



## Rules

- **Riders Age and Release Forms**

- Rider's age is based on age as of 01/01/2025; birth certificate is required on request. If a rider turns 4 after 01/01/2025 their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday they can compete
- If you have a minor rider and will participate in any AMA sanctioned race in 2025 we suggest you go online to the AMA and complete the minor release forms  
<https://americanmotorcyclist.com/racing/racing-resources/annual-release/>
- Vet class ages will be determined by a rider's age on the day of the event.

- **Series Points**

- All a rider's results will count for series points. You must ride 7 rounds of the 8 rounds to receive series awards, we do not drop any rounds, all results count towards your series results.
- If all first motos are complete and weather prevents completion of 2<sup>nd</sup> motos, results will stand based on 1<sup>st</sup> motos and on races completing both motos before cancelation. The decision to postpone or cancel races is the decision of the Big Side of Texas Officials along with local track officials.
- If for any reason a moto must be stopped it will be considered complete if the leading rider has completed over 50% of the laps. Example: 3 laps completed in a 5-lap race.
- Series Tie Breaker: If series end points are tied the rider with the best finish in the last moto is the series winner. For example, two riders at 286 points each, rider 1 has 2<sup>nd</sup> in last moto and rider 2 has 1<sup>st</sup> place in last moto, rider 2 is the series winner.
- It is the rider's responsibility to verify that they have been scored correctly at each event, the results will be final 45 minutes after they are posted. If you find a mistake it must be corrected with the track that scored the race; please verify results before you leave the track. Series results will be posted online 1-3 days after each event.

- **Events**

- All events will be a 2 day format with 2-4 hours practice with 1<sup>st</sup> motos Saturday and 2<sup>nd</sup> motos Sunday.
- If you do not have accident or health Insurance, we suggest you do not participate.
- Every person entering any facility will sign a release and wear a wrist band no exceptions, in some cases the facility will place the wrist band on your arm, there will be a charge for lost wrist bands.

- **Class Structure**

- All classes are modified classes, this does not exempt a rider from the cc limitations listed per class (see classes and cc limits).
- If it becomes necessary to run heat qualifiers the local tracks will randomly divide the classes into heats and LCQ'S
- We do not have a big wheel rule for the 85 class.
- All big bike beginner class series winners, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2024 must move to Novice in 2025 Spring Series.
- If you have several years riding and have placed well as an 85 rider, we will strongly suggest you start in the Novice class when moving to the big bike.
- All riders must participate in the class or classes for their skill level, bike displacement and configuration in which their bikes qualify, only exception will be the open class.

- We do allow the 250F to compete in the 450F Class, 125 2-strokes and 250 2-strokes in 250F, 250+ 2-strokes can also participate in the 450F class.
- If a rider's bike fails during his/her 1st Moto or before his/her 2nd Moto due to a mechanical fault, they are allowed to borrow a bike. The borrowed bike must be same displacement as the bike that failed.
- It is a standard practice that classes can and will be combined in some cases this could have a class that has more than one gate drop for instance 250 Pro and 250 intermediate, it is the discretion of the track to determine if there will be one or two gate drops and any combined classes.
- **Scoring**
  - Race officials are not responsible for locating riders before their event.
  - You must have racing numbers posted on all three number plates and may be asked to add an "X" if your number is a duplicate.
  - A rider must be on the starting line and under their own power to cross the finish line to be scored for the day.
  - The white flag is a courtesy flag; it is not necessary to display the white flag at the beginning of the final lap. Always race to the checkered flag.
  - If a race should go an extra lap the race will be scored based on the number of laps that is posted. If the race is posted for 5 laps and for some reason the race is not stopped until 6 or more laps are completed. The race will be considered over at the end of the 5th lap. Scorekeepers lap sheets will determine final finishes.
  - DNS means did not start, a rider not coming to the line and completing one full lap will receive a DNS. You will receive a score equal to last place plus 2 places. (Example. If there are 5 riders in the class, you will be scored in 7th place.) Rider must be present.
  - DNF means did not finish, riders will receive a DNF if they do not take the checkered flag. A rider who has a DNF will receive a score equal to last place plus 1 place. (Example: If there are 5 riders in the class, you will be scored in 6th place.) A rider may push his bike across the finish line. If the finish line is at the top of a large jump, bikes and riders can go around the jump and signal the score keepers.
- **Interruption and Continuation of Races**
  - There will be no restarts unless in the opinion of the race officials continuing the race will endanger the riders.
  - A malfunction of the starting gate and any restart will be the race official's decision.
  - If a race is called due to weather and the races have not begun, it is the option of the track to issue refunds or vouchers for future races.
- **Point System**
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 35 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 33 Points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 32 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> 31 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> 30 points
  - Will drop one point per place starting with 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Conduct**
  - The Big Side of Texas Series will designate a race official that will be the single point of contact for all concerns with any race related issues and rules.
  - The local track is responsible for enforcing the rules of their track after practice and racing. The rules of the member track will dictate your required conduct.
  - Any on/off track quarrels will be dealt with by the Big Side of Texas official. These situations if any will be dealt with immediately. Parents are responsible for their own rider's actions, and riders are responsible for their parent's actions! Think before you speak or act, this is a family sport!
  - Physical contact with another rider(s) or spectator(s) can result in expulsion from the event.
  - A rider is responsible for the actions of their pit crew; infractions by rider's pit crew will be grounds for penalties against that rider.
  - Any harassment towards another rider can result in penalties against the rider(s) and could be grounds for disqualification.
  - Any verbal harassment or physical abuse of the local track officials or Big Side of Texas Race officials will be grounds for disqualification.
  - The promoters of the Big Side of Texas and member tracks reserve the right to refuse service to anyone.
  - No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances will be allowed on the track or starting area. Illegal substances are forbidden from all track properties. Riders should not use any of the above-

mentioned substances before or during an event if they remain in competition. Any rider observed drinking or is impaired will not be allowed to compete in the event.

- No youth pit bike riding, the only exception is the parent of a racer in competition wearing an approved helmet can ride a pit bike. It is the discretion of a track to not allow any pit bike riding.
- To operate a golf cart or a side by side you must have a valid driver's license. It is the discretion of the track to not allow any pit vehicles.
- Competition motorcycles should follow the rule of 1st gear to and from the gate. 1st offense, you will start backwards! If you did not learn from the first offence the 2nd infraction is disqualification.
- You must exit the track under control at a low speed, no high-speed exits!
- If a rider leaves the track for any reason they must re-enter the track at the safest possible point nearest their point of exit, you should not improve your position.
- In the event a rider intentionally cuts the track, one or more positions may be docked on the rider committing the offense.
- Yellow flag violations: There will be no passing, jumping and no improving of position when a yellow flag is present. Penalty is a minimum of one finishing position per infraction. Remember roll and not advance.
- The only people allowed on the track during races are 50cc mini parents or a family member that is 18 years and older and you may not cross the track during competition. You can safely cross after all riders have passed your position with any rider still in competition. At some events you must sign a release and wear a wrist band that you understand your responsibility.
- All riders will be subject to the participating tracks rules when a Big Side of Texas race is not underway. The local track will manage and regulate afterhours behavior.

- **Vendors**

- Only vendors pre-approved by Brownlee Racing will be allowed at any Big Side of Texas Championship Event, any approved vendors will not compete with Brownlee Racing on any of our product lines or manufactures we support. Any non-approved vendors that are promoting any goods or services will be asked to stop and can be asked to leave the event.
- Food vendors are at the discretion of each member track.
- The Big Side of Texas has an official photographer that has met our requirements, that being Wild at Heart Photography, and they are insured and the only photographer that can enter the field of competition.

- **Protest a Rider or Their equipment**

- Any protest of another rider's bike must be filed before the start of race and will require a fee of \$200.00 for 2-stroke and a fee of \$400 for a 4-stroke. The bike will be impounded for inspection after completion of the race, at each event there will be a predetermined impound area. If the bike in question is within specification you are responsible for all parts and labor above the fee for a trained mechanic to reassemble the bike in question.
- Any protest another rider for the classification of which they are competing must be registered before practice or before the race if no practice is offered. Big Side of Texas Race Officials may move riders up based on written or published proof that the rider has competed in a higher class. Race officials will not move someone up just because they are fast. You must have proof that a rider has been scored in a higher class.