 1000 to convert to cubic centimeters (cc). If bore and stroke is in inches, multiply the end product by 16.387 to convert to cubic centimeters (cc).

All ATVs must be equipped with a functional tether-type kill switch.

All fuel must be stored in approved containers.

#### Handlebars and Controls

Handlebars must be made of steel, aluminum, titanium or another material.

Repaired, cracked or broken handlebars are prohibited. Handlebar mounts may be altered. Control levers must have ball ends at least one-half inch in diameter.

#### Exhaust System

The exhaust system must be attached securely together and to the frame, and must remain so until the end of the event. **Machines entered in all meets shall have mufflers/silencers which do not exceed the maximum db(A) required by the state where the event is being held or 98 db(A), whichever is less.**

Testing by a track promoter for compliance at any time during an event is an option. Any machine not complying with applicable sound rules may be penalized.

**Tires**

No rubber or metal studs (or foreign materials) may be added to the tire tread. No paddle tires may be used.

**Number Plates**

All machines must have three visible number plates of uniform size, shape and color. An ATV must be equipped with two plates of uniform size, shape and color. Minimum dimensions are 7 1/8 inches high and 10 1/4 inches wide. Numbers must be a least five-inch-high standard block letters; numbers must not be shaded or outlined. Lettering must have a professional appearance.

**Apparel**

It is the sole responsibility of the rider to select a helmet and apparel which will provide appropriate protection.

The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP does not endorse or certify any manufacturers or products. The rider must rely on his own judgment in the selection of any helmet and apparel for durability and safety.

A helmet must be worn during all competition. All helmets must be full coverage or full-face models. Helmets must be certified by the manufacturer and have a sticker affixed stating it meets or exceeds DOT 95, DOT 2000, Snell M 2000 or any of the FIM SFI approved certifications. Any rider caught with a helmet strap unsecured during competition will be penalized with disqualification.

**CHAPTER 4****Events**

Participants are solely responsible for their safety at AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP events and should assess their own ability to negotiate each individual track or course. Participants who doubt the competence of track officials, have concerns about the safety of the course, or their own ability to negotiate the course, or are uncertain about the condition of their vehicle, or doubt the competence of fellow competitors, should not participate in that event.

**General Rules of the Event**

Every track promoter, rider and all other persons participating in or connected with any meet are bound by these rules.

No gambling is permitted at any AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP sanctioned meet, and it is the responsibility of the track promoter to strictly enforce this rule. At any event, the following applies: The machine must meet the class requirement for engine size. All classes need not be run in any given event. However, all classes to be run must be listed on any advance advertisements.

**Race Rules**

No one except riders officially entered may ride or practice on any portion of the course the day of the event.

The machine the rider brings to the starting line for his first race is considered the

qualified machine for that day's event in that class.

Under no circumstances are tools to be utilized for the purpose of working on the area of the start gate, or any other part of the racetrack, other than by a designated AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official.

On tracks utilizing a concrete, or similar, start pad, the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official may elect to authorize the use of brooms to clear loose dirt. Only the bristles of the broom may be used for this purpose.

A rider must be ready when called to the starting area. If not ready, he is allowed two minutes after the starter's call to make minor repairs. Afterward, if he still is not ready, he will be allowed to start the event late. Any rider may ask for two minutes to make repairs, but the additional time will not prevent the disqualification of another rider who has used the two minute limit.

Under no circumstances may a rider ride a machine in the wrong direction on the track. For this offense, the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official may suspend a rider for the entire event. A rider whose machine is disabled before reaching the finish line may, under his own physical power, push or carry his machine (in the direction of the track) across the finish line to receive the checkered flag. Provided he completes at least 50 percent of the number of laps as the winner, a rider who finishes in this manner will be considered as having completed the event. In the event that such a rider causes a safety concern or is considered to be hindering the flow of the meet, the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official may require him to exit the course and at the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official's discretion scoring will reflect credit for the number of laps completed. If a rider stops for any reason during an event, he must restart without any outside assistance. However, if a rider falls, blocking the course and endangering other riders, he may receive help or have his machine pushed off the course. An attempt to help under any other situation will result in the rider's disqualification. A rider leaving the course must re-enter at the same point or at the first point where he can safely do so without interfering with other riders and without gaining an advantage. Failure to do so will result in the rider being penalized a minimum of one finishing position for that event. A competitor who rides in a way that endangers officials, other riders or the public will be subject to immediate disqualification from the meet by the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official. When entering or leaving the pits, a rider must use designated entrance and exit lanes. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

The race is completed when the leader takes the checkered flag. Finishing

position is determined by the number of laps completed. A rider must take the checkered flag to finish.

### **Flags**

Flags, measuring 30 inches by 30 inches, have the following meanings:

*GREEN*-start of race.

*WHITE*-one lap to go until finish. This flag is courtesy flag and may or may not be displayed in each event.

*YELLOW*-caution. When a yellow flag is displayed, competitors must ride cautiously until they have passed the incident that caused the flag. When a yellow flag is displayed there is no passing, jumping or doubling between the flag and the incident that caused the yellow flag. Failure to do so may result in the rider being docked from one finishing position all the way to disqualification from the event subject to the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official's discretion. *BLACK* disqualification of a rider. That rider must report to the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official at once.

*WHITE WITH RED CROSS*-indicates that ambulances, safety vehicles or emergency personnel are on the course. *EXERCISE* caution. When this flag (red cross) is displayed riders will slow down, maintain position with no passing or jumping OR RACING until past the incident. Failure to do so may result in the rider being docked from one finishing position all the way to disqualification from the event subject to the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official's discretion.

*BLACK AND WHITE CHECKERED*-end of race. (Checks are five inches square.)

*RED*-stopping of a race for any emergency situation. Downed Rider causing the Red Flag to be displayed may not re-enter that particular moto/ or race.

### **Scoring**

All AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP Events - 2 moto (or optional 3 moto) scoring system will be used. Official results are declared final if no rider requested a recheck within 10 minutes after they are posted. The final results posted at the end of the protest period. This may not be altered except by the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP or the appeal process. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure number legibility. If a rider appeals his score and the numbers are not properly displayed, a protest will be disallowed.

## **CHAPTER 5**

## **YOUTH RULES**

Warning: Motor vehicle mishaps, in competition or otherwise, can result in injury or death. Motor vehicles should never be used by minors without parental consent or supervision. Unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, the rules of Amateur competition also apply to youth meets.

### **Riders and Eligibility**

To compete in a youth event, a AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP rider must be no younger than 4 years of age and no older than 15 years. The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official may ask to see any rider's proof of age at sign-in. Parents, legal guardians or authorized adults must remain present at all times during participation of AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP event. To authorize a minor to compete, parents, legal guardians or authorized adults must sign for the rider's signature on the entry form. The notarized authorization signed by the rider's parents or legal guardians giving responsibility to authorized adults must be kept on file with the riders release form. The rider must be large enough and mature enough to control his machine at all times and to ride it safely. This includes stopping, starting, standing still, and mounting or dismounting. The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official has the authority to disqualify a rider that cannot safely control his/her machine. A rider's age on March 1 will determine his/her age for the year. However, a rider may move to the next higher age class (within the youth division only) if he/she will be eligible to do so at any time during the year, but once a rider moves to the higher age class in AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP or non- AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP competition, he/she may not move back to the lower age class. Riders are encouraged to determine at the beginning of the points season which age class they will participate in for the points season /year. Points earned in a lower age class will not transfer to the higher age class.

When youth and Amateur events are being run on the same day at the same location, youth entrants would be eligible to enter a maximum of three classes for the day.

The same machine may be used by a youth entrant in both Youth and Amateur events on the same day as long as the machine meets the engine displacement of the class entered.

### **Equipment Standards**

Participants are solely responsible for the condition of their vehicles and their

competence to operate them.

Brakes that operate by friction on the tire or wheel rim are prohibited.

No lights, license plates, brackets, mirrors, glass or equipment posing a hazard to the rider or other competitors are allowed.

### **General Rules of the Meet**

Youth events must be conducted according to the rules in this rule book. Any variations are not allowed without the written permission from the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP. The machine must meet the class requirement for engine size. All classes need not be run in any given event. However, all classes to be run must be listed on any advance advertisements. Two riders may use the same machine, provided they are entered in different classes (such as an 85cc machine ridden in the 7-11 class and 12-15 class).

### **Classes**

See Appendix 1

## **CHAPTER 6**

### **OFFENSES, PENALTIES, PROTESTS & GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **General Information**

Through the establishment and enforcement of various rules and procedures, AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP strives to regulate competition in the fairest possible manner. By participating in a AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES meet, each participant agrees to abide by AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP rules and procedures. In addition, riders are deemed responsible for the actions of their families and crew members. All parties involved in AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES competition are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner, respecting at all times the rights of others. Participation in AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP activities is a privilege, and all participants understand that violation of AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES rules and procedures can lead to forfeiture of their competition privileges.

#### **General Offenses and Penalties**

This section outlines actions which are deemed to be detrimental to the sport of competition and which may result in a range of disciplinary actions. Unless otherwise specifically provided for in these rules, the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES track official may disqualify any rider, crew

member or family member from a race meet for violation of these rules, negative behavior or actions deemed in the sole discretion of the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES track official to be detrimental to the race event and the sport. Such disqualification includes the loss of any rights with regard to the event in question and may result in expulsion from the race site. Unless otherwise specifically provided for in these rules, AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official is empowered to suspend any rider, crew member or family member for a period of from 7 days to indefinite suspension for violation of these rules, insubordination, or other actions deemed, to be detrimental to the sport. The beginning and ending dates of any such suspension will be determined by the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP Any supplemental rules, regulations, instructions or procedures established by the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP for the purpose of implementing, interpreting or enforcing these rules will be deemed to be part of the rules.

The following offenses are subject to disciplinary action by the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official and/or AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP. This list is provided as guidance to competitors but does not restrict the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP from invoking penalties for other actions detrimental to the sport which are not specifically contemplated herein. In any way attempting to gain an unfair advantage. Falsifying one's name, age or ability level, practicing without officially signing up, or competing or attempting to compete under false pretenses. The penalty for riding in a lower classification than entitled (i.e. an "Expert" class rider competing in the "Intermediate" class) shall be a fine and a suspension of up to one year. Entering and competing on a machine in a class that the machine was not of the same basic design and materials of the approved model for the class entered; the rider will be disqualified from the event and may be suspended for up to one year. Failing to attend mandatory riders' meetings. Riding in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of others. Failing to immediately respond to a black flag or other signals from officials. After leaving the track during a competition, failing to re-enter at a point as close as practical to the point at which the rider left the track; and in so doing gaining an unfair advantage. Receiving any form of prohibited outside assistance, including, but not limited to, receiving radio transmissions while in competition. Causing a race to be stopped. At the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official's discretion, a rider judged to have caused a red flag may be excluded from

restarting the event. Abetting or knowingly engaging in a race in which the result is "fixed" or prearranged. Knowingly entering or starting competition with a machine that has been disqualified or is ineligible for the class entered; or competing on any machine other than the one on which the rider qualified. Changing the specifications of a machine that has already been admitted for competition and/or inspected. Attacking a AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP official or engaging in a fight. This includes any person and any incident anywhere on the premises prior to, during, or after a AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP event. The penalty for such violations shall be an indefinite suspension. Engaging in any unfair practice, misbehavior or action deemed to be detrimental to the sport. Abusive or foul language or not following the directions of AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP officials.

### **Protests**

There are three types of protests:

Visual protests relate to components where compliance or noncompliance can be confirmed visually.

Technical protests relate to components where some type of measuring device or teardown procedure is needed to confirm compliance or noncompliance with the rules.

All other protests will be defined as administrative.

Unless specifically excluded herein, riders may lodge protests on any matter regarding an event in which they participated. Such matters may include, but are not limited to, the conformity of a machine or the eligibility of a rider.

Each protest must be made separately and in writing with the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official, and signed by the protesting rider. Each protest must specify the violation of AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES rules or procedures which is alleged, and must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee.

**A \$100 fee will be assessed to the protesting rider for a non-administrative protest.**

If a rules violation is found during the inspection, the protested rider will be charged the \$100 protest fee. The protested rider will also lose ALL points and finishing positions earned during the race weekend. If no rules violation is found, the protesting rider will be responsible for the \$100 fee, of which the protested rider will then receive \$100.

The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official (or his designee) must accept any protest that is properly made within the specified time limit and accompanied by the appropriate fee. The AMERICAN

BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official may not accept any protest that is not properly filed and accompanied by the required fee. All non-administrative protests must be filed within 10 minutes of the posting of results of the event in question. Final determination of the timeliness of a protest will rest with the meet AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official and such decision will be final to all concerned. The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official will render decisions on all protests as soon as possible. If it is not possible to render an immediate decision, the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official may allow a protested rider or machine to compete "under protest". In such cases, payment of all affected points and awards will be withheld pending a decision on the protest. When a protest involves piston displacement or any other internal engine modification, the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official must call for an engine measurement or inspection after the meet. The protesting party must be present during the inspection, is entitled to witness the teardown, and must be informed of all measurements.

Once made, a protest cannot be withdrawn without the permission of the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official.

### **Appeals**

The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP process of administrative review provides the following appeal: All appeals must be in writing, accompanied by the appropriate fee and signed by the appellant. The appeal must specifically state the date and location of the event, the elements of the matter being appealed and the grounds for the appeal. The appeal may be filed with the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP track official at the event or appeal submitted within 7 days to:

AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the  
BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP  
116 Memory Drive  
Liberty, KY 42539

A filing fee of \$100 per each Appeal.

As soon as practical, AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP will review all materials submitted take appropriate action.

## **CHAPTER 7**

### **POINTS and PRIZES**

In all standard events (other than the “Expert” level classes); prizes are limited to trophies and contingency merchandise only. The Intermediate, Novice, Beginner, Vet and Youth class riders may receive only trophies, merchandise or dealer checks/certificates.

At the promoter’s option, prizes in the “Expert” level classes may include money (or certificates that can be exchanged for money). Trophies may also be awarded. Merchandise prizes may be offered and included in the advertised purse, but must be noted as such.

The division of prize money is up to the series promoter.

### **Championships**

The Riders’ Championships will be awarded at the end of the year to the riders who accrue the most points in a given year. The Riders’ Championships will be awarded for all advertised season-long classes.

## **CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS SCHEDULE**

### **Finishing Overall Position**

1st	25
2nd	22
3rd	20
4th	18
5th	16
6th	15
7th	14
8th	13
9th	12
10th	11
11th	10
12th	9
13th	8
14th	7
15th	6
16th	5
17th	4
18th	3
19th	2
20th	1

## **CHAPTER 8**

## **ATV RULES**

All Terrain Vehicles ATV Safety Alert-You should be aware that an ATV is not a toy and may be dangerous to operate.

**The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP rulebook is designed as a guideline or quick reference tool to help you understand the rules that pertain to ATV racing. The regulations herein comprise definitions and allowable modifications or alterations. If a definition, modification or alteration is not cited then it is to be construed that no modification, alteration or change can be made to the component. It is a rider's responsibility to present an ATV that is legal at all times. It is not AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP responsibility to detect every rules violation.** An ATV handles differently from other vehicles, including motorcycles and cars. According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, an ATV can roll over on the rider or violently throw the rider without warning and even hitting a small rock, bump or hole at low speed can upset the ATV. **TO AVOID DEATH OR SEVERE PERSONAL INJURY NEVER DRIVE AN ATV WITHOUT PROPER INSTRUCTION. TAKE A TRAINING COURSE.** BEGINNING DRIVERS SHOULD RECEIVE TRAINING FROM A CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR. **NEVER** LEND YOUR ATV TO ANYONE WHO HAS NOT TAKEN A TRAINING COURSE OR HAS NOT BEEN DRIVING AN ATV FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. **NEVER** ALLOW A CHILD UNDER 16 YEARS OLD TO DRIVE AN ATV WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION. CHILDREN NEED TO BE OBSERVED CAREFULLY BECAUSE NOT ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE STRENGTH, SIZE, SKILL OR JUDGMENT NEEDED TO DRIVE AN ATV SAFELY. **NEVER** DRIVE AN ATV AFTER CONSUMING ALCOHOL OR DRUGS. **NEVER** CARRY A PASSENGER ON AN ATV. CARRYING A PASSENGER MAY UPSET THE BALANCE OF THE ATV AND MAY CAUSE IT TO GO OUT OF CONTROL. **NEVER** DRIVE AN ATV ON PAVEMENT. THE VEHICLE IS NOT DESIGNED TO BE USED ON PAVED SURFACES AND MAY BE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL. **NEVER** DRIVE AN ATV ON A PUBLIC ROAD, EVEN A DIRT OR GRAVEL ONE, BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO AVOID COLLIDING WITH OTHER VEHICLES, ALSO, DRIVING ON A PUBLIC ROAD WITH AN ATV MAY BE AGAINST THE LAW. **NEVER** ATTEMPT TO DO WHEELIES, JUMPS OR OTHER STUNTS. **NEVER** DRIVE AN ATV WITHOUT A GOOD HELMET AND GOGGLES. YOU SHOULD ALSO WEAR BOOTS, GLOVES, HEAVY TROUSERS AND A LONG SLEEVE SHIRT. **NEVER** DRIVE AN ATV AT EXCESSIVE SPEEDS. **ALWAYS** BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL WHEN DRIVING AN ATV, ESPECIALLY WHEN APPROACHING HILLS, TURNS AND OBSTACLES AND WHEN DRIVING ON UNFAMILIAR OR ROUGH TERRAIN. **ALWAYS** READ THE OWNERS MANUAL CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW THE OPERATING PROCEDURES DESCRIBED.

For more information about ATV safety, call the Consumer Products Safety Commission at 1-800-638-2772 or the ATV Safety Institute Hotline at 1-800-447-

4700.

## **Recognized ATV Classes for Bluegrass Events**

SEE APPENDIX 1

### **General ATV Race Rules**

All AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP rules apply to ATV's where applicable, unless otherwise defined in this ATV chapter.

ATV age restrictions must be followed. All engines used in sanctioned competition must be production-model ATV engines or single cylinder production model ATV engines available for sale to the general public. The complete engine which a rider has qualified may be changed, providing that it is replaced with an engine of the same make, model and displacement. Repairs may be made or parts replaced as necessary during a meet. A minimum six-inch space between vehicles must be provided on the starting line. No sharing of a single gate. Where the rules permit or require components of equipment to be installed, replaced, altered or fabricated, it is the sole responsibility of the rider to select components, materials and/or fabricate the same so that the ATV components will perform in competition with safety. All ATVs must be equipped with a functional tether-type mechanical kill device attached to the vehicle and to the rider so that the engine ignition is cut off at any time when the rider becomes separated from the ATV. Suitable OEM floorboards or side bars, known as Nerf Bars, are required either above or below the bottom frame rail in competition. They must be of a closed loop design and not extend beyond a point of widest dimension of the vehicle when measured with a straight edge touching the front and rear tires. The bars should be covered with a material so as to prevent rider's feet from going below the bars. Webbing or plastic mesh are accepted materials. No sharp protruding or open tubing ends are allowed. The bars should be securely mounted (welded or bolted) to the frame. All ATVs in competition shall have functional front and rear brakes unless the ATV was manufactured with just rear brakes. The machine must have all brakes as originally manufactured or better. The machine must have a self-closing throttle. ATV fenders must extend to cover a portion of the rear tires. For an ATV to be legal in any stated production class, the stock frame and ATV engine cases from the original ATV manufacturer of that make and model must be used. Only bolt on components allowed. ATV OEM frames in the stock and production classes may have material added for strength. These changes shall not affect frame geometry. Gusseting and frame strengthening materials may not protrude below the original stock frame.

## **CHAPTER 9**

### **TRACK PROMOTER'S DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is the sole responsibility of the promoter to insure compliance with all rules relating or directed to safety and to otherwise act to promote the safety of the meet. The AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP does not in any way supervise meets and cannot undertake to determine safety aspects. All conditions relating to entry must be contained in advertisements or on the entry application. At all public activities the track promoter must display in a conspicuous place the Statement of Responsibility and a notice reading, Spectators witnessing these events assume all risk of injuries or damages resulting there from. The track promoter must provide adequate fencing and other means of crowd control to protect spectators from injury during the meet. Dangerous obstacles must be removed from the course and surrounding area. Posts or trees along the course should be padded when appropriate. Track promoters must take adequate measures to prevent dust on the track. Track promoters of races, including associated practice, must have present at all times an ambulance capable of legally transporting injured persons, with an operating oxygen supply and attending physician or qualified first-aid personnel licensed by the county or state with jurisdiction. The track promoter is responsible for seeing that all AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP rules and regulations are enforced. All riders must sign an entry application that includes the AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP release wording in full. The track promoter must exhibit at registration the official AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP proof of event insurance. It is the sole responsibility of the track promoter to purchase the required liability insurance.

## **STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY**

### **BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES EVENTS**

You have voluntarily entered a AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP competition event. A AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP rules for competition may be used as a guideline. It does not indicate that the track has been inspected, nor does it indicate that the officials are not trained or accredited, nor does it indicate that your safety has been assured by any AMERICAN BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP MX SERIES and/or the BLUEGRASS KENTUCKY STATE MX CHAMPIONSHIP authority or the track promoter. **Motorsports are inherently dangerous. You should take part in this competition based on your own assessment of your abilities. If you have not personally inspected the course, we urge you to do so.** You have been provided an opportunity to practice under noncompetitive conditions. If you have

not practiced, we urge you to contact the Race Director at this time. You are responsible for the quality and condition of your machine and protective apparel. **The track promoter may not provide medical insurance coverage. We urge you not to compete in motorsports without adequate personal medical insurance coverage.** If you have any doubts at this time about your personal abilities to participate in this event, **if you have not adequately prepared yourself and your equipment, or if you believe your personal insurance coverage's are not adequate to compensate you for any loss that might occur, we urge you to notify the promoter who will refund your entry fee.** **Spectators** witnessing these events thereby assume all risks for any injuries or damages resulting there from.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **CLASSES**

1. 50cc Shaft/ Oil Injected/ XR-TTR -----\$FREE CLASS
2. 4-6years 51cc
3. 7-8years 51cc
4. 4-8years 51cc open
5. 6-11years 65cc beg.
6. 7-9years 65cc
7. 10-11years 65cc
8. 7-11years 65cc open
9. jr. mini 85cc (7-11)
10. senior mini 12-15years 85cc
11. 9-16years 85cc beg.
12. Supermini 9-16years
13. 12-16 schoolboy 100cc-250cc 2stroke & 4stroke
14. Womens 100cc-250cc 2stroke & 4stroke
15. 250 Beg. D
16. 250 Novice C
17. 250 am B
18. 250 Expert A
19. 450 Open Beg. D
20. 450 Open novice C
21. 450 Open am B
22. 450 Open Expert A
23. 17-24years Collegeboy
24. 25+ vet
25. 30+ vet
26. 40+vet
27. Unlimited C/D

#### ATV CLASS

28. ATV women
29. ATV beg. 16+years 91cc open
30. ATV am 16+years 91cc+
31. ATV expert A – Cash Payout 100%
32. ATV Open 16-29
33. ATV vet open 30+ (5 riders must participate)
34. ATV youth 7-15years 0-90cc
35. ATV youth 6-9 51cc