

The Constitution of the

NEW ENGLAND

HILLCLIMBERS ASSOCIATION, INC.



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**Article #1**

**CLUB NAME**

Section I

- A) The name of this club shall be known as the NEW ENGLAND HILLCLIMBERS ASSOCIATION, INC. To be abbreviated (N.E.H.A.)

**Article #2**

**PURPOSE**

Section I

- A) The purpose of this club is to promote the sport of competitive hillclimbing and to insure the safety of all competitors.

**Article #3**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Section I

- A) All members must have his or her dues paid before the conclusion of the first hillclimb or prior to a scheduled NEHA meeting. Membership term shall be from the date membership dues are paid to the first hillclimb of the following calendar season.
- B) Membership dues will be as follows;

Points competitor membership	40.00
Additional points class	20.00
Non competitor membership	25.00
Non Refundable	

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- C) Club officers shall have the power to assess members as deemed necessary.

Section II

- A) Each rider will be given a competitive number, which can be kept each year provided the annual dues are paid on time.
- B) If dues are not paid on time, rider could lose their competitive number as recognized by the NEHA club and will have to take another assigned number.

### Section III

- A) If the following year you do not win first place, your previous assigned number may be used.
- B) Number (7) to be retired in honor of Fred Marsh. No NEHA member shall use (7) as a competitive number in any class unless rank nationally or locally as such. In the event of a national or local ranking, (7) must be accompanied by the letters N (national) or NE (New England).
- C) Upon completion of a 20th consecutive season, a person, in good standings shall be considered a lifetime member at which time the club will wave any future membership dues.

### Article #4

#### OFFICERS and MEETINGS

##### Section I

- A) Election of officers will be held when deemed by the Board of Directors before January 1.
- B) To be elected into office or to have voting power, you must be a current member in good standings
- C) No officer can hold office for more than two consecutive years unless no one else wants the position.
- D) Members must be notified by mail two weeks in advance of any meeting to be held.
- E) Officers of this club shall be: PRESIDENT; VICE PRESIDENT; SECRETARY; TREASURER; and three REFEREES.
- F) There will be five directors and they will constitute the executive BOARD of DIRECTORS.

### Article #5

#### DUTIES of OFFICERS

##### Section I - PRESIDENT

- A) To preside at all meetings of the club.
- B) To have general supervision of all club affairs.
- C) To appoint any person or committee not otherwise voted by the club.

D) To personally represent the club on all business affairs and any other occasion.

E) To vote only when one vote is needed to break a tie.

#### Section II - VICE PRESIDENT

A) To perform the duties of the president in his/her absence.

#### Section III - Secretary

A) To record the minutes of all business meetings.

B) To maintain these records in an orderly fashion.

C) To be responsible for all mail incoming and outgoing.

D) To represent all communications to the president at the nearest meeting for comment, in the presence of the meeting body.

E) To make necessary follow-up on all correspondence.

#### Section IV - Treasure

A) To collect and record membership dues.

B) To collect and record all other money matters.

C) To make a preliminary report at all meetings.

D) To make all payments as voted on by the club and to advise the club of all money matters.

E) To make a fiscal report in writing to be submitted within thirty days of the closing year. This report is to include all money handled during the closing year.

#### Section V - REFEREES

A) To assist and cooperate with the A.M.A. representatives.

B) To be spokesperson for the ASSOCIATION members on all matters.

C) All suggestions should be made to the Head referee before any event starts. (Head referee is voted on at time of elections)

D) The N.E.H.A. referees have the power to take away the points from any members for any violation on the day of an event.

Section VI - BOARD of DIRECTORS

- A) To act for the club on all matters ordered by the club.
- B) To properly investigate and represent to the club all business or important activity information.
- C) To have general control over all club affairs.
- D) To assist in handling of the club's activities and business matters and to offer assistance to club officers as needed.
- E) To handle advertising for events.

Section V - POINTS KEEPER / MEMBERSHIP

- A) Keep track of individual member's points through out the NEHA racing scheduled season.
- B) Supply members with currant points standings upon request.
- C) Collect membership dues.
- D) Compile a membership mailing list for club matters.

Article #6

AMENDMENTS

Section I

- A) This constitution may be amended providing the proposed amendment is submitted in writing at a regular meeting. It then may be voted on at the next meeting. The amendment shall require at least a two-thirds vote by regular members present to be either passed or vetoed. There must be thirty days between submitting a change and voting on it. All active members must be notified in writing. By-law changes shall take effect upon acceptance of such by-laws.

Article #7

BY -LAWS

Section I

- A) Robert's Rule of Order shall govern the parliamentary proceedings of the club.
  - 1) Opening of the meeting by roll call.

- 2) Reading of the previous meeting.
- 3) Communications.
- 4) Finance Report.
- 5) Report of Officers and Committees.
- 6) Unfinished business.
- 7) Adjournment.

### **Article #8**

#### **CONDUCT**

##### Section I

- A) A member may be expelled from the club for bad conduct that may reflect on the club and its members. Charges must be brought against the individual in writing. The accused shall be given a hearing by the Board of Directors. They will then take the findings and pass it on to the club with a recommendation. The club shall then take a vote to decide whether or not the recommendation shall be adopted. It shall require a two-thirds vote to pass the action.

##### Section II

- A) Riders are responsible for the actions of their pit crews and motorcycles at all times. No dragging, Stunting or wild riding is allowed.

##### Section III

- A) All members must work a NEHA promoted event.

### **Article #9**

#### **RIDER INFORMATION**

##### Section I

- A) The classes are determined by the A.M.A. rulebook.

##### Section II

- A) Hillclimbs shall run rain or shine except if the conditions warrant otherwise.

Section III

- A) Riders must be ready when their class is called. The rider will be allowed two minutes after the pit steward calls the bike to the line and one minute after the starter gives the clear signal. It will be determined by the club's referee if and/or when a rider may ride again should any minor repairs need to be done during that time.

Section IV

- A) Anyone paying dues may join the New England Hillclimbers Assoc. and have full voting power.

Section V

- A) It is recommended that any rider with a special blood type, reaction to medication, allergies, or any type of medical problem, carry in their helmet or pocket information explaining the particular problem or situation.

Section VI

- A) The club referee shall have the power to disqualify any motorcycle that does not conform to the rules and regulations and to inspect any part of a motorcycle entered into competition at any hillclimb.

Section VII

- A) The motorcycle club or individual that promotes the event shall have the right to design or layout the hill in whatever way the promoter feels safe yet provides a challenge to the riders. No individual may change or influence in any way the design or layout of the hill, i.e.: earth moving machines, shovels, raked, etc. rooming will be limited to the start area only. Any rider or group of riders who feel the hill is unsafe for competition must make a motion to have a rider's meeting to discuss and vote on the matter. Violation of this rule will result in the disqualification of the individual or group of individuals for the day's event.

**Article #10**

**POINTS**

Section I

- A) The first fifteen positions will receive points in each class as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> - 30 pts.	6 <sup>th</sup> - 20 pts.	11 <sup>th</sup> - 10 pts.
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 28 pts.	7 <sup>th</sup> - 18 pts.	12 <sup>th</sup> - 8 pts.
3 <sup>rd</sup> - 26 pts.	8 <sup>th</sup> - 16 pts.	13 <sup>th</sup> - 6 pts.
4 <sup>th</sup> - 24 pts.	9 <sup>th</sup> - 14 pts.	14 <sup>th</sup> - 4 pts.
5 <sup>th</sup> - 22 pts.	10 <sup>th</sup> - 12 pts.	15 <sup>th</sup> - 2 pts.

## Section II

- A) Points will be awarded to each rider achieving a first to fifteenth place. These points will accumulate for each designated hillclimb and result with the awarding of championship trophies for each class at the end of the season. A rider must be in good standing with the club and participate in at least sixty percent of each class per season to receive a trophy.
- B) In the event of a tie for championship points, an evaluation of the tied riders season events finishes will be made. The rider with the greater number of first, if not second, etc., place finishes will succeed the other rider.
- C) A member may change competitive points class in which they signed up for with no additional charge. All previous accumulated points in the class the rider is being removed from will be forfeited. The rider must still complete 60% of the scheduled calendar season in the new class moved too. All previous competition in the class the rider changes to will not be recognized.

## Section III

- A) Points will be given to A.M.A. Amateur/Youth/ATV events only and riders must be N.E.H.A. members to receive points. If a non-member finishes in a points position, those points, for that position will be eliminated. Any rider found a guilty or in violation of A.M.A. rules will lose previous accumulated points.
- B) All professional riders are ineligible to receive N.E.H.A. points or awards. Pro riders placing in any position will be overlooked and points will not need to be eliminated for that position. Pro riders will be considered professional until their pro license has expired for at least one year.

## Section IV

- A) If the timing equipment fails, bad weather or lack of ambulance coverage or daylight, every attempt will be made to give every rider two rides, however, once the class is completed, (two rides for everyone in the class) nothing can be changed. Points are to be awarded to one type of timing system; electric timing light or stop watch. If the timing equipment fails in the first run, the second run will count using a stopwatch for N.E.H.A. points. If the timing system fails in the second run, the uncompleted classes will go by the first run time for points.



Section V

- A) Each rider must drop one lowest points scored per season, per class from the time they sign up for membership.

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CLASSES

Section I

- A) Classes will be run in the order the body decides.

Section II

- A) All motorcycles must have at least one readable number plate.

Section III

- A) Any rider refusing to allow the measurement of their motor will automatically be disqualified for the event. At that time, their competitive number shall be revoked for the period of one year.

Section IV

- A) No rider may enter more than (3) machines per hillclimb. No two riders may enter the same machine, nor any rider enter two machines, in the same class.

Section V

- A) The rules included in this book are the rules of the NEW ENGLAND HILLCLIMBERS ASSOCIATION, INC. All sportsman hillclimbs are governed by first and foremost the A.M.A rules currently in effect.

**\*ANY rider OR pit crew/friend that is found under the influence of alcohol during the race day OR night before will be excluded from TWO points races if UNDER AGE. All money will be forfeited if already paid.**