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SOUTHERN OFF-ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES OFFICIAL RULEBOOK Version 1.0
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GENERAL RULES

Southern Off-Road Championship Series

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All riders, pit crew members, family members, and spectators must comply with all Southern Off-Road Championship Series (SORCS) rules and venue rules.

SORCS reserves the right to refuse entry or remove anyone acting in an unsafe or disruptive manner.

All participants attend and compete at their own risk.

Absolutely no pit riding is permitted. Race machines may only operate in 1st gear at idle speed traveling to and from the race course on Sunday. May be used to travel to and from sign up and starting line. Pedal assist bicycles are permitted. **Ebikes are considered motorized and are not allowed** *MUST WEAR HELMET* No riding on Saturday.

Pit Riding

Pit riding penalty structure

1st Offense – Park machine until race or departure.

2nd Offense – One lap penalty.

3rd Offense – Disqualification and removal.

Pit Crew Responsibility: Riders are responsible for their pit crew, family members, and guests.

Pit Area Conduct: All vehicles must operate safely. Golf carts and side-by-sides and ATVs require official permission. Drivers must be at least 16 years old.

Helmet Requirement: Helmets are required at all times when operating any motorcycle anywhere on the event property.

Refueling: Only in designated pit areas. Must be at least 50 feet before or after scoring area. No refueling in woods, race officials have final authority.

Radio Communication: Radios allowed between pit crew only.

Course Pre-Riding: No motorized pre-riding. Ebikes are considered motorized and are not allowed. Walking or bicycling allowed after 3:00 PM Saturday.

Fire Safety: Fire extinguishers recommended.

Insurance and Liability: Participants race at their own risk. SORCS does not provide medical insurance.



Authority of Officials: All officials decisions are final.

REGISTRATION RULES

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All races are held on Eastern Standard Time.

All riders must properly register and complete all required forms before participating in any Southern Off-Road Championship Series (SORCS) event. Failure to properly register may result in denial of participation. SORCS does not require series membership. Riders may register on an event-by-event basis. **Rider Registration Requirement:** All riders must: complete an official entry form, sign all required waivers, pay all applicable entry fees, and receive assigned race number and class designation. No rider may participate without completing all registration steps. **Minor Riders:** Any rider under 18 years of age must have, parent or legal guardian present at registration or a signed and notarized minor release form. Failure to provide proper documentation will prevent the rider from competing. **Minimum age for JR Trial class is 12 years old. Registration Closing:** Registration will close at a designated time prior to each race. No new registrations will be accepted after registration closes, unless approved by race officials. **Rider Responsibility:** It is the rider's responsibility to: Register in the correct class, verify assigned race number, verify helmet stickers are correct. Verify transponder compatibility: Errors must be corrected before the race begins. Failure to do so may result in scoring errors or penalty. **Number and Class Assignment:** Race numbers are assigned by SORCS and must be used as assigned. Riders may not change numbers or classes without approval from race officials. **Refund Policy:** Entry fees are non-refundable once the rider has registered and the event has begun. Refunds prior to the event are at the discretion of SORCS officials. **Transfer of Entry:** Entry fees and registrations may not be transferred to another rider. **Early sign up:** Early sign up is Saturday from 6-7 PM. Race officials have final authority over all registration matters. All decisions made by Southern Offroad Championship Series officials are final.

EQUIPMENT RULES

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All motorcycles and rider equipment must be in safe operating condition at all times. Race officials have the authority to inspect any motorcycle or equipment at any time. Any motorcycle or equipment deemed unsafe may be prohibited from competition. **Helmet Requirement:** All riders must wear a helmet at all times when operating a motorcycle. Helmets must be in good condition and properly fastened. **Helmet Numbers:** Two (2) race number stickers will be issued and must be placed one on each side of the helmet below the goggle strap. Class stickers must be placed on the back of the helmet near the bottom, below the goggle strap. Missing or covered stickers are subject to penalty. Stickers will be checked at the start. Riders with missing, incorrect, or covered stickers will not be allowed to race. Riders



must check their transponders for compatibility with their assigned race numbers at the end of registration. If transponders are used, riders are responsible for ensuring the transponder is properly mounted underneath the helmet visor and functioning. Failure to properly use a transponder may result in scoring errors. **Motorcycle Condition:** All motorcycles must be in safe working order. This includes: functional brakes, working throttle that returns automatically, and no fluid leaks. Motorcycles with unsafe mechanical conditions will not be allowed to compete. All major maintenance must be performed prior to arriving at the event. Only minor repairs and maintenance are permitted at the track. Minor maintenance includes items such as air filter cleaning, brake service, and basic adjustments. Changing engine oil at the track is permitted only if the oil is properly contained and removed from the property. Dumping oil on the ground or anywhere on the property is strictly prohibited. Any rider or pit crew member caught dumping oil will be subject to penalty. **Rider Protective Equipment:** The following protective equipment is required: helmet, boots, long pants, and shirt. Gloves and eye protection are strongly recommended. Race officials have final authority over equipment eligibility and safety. Any rider may be disqualified for equipment violations.

COURSE RULES

COURSE RULES: All riders must remain on the marked course at all times. The official course will be marked with arrows, ribbon, signs, or other markings designated by Southern Off-Road Championship Series (SORCS) officials. **Staying on Course:** The marked course is considered to be within 25 feet of the marked arrows, unless otherwise indicated. When double arrows are posted, riders must remain strictly between the arrows. Course cutting is strictly prohibited. Failure to remain on the marked course may result in penalty or disqualification. **Scoring Area:** All passing shall cease upon entering the scoring area at the first white pole behind the scoring trailer. Passing in this area may result in a penalty. Riders must proceed through the scoring area in an orderly manner so the backup scoring officials can clearly read the helmet numbers. In muddy conditions, it may be necessary for the flagger to wipe the helmet in order to read the number clearly. Failure to follow scoring procedures may result in penalty. **Leaving and Re-Entering the Course:** If a rider leaves the course for any reason, the rider must re-enter the course at the closest safe point to where they exited. Advancing forward on the course after leaving the marked route is considered course cutting. **Bottlenecks:** A bottleneck is defined as an area where the course becomes blocked or impassable due to stuck riders or obstacles. Riders may leave the marked trail only as necessary to safely bypass the obstruction. Riders must re-enter the course as soon as possible without advancing their position unfairly. Race officials may assist in clearing bottlenecks. Race officials may modify the course if necessary for safety. **Course Marking:** No rider, pit crew member, or spectator may alter, remove, or tamper with course markings. Violation may result in disqualification and removal from the event. **Practice and Pre-Riding:** Riders are not permitted to ride the race course prior to the event. Walking or bicycling the course is permitted after 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Motorized vehicles are strictly prohibited on the course prior to the race: Ebikes are considered motorized vehicles **Start Area:** Riders must start on their assigned row and in their proper position. No rider may advance past the Row 1 marker at any time prior to the start of the race. If a rider misses his or her start, the rider must safely enter the start area and begin the race there. Entering the course at any other location will



result in a penalty. **Finish Rule:** Riders must complete the race on the same motorcycle they started on. Riders must cross the finish line to be scored. **Outside Assistance:** Riders may receive assistance on the course for safety purposes only. Riders may not receive assistance that advances their position on the course. Violation may result in penalty or disqualification. All decisions made by Southern Off-Road Championship Series officials are final.

START-FINISH RULES

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All riders must follow official start and finish procedures. Failure to follow start or finish rules may result in penalty, disqualification, or removal from the event. **Start Procedure:** All races will be a dead engine start unless otherwise directed by a race official. Peewee classes shall have a live engine start. Riders must position their motorcycles on their assigned row and remain behind their row marker. Motorcycles must be shut off for all dead engine starts. **Start Sequence:** The official start sequence will be conducted as follows: When the green flag is waved, riders are signaled to shut down their machines. Approximately 30 seconds later, the starter will extend their arm and announce the 10-second signal. After the 10-second signal is given, all pit crew members and assistants must move behind the riders. The green flag will be thrown between 8 and 10 seconds, signaling the official start of the race. If a rider starts their engine before the green flag is thrown, the rider must shut the engine off and restart after the green flag is thrown. Any rider unable to start their machine must move the machine safely to the side and remove themselves from the starting line to avoid interfering with other riders. Failure to follow start procedures may result in penalty. **Finish Procedure:** The race will end when the checkered flag is displayed to the overall leader. All riders will finish the lap they are currently on. Riders must cross the finish line and proceed through the scoring area to be scored. The starter and race officials have full authority over all start and finish procedures. All decisions made by Southern Off-Road Championship Series officials are final.

RACE DURATION

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Race duration will be determined by the number of laps or total time as announced at the rider's meeting prior to each race. All riders are responsible for knowing the race format before the start of their race. **Standard Race Lengths:** Peewee Classes: Approximately 20–25 minutes. Mini Classes: Approximately 1 hour. Morning and Afternoon Main Events: Approximately 2 hours. Race officials reserve the right to adjust race length based on course



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conditions, weather, or safety concerns. **Completion of Race:** The race will be considered complete when the checkered flag is displayed to the overall leader. All riders will finish the lap they are currently on after the checkered flag is displayed. Only laps completed and recorded by the scoring system will count toward the rider's final position. Riders must complete at least one full lap to be scored in the race. **Early Termination:** In the event of severe weather, dangerous course conditions, or other safety concerns, race officials may shorten, delay, or stop the race. Race results will be determined based on the last officially completed lap scored. Race officials have final authority over race duration, scoring, and race completion. All decisions made by Southern Off-Road Championship Series officials are final.

SERIES POINTS

Schedule: 1st – 25 points 2nd – 22 points 3rd – 20 points 4th – 18 points 5th – 16 points 6th – 15 points 7th – 14 points 8th – 13 points 9th – 12 points 10th – 11 points 11th – 10 points 12th – 9 points 13th – 8 points 14th – 7 points 15th – 6 points 16th – 5 points 17th – 4 points 18th – 3 points 19th – 2 points 20th – 1 point No points awarded after 20th. **Minimum Lap**

Requirement: Riders must complete at least one full lap to receive series points. **Best**

Finishes: A rider's best 11 finishes out of 14 scheduled races will count toward championship standings. **Minimum Events:** Riders must compete in at least 9 events to be eligible for

overall series awards. **DNF Scoring:** A rider who starts a race but does not finish will be scored as DNF and receive zero points. *A DNF counts as competing but receives zero

points.* **Tie Breaker:** Ties will be broken by most 1st place finishes, then 2nd, then 3rd, and so on. In the event of a complete tie on 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc., Then the highest placing rider at the last race breaks the tie. All decisions made by SORCS officials are final.

RIDER SKILL LEVELS

Southern Off-Road Championship Series (SORCS)

RIDER SKILL LEVEL DESCRIPTION AND QUALIFICATION

Riders are responsible for entering and competing in the correct skill level class. Southern Off-Road Championship Series (SORCS) reserves the right to classify and advance riders at any time to maintain fair competition. **Skill Level Definitions:** AA class elite riders. This class



represents the highest level of competition in SORCS. A Class: Expert-level riders with advanced racing skills and experience. B Class: Intermediate riders with moderate racing experience and skill. C Class: Novice riders with generally less than two years of racing experience. No C class champions from another series may compete in the C class in SORCS. Beginner Class: Entry-level riders who have competed in no more than three races. **Outside Series Classification:** Whatever skill level class a rider competes in within another hare scramble series, the rider must compete in at least that same skill level in SORCS. **Mandatory Advancement Rules:** A class Advancement: A class riders winning their class in the previous year must move to the AA Class, unless it is an age-specific class or the rider did not finish in the top five overall in the previous year. B Class Advancement: Any B class Champion must advance to A class the following season. Any B class rider who wins five (5) or more races in one season must advance to A class. Note: There must be at least three riders in the class to count as one of the five wins. C Class Advancement: Any C class champion must advance to B class the following season. Any C class rider who wins three (3) or more races in one season must advance to B class. Note: There must be at least three riders in the class to count as one of the five wins. Beginner Advancement: All Beginner riders racing more than three races in the previous year must move to a C-level class. **Incorrect Classification:** SORCS may advance the rider, remove points, or disqualify results if necessary. SORCS reserves the right to advance any rider at any time to maintain fair competition. **Age Classes:** The rider's age on January 1 will determine their age for the remainder of the year. All rider classification decisions made by Southern Off-Road Championship Series officials are final.

CAMPING RULES

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Primitive camping is permitted Saturday night only at designated Southern Off-Road Championship Series (SORCS) event locations. Camping is at the participant's own risk. SORCS and the property owner are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged property. **Camping Areas:** Campers must use designated camping and pit areas only. Do not block roads, trail access, or emergency access routes. Race officials may require campers to relocate if necessary. **Generator Use:** Generators are permitted. Late arrivals who intend to use generators must avoid camping near quiet or designated sleeping areas. Improper or unsafe generator use may result in penalty or removal. **Quiet Time:** Quiet time begins at 10:00 PM. All participants must respect quiet time to allow others to rest. Excessive noise during quiet time may result in penalty or removal from the property. **Fires:** Campfires are permitted only if allowed by the property owner, permission must be granted. Fires must be controlled and never left unattended. Fires must be extinguished if requested by race officials. Participants are responsible for fire safety. **Camping Conduct:** All campers must maintain safe and respectful behavior. SORCS reserves the right to remove anyone from the property for disruptive or unsafe behavior or failure to follow camping rules. **Fire Safety Recommendation:** All participants are strongly



encouraged to have a fire extinguisher in their pit or camping area. **Cleanup:** All participants must remove their trash and belongings before leaving. Race officials have final authority over all camping matters. All decisions made by Southern Off-Road Championship Series officials are final.

UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

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Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated at any time during a Southern Off-Road Championship Series event. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to: ▪ Reckless or dangerous riding that endangers others ▪ Intentional contact, ramming, blocking, or forcing another rider off the course ▪ Verbal abuse toward race officials, riders, crew members, or spectators ▪ Physical aggression, fighting, or threatening behavior ▪ Failure to follow instructions from race officials ▪ Any behavior deemed unsafe, disruptive, or detrimental to the event. **Penalties:** Penalties for unsportsmanlike conduct may include: ▪ warning ▪ time penalty ▪ position penalty ▪ disqualification from the race ▪ loss of series points ▪ removal from the property ▪ suspension from future Southern Off-Road Championship Series events. Fighting will result in immediate disqualification and may result in removal from the property and suspension from future events. Penalty severity will be determined at the discretion of race officials. **Rider Responsibility:** Riders are responsible for the actions of their pit crew, family members, and guests. Unsportsmanlike conduct by these individuals may result in penalties assessed to the rider. Race officials have full authority to enforce this rule. All decisions made by Southern Off-Road Championship Series officials are final.

PROTEST PROCEDURE

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Any rider who believes a rule violation has occurred may file an official protest. Protests must be submitted in accordance with the following procedures. **Filing a Protest:** All protests must be submitted to the official SORCS referee. Protests shall not be submitted to the scorekeeper. **No one will be admitted to the scoring trailer before, during, or after the race.** Protests must be filed within 30 minutes of the posting of official race results. Protests must clearly state: Rider name and number, class rider being protested (if applicable), description of the protest. **Protest Review:** Race officials will review all protests. This review may include scoring review, official observations, video, witness statements, and equipment inspection. **Decision:** All protest decisions will be made by Southern Off-Road Championship Series officials. All decisions are final. **Protest Limitations:** No protests may be filed regarding judgment calls by race officials, course layout, or race format. SORCS reserves the right to investigate any situation without a formal protest.