

# 2017 AMA District 14 - ATV Hare Scramble (XC)

## Rulebook & Guidelines

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**Referees Duties:** Referee must send event report to point's keeper within 7 days after event. Report shall include date and type of event, results of each class and number of riders, and check or money order for point's fund. Points fund check shall be calculated on a per rider basis as described below:

**Rider Points fund:** Four dollars (\$4.00) per rider, per class. (\$1.00 per rider is paid to Moto-Tally)

### General Rules:

1. The following are supplemental to, or part of, the AMA Rules and Guidelines. All other rules and guidelines applicable to the event shall be derived from the AMA rulebook / guidelines and AMA rules supersede in the case of conflict.
2. A rules committee shall be composed of the ATV Chairman, ATV Vice-Chair, and rider representative/s. The ATV Chairman will break all tie votes. Rule changes and additions may be submitted, in writing for consideration at any time during the year. If adopted will take effect at the start of the next race season.
3. Rider representatives will be appointed at annual sanctioning meeting. They will be required to represent the riders, and will work with chairman to advance all phases of the sport.

### ATV Specifications:

1. Per AMA Guidelines - All ATV's shall be fitted with a tether type engine kill switch.
2. Number plates and backgrounds should be white or black contrasting combination. Number plates for event scoring are **required on the front and rear of the ATV**. (Note, the promoter and score keeper/s are not responsible for miss-scoring when the numbers are difficult to read, it is the **rider's responsibility to ensure that the numbers are easily readable** at a fair distance, see AMA rule book.)

Below are commonly accepted ways to number your ATV:

1. **FRONT:** White background with Black numbers min 6" high or Black background with White numbers.
2. **REAR:** White background with Black numbers min 6" high or Black background with White numbers, mounted to rear grab bar or riders back. Numbers also highly recommend on rear fender deck and riders back also.
3. **CROSS COUNTRY:** XC (Hare Scrambles) riders are required to post class letter designation on number plate.
4. When in use, riders will be sold or rented a transponder card that shall be mounted or taped to the underside of the helmets visor.

**ATV Scoring:**

1. Riders shall earn full points on any race day that is the only points paying event in the district on that day even if they are the sole rider in the class. On a day when two (2) separate tracks are paying points within the district, a full class constitutes having a minimum of 2 riders and is required to earn full points. If less than 2 riders are signed up in a given class on a day when 2 separate tracks are paying district points, ½ points will be awarded for a finishing position.
2. On the date of a nationally sanctioned ATV event held within District 14, that event will be the sole points paying event for that discipline in the District for ATV's on that day.
3. Championship awards will be presented at end of season or series, and points fund will be distributed until fund is spent in full on above-mentioned awards. The number of awards given will be based on participation in class.
4. In the event that a race is dubbed "double points", the points will count as 2 separate race finishes instead of 2 times the total points possible. Example: If a rider wins a "double point's event", he/she will be awarded 2 race results worth 25 points each (25+25).
5. All riders must go **SLOW** through the scoring chute in 1<sup>st</sup> gear! The scoring area is a no passing zone. A rider who spins and throws dirt/mud/water on score keepers and/or the scoring equipment may be docked a lap.

**ATV Points Scoring:**

All events scheduled for points will be accumulated towards division/series championships and year-end awards. See the points schedule below:

<b>FINISH</b>	<b>CROSS COUNTRY (XC) Points</b>
1	30
2	25
3	21
4	18
5	16
6	14
7	13
8	12
9	11
10	10
11	9
12	8
13	7
14	6
15	5
16	4
17	3
18	2
19	1
20	

## General Information:

1. All Cross Country (XC) races will be dead engine starts by class, one row at a time.
2. **Start Procedure.** Riders shall line up in their assigned starting row on a first come basis.
3. A riders meeting will be held at the starting line, or scoring, before the race. All riders are responsible for attending.
4. The starter will give a 10 second signal before the start of the race. Between 8 and 10 seconds the green flag will be thrown, signaling the start.
5. Riders starting their machines prior to the green flag signal, or taking off with the wrong row, will be penalized.
6. Club members not able to race an event due to club work obligations may be allowed to use one less than the required 80% score, and will receive a score for the event based upon the rider's average for the season. This averaged score will apply to only one race per season, and will be used to complete the rider's total class and overall division points. Notice must be given to the ATV Chairman or points keeper 60 days prior to event.
7. Numbers 1 - 10 are reserved for the previous season's top 10 overall finishers and are not to be used unless earned. If 1 - 10 are on the Quad, they must be covered or taped over.

## On track regulations:

1. Riders must remain on the marked course; the marked course is within 25 feet of race arrows. However, riders must stay within the confines of the following markers: double arrows posted on both sides of the trail, ribbons, signs, stakes, hay bales, barrels, motocross track, etc.
2. Riders encountering a traffic jam or "bottle neck" may go more than 25 feet off the course to get around the bottle neck 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.
3. If a rider leaves the course for any reason, they must re-enter where they left. Riders found to have "cut" the track for gain, WILL be docked a lap or disqualified for that race.
4. **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 machine, including but not limited to the deliberate ramming, blocking, or intentional contact with another rider, or the running into of an official.
5. Penalties will be assessed at the discretion of the Chairman, Vice-Chair, and Rider reps based on the severity of the offense, and may include one or more of the following: position(s), lap(s), time adjustment, disqualification, suspension or loss of championship points.
6. Reckless riding, deliberate blocking of a faster rider not in your class, deliberate bumping or ramming, and cutting the course will not be tolerated.

## XC Class Structure and Starting Row Order:

Row 1; "A"-Advanced (16+)

Row 2; "Vet A"- (30+)

Row 3; "B"-Intermediate (16+)

Row 4; "Vet B"- (30+)

Row 5; "O"-Senior (40+)

Row 6; "C/Schoolboy Sr"(16+/14-17) - Novice

Row 7; "W"- Women's (14+)

Row 8; "Y"-Youth (12 to 15)

\*See qualifications below

### **Youth Sport class (“Y”) Qualifications:**

This class follows AMA rules and guidelines for the Schoolboy Jr. Class. (For Reference- By AMA Rules, 12, 13, 14 & 15 year old riders are eligible to ride a 200cc 2 stroke, or a 4 stroke with a max displacement of 300cc. To qualify, a rider must be large enough that when standing on pegs has 3” between quad seat & pants inseam. For complete definition of rule consult AMA rulebook.) “Y” class riders must be present at the start line 15 minutes before the start of the race, for a pre-race riders meeting with the rider rep(s) and the referee. “Y” class riders must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Youth riders are required to install a rear number plate with 5-6” numbers and the letter “Y” on the plate.

The age of the rider is determined as of the date of the event. Riders may move to a higher class in the series (generally “C”, Novice class) only if they will be eligible to do so at any time during the year. Once a rider moves to the next higher class in AMA or non-AMA competition, they may not move back to the lower age Youth class. Riders are encouraged to determine at the beginning of the points season/year the class they will participate in for the points season/year. Points earned in a lower age class won’t transfer to the higher age class.

### **Schoolboy Sr.:**

“Schoolboy Sr.” and “C” class will start together in the same row and be scored together (combined). Schoolboy Sr. riders age 14 to 17 years old are eligible to ride up to a 300cc 2 stroke, or a 4 stroke with a max displacement of 400cc.

### **Mini-quad classes:**

**IF** a track/promoter is willing and able to run mini-quads the day of the scheduled race, the classes may be as such;

<b>Class</b>	<b>Age Requirement</b>	<b>Engine Size</b>	<b>Engine Type</b>
50 cc	4 to 8 yrs	0cc to 50cc	2 or 4 stroke
70cc	6 to 11 yrs	51cc to 70cc	2 or 4 stroke
*90cc	8 to 12 yrs	71cc to 90cc	2 stroke
*90cc	8 to 12 yrs	100cc to 125cc	4 stroke

All mini-quad riders will run at the same time on the same track, but separate from “big quads”. Mini-quads will run for 30 to 45 mins. The number of entries will determine if there will be separate classes.

Same as with “Youth” riders, the mini-rider **MUST** be large enough to stand on both foot pegs at the same time, and maintain safe control of their machine.

### **ATV (XC) Cross Country Scoring:**

1. Riders must complete 1/3 of the laps of their class leader’s laps in order to receive points.
2. Any rider leaving prior to their assigned starting order will be penalized one lap.
3. Riders are **required** to have numbers and a class letter on their number plates (front and rear of quad) to insure proper scoring in the case of transponder error.
4. No other Cross-Country points paying events may be scheduled on same day within D-14.

5. 80% of the scheduled number of races in the series will count toward series championship, with a minimum of five events. Remaining scores will not be counted (throw away).
6. All classes will receive 1 throw away with the exception of the Advanced / "A" class. Advanced/A class/s will receive no throwaways. The exception to this rule being workers at club events who will receive the average of their scores.
7. In the event of a tie in year end points for the XC Series, the tie breaker will be based on the 2 rider's last head-to-head match-up. The rider finishing in front of the other rider will break the tie and assume the higher position.
8. A rider must attend a minimum of 51% of the race dates in a particular class to be considered eligible for year-end Series Awards.
9. In the event that a rider gets DQ'd from an event for any reason, that race must be used in their year-end totals and cannot be used as a "dropped score".

### **\*Reference\***

\*The Event Referee is responsible for resolving all scoring disputes and protests. All protests must be resolved within 30 minutes of the race results posting per AMA/ATVA Rules.

\* Riders who are outclassing the field will be advanced from the "C" and "B" class at the discretion of the ATV Chairman, Vice-Chair, and Rider Representatives.

\*All adult classes are open displacement and do not require that the ATV be a production model, riders must be 16 years of age or older.

### **Advancement and General Guidelines:**

*(please consult AMA rules and guidelines for complete rules)*

1. All ATVs entered in competition shall be in good mechanical working order. Rider is solely responsible for judgment of the acceptability of his/her machine for competition.
2. Riders shall use the last 2 or 3 digits of their AMA issued number for their machine number. An earned or requested number may be used, provided that number is not already in use. Except for numbers 1 - 10, which are reserved for the previous year's top 10 finishers.
3. Advancement of riders to higher classes will be based upon accumulation of points, performance, and/or ability. Riders that finish 1<sup>st</sup> in their class for the year, will be required to run a higher class the following year. (1<sup>st</sup> in C will run B; 1<sup>st</sup> in B will run A, and so on). The Chairman and/or Vice-Chair will notify riders being advanced to a higher class.
4. Riders may advance themselves to a higher class at any time. Once a rider is advanced to a higher class (voluntary or required), they cannot revert to run a lower class.
5. A rider may petition to move to a lower classification based on class finishes and lap time differences. Riders must submit an advancement/classification appeal to the AMA. This will be reviewed by the Chairman and Vice-Chair and given answer per AMA decision.
6. All XC events must provide timing equipment at the scoring chutes. Scoring will be on a lap-by-lap basis, recorded in minutes and seconds for every rider, so that the overall winner can be determined regardless of class. Scoring will be by transponder and/or hand scoring. A transponder card will be sold or rented at the rider's first event of the year. Scoring will be manual if transponder system fails or is not available.
7. The Overall XC winner may come from any class.
8. All XC events shall be from 1 to 3 hours long, and key times will be 3:00 PM.
9. Riders may be provided a parade/practice lap for a XC race at discretion of the track promoter. No passing will be allowed on any parade lap. (Except for mechanical problems)
10. Recognizing that riders may want to try different types of racing, when a rider transfers from one type of event to a different type, (for example from motocross "MX" to cross country "XC") the rider will be allowed to drop down one class. Riders who race XC and MX may not vary

classes by more than one level. If a rider is found to be very dominant in the class, they may be advanced in that series as well.

11. ATV and motorcycle rider's classifications are not considered the same. Riders must achieve classification on each separately.
12. Many of the tracks on the circuit have motocross sections incorporated, no rider from any class is required to jump, but may choose to. If you are not doing the jump, you must choose a line to one side or the other and **KEEP THAT LINE!!** Do not veer or swerve until you are clear of the obstacle. This is for everyone's safety...!

### **Website references:**

ATV XC race results: <http://www.moto-tally.com/D14/HS/Quad/Results.aspx>

ATV XC points: <http://www.moto-tally.com/D14/HS/Quad/Standings.aspx>

District 14 ("D14"): <http://www.ama-d14.org>

D14 ATV XC: <http://www.ama-d14.org/atvhare>

AMA: <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com>

### **Competition Apparel:**

1. Protective pants made of leather or other durable material must be worn in all competition.
2. Long sleeve shirts must be worn in all competition. When riding vests or jerseys are used for rider identification, there must be an 8-inch number on the back, and the jersey and number must be of contrasting colors. Contrasting-colored leather jackets may be worn in place of a vest.
3. Boots must be worn in all competition. They must be at least 8-inches high with any combination of laces, buckles or zippers, or specially designed and constructed for leg and foot protection.
4. All riders must utilize a shatterproof face shield or shatterproof goggles.
5. Wearing of Helmets: It is mandatory for all participants taking part in practice and races to wear a full face protective helmet. The helmet must be properly fastened, be of a good fit, and be in good condition. The helmet must have a chin strap type 'retention system' and be strapped at all times.

The helmet must conform to one of the following recognized standards and have a label affixed certifying its approval:

<b>USA:</b>	Snell M2010 or DOT FMVSS 218
<b>Europe:</b>	ECE 22-05 'P', 'NP' or 'J'
<b>Japan:</b>	JIS T 8133 : 2007



**Full Face Type Helmets**



**Open Face**

All helmets must be intact and no alteration must have been made to their construction. The rider may perform the following checks before taking part in practice or the race: That the helmet fits well on the rider's head, that it is not possible to slip the retention system over the chin when fully fastened and, that it is not possible to pull the helmet over the rider's head by pulling it from the back of the helmet.