



# 2026 Rules & Code of Conduct

- **Riders Age**

- Rider's age is based on age as of 01/01/2026; birth certificate is required on request. If a rider turns 4 after 01/01/2026 on their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday they can compete
- 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 5 of the 7 rounds to receive series awards, we do not drop any rounds.
- 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 Brownlee Racing 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 235 points each, rider 1 has 2<sup>nd</sup> in last moto and rider 2 has 1st 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 30 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 1-4 days after each event.

- **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 program will randomly divide the classes into heats and LCQ'S
- We don't 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 2025 must move to Novice in 2026 Spring Series. Mini Beginners with 1 year racing in Big Side Series must move to age class if they have competed for over 12 months of racing.
- If you have several years' riding and have placed well as an 85 rider, we 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.
- 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.) 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. 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.)
- **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> 31 points
  - 4<sup>th</sup> 30 points
  - 5<sup>th</sup> 29 points
  - Will drop one point per place starting with 3rd.
- **Conduct**
  - New in 2026 is a zero-tolerance policy for striking another rider. Physical contact with another rider(s) or spectator(s) will result in expulsion from the event or series.
  - Brownlee Racing will designate a race official that will be the single point of contact for all concerns with any race related issues and rules.
  - 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 after-hours behavior.
  - Any on/off track quarrels will be dealt with by the official designated by Brownlee Racing. 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! 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.
  - We will not tolerate any bullying or harassment towards another rider and can result in penalties against the rider(s) and could be grounds for disqualification. In addition, we will monitor social media for the same behavior and will carry the same penalties. This is for all participants and their family members, pit crews or sponsors.
  - 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 pit riding.
  - To operate a golf cart or a side by side you must have a valid driver's license.
  - 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 to roll and not advance.

- The only people allowed on the track during races are minibike parents of 50 riders or a family member that is 18 years and older. At some events these parents are required to attend a safety meeting and sign a release and wear a special wristband.
- The only Photographer allowed on the track surface or to provide drone footage is Wild at Heart Photography, they carry the necessary insurance to protect the event. They are the official photographers of the Big Side of Texas Series, sorry no exceptions.
- **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 immediately and can be asked to leave the event. This included vendors that say they are there to support their team.
  - Food vendors are at the discretion of each member track; we highly recommend that food tracks stay thru entire racing program daily.
- **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 against 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.