

NATIONAL OFF-ROAD BICYCLE ASSOCIATION (N.O.R.B.A.)

COMPETITION RULES FOR 1983

1.0 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGEMENT OF RACE MEETS:

- 1.1 RACE DIRECTOR: The Race Director shall be in overall charge at any race meet. His/her duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, course preparation and safety, providing and supervising aid stations, ruling on protests.
- 1.2 ENTRY COMMITTEE: The Entry Committee shall be responsible for processing all entries and scoring all races. The Committee shall also furnish complete race meet results to N.O.R.B.A. Coordinator within 14 days following the race meet.
- 1.3 TECHNICAL INSPECTION COMMITTEE: The Technical (Tech) Committee shall judge the safety of (for competition) all bicycles entered. It shall also judge as to the safety of, and compliance of, all equipment to be worn by racer.

2.0 RACE MEET REQUIREMENTS:

- 2.1 All mass start races must have 1/8 mile open road where the rider can pass freely.
- 2.2 The race course shall be marked and visible at racing speeds. All intersections will have signs, lime or people pointing out the way.
- 2.3 The finish line must be well marked.
- 2.4 Suitable medical and liability insurance covering racers, race meet officials, and N.O.R.B.A. shall be provided and in effect during the race meet. Such insurance must meet minimum standards as determined by N.O.R.B.A.
- 2.5 Waivers releasing N.O.R.B.A. from liability must be executed by all racers.
- 2.6 Reasonable spectator control shall be provided.

3.0 ENTRY PROCEDURE:

- 3.1 Completed and signed entry form for that race meet.
- 3.2 Racer's parent or guardian must also sign the entry form if the racer is under 18 years of age.
- 3.3 Payment of applicable entry fees. There will be an extra charge for non-N.O.R.B.A. members.
- 3.4 The Committee may refuse any entry at its discretion.

4.0 TECHNICAL INSPECTION:

- 4.1 All bicycles will have at least one brake capable of skidding the tire on clean dry pavement.
- 4.2 All bicycles will be checked for unsafe parts as deemed by the Tech Inspector.

5.0 PROTESTS

- 5.1 All protests must be filed in writing with the Race Director within 30 minutes of the posting of the results and a five dollar fee must be submitted in cash at the same time. The fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.
- 5.2 Protests can only be made by and against racers in the same event.
- 5.3 The Race Director shall decide all protests.

6.0 CLASSES:

- 6.1 Men's ages: 11 and under; 12-14; 15-17; 18-34. 35 and up.
- 6.2 Women's same as above.
- 6.3 In the 18-34 age group there shall be an open-expert class as well as a novice class.
- 6.4 The novice class is restricted to anyone that has not finished in the top three places in the novice class in a similar race meet. All others must race in the open-expert class.
- 6.5 Three racers in an age group constitutes a class.
- 6.6 Less than three racers, at the discretion of the Race Director, will be moved to the next class.

7.0 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED OF ALL RACERS :

- 7.1 Helmet (hard shell type with chin strap) must be worn.
- 7.2 Footgear - must be fully enclosed type.
- 7.3 The safety for competition of any of the above items shall be subject to the reasonable judgement of the Tech Committee.

8.0 RACE RULES:

- 8.1 Racers must complete the whole course on the same bicycle as started with.
- 8.2 To be a finisher the bicycle must have frame, both wheels, handle bars and seat still attached.
- 8.3 All repairs must be done by the racer or fellow racer.
- 8.4 All spare parts and tools must be carried on racer's bicycle or fellow racer's bicycle.
- 8.5 Helmet will be worn at all times while riding the event.
- 8.6 Racers riding bicycles will have right of way over racers pushing bicycles.
- 8.7 Any changes must be approved by Race Director and N.O.R.B.A.

N.O.R.B.A. Competition Rules Continued:

9.0 RACERS' MEETING;

9.1 A racers' meeting shall be held before the first class start,

9.2 Attendance is mandatory for all racers.

9.3 The following matters will be discussed as well as others items that are necessary:

- a. starting procedures
- b. finish line
- c. special ground rules
- d. procedures and known hazards applicable to the particular race course or meet.

10.0 POINTS AND AWARDS

10.1 Points shall be awarded in accordance with the following schedule.

10.2 When entries fall between points breakdown the next lower points schedule shall be used (e.g. 14 entries - use 13 entry breakdown).

10.3 Points shall be awarded only to paid N.O.R.B.A. members.

10.4 Points shall be awarded to overall finishers regardless of class finish or non-N.O.R.B.A. finishers (e.g. first and second finishers are non-N.O.R.B.A.; no points. Third place is N.O.R.B.A. member - third place points.).