



2024 Guidelines for Hosting an AMA D14 Hare Scramble

It is our goal to create and facilitate an off-road motorcycle racing series that is fun, safe, exciting, and rewarding for both riders and the promoting clubs and organizations. Thank you for supporting these goals, and helping to create efficient, high quality, and high value events.

The series will follow rules set out for the 2024 season, as published on-line at <https://www.ama-d14.org/2024-hare-scramble-rules>. If there are any questions regarding the application of these rules prior to the date of your event, please contact the chairman Dan Stephens by phone (616)-648-3740 (call or text) or at hare scrambles@ama-d14.org, or one of the other officials (contact information found on-line). On race day, please look for any of the officials present at the event.

A few of the rules that pertain to promoting organizations are highlighted below.

Sanctions and Insurance:

It is the obligation of the promoting organization to have good standing membership with AMA District 14, the appropriate sanctions filed with the AMA and D14, and adequate event insurance. Promoting organizations must also provide adequate first aid/medical staffing during the event.

Track Entry:

The gates to the facility should open early enough on race day to allow for the riders to sign-up at least 1 hour prior to their program start time. Allowance for camping the night prior to race day is desired, but not required. If camping is not allowed this must be made known well in advance so that the chairman can make the riders aware of this. Any additional restrictions to camping must also be posted well in advance so racers can be prepared for any unique restrictions. **As agreed upon at the Scheduling Meeting; gate entrance fees will be \$10.00 per racer or spectator (non-racer) over the age of 12 and class race entrance fees will be \$40.00 for big bikes in the afternoon, \$25.00 for morning Mini classes, and \$15.00 for 50cc auto's.** From the class entry fee, the promoting organization will pay \$5/rider to the D14 Hare Scramble Series. Series officers and Scoring and Registration specialists do not pay a gate fee to enter the track for a race (See list below). Also agreed upon at the Scheduling Meeting, hare scramble officers who are racing the event do not pay the race entrance fee either. The series officers will identify themselves with a division-issued ID to your track workers that are posted at the entry area as well as at sign up.

Sign-Up Procedures:

It is the responsibility of the promoting organization to provide adequate personnel to conduct sign-up. D14 personnel may assist with the process but they will not handle any money related to the entry fee for the event. It is the responsibility of the organizer/promoter to ensure all riders have paid before they get to the D14 personnel. D14 will not negotiate discrepancies between rider counts and money collected at the end of the event. The number of racers entered in the scoring program at the end of the event will be the final number the promoter/club is responsible to pay the fees for to the district. Sign-up and registration will only be open when promoting organization personnel are present but should open in time to process the day's entrants at least 1 hour prior to race start time. Riders must present membership

cards from both the AMA and District 14 or purchase them at the time of sign-up. Riders must also have the opportunity to purchase an appropriate transponder and class-identifying letters for their helmet and bike (this is taken care of by D14 personnel). A clear delineation of class offerings and start order must be posted at sign-up (this will also be taken care of by D14 personnel).

Vendor Area:

It is the responsibility of the promoting organization to provide adequate space for 2+ vendors to be on site. For 2024, D14 will require space for 2 vendors that are sponsors of the series. Each vendor should be allowed space for an easy-up tent and trailer to hold products. This space should be located near the sign up area or within an existing vendor area. D14 vendors can be located in the same area as promoting organization's sponsors/vendors. They do not need a separate area.

Race Course Layout:

Track length for afternoon classes must be a minimum of 7.0 miles; longer tracks are highly encouraged for the high numbers of riders racing the series. Mini Track length should be a minimum of 2.5 miles with a maximum length of 4 miles. 50cc Auto's course must have a minimum of 0.75 miles with a maximum length of 1.5 miles. We at D14 encourage that the 50cc Auto course have some single-track trail involved in the course as well. These track guidelines must be set in place so that in the event the course needs to be shortened for inclement weather the track minimums are still maintained. Incorporation of fresh trail is encouraged, particularly if existing trail has been utilized by two-track vehicles. It has been said that our tracks should be somewhere between "enduro tight" and "GNCC fast", which can include everything from grass tracks to wooded trails to motocross jumps. Incorporation of "enduroX" sections is permissible provided an alternate route of no more than twice the length (in time) of the enduroX section exists and is clearly marked. The goal is to provide a variety of terrain to challenge the riders while maintaining a safe racing environment.

Riders' Meeting:

A riders' meeting must be conducted prior to race start. **The riders meeting will be held on the race start line for each race.** D14 will supply a sound system for riders to hear the meeting but it is required that a track representative be there to go over details of the course and any important track information. The organizer must have a designated race day referee present and identified at the rider's meeting.

Race start and length (time):

Starting order for each event is as shown at the end of this document. Promoting organizations should locate the start area such that all rows can safely start (with no less than 30 second intervals) before the lead rider reaches the location where the start area joins the race track. All starts are to be dead-engine and can be indicated with flags or lights following the procedure that is outlined at the riders' meeting.

The 50cc auto races are to race for a length of 30 minutes. **The 50cc auto race will have a start time of 9:00am Please make sure that this is a separate course that has a common scoring area with the other two races (Minis and big bikes). Having a common scoring area between all 3 tracks is HIGHLY SUGGESTED.** It is the club's responsibility to provide the proper amount of staff workers to supervise this event in the form of a backup scorer, flaggers if there are jumps, and additional workers to help with any bottle necks that may occur with the younger less experienced riders.

The youth/mini/beginner classes are to run for one (1) hour beginning at **10:00am**. The leader of the race should get the white flag so as they finish as close to one hour as possible without going over the one (1) hour mark.

The afternoon big bike classes will have a scheduled start time of **12:00pm**. The club/promoter is responsible for monitoring the laps/time and making the riders aware of whether laps or time will determine the completion of the event. This should be done before the start or in the early stages of the race. **The white flag shall be displayed no sooner than the 1 hour and 50 minute elapsed time mark.** (For example, if the leading solo rider comes into scoring at the time of (1:49.59) the white flag will **NOT** be given to the leading rider; TWO more laps will be completed in the race. If the leading solo rider comes

into scoring at the time of (1:50.01) the white flag **WILL** be given to the leading rider; ONE lap will be left to race.) Maximum number of laps for the afternoon race will be no more than 15. In the event of extreme track or weather conditions the club referee, District Chair, and rider reps can make necessary changes.

Scoring/Registration:

The series will provide all necessary Scoring System and Registration Specialists who will identify themselves as such at the entry gate. The fee for this service is \$500 per event to be paid to the scoring personnel, and the promoting organization will be billed accordingly. The Scoring System and Registration Specialists will run the computer portion of scoring; including the data entry and computing/posting the results. **It is expected and required that the hosting club provide enough personnel to allow for at least 3 staff members for the scoring chute area in the form of two backup scorers and a flag person, more help is always appreciated.** They will be needed for slowing and directing traffic and filling in back up sheets. **An additional fee of \$75 per person may be assessed in the event of inadequate promotor staffing at the scoring area if D14 supplies personnel to fill this need.** The promoting organization must provide shelter from the elements to protect the electronic scoring equipment in the scoring chute area during inclement weather.

Personnel:

It is expected that the hosting club/promoter will provide an appropriate amount of track workers; including: flag people are required for any track where motocross jumps are utilized, back-up scoring people, track sweep personnel who must identify themselves to the chairman as well as the scoring personnel, a race referee, sign up staff, and any other personnel that would be necessary.

Referee:

Each track is responsible to have an AMA referee present at the event. The referee must be identified to D14 personnel and is encouraged to wear clothing that identifies their position (ex. a high vis vest with "Referee" printed on it). The referee is responsible for handling all racing protests from riders and may consult with D14 staff for advice. The referee must be present at the rider's meeting for each race held at the start line 10 minutes before each race. The referee must also be present in the area where the results are posted for the entirety of the protest period which is 30 minutes after results are posted for each race. The below website link describes the process of becoming an AMA referee:

<https://americanmotorcyclist.com/for-organizers/ama-referee-training>

Sound Testing:

Sound testing is solely up to the promoting organization. For sound testing the division chairman will provide a sound meter and tachometer. Each club will need to provide an area (in general 20ft of unobstructed space with no nearby reflective surfaces or sound generators) and personnel, 2 recommended, to do sound testing. Riders will be encouraged to have their bikes sound tested before they pay for race registration.

Sound levels are measured at @ 4,000 rpm – passing requires a level less than:

96 dBa for 2 Strokes

94 dBa for 4 Strokes

Full testing guidelines can be found on the AMA and district web site.

If sound is an issue for you, we can also conduct random sound level checks following the races as designated by the series officers. Riders whose bikes exceed sound level limits will forfeit their gate fees, race entry fees and be docked a lap, and any points or awards they would otherwise have earned for that event.

Awards:

Trophies or substituted awards (plaques, merchandise, gift cards etc.) are to be awarded as follows,

for autos, minis, and big bikes: 2 riders/1 award; 3-4 riders/2 awards; 5-8 riders/3 awards; 9-12 riders/5 awards; 13-17 riders/6 awards; 18-20 riders/7 awards; and 21-up/8 awards. These requirements are the minimum and if you would like to be more generous and award more trophies, go for it.

Awards should be available to riders as soon as possible after the conclusion of their respective races, subject to results posting and protest periods. Promoters should indicate where the awards presentation will take place at sign-up and during the pre-race riders' meeting.

Trophies and plaques, or similar awards should include: the club name; the date of the event; the class participated in; the position earned (1st place, 2nd place, etc.); the official AMA logo and a reference to District 14 Hare Scrambles.

Please note that there is an **Overall Champion**, who should receive a special trophy/award over and above the rest of the awards. The solo class riders are the only riders who are eligible for the Overall Champion Trophy. The Overall Champion for the day is pulled out of the class that he competed in and given only this award. As he is pulled from his class and recognized as the Overall Champion, each rider that finished behind him is moved up a spot in the class that he competed in.

Classes needing awards are as follows:

50cc Auto Program Awards

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| 1. 50cc Auto 4-6yr | 2. 50cc Auto 7-8yr | 3. Micro Trail |
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Morning Youth Program Awards

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| 1. Super Mini | 2. 85cc Senior | 3. 85cc Junior |
| 4. Women AM | 5. 65cc - 7-11yr | 6. 7-11yr Trail |
| 7. 12-15yr Trail | | |

Adult Afternoon Program Awards

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| 1. AA/Expert | 2. Team A* | 3. Open A |
| 4. 30+ A | 5. 40+ A | 6. 50+ A |
| 7. Open B | 8. 30+ B | 9. 40+ B |
| 10. 50+ B | 11. Team B* | 12. 12-18 C |
| 13. 19-24 C | 14. 25-34 C | 15. 35+ C |
| 16. 50+ C | 17. Team C* | 18. Women's Class |
| 19. Women's Team* | 20. 60+ | |

*All team classes require two awards for each place being supplied trophies; one for each member of the team of two.

Parade Laps:

A parade lap (or sighting lap) is required for the morning 50cc autos program only. It is the hosting club/promoter's responsibility to provide a lead rider for the parade lap along with a sweep rider. Please tell the lead rider these are kids, take it slow, it is NOT practice.

Event Payments and Wrap Up:

Promoting organizations are responsible for paying the appropriate monies to the Scoring and Registration Specialists and division treasurer before the conclusion of the event unless otherwise agreed to **PRIOR TO** race day. Promoting organizations are also responsible for filing event reports with the District within 14 days of the event. A financial statement will be provided to the promoter with breakdown of fees to be paid to D14 Hare Scrambles. It is preferred that payment be made immediately after the event has ended and be made directly to the D14 Treasurer. If this is not possible, please mail payments to:

D14 Treasurer
Bradley Cooper
569 George St.
Traverse City, MI 49686

D14 Membership Applications and fees for membership are sent to:

D14 Membership Coordinator
Molly Kidner
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We look forward to building a strong and successful race series and look forward to working with you this season. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or text me (616) 648-3740.

Dan Stephens
AMA D14 Hare Scrambles Chair 2024

People who get free gate admittance: Along with event race entry fees waved.

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AMA D14 HARE SCRAMBLE START ORDER

50cc Start – 9:00 a.m.

Youth Start - 10:00 a.m.

Adult Start - 12:00 p.m.

Start Order for Youth and Small Bike Women Riders

1. Super Mini
2. 85cc Senior
3. 85cc Junior
4. 65cc
5. Adult woman's/girls class
6. 12-15yr Trail
7. 7-11yr Trail

Classes will not rotate. Starting order will be the same at all events.

Start Order for Afternoon Riders

1. Expert
2. Team A
3. Open A
4. 30+ A
5. 40+ A and 50+ A (Shared Row)
6. Open B
7. 30+ B
8. Team B
9. 40+ B and 50+B (Shared Row)
10. 12-18 C
11. 19-24 C
12. 25-34 C
13. 35+ C
14. Team C
15. 50+ C and 60+ (Shared Row)
16. Women's class and Women's Team Class (Shared Row)

Classes will not rotate. Starting order will be the same at all events.