



## RULES & GUIDELINES

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The **AMA Western New York Off-Road Association (WNYOA) Championship Series** is composed of a series of hare scramble events organized and promoted by individual **AMA** chartered organizations. WNYOA is dedicated to the betterment of the sport of Off-Road racing and to providing families and competitors alike, an entertaining, high quality, safe, and challenging event. In addition to all **AMA Rules**, the following **WNYOA Rules and Guidelines** will be used to govern the **WNYOA Championship Series**; which **NEW for 2017 is now an AMA Featured Series!** As the first and only off-road “**AMA Featured Series**”, the winner of each class of the **Championship Series** will be awarded an **AMA Number #1 Plate!**

### **A. Hare Scramble Highlights**

All participants should familiarize themselves with these rules and the

AMA <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Racing/Get-Started-In-Racing>

- 1) A hare scramble is an event conducted on a closed course, using trails and paths over natural terrain. The course will be a minimum of 8.5 miles for bikes, 6.0 miles for quads and at least 1.5 miles (5min. minimum lap time) for Pee Wee Bike & Pee Wee Quad classes, except where weather and terrain conditions require course changes and length reduction. An official WNYOA odometer will be used by a WNYOA designated rider during the event. There will be an appeal process for promoters not meeting the minimum requirement.
- 2) The event will be run for a designated amount of time as determined by the specific promoter; however, no combination of motorcycles or quads may run at the same time on the same course.
- 3) Minimum race times are approximately 45 minutes for the mini and pee wee riders, and approximately 2 hours for the bike riders and approximately 1½ hours for the quad riders. The peewee course will require the leader to have a minimum of a 5-minute lap time and at least 1.5 miles of course. The maximum mini course will be based on ‘time’ rather than length and all mini course lengths will be within 10-15 minutes per lap
- 4) All riders participating in a WNYOA hare scramble will be required to be a member of the AMA. AMA membership is available at all WNYOA events or on line at [www.wnyoa.org](http://www.wnyoa.org) which will take you to [www.AMADirectlink.com](http://www.AMADirectlink.com), by going through the WNYOA web site AMA provides a kick back to us.
- 5) The promoter undertakes the responsibility to put on a safe event that complies with the AMA and WNYOA hare scramble rules. The series event promoter has the right to ban or evict any person or member from their event if they feel said person at their said event attending that event would affect the smooth operations of that race event.
- 6) Un-sportsman like conduct will not be condoned at any event, this includes but not limited to any of the following, cheating, and use of verbal or physically threatening another member on or OFF the track. This may lead to disciplinary action of the offender. The promoting club/ or WNYOA referee will handle all final scoring protests and disqualifications. The promoting club/ or WNYOA referee will make the final decisions on all event disputes and protests.
- 7) The promoter will patrol the trail with course marshals during the race but is not responsible for removing disabled motorcycles/quads during a race. However, the promoter will provide a sweep crew after each event to aid disabled motorcycles/quads or injured riders.
- 8) Safety is an important consideration in a hare scramble. Common sense is the governing factor. There are a few guidelines that riders must be aware of:
  - a) When approaching a slower rider, make your presence known so that the rider may pull over. Do not expect the slower rider to automatically know you are there and want to pass. When appropriate, the promoter should allow 20 feet on both sides of the trail for passing and obstacles.

- b) If you see an injured rider, help if you can and report the location at the scoring area or to a patrol rider.
  - c) When broken down or stalled, get off the trail. Do not attempt to fix or start your motorcycle/quad in a location that will impede traffic flow or cause a collision.
  - d) Never ride backward against the trail.
  - e) If you miss a turn, do not turn back without looking as other riders may miss the same turn and collide with you if you turn abruptly.
  - f) Pit riding/racing will not be tolerated. Riders and their families, in addition to all spectators, are in the same area. Riders will only be allowed to ride in 1st gear when traveling to and from their pit area and must be wearing a helmet at all times. In addition, there will be no passengers allowed on any motorcycle or quad. Each promoter may provide a specified area for warm up or jetting.
  - g) No Horn or sound device allowed to be USED during the race as it could cause an unfair/unsafe condition.
  - h) Any infractions of these rules will be subject to: 1). First offense, Disqualification for the day. 2). Second offense, he/she may be suspended from the WNYOA series for a year.
- 9) Only one rider per race machine is permitted. Any rider swapping will result in the disqualification of all participants for (2) WNYOA events. A second offense will be means for disqualification for the remainder of the year.
- 10) If a rider is disqualified for illegal equipment, that disqualified race cannot be dropped and must be counted as "0 points" for year-end in class and overall points.
- 11) Spectators and/or Pit Crew are **NOT** allowed to impede a racers progress when racing.  
(Example being on the marked course and in a racers way causing them to have to slow down and loose time on foot or on a bicycle.)

## **B. Rules/Guidelines for AMA Release & Waiver Forms**

Off-Road Adult Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement (also known as the "Print and Sign" form), the Off-Road Minor Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (page 1, front side) and Minor's Assumption of Risk Acknowledgment (page 2, backside) and the AMA Annual Release Verification card. In addition, a gate fee collection is required for entrance of said event.

1. **ANY ADULT or MINOR RACER** that has the **AMA Annual Release Verification card**. Note:  
The AMA Annual Release card meets all AMA Release, Waiver, and Assumption of Risk requirements for any type of AMA-sanctioned event. This card is issued by AMA upon receipt and validation of the participants completed and notarized Annual Release. The AMA Annual Release is valid for one calendar year, January 1 to December 31. When the racer presents the Annual Release Verification card and any type of current AMA membership card, they DO NOT need to fill out or complete any additional AMA waivers; including the Off-Road Adult Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement (also known as the "Print and Sign" form), the Off-Road Minor Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (page 1, front side) and/or Minor's Assumption of Risk Acknowledgment (page 2, back side). AMA promoting clubs are authorized and encouraged to allow those AMA members who show proof of a valid AMA Annual Release card to bypass completion of any additional AMA waivers on-site. The AMA Competition Card no longer serves as proof that an AMA Annual Release and Waiver is on file with AMA.
2. **ANY MINOR RACER UNDER THE AGE OF 18** participating in the event MUST submit the Off-Road Minor Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (page 1, front side) AND Minor's Assumption of Risk Acknowledgment (page 2, back side) with signature(s) by parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). **If parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) are not present with the minor, 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.**
3. **ALL ADULT RACERS - ANYONE AGE 18 OR OLDER** participating in the event, MUST sign the Off-Road Adult Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement (also known as the "Print and Sign" form) at rider registration/sign-up. ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 is considered a MINOR and does **NOT** sign this form.
4. **Any minor participant without a parent or legal guardian** with them will need to have a Notarized form at every WNYOA hare scramble event. An authorized adult (authorized adult is any person over 18 years of age who is given the responsibility in writing and notarized, for a minor on a given day) must print and sign where designated on the Minor Release. The parent, legal guardian or authorized adult **MUST** remain present at all times during participation of the AMA member in any WNYOA/AMA sanctioned meet. All releases and notarized statements are then forwarded to the AMA.
5. **All youth participants AND PARENTS must acknowledge they have read the WNYOA Sportsmanship Pledge when submitting their membership.**

## **WNYOA SPORTSMANSHIP PLEDGE**

This Pledge summarizes important elements of the youth sports experience and sets out your commitment to Sportsmanship and Fair Play. Signing it is a condition of your child's participation in the Western New York Off-Road Association Series.

Important Information about youth and sports:

Kids participate in sports primarily because it's fun. Adults need to keep it fun. Some adults get too emotional about youth sports because they are too concerned about how their kids are doing, have the mistaken belief that winning is very important, or have a desire for glory through their kids' success. That last one is part of the concept of living through your kids.

Kids need to know that if they're trying their best, that that is the most important thing. Parents need to remember that their kids will not be great at everything. Recognizing that, parents can help most by relaxing and enjoying their participation in general. Placing too much pressure on kids to perform well creates stress that can detract from their fun and can affect their self-esteem.

As the parent, I pledge that I will not be disrespectful or negative towards other parents, riders, workers, or spectators. I acknowledge that failing to show respect for people who are doing the best they can sets a bad example for our children and can result in my suspension from the series. If someone else makes an inappropriate comment, I will not make a negative response that could lead to a confrontation.

As a rider, I pledge that I will not be disrespectful or negative towards other racers, workers, or spectators. I should not act in a way that could lead to ejection from a race or embarrassment for myself or family. I recognize that striving to win, rather than winning itself, is what is important in sports and in life. Striving to win means doing the best you can. I acknowledge that making mistakes and losing are part of life. I pledge that I will be tolerant of the mistakes of riders, workers, and others. I recognize that mistakes are opportunities for learning.

I recognize that behaving within the parameters of competition, sportsmanship and fair play are paramount.

I pledge that I will commit to promoting an atmosphere of healthy competition to ensure fun for all participants.

### **C. General Rules and Guidelines**

1. The WNYOA Referee shall have the power to suspend, for an indefinite period of time, any rider for flagrant violation of these rules and any actions considered detrimental to the sport of off road racing. The WNYOA referee has this authority regardless of event participation, the only exception would be for a conflict of interest. Example ( an issue that occurred in a class the WNYOA referee competed in). Conflict of interest will be determined by the WNYOA board.
2. Un-sportsmanlike conduct will not be condoned at any WNYOA event. This includes, but is not limited to any of the following: cheating, use of physical force against anyone, foul/abusive language or gestures used in anyone's presence ON or OFF the track.
3. Falsifying one's name, age, or ability level, or attempting to compete under any false pretenses is subject to disciplinary action by the Event referee, WNYOA referee and/or AMA. The penalty for riding in a lower classification than entitled (i.e. "B" class rider competing in the "C" class) will be:
  - a) 1st Offense – One race suspension from WNYOA series event;
  - b) 2nd Offense – Report violation to AMA with a WNYOA recommendation of a \$100.00 fine and up to 6 months' suspension from all AMA activities;
  - c) 3rd Offense – Report violation to AMA with a WNYOA recommendation of a \$100.00 fine and at least 1 year suspension from all AMA activities.
4. No rider shall at any time ride in such a manner as to endanger the safety of other riders, scoring personnel or spectators. When in violation of this rule, the rider will be subject to immediate disqualification by the Event referee, the WNYOA series referee or the event promoter.
5. No rider may compete in a WNYOA event while under the influence of any intoxicant or drug which would affect his/her normal physical or mental ability.
6. **All riders, spectators, pit crews, and workers will refrain from smoking within 50 feet of all registration lines, tech lines, start lines and scoring area.**
7. All promoting clubs will discourage the use of foreign substances and alcohol by minors.
8. Riders must wear appropriate protective apparel when competing in WNYOA events. Failure to comply is means of disqualification from that event. The following will be enforced:

- a) All helmets must be full coverage or full-face models and Snell approved.
  - b) Shatterproof goggles or face shields must be worn at the beginning of the event including practice.
  - c) Boots specially designed and constructed to provide ankle and foot protection will be worn (no sneakers, loafers, etc.) They must be at least 8-inches high with any combination of laces, buckles or zippers.
  - d) Protective pants made of durable material and long sleeve shirts must be worn (no shorts, tank tops, etc.)
9. NO RIDER MAY LINE UP PRIOR TO ONE (1) HOUR BEFORE THE START OF SAID EVENT.
  10. Riders must remain on the marked course. A rider leaving the course can only continue in the event by returning to the point where he/she left the course or where can safely be done without gaining an advantage. Failure to do so will result in the rider being penalized a minimum of one finishing position for that event. Unless otherwise instructed at the riders' meeting/starting line, riders must not ride beyond 20 feet from the course marking arrows, tape, fence or go to the outside of the trail marker in the case of a corner at any time. If (2) arrows or (2) trail marking, tape, fence, etc. are positioned on each side of the route, riders must remain between the arrows or markings. Violation is subject to loss of a lap or disqualification.
  11. Riders encountering a traffic jam or bottleneck may go more than the 20 feet off the course to get around the bottleneck only. However, the rider must re-enter the course as soon as possible and upon approaching this section on the next lap, must ride the original arrowed section of the track if it is clear. If the original marking devices are knocked down, the rider must stay on the original marked course. A "bottleneck" is a section of the track that becomes impassable for any reason with the exception of checkpoints.
  12. The course will be arrowed as follows: Black on Orange for Bikes and Quad riders; if different course for Quads it will be arrowed as Red on Black- Quad; Blue on White for Mini riders; Black on Pink for Pee Wee riders. A listing displaying what colored arrows are used for what classes will be displayed at rider registration.
  13. Occasionally, due to unexpected racing incidents or difficult sections, the course may need to be adjusted during the race to allow for the smooth continuation of the event. If the organizers find the necessity of such changes, the course may be marked with alternate means, such as snow fencing, banners, or arrows. For major changes, or areas easily congested and confused, it is recommended that a track worker be located in this area.
  14. The Quad course may be separate from the Bike course, in whole or in part, but will be at least 52" wide. The Mini class should use an easier or abbreviated course. The Pee Wee course will be separate from the Mini course.
  15. There is no pitting in the scoring area. The designated scoring area is defined as the first white pole before the scoring gate to the last white pole after the scoring trailer. There is **NO PITTING** in this area.
  16. A 10:00 PM quiet time curfew will be enforced at all WNYOA events for loud music, partying, howling, and loud noises. All generators over 65 decibels' will be turned off by 10:00pm on Saturday night and will not be turned on before 6:30am on Sunday morning. **ALL PORTABLE GENERATORS ARE TO BE LOCATED AT THE LIVING AREA ENTRANCE SIDE.** It is the promoting clubs' responsibility to check the pit areas and to enforce the 10:00pm curfew.
  17. **THE PROMOTING CLUB REFEREE, WNYOA REFEREE, PROMOTER, OR ANY OF THE WNYOA OFFICERS HAS THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY ALL PERSONS INVOLVED IN THE VIOLATION OF THESE RULES.** In addition, WNYOA referees have the right to suspend persons from participation in future WNYOA events. Each promoter will post a sign at the event registration area naming a contact person for all/any emergencies that arise.
  18. The Event referee is the principal officer of a meet, acting as general supervisor. The Event referee must be introduced at the riders meeting/start line and be available throughout the protest period. The Event referee's name will be posted at the registration area, and may not compete in the event. The Event referee duties are, but not limited to:
    - a) To determine if any changes in the course are necessary.
    - b) To direct the starter to black flag a rider for any safety reasons or WNYOA/AMA Competition Rules.
    - c) To receive and decide all protests subject to appeal by the AMA.
    - d) To decide on rider disqualification and disqualify any rider who violates any WNYOA/AMA rules.
  19. Only the Event referee, WNYOA series referee or other WNYOA staff are allowed in the WNYOA Scoring trailer at any time (during and/or after any event). If at any time, the number of individuals in the WNYOA Scoring trailer become bothersome to the scoring personnel, the Scoring Team personnel has the authority to ask an individual(s) to leave the trailer area.
  20. Only approved gas containers will be allowed. Violators will receive a warning for not complying.
  21. Receiving any form of prohibited outside assistance, including, but not limited to, receiving radio transmission while in competition are not permitted and may be subject to disciplinary actions. A radio may be carried only for use for non-competitive reasons to assist stopped riders.

22. All dogs are to be kept on a leash at all times. Failure to comply will be constituted as a warning for the applicable rider. Aggressive dogs are potentially an issue at the WNYOA races; organizers have the right to request the owner and dog to leave the premises. According to the law, a second aggressive action causes a "history of violence" for an animal and can be cause for further legal action. **Furthermore, all dogs must remain behind the marked-off official starting area and no dogs will be allowed on starting line.**
23. WNYOA will use a "96 2stroke and 94 4stroke" decibel rating. If a rider fails, either a series or day rider, they may not be allowed to ride that day; and if not permitted to race, entry fees would be reimbursed. Any rider that appears to be in excess of the maximum decibel rating prior to the start of the race may be sound checked with an AMA certified sound meter to determine their sound level. WNYOA and the organizers may enforce the sound test levels at any time, in an effort to educate riders that noise levels are a concern for the future of our sport.
24. All areas around or near the event entrance(s), event registration, or other specified areas, must remain clear of vehicles at all times to allow for the free flow of official vehicles, safety crews, ambulances, etc.
25. If any WNYOA event needs to be canceled, (due to weather, etc.) the promoter will notify the WNYOA president no later than Friday prior to the scheduled event so that the cancellation can be posted to the WNYOA website.
26. In the event a situation requires a race to be prematurely ended or not started at all (thrown race), all riders will receive 75% of points available to the rider. Work points remain as earned (25 pts. for those that signed up 3 weeks prior or 20 pts. for those signed up less than 3 weeks in advance).

### **Protests**

1. A competing rider may protest any matter relating to the event by submitting a Rider Protest Form to the Event referee. Each protest must specify the violation of the WNYOA/AMA Rule or procedure(s) which is alleged and must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee. There is not a fee for administrative protests, such as scoring issues.
2. The Event referee will only accept protests that are properly made within the 30 minutes following the posting of complete event results. Protests will NOT be accepted after this period. The Event referee will not accept any protest that is not properly submitted and accompanied by the required fee. The only exception to this is Mini and Pee Wee scoring protests, which may be submitted until the last event of the day.
3. Final determination of the timeliness of a protest will rest with the Event referee and such decisions will be final, including protests of race results.
4. The Event referee shall render all decisions on protests as soon as possible. If the Event referee is not present, then the WNYOA series referee will handle the protest, if available. The Event referee shall have the authority to disqualify riders as a result of the protest. If the Event referee decides a protest in favor of the protesting party, their protest fee will be returned. If the Event referee decides against the protesting party, the written protest and respective fee will be forwarded to the AMA. If the protesting party wishes to appeal the ruling they may do so through the AMA.

### **D. Classification of Riders**

WNYOA rider classifications are as follows:

1. **AA – You must earn AA status-** see eligibility for "AA" advancement- This is to clarify not a higher skill level than "A" class, but a series based class earned by a rider
2. A – the highest classification
3. B – the classification preceding A
4. C – the classification preceding B
  - a. Non-mini riders are classified by experience level as "C", "B", "A" and "AA" riders.
  - b. Advancement of "C to B" and "B to A" and "A to AA" status will be made at year-end, or during the year if a rider shows to have the experience level of a higher classification within the rider's first three races. At this time WNYOA will allow 70% of riders points to follow with the advancement if WNYOA does the promoting.
  - c. All AMA Enduro riders will be considered as equivalent or higher ability hare scramble riders.
  - d. The following applies to all WNYOA Hare Scramble riders:
    - i. AMA will promote riders based on their points accumulated. If the AMA fails to do so, or WNYOA feels a rider needs to be promoted before falling into AMA advancement requirements, WNYOA may proceed with the following advancement procedures.
    - ii. Movement among the Hare scramble classes will go before the WNYOA Board, which will decide on all class changes, including "AA" changes.

- iii. Annual overall results will be used as rider performance data, but may not be the only factor in determining in WNYOA's decision to move a rider.
- iv. The WNYOA "AA" class will be a premier class of "A" riders that have demonstrated consistent exceptional riding ability and viewed as a role model for aspiring WNYOA riders. The "AA" classes may be limited each year to approximately 5% of the active WNYOA series for bikes and quads.

Eligibility for "AA" Advancement into the "AA" class will be as follows

- e. Advancement is normally earned only from the "A" hare scramble class of the prior year and the rider had to clearly demonstrate consistent top 5% of the riders in an event overall performance during the prior year.
  - f. The rider must be a WNYOA series rider and actively participated in the minimum number of events required for a WNYOA year-end Hare Scramble award in the prior year.
  - g. Exceptions will be made for those riders that actively race in a different series and have earned "AA" status through their participation and performance in a class comparable to WNYOA "AA" hare scramble class.
  - h. Any rider over 30 years of age who qualifies for the "AA" hare scramble class, but also for a hare scramble age class (Vet A, Senior A, etc.) may run in that alternate hare scramble class. They will not be required to participate in the "AA" hare scramble class unless their performance qualifies them for the AA class and they chose to do so.
  - i. The "AA" hare scramble class will be analyzed at the end of each year by WNYOA. Riders determined to be not well suited for this premier "AA" hare scramble class, not meeting the minimum WNYOA event participation expectations and/or a possible safety hazard during the event may be moved to a more appropriate WNYOA "A" class in the following year.
  - j. Any AA rider from another series that wants to race in WNYOA AA Class must be vetted by one of the following WNYOA President, Vice President, or Series Referee
5. The AA, AA 35+, Vet A, Senior A, Super Senior, Masters, Women, and Utility riders are at the top of their respective skill level. The winners of an "A" age class will not be moved by WNYOA to the "AA" class.
  6. All riders who voluntarily initiate movement during the season to a higher class will result in forfeiture of the points earned from the lower class and the rider will not be able to move back to the lower class without approval from AMA.
  7. If a rider feels he/she has been promoted unfairly, he/she may appeal to the AMA in writing via the form available at WNYOA registration. The penalty for not advancing or riding in a lower class is loss of all series points accumulated after notification, one race suspension or up to one-year suspension and loss of all series points for continued violations.
  8. Utility Quad riders can elect to move themselves to the "B" Quad class or, with proper age requirements, to the Quad "Vet" or "Senior" class. Movement to the Quad "C" class from the Utility class will be allowed based on demonstrated prior alignment with the Quad "C" class rider capability. If a Utility rider chooses movement to the Quad "C" class, then their specific event results will be monitored by the WNYOA Points keeper and the WNYOA series referee to ensure proper alignment.
  9. Pee Wee, Teen Quad, Teen Novice Quad, Women, Schoolboy and Masters classes are not classified as A/B/C level in WNYOA. Points earned in these classes are not used for rider advancement.

## **E. Series Points**

1. Rider points awarded at each event will be:

Placement Finish	Points Awarded	Placement Finish	Points Awarded	Placement Finish	Points Awarded
1 <sup>st</sup>	20	8 <sup>th</sup>	8	All riders who	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	18	9 <sup>th</sup>	7	finished at least	1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	16	10 <sup>th</sup>	6	50 %class leaders	
4 <sup>th</sup>	14	11 <sup>th</sup>	5	laps	
5 <sup>th</sup>	12	12 <sup>th</sup>	4	Started event but	
6 <sup>th</sup>	10	13 <sup>th</sup>	3	completed <50% of	0
7 <sup>th</sup>	9	14 <sup>th</sup>	2	the class leaders	
				laps	

2. Recording of accumulated points and rider advancement is the responsibility of the WNYOA Hare Scramble points keeper and WNYOA referees. The point keeper's records are official for purposes of rider advancement.
3. Points for a thrown race: In the event, there is a need for a thrown race, all riders will receive 75% of points available to the rider. Work points remain as earned (25pts. for those that signed up 3 weeks prior or 20pts. for those signed up less than 3 weeks in advance).

#### **F. Year-End Award Requirements**

1. Rider requirement:
  - a. Valid AMA membership.
  - b. Current WNYOA Membership card.
  - c. For the current Hare Scramble season, riders will be scored for year-end awards based on their best (11) events of the (14); (10) events are required to be eligible for a year end award. To receive points greater than "0" for an event, a rider must be recognized as finishing the event which is defined as completing 50% of the laps completed by the class leader. Exception to this rule is the Pee Wee Bike and Pee Wee Quad classes where the rider must have completed one lap to be recognized as finishing the event and to receive points greater than "0" for that event. All riders except Pee Wee Bike and Pee Wee Quad riders that complete one lap and this represents less than 50% of the laps completed by the class leader, will be awarded "0" points. Events that are awarded "0" points are counted towards the (10) minimum events required for a year-end award. Multiple "work" events are awarded "0" points and are counted towards the (10) minimum events required for a year-end award.
  - d. If you work an event and there is a tie at year-end, the rider who worked will break the tie and be given credit for the higher placement. If there is still a tie, it will be broken by the greater number of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc. positions. If the tie still exists, the points accumulated in the events previously not counted will determine the winner.
  - e. Multiple class riders will receive equal work points in all their classes for working one event.
  - f. Earning "0" for participating in the event will count towards a year end award.
  - g. No WNYOA series points will be accumulated until a person joins WNYOA and their dated membership application is on file with WNYOA. The two (2) events prior to signing up for the series, raced as a day rider, may be counted towards the rider's series class & year end points, only after they have joined the series and are riding in the same class.
  - h. Overall points will determine the number 1 thru 10 plates for the following year for bikes and quads. Number 1 thru 5 for mini bikes and mini quads. Number 1 thru 3 for pee wee bikes and pee wee quads. Overall number plates can be earned by any class not just the front row.
  - i. The overall points system will be 500 points for 1<sup>st</sup> place overall & for a worked race, 499 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall, 498 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall, etc.

#### **G. Class Requirements, Number & Wave Sequence**

- a. The Pee Wee, Mini, Schoolboy, and Teen Quad classes are designed to be age groupings with some equipment limitations for each group. The Pee Wee, Mini, Schoolboy, and Teen Quad classes' age on January 1st will determine his/her age for the entire year. However, a rider may move to the next higher age class if he/she will be eligible to do so at any time during the year. Once a rider moves to the higher age class, he/she may not move back to the lower age class. Points earned in a lower age class will not be transferred to the higher age class. The WNYOA referee may ask for proof of age upon request.
- b. Series riders will start in front of any day riders in their respective waves if the promoter considers their wave is too large or could be dangerous in the 1st turn for that particular start.
- c. Bike riders must be 12 years of age to race a machine between 151cc -250cc, and 14 years of age to race a machine 251cc or larger. Quad riders must be 16yrs of age to race any machine 450cc or larger.
- d. Under penalty of disqualification, no rider shall compete in any WNYOA Hare Scramble event on more than one machine. In other words, NO switching machines during a race.
- e. When a rider ceases to be a contestant in any WNYOA hare scramble, the race machine on which the rider was competing is considered disqualified and may not be used in competition during that event by any other person.

- f. Smaller classes may be combined, i.e., Masters with Women, etc. A one-second start time difference may be noted by the Scorekeeper.
- g. All riders must wear proper protective gear: helmet (full face and Snell approved), shatter proof goggles or face shield, long sleeve shirt, long pants, and above the ankle boots. Chest protectors/ body armor and gloves are highly recommended.
- h. Use of electronic communication with the rider or use of a portable electronic device of any kind (i.e. digital music device) that would be considered a distraction while competing during the meet is prohibited.
  - i. All machines must meet WNYOA's maximum sound requirement of 96dcb for 2-stroke and 94dcb for 4-stroke or less.
  - ii. All Quads' must have working tether switches.
  - iii. Engine size must fall within class limits.
- i. Standard ATV Race Equipment:
  - Fuel filter
  - Handlebars (no open ends)
  - Handlebar mounts
  - Hand Guards
  - Crossbar pad
  - Decals
  - Serrated foot pegs
  - Nerf bars (if applicable)
  - Chain / sprockets
  - Steering Stabilizer
  - Mud screens
  - Frame gussets
  - Bumpers (round tubing only / no sharp edges)
- j. If a racer has a machine that does not fall into existing classes and feels it should they can apply for a class competition approval waver. The Machine must be inspected by the series referee and a rider representative from that discipline and be approved for the specific class prior to competing in an event to be eligible for any points or finishing positions.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE DEFENITIONS ON PAGE 20 FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF CLASS REQUIREMENTS AND LIMITATIONS FOR OPEN, STOCK & LIMITED CLASSES. AS WELL AS CURRENT AMA RULES**

**BIKE CLASSES:**

<b>PEE WEE BIKES</b>	<b>- Start Time: 9:30AM – 45 minutes</b>	<b># Sequence</b>	<b>Wave</b>
<i>(All Pee Wee classes will start with a "Live Engine")</i>			
<b>SR Pee Wee 8 50cc automatic</b>		1-85	1
	-Max wheelbase – 41"		
	-Max rear wheel – 12"		
<b>SR Pee Wee 7 50cc automatic</b>		200-285	2
	Max wheelbase – 41"		



<b>SR 4- Stroke Pee Wee 7-8</b>	Max rear wheel – 12” 50cc, Multi-speed Max rear wheel – 12”	300-385	3
<b>SR Pee Wee 6 50cc automatic</b>	Max wheelbase – 41” Max rear wheel – 12”	400-485	4
<b>JR Pee Wee 5 50cc automatic</b>	Max wheelbase – 36” Max rear wheel – 10”	500-585	5
<b>JR Pee Wee 4 50cc Automatic</b>	Max wheelbase – 36” Max rear wheel – 10”	600-685	6
<b>JR 4-Stroke Pee Wee 4-6</b>	50cc, Multi-speed Max rear wheel – 10”	700-785	7
<b>Pee Wee Girls 4-8 50cc</b>	Max wheelbase – 41” Max rear wheel – 12”	800-885	8

**MINI BIKE – Start Time: 8:00AM – 45 minutes #Sequence Wave**

<b>Super Mini (14-15)</b>	79-112cc 2-Stroke 75-150cc 4-Stroke Max wheelbase – 52” Min wheelbase – 48” Max rear wheel – 16” Max front wheel – 19” Min rear wheel – 14”	1-85	1
<b>Super Mini (12-13)</b>	79cc-112cc 2-Stroke 75cc-150cc 4-Stroke Max wheelbase – 52” Min wheelbase – 48” Max rear wheel – 16” Max front wheel – 19” Min rear wheel – 14”	200-285	2
<b>80-85cc (12-15)</b>	66-85cc Max wheelbase – 51” Max rear wheel – 14” Max front wheel – 17” Min rear wheel – 12”	300-385	3
<b>80-85cc (7-11)</b>	66-85cc Max wheelbase – 51” Max rear wheel – 14” Max front wheel – 17” Min rear wheel – 12”	400-485	4
<b>65cc (10-11)</b>	51-65cc 2 stroke 59-112cc 4 stroke (Limited) Max wheelbase – 45” Max rear wheel – 14” Min front wheel – 10”	500-585	5
<b>65cc (7-9)</b>	51-65cc 59-112cc 4 stroke (Limited)	600-685	6

Max wheelbase – 45”  
 Max rear wheel – 14”  
 Min front wheel – 10”

**Girls (13-15)** 51-112cc 2-Stroke 700-785 7  
 51-150cc 4-Stroke  
 Max wheelbase – 52”  
 Max rear wheel – 16”  
 Max front wheel – 19”  
 Min rear wheel – 10”

**4-Stroke (7-15)** 75-150cc 4-Stroke air cooled ONLY 800-885 8  
 Max wheelbase – 52”  
 Max rear wheel – 16”  
 (XR80, TTR90, DRZ125, TTR125)

**Girls (7-12)** 51-112cc 2-Stroke 900-985 9  
 51-150cc 4-Stroke  
 Max wheelbase – 52”  
 Max rear wheel – 16”  
 Max front wheel – 19”  
 Min rear wheel – 10”

**BIKE – Start Time: 11:00AM – 2 hours # Sequence Wave**

<b>AA (16+)</b>	Open	1-85	0
<b>Vet AA (35+)</b>	Open	100-185	1
<b>250A</b>	201-250cc	200-285	2
<b>Open A</b>	>250cc	300-385	3
<b>125-200 A</b>	125-200cc	400-485	4
<b>Vet A (30+)</b>	Open	500-585	5
<b>Senior A (40+)</b>	Open	600-685	6
<b>Super Senior A (50+)</b>	Open	700-785	7
<b>250B</b>	201-250cc	800-885	8
<b>Open B</b>	(>250cc)	900-985	9
<b>125-200 B</b>	125-200cc	1000-1085	10
<b>Vet B (30+)</b>	Open	1100-1185	11
<b>Senior B (40+)</b>	Open	1200-1285	12
<b>Super Senior B/C (50+)</b>	Open	1300-1385	13
<b>Masters (60+)</b>	Open	1400-1485	14
<b>Women</b>	100cc+; <b>minimum 19” front wheel</b>	1500-1585	15
<b>201-250 C+ (22+)</b>	201-250cc	1700-1785.	16
<b>201-250 C (12-21)</b>	201-250cc	1800-1885	17
<b>Open C</b>	(>250cc)	1900-1985	18
<b>125-200 C+ (16+)*</b>	125-200cc	2000-2085	19
<b>125-200 C (12-15)*</b>	125-200cc	2100-2185	20
<b>Vet C (30+)</b>	Open	2200-2285.	21
<b>Senior C (40+)</b>	Open	2300-2385	22
<b>Schoolboy 1 (12-16)</b>	98-125cc 2-stroke; <b>19” Front wheel</b>	2400-2485	23
	98-150cc 4-stroke; <b>19” Front wheel</b>		
<b>Schoolboy 2 (14-16).</b>	122-250cc	2500-2585	24

Minimum wheelbase 53 inches no minicycles or Supermini

**Vintage Line.**

Open

2600-2685. 25

1990 and older machines

(\*125-200 C & C+ class age range subject to change each year depending on pre-season registration)

## QUAD/ATV CLASSES:

### PEEWEE QUAD – Start Time: 8:00AM – 45 minutes # Sequence Wave

(All Pee Wee classes will start with a Live Engine start. All Machines must have working front and rear brakes.)

<b>50cc Open (6-11)</b>		1-85	1
	Modifications/changes are allowed Modified stock engines No aftermarket frames 50cc ATV's that do not fit the limitations of the 50cc Limited class		
<b>50cc Performance Limited (4-11)</b>	50cc See Limited Class Rules in Definitions for details Page 20 No aftermarket frames	200-285	2
<b>50cc-Open Girls (4-11)</b>	Modifications/changes are allowed Modified stock engines No aftermarket frames 50cc ATV's that do not fit the limitations of the 50cc Limited class	300-385	3
<b>50cc Limited Girls (4-11)</b>	50cc See Limited Class rules in Definition for details page 20 No Aftermarket Frames	400-485	4
<b>50cc Sport Limited (6-11)</b>	50cc See Limited Class rules in Definitions for details page 20 Kymco, DRR, Apex, and Cobra machines are NOT permitted	500-585	5
<b>50cc Sport Limited (4-5)</b>	50cc See Limited Class rules in Definitions for details page 20 Kymco, DRR, Apex, and Cobra machines are NOT permitted	600-685	6

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### MINI QUAD – Start Time: 9:30 AM – 45 minutes # Sequence Wave

<b>Open (12-15)</b>	71-105cc 2-stroke 71cc-150cc 4-stroke Hybrids Allowed Aftermarket frames allowed Production/Non-Production machines eligible Any quad that does not fit the limitations of the 90cc limited class	1-85	1
<b>90cc Open (8-12)</b>	71-90cc 2-stroke 71cc-125cc 4-stroke Hybrids Allowed After-market frames allowed Production/Non-Production machines eligible Any quad that does not fit the limitations of the 90cc limited class	200-285	2

<b>90cc/125cc (12-15)</b>	71-90cc 2-stroke Limited 71cc-125cc 4-stroke Open No aftermarket frames	300-385	3
<b>Girls (13-15)</b>	71-90cc 2-stroke Open 71cc-125cc 4-Stroke Open No aftermarket frames	400-485	4
<b>51cc-70cc Open (8-11)</b>	51-70cc Any quad that does not fit the limitations of the 70cc limited class Hybrids Allowed Production/Non-Production machines eligible	500-585	5
<b>90cc Limited (8-11)</b>	71-90cc 2-stroke 71cc-125cc 4-stroke NO Production Hybrids Allowed No aftermarket frames Apex with cr85 engines not allowed	600-685	6
<b>Girls (8-12)</b>	70-90cc 2-stroke Open 70cc-125cc 4-Stroke Open No aftermarket frames	700-785	7
<b>90cc Sport Limited (8-15)</b>	71cc-90cc 2-stroke 71cc-125cc 4-Stroke Fully Automatic machines ONLY (no shifter) All non-shifting ATV's are permitted except DRR, APEX, and Cobra machines. No aftermarket frames 800b Class 71-125cc 4 Stroke Limited (8-15) will start together scored separately	800-885	8
<b>90cc Beginner Limited (8-15)</b>	71cc-90cc 2-stroke 71cc-125cc 4-Stroke NO Production Hybrids Allowed No aftermarket frames Apex with cr85 engines not allowed	900-985	9

**Competitors must be 1<sup>st</sup> year racers, having never raced prior to this season.**

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<b>QUAD</b>	<b>- Start Time: 2:30PM - 1 1/2 hours</b>	<b># Sequence</b>	<b>Wave #</b>
<b>AA</b>	Open	1-85	1
<b>Junior A (22+)</b>	Open	200-285	2
<b>College A (16-21)</b>	Open	300-385	3

<b>Vet A (30+)</b>	Open	400-485	4
<b>Senior A (40+)</b>	Open	500-585	5
<b>Junior B (22+)</b>	Open	600-685	6
<b>College B (16-21)</b>	Open	700-785	7
<b>Vet B (30+)</b>	Open	800-885	8
<b>Teen (13-15)</b>	91cc-200cc 2-stroke Open 91cc-300cc 4-stroke Open Hybrids allowed	900-985	9
<b>Women (16+).</b>		1000-1085.	10
<b>Teen Girls (13+)</b>	Teen Girls (13-15) 91cc-200cc 2 stroke Open. 91cc-300cc 4 stroke Open Hybrids allowed Women/Teen (16+) Open-Hybrids Allowed Teen Girls Class (13-19) 1000-1085 Women's Class 1000-1085 Both Women and Teen classes will start together but be scored separately	1000-1085	10
<b>Junior C (22+)</b>	Open	1100-1185	11
<b>College C (16-21)</b>	Open	1200-1240	12
<b>College C Two (16-21)</b>	Open	1241-1285	13
<b>First Year C (16+)</b>	Open *NEVER raced prior to this season	1300-1385	14
<b>Senior B (40+)</b>	Open	1400-1485	15
<b>Super Senior B (50+)</b>	Open	1500-1585	16
<b>Vet C (30+)</b>	Open	1600-1685	17
<b>Teen Novice (13-15)</b>	91cc-200cc 2-stroke Open 91cc-300cc 4-stroke Open No Apex allowed	1700-1785	18
<b>Utility</b>	601cc and up 250-600cc.	1800-1849 1850-1885	19
<b>Teen Novice (14-15).</b>	91-300cc 2-stroke Open 91-400cc 4-stroke Open	1900-1985.	20

## **H. STARTING PROCEDURE**

Starter Flagger Procedure- The Starter when starting each line must stand in clear view of the line being started with the green flag in one hand and the tip of the flag on the ground. With the other hand the Starter will point at each racer making sure each racer acknowledges the Starter. After the Starter points at the last racer in the line and is acknowledged, the Starter will raise the green flag straight up within 0-10 seconds to start the line.

All riders will start with dead engine EXCEPT Pee Wee classes (Pee Wee classes are live engine start). When the line is ready to start all parents/pit crew must be behind the Rider and machine. No one (parent/pit crew) may be touching the Rider or machine when starting. Racers must wait until flag is moved from the lowered position to start their engines. Pee Wee racers must wait until flag leaves the lowered position to leave the starting line. Riders must attempt to start machine unassisted a minimum of four (4) times (no touching). If the machine does not start after the fourth (4th) attempt, then parent/pit crew may assist the Rider. An "Attempt" for a machine with an electric start is defined as pressing and holding the starter button for at least one (1) second, releasing, repeated 4 times before being assisted. If a Rider has their machine running before the flag leaves the lowered position or if there is a jump start (leaving the

starting line before the flag moves), then the penalties are as follows:

- 1st offense is a 30 second penalty;
- 2nd offense is a 1 lap penalty;
- 3rd offense or more is disqualification.

The intent of this rule is to prevent parents/pit crews from giving their rider an unfair advantage on the starting line. If a parent/pit crew were to be touching the rider to address a safety issue and no advantage was gained, no penalty will be assessed. This is at the discretion of the event referee.

**Rider Registration Times - Late registrations may NOT be accepted after noted registration end times.**

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Saturday for ALL Participants
6:30 AM – 7:30 AM	Sunday for Pee Wee Quad & Mini bike riders
7:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Sunday for Mini Quad & Pee Wee bike riders
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	Sunday for Bike riders
11:30 AM – 2:00 PM	Sunday for Quad riders
2:00 PM	<b>REGISTRATION CLOSSES</b>

**I. Numbering System**

1. All classes will be issued a helmet number label for use with the CheckPoint Scoring system. These labels will be free of charge and be given at rider's registration when requested. You do not need to bring your helmet to registration unless you need a transponder programed. You will be responsible for applying your helmet label on the "**lower left and right chin side and on the back**" of your helmet. These labels are required, and given at registration; they must be used & not cut or trimmed. No color matching custom numbers will be allowed. It is a rider's responsibility to be scored.
2. Day riders will be issued numbers for their corresponding classes.
3. All riders must use clear numbers on their machines that represents their WNYOA Hare Scramble rider number or assigned day rider number. Other numbers cannot be visible. Numbers will be expected on the front and both sides for bikes, for quads front and rear number plate. Numbers must be of a matching size.
4. The reserved numbers 1-10 will be earned numbers for the top overall Bike & Quad riders; numbers 1-5 for Mini bike and Mini quad; and numbers 1-3 for Pee Wee classes. Only the rider that has earned these numbers in those respective groups for year-end will be allowed to use that number for the following year. Riders earning a number will have their 'normal' number held for one year.
5. Riders who have earned a National #1 number may display the number followed with an "E". They may be assigned a different scoring number for their helmet if needed.
6. WNYOA now has recommended background/number plate colors for AA through C classes. AA-Red back with White numbers, A-Green back with Black numbers, B-Yellow back with Black numbers, C-Black back with White numbers. These are not mandatory, but rec. to quickly identify another's rider class on track



**J. CheckPoint Scoring**

It's important that you take the time to become familiar with some of the details of this system. **All** riders will use the CheckPoint Scoring System.

**About the Transponder** - When issued at rider registration, the pre-programmed transponder will be entered in the data base with your rider number. One transponder can be used for multiple classes. You will only be allowed to have one transponder on at a time per race. The transponder is detected when the rider passes the "gate" at the scoring area. You will be disqualified if you run into the gate. The system isn't cheap, and we expect riders to do their part in helping us keep a quality, reliable system.

**The CheckPoint Scoring Area** – A remote display will be available at the scoring area, displaying the rider information. **You must STOP at the scoring line and you may leave when the flagger releases you.** Since Quad riders are more prone to a signal failure due to an electrical interference problem present only with Quads, make sure the backup scorer gets your number to be manually entered into the system. **However, ALL riders must come to a complete stop to ensure proper back up can be kept and it is the riders' responsibility to ensure he/she has been scored and released by the flagger.** The designated scoring area is defined as the first white pole before the scoring gate to the last white pole after the scoring trailer. There is **NO PITTING** in this area.

**Inspection Chute** - A starting line inspection chute will be used to confirm the readability of the transponder prior to the start of each race. If the transponder does not work properly, the rider will need to return to registration to purchase a replacement. Every rider must go through an inspection "chute" prior to the start. Inspection will include: monitor/ensure that their transponder is working; checking quads for working tether switches, full-face helmets, goggles, a cursory check of sound level, a proper helmet sticker consistent with rider numbers and class assignment. All bike and quad machines must display a rider number and all quads will need a rear number plate.

The scoring system is easily able to differentiate between riders at the scoring – regardless how close they are together. Riders will go through scoring single file, and there is no problem with proximity between riders. If you forget your transponder at home, WNYOA will have additional transponders available at rider registration for a \$10 charge.

#### **K. WNYOA Hare Scramble Membership and Fee Structure**

1. Gate fee is \$10.00 per person with no charge for children 10 and under. Event registration fees are as follows:

AA Bike/Quad -	\$40.00
35+AA/A/B/C Bike/Quad	\$30.00
Mini Bike/Quad	\$20.00
Pee Wee Bike/Quad	\$15.00
Day Riders (Non-WNYOA member)	additional \$7.00

(AMA Nationals, GNCC, ECEA and NETRA co-sanctioned events may have different fee structures.)  
Overnight parking fees will typically not be charged for WNYOA events.
2. Membership fees postmarked by February 25, 2017 are \$20 per person for the first application; those postmarked between February 26 & April 15, 2017 are \$35.00 per person for the first application. Mailed applications will NOT be accepted after April 15, 2017. DOUBLE CLASS applications are \$5.00 each after 1st full price app. At events, WNYOA memberships will be \$40.00 per person for the first application for the FIRST/THIRD of the season, \$30.00 for the SECOND/THIRD of the season and \$20.00 for the LAST THIRD of the season. Riders less than 18 years of age must provide a COPY OF THEIR BIRTH CERTIFICATE WITH THEIR APPLICATION (unless one is already on file with WNYOA). There will be a \$5.00 fee to replace a lost WNYOA membership card. A current WNYOA card is required to sign-up at an event. \$25.00 bounced check fee will be imposed on any bounced check from any rider. Until that fee is paid, that rider will not be allowed to participate in any WNYOA event.
3. All series riders will be using CheckPoint Scoring. The transponder should last at least a season, but if one is misused or broken, lost, or forgotten, you will be required to purchase another one for \$10.00.
4. ALL day riders will need to purchase a \$10.00 transponder.

#### **L. Event Guidelines & Procedure for Rider Registration**

The following procedure will be implemented at rider registration at all WNYOA hare scramble events.



**INFORMATION/AMA MEMBERSHIPS TABLE** (WNYOA person)

General questions answered

Issue new/renewal/lost AMA memberships and collect AMA membership fees.

**WNYOA MEMBERSHIP/DAY RIDER PAPERWORK TABLE** (unmanned/AMA person)

*Current Season WNYOA Series Membership Applications*

For use if you are planning to sign up for the series for the current season

For use if you are double classing for the current season

For use if you are a series member changing classes for the current season

*Current Season Day Rider Applications*

For Non-Series members who want to participate in a single series event

For series members who want to change classes for the DAY only

*Single Event Minor Release Forms*

To be completed by ALL participants under the age of 18 AT EACH AND EVERY EVENT

*Annual Adult/Minor Release Forms*

To be completed one time per year and turned into the AMA. This form must be notarized or witnessed by a WNYOA official

Available for the first third of the season

**FOR EVENTS WITH NO EXPRESS LANES**

**SIGN IN TABLE**

*Station ONE* (WNYOA Personal)

Current AMA verification, Wave sheet highlighting, Number assignments,

*Station TWO* (WNYOA Personal)

Rider Registration input, Issue transponders and helmet stickers, collect WNYOA money due (i.e. application, day rider and transponder fees, lost card, or double class fees.)

*Station THREE* (Club/Promoter Personal)

Collect event fees, Sign AMA Off-Road Adult "Print and sign" form, collect any necessary paperwork

**FOR EVENTS WITH AN "EXPRESS LANE"** (Typically the first third of the season)

**SIGN IN TABLE ("Express Lane")**

*Station ONE* (WNYOA Personal)

Current AMA verification, Wave sheet highlighting

*Station TWO* (WNYOA Personal)

Rider Registration input

*Station THREE* (Club/Promoter Personal)

Collect event fees, Sign AMA Off-Road Adult "Print and sign" form

**SIGN IN TABLE**

*Station ONE* (WNYOA Personal)

Current AMA verification, Wave sheet highlighting, Number assignments, Rider Registration input, Issue transponders and helmet stickers,

*Station TWO* (WNYOA Personal)

Collect WNYOA money due (i.e. application, day rider and transponder fees, lost card, or double class fees.)

Collect Event fees, Sign AMA Off-Road Adult "Print and sign" form, collect any necessary paperwork

## **M. Scoring**

1. If necessary, due to the length of the course, observation checks may be set up at the discretion of the promoter to discourage course cutting. Course cutting will not be tolerated and a one-lap penalty, up to disqualification, may be assessed by the Event referee.
2. The approach and exit from the scoring area should be ribboned and designated as a "NO PASSING" zone. In addition, there will be a track official present at the scoring area. The designated scoring area is defined as the first white pole before the scoring gate to the last white pole after the scoring trailer. Exiting the scoring area will be a "NO SPIN Zone." "NO SPIN Zone" violations may be applied as: 1st Violation= Warning, 2nd Violation = 1 Lap penalty.
3. All riders will be scored using The CheckPoint Scoring system – A remote display will be available at the scoring area displaying the rider information. **You must STOP at the scoring line and you may leave when the flagger releases you.** Since Quad riders are more prone to a signal failure due to an electrical interference problem present only with Quads, make sure the backup scorer gets your number to be manually entered into the system. **ALL riders must come to a complete stop to ensure proper back up can be kept; it is the rider's responsibility to ensure he/she has been scored and released by the flagger.**
4. A rider must finish the event to be eligible for awards and points. To finish, a rider needs to complete at least 50% as many laps as the winner of his class. It is not necessary to take the checkered flag to finish. If the class winner turns an odd number of laps, the total will be rounded down to determine finishers. Example: If the winner turns nine laps, all riders completing four or more laps will be scored for points.
5. Prior to the scoring area, once the checkered flag is displayed, riders are given a reasonable amount of time to complete their final lap as follows, unless it is stated prior to the start of the event:
  - Peewees- 20 minutes, after the checkered flag is displayed to finish the race.
  - Minis 40- minutes, after the checkered flag is displayed to finish the race.
  - Bikes/Quads- 1 hour, after the checkered flag is displayed to finish the race.
6. Overall scoring is based on elapsed time from start to finish.
8. Race event results should be posted within 30 minutes after the completion of the event. The event is completed when the sweep riders notify the scoring team that the track is clear. Any participant has 30 minutes after the posted results are posted to file a written protest with the Event referee. After that time, all results are final!
9. Promoters may use a loud air horn to notify riders that results have been posted.

## **N. Event Awards**

1. Thirty minutes (30) must be allowed for final protesting after race results are posted and prior to distribution of the event awards. Posted times will be written on race result sheet(s) that will be posted at the registration area. Riders are responsible for looking at the scoring screen when they ride through the scoring gate. However, when there is a protest made against a particular class that protest period begins again for that class when it is reposted.
2. The payback for all "AA" & "AA 35+" Bike and "AA" Quad classes will be 1 Cash award for every 3 registered riders. Payback is 150% for AA riders and 100% for the AA35+ riders. Promoter discretion to go beyond the minimum of 1 Cash award for every 3 riders and/or 150%-100% payback. It is the promoter discretion to give "AA" riders a plaque. Example: guidelines: 1st 50%, 2nd 30%, and 3rd 20%.
3. All Bike & Adult quad A, B, C classes, Mini Bike and Mini Quad classes will be a minimum of 1 award for every 3 registered riders, plus one for each class.
4. A 100% plaque payback for all Pee Wee bike riders and all Pee Wee quad riders (70cc limited and 50cc) will receive an event award with a placement tag. Each Peewee class will be a minimum of 1 main award for every 3 registered riders plus one for each class and then either a medallion/metal of such may be used in substitution of a main award at the Promoter's discretion.
5. Each class recognized by WNYOA must be awarded a minimum of one award.
6. The event award presentation will be consistent for all classes; including Pee Wee, Mini and Youth Quad riders.
7. Any participant that cannot stay at the event to pick up their plaque/award, must make arrangements with that promoter or award may be forfeited

8. There will be an awards presentation for the top three (3) overall in each race. These results and awards are unofficial until after the allotted protest time.

#### **O. Supplemental Guidelines**

1. No studding of tires including screws will be allowed.
2. There will be a 100% enforcement of a "working tether-type kill switch" for quad riders. No exceptions (day riders included) will be permitted.
3. Riders are only allowed to walk or ride a bicycle on the course prior to the event.
4. Riders should work a WNYOA event to obtain experience of what takes place to make an event happen. It is the rider's responsibility to directly contact the promoting club to work the event.
5. Hare Scramble Work Rule and Timing:
  - a. All riders that provide a minimum of a three (3) week work request for working an event will receive (25) points. If the work request is made with less than three (3) weeks' notice, the work credit will be (20) points. After the 3 weeks, all "W" work credit is final.
  - b. Promoter has the discretion to accept/deny the work request. It is the promoter's discretion on the number of work hours required to earn the work credit.
  - c. Work credit can only be earned for one event per rider per year. However, if a rider works more than 1 event, they will not receive any additional points but will receive a "0 point" credit towards the minimum year-end award requirement.
  - d. A multiple class rider will receive equal work points in all their classes for working one event.
  - e. If you work an event and a tie exists at year-end, the rider that worked an event would win that placement in question.
  - f. anyone who lays out the course, marks it, or who in any way may have an unfair advantage through his involvement in organizing the meet, is prohibited from competing

#### **P. Year-End Awards**

1. A year-end award will be given at the year-end awards banquet for each participant in the WNYOA hare scramble series that met the minimum race requirements for all classes.
2. In addition, an AMA/WNYOA #1 plate will be awarded to the overall Champion in all classes.
3. A WNYOA WARRIOR award will be given at the year-end award banquet for every participant that earned a "0 points" or better at 100% of the series events. Only one of the two GNCC co-sanctioned events is required to still be eligible for this award.
4. A WNYOA "Tough as Nails" award (or similar) will be given for any rider that meets the minimum year-end award requirements for both a Bike and a Quad.
5. A "Jr. Tough as Nails" award (or similar) will be given for any youth rider that meets the minimum year-end award requirements for both a Youth Bike and a Youth Quad.
6. A WNYOA "Step-It-Up" award (or similar) will be given any Mini rider that meets the minimum year-end award requirement for both a Mini and an Adult class.
7. A WNYOA "Mini Step-It-Up" award is for any Pee Wee rider that meets the minimum year end award requirements for both a Pee Wee and a Mini class.
8. WNYOA will not be responsible for any undistributed year-end awards.

#### **Q. Year-End Banquet**

1. The Year-End WNYOA Awards ceremony will be a banquet.
2. A \$20.00 penalty fee per person will be enforced for banquet reservations that are postmarked and/or requested after the noted cut-off date for banquet reservations.
3. If you do not pay to attend the year-end banquet, you will not be allowed in the banquet room until after the award ceremonies have taken place.

#### **R. WNYOA Web Site**

1. The WNYOA website ([www.wnyoa.org](http://www.wnyoa.org)) is maintained by the WNYOA Board. The website contains information relating to WNYOA (event results, pictures, schedule, directions, etc.) along with links to WNYOA's sponsors.

2. No foul, abusive or slanderous language will be permitted on the WNYOA Forum.
3. Anyone that submits a comment to the WNYOA forum page must sign his or her real name and not use a factitious (artificial) name. If the name is not clearly identified the item will not be posted on the forum page. All forum postings must be 'civil' comment

## **TERMS & DEFINITIONS**

COMPETITION BULLETIN- are changes that need to be made usually during the season that cannot wait until a regular scheduled meeting. Competition Bulletins will be created by the Rules committee and approved by the WNYOA Board.

AFTERMARKET- replacement parts not produced by the manufacturer of the machine.

ENGINE CASES - are defined as the 2 halves that contact either side of the crankshaft.

HYBRID ATV - Hybrid ATVs are allowed to use production and non-production frames and engines, must fit guidelines for engine displacement/type for the class. Hybrid ATV use engine and/or frame together that were not originally designed and/or produced for that application. All other OPEN rules apply.

LIMITED ATV / SPORT LIMITED ATV – Must be a Stock machine. The following items may be changed from Stock: standard race equipment such as tires (no tire balls), wheels, complete exhaust systems, sprockets, gearing, clutch, twist throttle, handlebars (no open ends), grips, handle bar pads, front bumper, rear grab bar, air filter and jetting. Fenders may be trimmed, but NO other modifications are allowed INCLUDING to the engine, frame (except for gusseting), ignition, CDI box, suspension, carburetors, and complete air box (air box & lid may only have nonperformance gaining changes such as a cover or duct tape installed).

MODIFIED STOCK- Stock component that have been changed (examples porting or additional coolers).

NON-PRODUCTION - Non-Production parts made by aftermarket companies (example JB, Bud Fisher, Lone Star etc.)

Production Hybrid – An ATV that fits the hybrid definition that is built by a manufacturer (example Apex with a CR85 motor)

OPEN ATV - Open ATVs are to use the stock Frame (Frames may be Gusset) must use Engine cases that the ATV came with from the manufacturer. Modified Stock engine cases allowed. All other components are allowed to be changed.

PRODUCTION- Production means what was made by the original manufacturer of that make and model machine.

STOCK - Stock means how the machine is built by the manufacturer when new.

Bottleneck – When a machine or machines are not moving (stuck or broken down) and blocking the marked trail making it not possible to continue on the marked trail. SLOW MOVING MACHINES DO NOT QUALIFY as a Bottleneck

PPG- Proper Protection Gear is Helmet (Full face and Snell approved), shatter proof goggles or face shields (must be worn at start), long sleeve shirt, long pants, and above the ankle boots. (chest protector/body armor and gloves are highly recommended).

DNF- Did Not Finish

DNS- Did Not Start

890 - Disqualified (race will be counted for yearend awards in class and overall as zero (0) points).

## **Class Competition Approval Waver**

Rider Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Requested to Compete in: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Machine Description requesting waver: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_

Series Referee: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for competition in: \_\_\_\_\_

Any Additional Information needed to be noted about machine: \_\_\_\_\_

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