

This NETA sanctioned event kit for clubs contains the following items:

- a) One (1) – NETA Event Sanction Request Form (to be mailed to Secretary before event)
- b) Six (6) – NETA 11x17 Scoresheet (for VP/Scorekeeper after event)
- c) One (1) – NETA Event Sign-up Form
- d) One (1) – NETA Event Worker List (for VP/Scorekeeper after event)
- e) One (1) – NETA Event Receipt Form (see Treasurer after event)
- f) One (1) – Current Year NETA Rulebook
- g) One (1) – NETA Clerk of the Course Guide
- h) One (1) – How to Punch a Scorecard
- i) Five Hundred (500) – Scorecards (return unused scorecards to NETA Secretary)

Do not forget to apply for the AMA sanction and required liability insurance well in advance (preferably 90 days) of the event. Information is available at:

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/clubsandpromoters>

The AMA will no longer issue an event sanction unless the insurance is paid in full.

The NETA must be named as “Additional Insureds” on the AMA insurance application.

It is the responsibility of sponsoring club to provide AMA applications and liability forms at each event.

You must complete and submit a supply order form for AMA membership application pads and release liability forms and send it along with the sanction and insurance forms. At least one sponsoring club member must have viewed the AMA on-line risk management workshop and a signed affidavit must also be included with the sanction and insurance application.

It is the responsibility of the Trialsmaster to provide event specific information for publication on the NETA website. The information should include items such as:

- Directions to the event site
- Camping, lodging, local grocery stores and restaurants
- Any specific competition bike requirements

Please complete the enclosed NETA sanction request form and return it at least two weeks prior to the event – send to the NETA Secretary.



NETA EVENT SANCTION REQUEST FORM

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|---|-------------------|---------|-------------|
| CLERK OF THE COURSE | PHONE | EMAIL | JACKET SIZE |
| CLUB | | ADDRESS | |
| DATE(S) REQUESTED | LANDOWNER(S) | | |
| CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PUBLICATION | | | |
| PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ WEB _____ | | | |
| NEAREST EMERGENCY MEDICAL FACILITY | AMBULANCE SERVICE | PHONE | |
| DIRECTIONS TO EVENT | | | |
| CAMPING AT EVENT SITE | | | |
| NEARBY LODGING/RESTAURANTS | | | |

New England Trials Association (NETA) - Event Sign-up

(select class below)

| Expert Sections | Gates | Loops |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Champ | A & CH | 4 |
| Expert | A | 4 |
| Advanced | B | 4 |
| Intermediate | C | 4 |
| Senior Intermediate | C | 4 |

| Novice Sections | Gates | Loops |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Sportsman | B | 4 |
| Senior B | B | 4 |
| Vintage | B & V | 4 |
| Senior C | C | 4 |
| Novice | C | 4 |
| Women | C | 3 |
| Rookie | C | 3 |
| Junior | C | 4 |

| Youth Sections | Gates | Loops |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| Youth A | A | 3 |
| Youth B | B | 3 |

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|------------------------|
| Non-Competition |
| Must also select class |

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| Age Restrictions |
| Youth - 12 & younger |
| Junior - 14 & younger |
| Senior - 50 & older |

Minors (all under age 18): **\$15**

Adults: \$30

Event Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Rider's Name: _____ Rider's Number: _____

Bike Make: _____ AMA #: _____ City: _____ State: _____

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New England Trials Association (NETA) - Event Sign-up

(select class below)

| Expert Sections | Gates | Loops |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Champ | A & CH | 4 |
| Expert | A | 4 |
| Advanced | B | 4 |
| Intermediate | C | 4 |
| Senior Intermediate | C | 4 |

| Novice Sections | Gates | Loops |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Sportsman | B | 4 |
| Senior B | B | 4 |
| Vintage | B & V | 4 |
| Senior C | C | 4 |
| Novice | C | 4 |
| Women | C | 3 |
| Rookie | C | 3 |
| Junior | C | 4 |

| Youth Sections | Gates | Loops |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| Youth A | A | 3 |
| Youth B | B | 3 |

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| Non-Competition |
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| Age Restrictions |
| Youth - 12 & younger |
| Junior - 14 & younger |
| Senior - 50 & older |

Minors (all under age 18): **\$15**

Adults: \$30

Event Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Rider's Name: _____ Rider's Number: _____

Bike Make: _____ AMA #: _____ City: _____ State: _____

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New England Trials Association (NETA) - Event Sign-up

(select class below)

| Expert Sections | Gates | Loops |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Champ | A & CH | 4 |
| Expert | A | 4 |
| Advanced | B | 4 |
| Intermediate | C | 4 |
| Senior Intermediate | C | 4 |

| Novice Sections | Gates | Loops |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Sportsman | B | 4 |
| Senior B | B | 4 |
| Vintage | B & V | 4 |
| Senior C | C | 4 |
| Novice | C | 4 |
| Women | C | 3 |
| Rookie | C | 3 |
| Junior | C | 4 |

| Youth Sections | Gates | Loops |
|----------------|-------|-------|
| Youth A | A | 3 |
| Youth B | B | 3 |

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|------------------------|
| Non-Competition |
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|-------------------------|
| Age Restrictions |
| Youth - 12 & younger |
| Junior - 14 & younger |
| Senior - 50 & older |

Minors (all under age 18): **\$15**

Adults: \$30

Event Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Rider's Name: _____ Rider's Number: _____

Bike Make: _____ AMA #: _____ City: _____ State: _____

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EVENT WORKER LIST

CLUB: _____ **ROUND #:** _____ **DATE:** ____/____/____

The following people have worked this event in order to fulfill NETA year end points:

This list must be posted along with final results then collected by the NETA Scorekeeper at the end of the event.

NEW ENGLAND TRIALS ASSOCIATION
(N.E.T.A. COPY)

Receipt for fees received from: _____
(CLUB NAME)

ROUND # _____ DATE: ____/____/____

N.E.T.A. Sanction Fee (\$50.00): \$ _____

RIDERS' FUND (\$1.00/RIDER): \$ _____

YOUTH MEDALLIONS \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

PAID BY: _____

NEW ENGLAND TRIALS ASSOCIATION
(CLUB COPY)

Receipt for fees received from: _____
(CLUB NAME)

ROUND # _____ DATE: ____/____/____

N.E.T.A. Sanction Fee (\$50.00): \$ _____

RIDERS' FUND (\$1.00/RIDER): \$ _____

YOUTH MEDALLIONS \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

RECEIVED BY: _____

**NEW ENGLAND
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2016

OFFICIAL RULEBOOK

Release Date: March 12, 2016

Rulebook Changes for 2016:

- Deleted reference to newsletter throughout. The NETA website and Facebook page will replace the newsletter.
- Changed requirements for Youth Class eligibility for year-end awards.
 - Revised Pg. 7; Section II, Paragraph B
- Changed work requirements to be one (1) work event for 12 events or less and two (2) work events for 13 events or more
 - Revised Pg. 7, Section II, Paragraph A, # 2
- Changed number of loops required for INT and SP B from five (5) to four (4) loops
 - Revised Pg. 11, Section IX, Paragraph D, # 3
 - Revised Pg. 12, Section IX, Paragraph F, # 3
- Changed number of loops required for “WO C” from four (4) to three (3) loops
 - Revised Pg. 12, Section IX, Paragraph K, # 4
- Changed minimum age requirement for all Senior classes (SR INT, SR B, SR C) from forty (40) to fifty (50)
 - Revised Pg 11, Section IX, Paragraph E, #2
 - Revised Pg 12, Section IX, Paragraph G, #2
 - Revised Pg 12, Section IX, Paragraph I, #2
- Clarified the most challenging line to ride, which is CH
 - Revised Pg 14, Section X, Paragraph B, #8
- In order to standardize the Trials Course for all NETA sanctioned events, changed requirements for gate markers and loop arrows
 - Revised Pg 14, Section X, Paragraph B, #8
 - Revised Pg 14, Section X, Paragraph B, #11
 - Added Pg 14, Section X, Paragraph B, #14
- Minor changes for consistency, grammar, and format made throughout.

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2016 NETA RULEBOOK

Board of Directors:

President - Zachary Hagerman
VP/Scorekeeper - Bob Poetzsch
Treasurer – Tim Thorp
Secretary/Membership - Bo Mostowy

Volunteer Position:

Webmaster - Trebor Heminway

NETA Rulebook / Mission Statement:

The following rules for trials competition and non-competition are intended as a guide to assist the trials clubs in New England with providing a consistent set of rules governing NETA sanctioned events.

NATC-AMA Rulebooks:

Applicable NATC-AMA rules will be used as supplements to the NETA Rulebook.

Disclaimer:

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL RIDERS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS (INCLUDING AUTHORIZED ADULTS) OF MINOR RIDERS, MINDERS, EVENT WORKERS AND PROMOTORS TO READ, UNDERSTAND AND COMPLY WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THIS RULEBOOK. Rules directed toward, or related to safety, are promulgated to make all persons concerned with safety. However, the NETA and/or the AMA neither warrant safety, if the rules are followed, nor compliance as to enforcement of these rules. Moreover, each participant in competition has the responsibility to assess the safety aspects of facilities and conditions and must assume the risk of competition. MOTORCYCLE MISHAPS, IN COMPETITION OR OTHERWISE, CAN RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH. MOTORCYCLES SHOULD NEVER BE RIDDEN BY MINORS WITHOUT PARENTAL CONSENT.

NETA does not inspect vehicles used in NETA events for safety related problems. Participants and their parents/guardians (if applicable) are solely responsible for the condition of their vehicles and their competence to ride them. Additionally, NETA does not inspect courses nor certify the competence of organizers. Participants and their parents/guardians (if applicable) should recognize that trail riding and trials competition is inherently dangerous, and that their safety is their responsibility.

Abbreviations Found in this Rulebook:

AMA - American Motorcyclist Association

NETA - New England Trials Association

NATC - North American Trials Council

EX - Expert

CH - Champ

ADV - Advanced

INT - Intermediate

SR INT - Senior Intermediate

SR B - Senior B

SP B - Sportsman B

SR C - Senior C

VIN B - Vintage B

WO C - Women C

NOV C - Novice C

RK C - Rookie C

JR C - Junior C

Board Authority:

The NETA Board of Directors will be the final authority for all NETA sanctioned events. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to eliminate any section considered inappropriate. Any NETA Board member may administer penalty points or disqualify a rider from the final standings for any infraction of these rules. Authority of the elected NETA board members shall remain in effect up through the date of the Annual Banquet of the following year.

Trialsmaster Authority & Responsibility:

THE TRIALSMASER HAS THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO ENFORCE THESE RULES.

It is the sole responsibility of the Trialsmaster and hosting club to cancel or postpone an event due to unforeseen circumstances. The NETA board must be notified immediately once the decision is made.

I. Rider Eligibility Requirements:

- A) Any person entering an NETA event must be a member of:
- 1) The New England Trials Association (a NETA “Day Pass” fulfills this requirement. (see: XIII, A, 3)
 - 2) A full member of the American Motorcyclist Association (neither AMA Associate nor Canadian Motorcyclist Association memberships meets this requirement).
- B) Any person who, in the opinion of the organizers, has a reasonably prepared trials motorcycle may enter a NETA sanctioned trials competition to compete for the sponsoring club’s awards.
- C) A reasonably prepared non-trials type motorcycle shall be allowed in the Youth classes however, specific trials-type tires may be required at some locations (see: VI, A and IX, O, 6).
- D) “Minor Riders” (under 18 years of age)
- 1) **The parent, legal guardian, or authorized adult for a minor must remain on-site at the event at all times during participation by that minor in any AMA sanctioned meet.** An authorized adult is an adult that has been given the authority by the parent or legal guardian to be responsible for the supervision and medical care of a minor in the absence of the parent/legal guardian. This authority must be in writing via the NETA “**Adult Authorization Form**”, notarized, and given to the event Trials Master /organizer at registration. The Authorized Adult should retain a copy should medical attention be required. Additionally, it is highly recommended the parent/legal guardian provide the Authorized Adult with a completed NETA “**Minor Medical Form**” to support prompt medical attention. NOTE: An “Authorized Adult” CANNOT sign any event documents that require the minor’s parents/legal guardian’s signature.
 - (a) See NETA Addendum A - “Adult Authorization Form”
 - (b) See NETA Addendum B - “Minor Medical Form”
 - 2) Minor’s parent/legal guardian is responsible for ensuring minor meets all laws for operation of a motorcycle off public ways in the state where the event is being held.
 - 3) All minor riders or their parents/legal guardians MUST complete and provide the following AMA liability release forms to the event organizer during registration at each event:
 - (a) AMA’s “MINOR RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT”
 - (b) AMA’s “MINOR’S ASSUMPTION OF RISK ACKNOWLEDGEMENT”

- 4) Minders are recommended for minor riders but not required. Use of minders and alike is left to the discretion of the minor's parent/legal guardian.
 - 5) **It is the parents/legal guardians responsibility to understand the rules and risks associated with participation in a NETA event and to safeguard and supervise their child as appropriate to ensure his/her safety and to ensure their actions don't adversely affect the safety of others at all times.** Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the rider by the event Trials Master or NETA official.
 - 6) **All MINOR's less than 9 yrs of age or competing in the "Youth Class" MUST be accompanied by a parent /legal guardian or authorized adult (i.e. via NETA "Adult Authorization Form") at ALL times.** Accompanied is defined herein as being in close proximity to assist and supervise as necessary.
- E) Any person entering a NETA event should have health insurance.
- F) No rider who has test-ridden a section prior to an event may ride that section during the event for a score (see: X, C, 1).
- G) Any organizer may demand proof of age from any rider, by requiring him/her or parent/legal guardian to present a birth certificate or other legal proof of age.

II. Competition Eligibility Requirements > Year-End-Points:

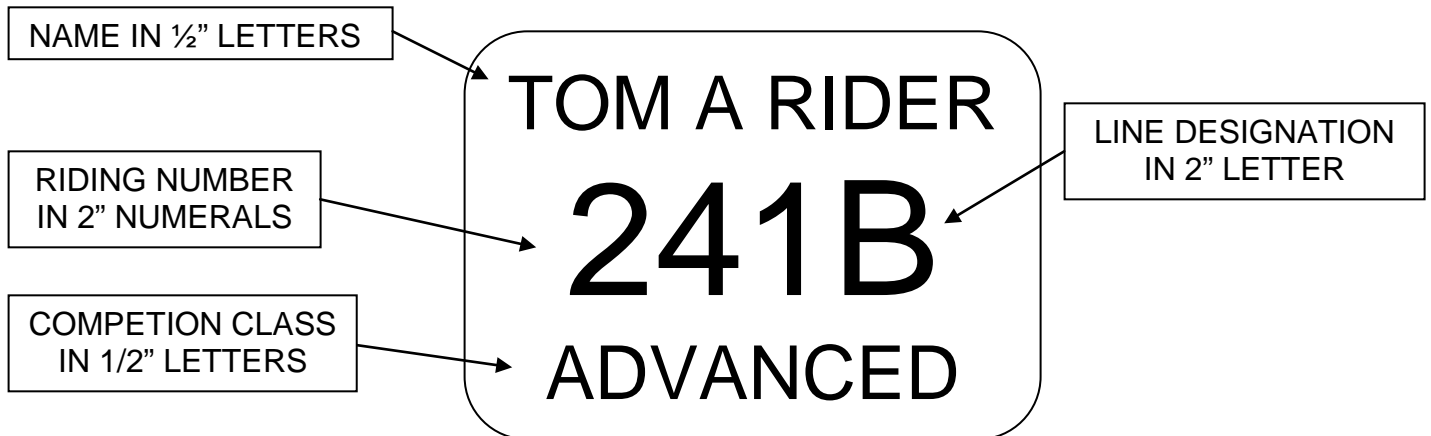
- A) Competitors in a NETA sanctioned series for "year-end-points" must fulfill the requirements of Section I. (above) and fulfill the requirements of this section. A rider:
- 1) will be considered as having competed in an event, if the rider's front axle enters the start gate of any section after receiving scorecards for that event (see: XI-SCORING).
 - 2) must work at (and not compete in) one NETA sanctioned event in a season with 12 events or less; and must work at (and not compete in) two NETA sanctioned events in a season with 13 events or more. To guarantee work dates, they must be confirmed with individual Trialmasters in advance. All activities that are attributed to work date requirements for year-end-points are at the discretion of the Trialmaster of that event. Champ class riders are exempt from this requirement.
 - 3) submit a "*Letter of Intent*" (found on the NETA Adult and Minor Membership form(s)) to the NETA Membership Chair stating the rider's intention to ride for year-end-points. It must be filed before the event for which the rider wishes to receive points (see: VIII, B.).
- B) All classes are eligible for NETA year-end awards, except anyone riding Non-Competition. All Youth Class (see: XI, M) participants shall receive a NETA year-end award with no work requirement.
- C) Riders who are working an event for year-end-points must be listed on the official results (score sheet) posted after the event.

III. Minder Eligibility Requirements:

- A) Minders shall be allowed at NETA events; however, they must fulfill all requirements of Section I (above) and fulfill the following stipulations:
- 1) Minders will follow all AMA and NATC rules, with the exception that Minders will NOT be charged a fee by the hosting club for the event.
 - 2) Prior to each event at which a Minder assists a rider, he/she will complete and file proper paperwork with the NETA Membership Chair. The signatures of the rider and Minder are required.
 - 3) All Minders will be issued a temporary (yellow) "*Minder*" plate with his rider's number on it, by the Membership Chair. This plate must be properly displayed on his bike during the event (see: XI, F). Non-compliance will result in a ten (10) point penalty added to the Competitor's score.
 - 4) The conduct of Minders will be subject to any applicable penalty points listed in this Rulebook. The Minder's penalty points will be reflected in his rider's scores. Further, it is the responsibility of the competitor to avail his Minder, for whom he is fully accountable, of these requirements.
 - 5) Approval of non-trials type bikes ridden by Minders will be at the discretion of the Trialsmaster prior to the event.
 - 6) All minders must be at least 18 years of age.

IV. Rider Number Plate Requirements:

- A) Riders must display the proper number plate on the front of their motorcycles as depicted in the following guidelines (refer to graphic). A 10-point penalty will be assessed to any competitor who does not display a proper Number Plate (see: XI, F).



LAYOUT AND COLOR OF PLATE IS NOT SPECIFIED BUT REQUIRED ELEMENTS MUST CONFORM TO SIZE AND READABILITY STANDARDS

- 1) Rider's last name and class in a minimum of 1/2" tall letters.
 - 2) Riders must display their NETA issued Rider Number in minimum 2" tall numbers. However, if a rider finishes the previous season in the top 10 for their class, they may display that position on their number plate during the following season.
 - 3) A "letter" (A, B, C, CH), indicating the line the competitor will ride, must be clearly displayed after the Rider's Number (i.e. "241 B"). The letter must be a minimum of 2" tall.
 - 4) The colors and fonts applied to the Rider's Number Plate must sufficiently contrast with the background color of the plate to provide adequate readability for Checkers positioned anywhere within a section.
- B) Competitors changing classes are required to update their Number Plate information. Non-compliance is subject to a 10-point penalty.
- C) Day-Pass riders must display the temporary Rider Number Plate issued by Membership at registration on the front of their motorcycles. The competitor's last name will be written across the top and class at the bottom. This plate is valid for only a single event (round), except in the case when a multi-use pass is issued for two-day events. Non-compliance is subject to a 10-point penalty.

V. Motorcycle Use Requirements:

- A) A motorcycle may not be ridden by more than one (1) rider at an event. However, an exception may be made by express permission of the Trialsmaster for riders in the Rookie's class. Noncompliance is subject to disqualification.
- B) A competitor may not ride more than one (1) machine at any event. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification for that event.

VI. Motorcycle & Gear Requirements:

- A) TIRES: Non-trials-type tires may be used in Youth Class B if not prohibited by local land use rules (III, A, 5). Only trials-type tires are permitted for use in all other NETA classes. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification.
- B) MUFFLERS: Motorcycles found to be improperly muffled may be disqualified by the Trialsmaster or any NETA board member.
- C) RIDING GEAR: It is the rider's responsibility to provide and wear suitable riding garments consistent with motorcycle competition. Long sleeve jerseys are recommended, however, three-inch (3) minimum length short sleeves are acceptable. All riding gear is subject to scrutiny by the Trialsmaster. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification.
- D) HELMETS: Approved motorcycle helmets are required and must be worn on the head of all riders while riding any motorcycle at the site of all NETA sanctioned events. This includes, but is not limited to, practice before and/or after an event plus riding in the pit area. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification and possible expulsion from the event site.

VII. General Safety Requirements:

- A) PIT RACING: Pit racing is prohibited and considered unsportsmanlike conduct before, during or after an event (see: XI, G). Event organizers shall post the pit area and other areas where appropriate with 5 M.P.H. speed limit signs. Non-compliance is subject to a 25-point penalty and may lead to disqualification (XI, J).
- B) All Non-Competition riders shall be required to sign the same waivers and indemnity agreements required for competition riders.
- C) FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: All riders should have a working, 2-pound minimum, BC rated fire extinguisher in their pit area.

VIII. Award Requirements:

- A) YEAR-END-POINTS: Riders fulfilling all the requirements (see: I. and II.) may ride events for year-end-points and/or individual event awards. The accumulation of year-end-points (see: XII, B), will decide the final positions of competitors in the season series and the distribution of awards based on those positions.
- B) LETTER OF INTENT / CLASS CHANGES:

- 1) A “*Letter of Intent*” must be filed with the NETA Scorekeeper before any year-end-points will be awarded in any class (see: II, B, 3).
- 2) Competitors are permitted to change classes, however the following stipulations apply:
 - (a) A new “*Letter of Intent*” is filed with the NETA Scorekeeper prior to riding the new class for year-end-points.
 - (b) The rider relinquishes all year-end-points earned prior to the class change.
 - (c) Events ridden without a “*Letter of Intent*” to “*change*” class will accrue no year-end-points and will be considered Non-Competition rides.
- C) **NON-COMPETITION RIDES**: Riders may enter and ride any class as Non-Competition without filing an amended “*Letter of Intent*.” Non-Competition riders may ride any line within a section but will receive 5 points for passing through gates other than the class that they selected at sign-up. No year-end-points will be awarded or lost due to Non-Competition rides. No trophies will be awarded for Non-Competition rides.

IX. Riding Class Definitions:

- A) **CHAMP CLASS (CH)**: The CH class is offered to the most proficient riders and is a self-promoting class from the Expert Class. The rider earning the most year-end-points in this class is the winner of the season’s New England Trials Champion award.
 - 1) This class will be designated as CH on signage.
 - 2) Trialsmasters shall provide a minimum of two (2) CH sections. CH sections may be gates within the EX sections.
 - 3) Will ride the “A” gates in EX sections and all CH gates (see: X, B, 9).
 - 4) Will ride four (4) loops.
- B) **EXPERT CLASS (EX)**: This is a self-promoting class. Advanced riders may move up to EX class after completing a minimum of three (3) NETA events in Advance class.
 - 1) This class will be designated as EX on signage.
 - 2) Will ride the “A” gates in EX sections.
 - 3) Will ride four (4) loops.
- C) **ADVANCED CLASS (ADV)**: This is a self-promoting class from Intermediate class.
 - 1) This class will be designated as ADV on signage.
 - 2) Will ride the “B” gates in EX sections.
 - 3) Will ride four (4) loops.
- D) **INTERMEDIATE CLASS (INT)**: This is a self-promoting class from Sportsman class.
 - 1) This class will be designated as INT on signage.
 - 2) Will ride the “C” gates in Expert sections.
 - 3) Will ride four (4) loops.
- E) **SENIOR INTERMEDIATE (SR INT)**: This is a self-promoting age-specific class.
 - 1) This class will be designated as SR INT on signage.
 - 2) Riders must be over fifty (50) years of age.
 - 3) Will ride the “C” gates in Expert sections.
 - 4) Will ride four (4) loops.
- F) **SPORTSMAN B (SP B)**: This is a self-promoting class.

- 1) This class will be designated as SP on signage.
 - 2) Will ride the "B" gates in Novice sections.
 - 3) Will ride four (4) loops.
- G) SENIOR B (SR B): This is a self-promoting age-specific class.
- 1) This class will be designated as SR B on signage.
 - 2) Riders must be over fifty (50) years of age.
 - 3) Will ride the "B" gates in Novice sections.
 - 4) Will ride four (4) loops.
- H) VINTAGE B (VIN B): This is a motorcycle specific class.
- 1) This class will be designated as VIN (Vintage) on signage.
 - 2) Limited to trials bikes with two (2) rear shock absorbers, air-cooled engines and drum brakes (front and rear).
 - 3) Will ride the "B" and "V" gates in Novice sections.
 - 4) Will ride four (4) loops.
- I) SENIOR C (SR C): This is a self-promoting age-specific class.
- 1) This class will be designated as SR C on signage.
 - 2) Riders must be over fifty (50) years of age.
 - 3) Will ride the "C" gates in Novice sections.
 - 4) Will ride four (4) loops.
- J) NOVICE C (NOV C): This is a self-promoting class.
- 1) This class will be designated as NOV on signage.
 - 2) Will ride the "C" gates in Novice sections.
 - 3) Will ride four (4) loops.
- K) WOMEN C (WO C): This is a gender specific class.
- 1) This class will be designated as WO on signage.
 - 2) Limited to female riders of any age.
 - 3) Will ride the "C" gates in Novice sections.
 - 4) Will ride three (3) loops.
- L) JUNIOR C (JR C): This is a self-promoting age-specific class.
- 1) This class will be designated as JR on signage.
 - 2) Limited to riders age fourteen (14) and younger.
 - 3) Will ride the "C" gates in Novice sections.
 - 4) Will ride four (4) loops.
- M) ROOKIE C (RK C): This is a self-promoting non-age-specific class.
- 1) This class will be designated as (RK) on signage.
 - 2) This class is intended as an introductory class for new riders.
 - 3) Will ride the "C" gates when using Novice sections. Separate RK sections may be used at the discretion of the Trialsmaster.
 - 4) Will ride three (3) loops.
- N) YOUTH A and B: These are age-specific classes.
- 1) This class will be designated as YOUTH A or YOUTH B on signage.

- 2) Youth A and B are age specific classes, dedicated to minors age twelve (12) and younger, who may be younger and/or less experienced than those participating in the Rookie class.
- 3) Youth A and B classes will include sections and a loop segregated from all other classes and with a dedicated Youth Trialsmaster.
- 4) All YOUTH riders MUST be accompanied by a parent /legal guardian or authorized adult (i.e. via NETA "Adult Authorization Form") at ALL times. Accompanied is defined here in as being in close proximity to assist and supervise as necessary.
- 5) Youth A will be the more advanced group, yet their sections will utilize open turns and very small or no obstacles. Admission to Youth A will be at the discretion of the Youth Trialsmaster.
- 6) Youth B is the least challenging youth class, designed for small non-trials type motorcycles and very young and possibly inexperienced riders. Youth B is recommended for riders eight (8) years of age or younger riding their first event.
- 7) Although all classes are mandatory at NETA sanctioned events, there are some venues that prohibit non-trials bike tires, thus disqualifying some Youth A and B riders' bikes. If Youth A and B classes are not offered at an event, event organizers will give notice on the NETA website.
- 8) Youth A and B classes will start one (1) hour earlier than adult classes, usually at 10:00 A.M..
- 9) Parent/legal guardian is responsible to provide appropriate riding gear and size motorcycle for their rider (see: I.).
- 10) Will ride three (3) loops at the discretion of the Youth Trialsmaster.

X. The Trials Course:

- A) **CLASSES:** ALL classes are mandatory and must be included at all NETA sanctioned events, unless otherwise noted in this Rulebook (see: I, C and IX, O, 6).
- B) **SECTION BOUNDARIES and GATE MARKINGS:** Each section must be marked so the intended class lines are unambiguous and must be clearly visible for the duration of the event as follows:
 - 1) Section boundaries must be marked by RED flags or RED or WHITE ribbon on the RIGHT and BLUE flags or BLUE or WHITE ribbon on the LEFT.
 - 2) All boundary flags will be a minimum of 3"x5". All ribbon must be a minimum of one (1) inch wide.
 - 3) Ribbons should be four (4) to twelve (12) inches off the ground wherever possible.
 - 4) Ribbons should be attached to solid stationary objects (i.e. trees, stakes and large rocks) and not to easily movable objects (i.e. dead trees, small limbs, twigs or stones).
 - 5) The minimum section width at handlebar height shall be forty-eight (48") inches. However, much wider sections are recommended to permit multiple lines for the riders.
 - 6) When marked by flags, out of bounds shall be determined by one bike length, or six (6) feet, at the (consistent) discretion of the section's Checker. Arching between flags is permitted. However, a rider shall not ride at right angles between the flags or cross their own path.
 - 7) The minimum gate width shall be no less than forty-eight (48") inches.

- 8) Gates must be clearly marked with the letter which indicates its level of difficulty (i.e. CH, A, B, C, V). "CH" being the most challenging followed by "A" then "B". Gates can be ridden in one direction only. Gate marker arrows should be visible from one side only. Any gate may be marked for, and ridden by more than one class. For example, both A and B riders can ride through the same gate as long as it has opposing sets of A and B gate markers on both sides.
 - 9) Youth gates shall be "A" and "B", "A" being the most challenging.
 - 10) All events shall include a minimum of two (2) CH sections or two (2) EX sections with CH gates. CH will ride all the "A" lines in all EX sections and all CH gates.
 - 11) The beginning of all sections shall have two (2) markers (a min. of 3"x5") showing the word "START" with the section number and class designation (NOV or EX). The end of all sections must be similarly marked showing the word "END."
 - 12) The loop shall be sufficiently marked with "LOOP ARROWS" to provide adequate trail direction for riders and spectators. Spectator only trails shall be clearly marked (i.e. "Spectator Only" or a footprint graphic).
 - 13) Vintage gates are optional at the discretion of the Trialsmaster.
 - 14) In order to standardize the Trials Course, all NETA sanctioned events shall use the gate markers and loop arrows provided by the NETA Scorekeeper. The following format shall be used:
 - (a) The "START" gate markers shall be red in color. This indicates that the rider shall stop at these gate markers until the checker signals to enter the section (see: X, D, 3).
 - (b) The "END" gate markers shall be green in color. This indicates that the rider shall go through these gate markers until out of the section (see: X, D, 3).
 - (c) The class gate markers shall be the following colors: black for "CH", red for "A", blue for "B", green for "C", and purple for "V".
 - (d) Loop Arrows shall be a white arrow with a red outline.
- C) SECTION LAYOUTS: (see: IX. RIDING CLASS DEFINITIONS for class, # of loops and gate requirements.)
- 1) Sections must be laid out so all eligible types of trials bikes can successfully compete (see: I, B). Furthermore, it is suggested that the hosting club have riders with appropriate riding skills, attempt all sections prior to events to insure they are class-appropriate and in compliance with layout rules. Riders may not compete in sections they have test ridden for year-end-points (see: I, F).
 - 2) There should be no impossible turns, ascents or descents.
 - 3) Youth A and B lines shall be exceptionally easy containing objects less than 3" high with wide turns.
 - 4) Scottish-type trials are acceptable for NETA year-end-points events. It is recommended that:
 - (a) The total loop distance is more than twenty (20) miles.
 - (b) The total number of sections is more than ten (10).
 - (c) Average speed required is less than 18 MPH.
 - 5) Three-Minute Rule: The Three-Minute Rule is an optional rule to be used at the discretion of the Trialsmaster. If the Trialsmaster enforces the rule, it shall apply to all sections and all classes utilizing the following guidelines:
 - (a) Riders shall have three (3) minutes to complete each section.

- (b) Checkers will signal the start of the ride, with a two (2) minute warning, and at the three (3) minute mark.
 - (c) If the rider's front axle is not out of the section at the 3-minute mark, a 5-point penalty will be awarded.
- 6) There shall be at least eight (8) separate EX sections and seven (7) separate NOV sections at any given event.
 - 7) It is recommended that adequate spacing between sections should be allowed to avoid congestion or long waiting lines.
 - 8) YOUTH sections shall be located in close proximity to the pits (less than 1/2 a mile) with easy access by foot or motorcycle.

D) RIDING SECTIONS: (see: SCORING for penalties due to non-compliance of this section)

- 1) Competitors may choose to start at the section of his choice, unless designated by the Trialsmaster. All sections shall be strictly ridden in numerical sequence (i.e. 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8); or the last section shall be followed by the first section (i.e. 2-3-4-5-6-7-8-1). (see: XI, A, 5)
- 2) At the discretion of the Trialsmaster, the number of loops may be reduced if conditions deem it necessary. (i.e. course condition, time constraints, etc.).
- 3) A rider is considered "in the section" when his front axle crosses the vertical plane of the "start" gate and is out of the section when his front axle crosses the vertical plane of the "end" gate.
- 4) A rider cannot ride a section more than one (1) time per loop, except in the case of a re-ride (see: X, D, 8 also XI, A, 5).
- 5) Competitors must ride every section gate for their class. Champ riders must ride all "A" and "CH" gates.
- 6) Competitors may walk sections at the discretion of the Checker.
- 7) No changes may be made to any section BEFORE or DURING the event except by the Trialsmaster. Noncompliance will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct and will result in a 25 point penalty. However, sections may be closed during an event, at the discretion of the Trialsmaster or any member of the NETA Board of Directors, if they are deemed inappropriate for competition. Points accrued in sections closed during an event will not be included in the riders' final scores.
- 8) RE-RIDE: If a rider is severely distracted or blocked after entering a section, he may claim a BALK and request a re-ride. At the discretion of the checker, a re-ride may be permitted and the re-ride score will be final.
- 9) Any rider cutting the course or riding backward on the loop shall be assessed a 25-point penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

E) RIDER PROTOCOL:

- 1) All riders shall attend the Riders' Meeting.
- 2) All riders and Minders are allowed to walk, not ride, the sections prior to the event. Altering any sections is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and a 25-point penalty will be awarded for each offense. (see: X, D, 7).
- 3) The Trialsmaster must designate the official time and clock at the beginning of the event. The NETA "atomic clock" should be used as the official clock when available.

- 4) After completing his mandatory loops (i.e. finishes the event), a competitor shall not ride any section until after the Trialsmaster or his agent has notified the Checker that the event is over.
- 5) Neither event workers nor spectators may ride sections while an event is in progress.
- 6) A rider may not protest another rider's score in a section. Checkers must score solely on direct observation.
- 7) No rider is permitted to enter a section until repairs are made to flags, ribbons or markers.
- 8) No rider shall enter a section without the checker's acknowledgement.
- 9) A competitor may not compete in more than one (1) class at any event. Non-compliance is subject to disqualification for that event.

XI. Scoring and Penalties:

A) LOOP CARDS:

- 1) Clubs shall only use the loop cards issued by NETA for series events.
- 2) All clubs must use punches.
- 3) Competitors are responsible for the readability of their loop cards. If the scorekeeper cannot read the card, the rider will be disqualified.
- 4) Competitors must clearly write their name, rider number, class and a loop number on each of their cards.
- 5) It is the rider's responsibility to have his loop card punched after riding each section. Failing to do so will result in a ten (10) point penalty (per section missed) if the situation is unresolved and the rider attempts another section. However, a missed ride or punch can be corrected by continuing through the loop (without attempting any subsequent sections) and returning to ride the missed section, or obtaining a missed punch (if the Checker can recall that score).
- 6) 6. Riders shall turn loop cards into the scoring officials at the end of each loop or as soon as possible after each card is filled.

B) SCORING SYSTEM: A standardized scoring system will be used for all NETA sanctioned events while the rider is in the section as follows:

- 1) ZERO POINTS shall be awarded:
 - (a) When no part of the rider's body or motorcycle other than the tires, skid plate or foot pegs touches any surface while attempting to maintain balance or forward motion.
- 2) ONE POINT shall be awarded:
 - (a) For one (1) dab or touch with any part of the body or motorcycle other than the tires, skid plate or foot pegs against any surface while attempting to maintain balance or forward motion.
 - (b) Foot rotation is considered one (1) dab or touch point.
- 3) TWO POINTS shall be awarded:
 - (a) For two (2) dabs or touches accumulated as above or for two (2) dabs or touches at the same time.
- 4) THREE POINTS shall be awarded:

- (a) When single points are accumulated as described above, for any number of touches greater than two (2).
 - (b) For a “sliding” dab where the rider gains support from a continuous linear contact with one or more points on their body.
- 5) FIVE POINTS shall be awarded:
- (a) When requested by a competitor opting to not ride a section.
 - (b) When a rider does not have both hands on the handlebars when footing while the motorcycle is stopped.
 - (c) When the engine stops while footing or while any other part of the machine, except for the tires, is used for support without forward motion. The motorcycle must be moving forward while footing with a dead engine to avoid a five (5).
 - (d) If the handlebar is used for support and the motorcycle is beyond 45-degrees from vertical.
 - (e) For any backward motion of the motorcycle.
 - (f) When the motorcycle or rider breaks, or permanently displaces, a boundary ribbon or flag, or marker in a section through direct contact. Breaking or displacement of a ribbon or marker due to indirect shock of impact is not a failure.
 - (g) When either tire of the motorcycle is clearly outside the section boundaries while the rider is attempting the section. If the tire is on the section boundary (i.e. on top of the ribbon or flag) it is still considered in the section. For sections marked with flags, the actual boundary is at the Checkers’ discretion. However, it is generally one (1) motorcycle length outside a line drawn between the two (2) nearest flags of the same color, or six (6) feet. Riders should confer with Checkers regarding section boundaries before entering a section.
 - (h) When both tires cross their own path while in the section.
 - (i) When a rider passes through the “start” gates of a section more than once.
 - (j) When a rider dismounts from the machine and has both feet on the ground on the same side of or behind the machine.
 - (k) Floating both tires over a boundary.
 - (l) When a rider receives outside assistance.
 - (m) When a rider begins a section attempt without the checker’s acknowledgment.
 - (n) When a rider fails to pass through all of the gates for their class.
 - (o) When a rider passes through a gate of another class, backward or forward. Breaking the vertical plane of the gate with either axle is considered passing through the gate.
 - (p) When the rear wheel passes through the gate before the front wheel.
 - (q) When a rider passes through a gate from the back side of the gate.
- 6) 10-POINT PENALTIES: (see: III, A, 3; IV, A, B & C; XI, A, 5; XI, F.)
- 7) 25-POINT PENALTIES: (see: VII, A; X, E, 2; XI, G.)
- 8) DISQUALIFICATION: (see: V, A & B; VI, A, B, C & D; VII, A; XI, A, 3; XI, C, H & J)
- 9) EXPULSIONS: (see: I, D)
- 10) NOTE: There is no possible combination that will generate a four (4) point score in any one section. Points for one ride can only total “0, 1, 2, 3, or 5” (with the exception of additional unsportsmanlike conduct points).
- 11) Checkers must score solely on direct observation. The opinion of spectators and riders should in no way sway a Checker’s decisions. Competitors may not protest another rider’s score in a section.

- C) TIME LIMIT POINTS: All events shall have a time limit set and announced at the Riders' Meeting. A penalty of ½ point per minute will be added to the riders' scores after the time limit has been reached, up to a thirty-minute grace period (i.e. a rider finishing twenty-three minutes into the grace period would have 11.5 points added to his score). Riders finishing after the grace period will be disqualified.
- D) FINAL SCORE TALLY: A rider's final score for an event will be the sum of his loop scores, accrued time penalties and unsportsmanlike conduct points.
- E) TIEBREAKERS AND RIDE-OFFS: In the event of a tie score with no points lost, there must be a "ride-off." In the event of a tie score where points have been lost, the rider with the greatest number of clean rides prevails. If a tie still exists, the rider who has completed the most individual rides with the loss of only one (1) point prevails, and so on to two (2) points, three (3) points, and lastly, five (5) points until the tie can be broken. If at the end of this elimination, a tie still exists, a "ride off" will be used to settle the tie.
- F) NUMBER PLATE PENALTY: A 10-point penalty will be assessed for non-compliance of the Number Plate Requirement (see: IV, A, B and C).
- G) PIT RACING: A 25-point unsportsmanlike conduct point penalty will be assessed for noncompliance of the Pit Racing Requirement (see: VII, A).
- H) FALSIFYING SCORES: Any competitor found self-modifying the score on their loop card or using any means to knowingly falsify their score, will be disqualified.
- I) FINAL RESULTS:
- 1) All event results will be final thirty (30) minutes after being posted.
 - 2) Final standings for year-end-points awards will be based on all event scores for a given season, minus two (2) for a season with ten or less sanctioned events, or minus three (3) for a season with eleven or more sanctioned events.
- J) UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT: Competitors shall be assessed 10 or 25 penalty points for abusive language and other offenses enacted by themselves or their Minders as defined in this Rulebook as unsportsmanlike conduct at any time on site. Severe or chronic unsportsmanlike conduct can result in disqualification at the discretion of the Trialsmaster or any NETA board member. Unsportsmanlike conduct does not have to be directed at a checker to result in disqualification.
- K) SCORING A RE-RIDE: (see: X, D, 8).
- L) YOUTH CLASSES: Special rules apply to the Youth Classes as follows:
- 1) Scoring of both Youth A and B should be very lenient and only used as a learning tool and encouragement. Youth Trialsmasters should be mindful that these riders do not compete for event awards or year-end-points.
 - 2) Roll-backs are not penalized.
 - 3) Minders (parent/guardian or Authorized Adult) should be in sections at all times and may gently assist and instruct their riders without penalty.
- M) AWARDS: The recommended awards to be given at each event are as follows:
- CHAMP - 1st
 - EXPERT - 1st thru 3rd
 - ADVANCED - 1ST thru 3rd
 - INTERMEDIATE - 1ST thru 3rd

SENIOR INTERMEDIATE - 1st thru 5th

SPORTSMAN B - 1st thru 3rd

SENIOR B - 1st thru 5th

VINTAGE B - 1st

SENIOR C - 1st thru 3rd

NOVICE C - 1st thru 3rd

WOMEN C - 1st

JUNIOR C - 1st thru 3rd

ROOKIE C - 1st thru 3rd

YOUTH - All Youth riders to receive an award consistent with type given to the upper classes to state "NETA YOUTH CLASS" and placement shall state "Participant".

NON-COMPETITION - No trophies will be awarded for Non-Competition rides.

- N) PROTESTS: All protests and problems should be brought to the attention of the sponsoring club's Trialsmaster. If they are unable to successfully rectify any situation, it can then be brought to the attention of any NETA board member for resolution.

XII. Year-End-Points Awards:

A) EVENT SCORE POSTING:

- 1) The NETA Secretary will provide pre-printed scoreboard sheets (11" X 17") to clubs. The Scoreboard Sheets and Worker List shall be posted for 30 minutes following the event before they become final. It is the responsibility of riders and workers to review the posted Scoreboard Sheets and Worker List and bring discrepancies to the attention of the Trialsmaster within the 30 minute review period.
- 2) The NETA Scorekeeper will collect the final Scoreboard Sheets and Worker List for:
 - (a) Update of the Year-End-Points Standings
 - (b) Providing results to the Webmaster for posting prior to next event (2 day events will be posted together.)

B) POINT SYSTEM:

- 1) Year-end-points shall be awarded according to the following system:

1ST PLACE = 30 POINTS

2ND PLACE = 25 POINTS

3RD PLACE = 21 POINTS

4TH PLACE = 18 POINTS

5TH PLACE = 16 POINTS

6th through 20th = decreases 1 point per position

21st through 29th = decreases 1/10th point (0.1) per position

30th through 39th = decreases 1/100th point (0.01) per position

C) YEAR-END STANDING CALCULATIONS:

- 1) At year's end, the NETA Scorekeeper will "first" remove all riders not meeting the requirements as specified by Section II, from the year-end -points standings. All other riders will then be indexed up for each event in every class. Lastly, the remaining riders that have earned points for all events (less their work requirement) will have their lowest place thrown away.

D) TIE BREAKING

- 1) In the event of a tie for year-end-points, the rider having the greater number of 1st places, 2nd Places, etc. shall be the winner of the tie. If the riders are still tied the Scorekeeper shall total each rider's actual event scores for events they rode together and award the higher placement to the lowest score. In instances where they never competed together, the Score Keeper will total the rider's event scores and award the higher placement to the lowest score. If the tie is still unbroken, the riders will share that final position in the Year-End Standings.

E) YEAR-END AWARDS:

- 1) Year-end awards will be given to the top 10 places for each based upon year-end standings.

XIII. Dues and Fees:

A) NETA MEMBERSHIPS:

- 1) New = \$15.00 (first time member or anyone who has not been a member for the past 3 years)
- 2) Renewal:
 - (a) \$15.00 - Minors less than 16 years old as of January 1st of the calendar year
 - (b) \$30.00 - 16 and older
- 3) Day Pass Rider = \$15.00
- 4) An individual's annual NETA membership shall remain in effect up through the date of the Annual Banquet of the following year. An individual must have an active NETA membership in order to vote at Annual Meeting.

B) NETA EVENT AND SANCTIONING FEES:

- 1) NETA event sanction = \$50.00
- 2) Loop Cards = Included in the NETA sanction fee.
- 3) Riders' Fund = \$1.00 per rider. This fee will be collected by an NETA Board member at each event.

Monies from the Riders' Fund may be donated to NETA riders participating in NATC/AMA National Series, East and West Coast Youth Nationals, or Trials'd Nations events by recommendation of the NETA Board of Directors and a vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.

A rider must compete in and ride more than ½ the events in the NETA series to qualify for rider fund money as well as ride more than ½ the events (days) for each qualifying National series including the Trials'd Nations (TDN).

C) **EVENT ENTRY FEES:** (These fees are generated by the hosting clubs, not NETA)

- 1) \$15.00 per rider, per event for minors under the age of 18.
- 2) \$30.00 per rider, per event for all other riders.

D) **AMA FEES:**

- 1) All riders competing in NETA sanctioned events must be full members of the AMA. AMA membership fees can be paid at events (cash or check), on-line, or by telephone with a credit card.
- 2) Clubs should apply for their current AMA club Charter plus submit Sanctioning and Insurance applications no less than sixty (60) days prior to their event date(s).
- 3) Event Sanctions and Liability Insurance provided through the AMA (or AMA approved providers) is required for all NETA sanctioned events. The NETA must be listed as an "Additional Insured" on the Liability Insurance application.

XIV. Event Site Requirements:

- A) All spectators, competitors, minders, event workers and anyone on or near an operating motorcycle over the age of eighteen (18) must sign an Adult Liability Release form.
- B) All spectators, competitors, minders, event workers and anyone on or near an operating motorcycle under the age of eighteen (18) must sign a Minor Liability Release form along with their parent/legal guardian.
- C) Toilet facilities must be provided at all NETA sanctioned events. A \$250.00 fine may be assessed for non-compliance, payable to the NETA.
- D) It is the responsibility of the sponsoring club to obtain landowner permission and all required permits.
- E) It is suggested that organizers provide separate loop entrances and exits from the pits to minimize two-way traffic.
- F) Trialsmasters should consider rider skill limitations when laying out the loop for Junior, Rookie, Youth A and B classes and others on small motorcycles.

XV. Event Schedules and Paperwork:

- A) Event schedules for the following year are set at the Annual Meeting at the end of each season. However, additional events may be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval up to April 15th of that year. No new events will be added after April 15th. It is suggested that clubs wishing to add an event after the Annual Meeting, check for AMA application sanctioning deadlines prior to submitting a requested date on the NETA schedule.

- B) The Annual Meeting will be held in January of the following year. The newly elected Board president shall set, at his discretion, the date and location for the next Annual Meeting.
- C) All requests for event sanctions must include the name of the Trialsmaster, location of the event, contact information, date of event, directions to the event, start time, fees (spectator, gate, land use, etc.) and any other pertinent information that must be conveyed to the membership (i.e. provisions for camping, knobby tires use, bans on pets, etc.). It is recommended that clubs procure more insurance than is required by the AMA. It is recommended that clubs forward a copy of their event sanctions to the Secretary/Membership Chair along with a current listing of their officers and Trialsmaster(s) to assure that all AMA paperwork has been submitted and approved.

XVI. Rule Changes:

- A) Changes and additions to the NETA Rulebook are determined by a vote of the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Clerk of the Course Guide

AMA/NETA Sanctioned Trials Event Guidelines

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Important note: This guide is intended to assist clubs when setting up and conducting NETA sanctioned trials events. Every effort has been made to provide accurate information but the current year NETA rulebook officially documents all details, rules and regulations and takes precedence over this guide in any discrepancies that might arise. Both documents should be referenced when conducting NETA sanctioned events.

It is the sole responsibility of the Trialsmaster and or Club to Cancel or Postpone an event due to unforeseen circumstances. The NETA board must be notified immediately once the decision is made.

I. Sanctioning Your Event

Follow these steps when sanctioning a NETA Championship event:

- A) Propose your event date at the annual NETA business meeting or through NETA officers after that. All proposed dates must be submitted to the NETA at least 60 days prior to the event for Championship consideration. Start time, location and clerk of the course must be established at this time. No new events will be scheduled after April 15th.

Complete an AMA “Competition Sanction” and “Competition Insurance” form and submit it to the AMA, preferably 90 days prior to your event. Payment for insurance must be submitted before a sanction will be issued. Current AMA sanction and insurance forms can be downloaded from the AMA website at:

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/clubsandpromoters>

- 1) **It is the sole responsibility of the sponsoring club to obtain an AMA competition sanction and insurance.** You must receive the sanction form and insurance prior to the event or it will not be sanctioned (by either the AMA or NETA).
 - 2) **The NETA must be named as “Additional Insureds” on the AMA insurance application.**
- B) Sponsoring clubs must also provide AMA membership applications and liability forms at each event. Complete and submit a supply order form (also available on the AMA website) for AMA membership application pads, Adult release/waiver and Minor release forms and send it along with the sanction and insurance forms.

- C) Complete a “NETA Sanction Request Form” and send it to the NETA secretary at least two weeks prior to the event. Provide any information about the event that you want posted in the newsletter and website. Beside the required starting time, location, directions, clerk of the course and contact person with telephone numbers, please include the following that may apply: on-site camping restrictions, local campgrounds, other lodging, food concessions, special information, land use restrictions and events to benefit special causes, etc.
- D) Make sure that your event is listed on the NETA Championship schedule. Your proper event date should appear on our newsletter and website schedules.

II. Classes and Section Categories

There are 13 NETA competition classes that compete for year end points:

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| Rookie C | May ride easier “C” lines in some Novice sections but should also include some unique sections. Rookies ride 3 loops. |
| Junior C | Rides Novice sections, “C” lines, 4 loops. |
| Women C | Rides Novice sections, “C” lines, 3 loops. |
| Novice C | Rides Novice sections, “C” lines, 4 loops. |
| Senior C | Rides Novice sections, “C” lines, 4 loops. |
| Vintage B | Rides Novice sections, “B & V” lines, 4 loops. |
| Sportsman B | Rides Novice sections, “B” lines, 4 loops. |
| Senior B | Rides Novice sections, “B” lines, 4 loops. |
| Senior Intermediate | Rides Expert sections, “C” lines, 4 loops. |
| Intermediate | Rides Expert sections, “C” lines, 4 loops. |
| Advanced | Rides Expert sections, “B” lines, 4 loops. |
| Expert | Rides Expert sections, “A” lines, 4 loops. |
| Championship | Rides Expert sections, “CH & A” lines*, 4 loops. |

Youth

Rides Youth sections, 3 loops

In addition to the above, a non-championship points Youth class will be offered. Although all classes are mandatory at NETA sanctioned events, there are some venues that prohibit non-trials bike tires, thus disqualifying some Youth riders’ bikes. Event

organizers shall give notice in the NETA newsletter and on the NETA website if their venue prohibits non-trials bike tires in the Youth Class.

Non-Competition Signs up to ride either Novice or Expert and selects line to ride for the day (A, B, C, CH). No event or year-end points awarded. No trophy awarded.

III. Section Design

General Practices

When designing sections, keep the class of the rider in mind. Verify the difficulty level of the sections by having a rider from that class, who will not be competing, ride the sections.

Keep weather conditions in mind. Wet conditions can sometimes make a moderately difficult section impossible. For difficult sections, plan foul weather changes.

Well-designed sections have more than one line. Try to provide options for the riders. Some riders excel at difficult turns but are less skilled at hits. Others will go for the intimidating hit, avoiding difficult turns. Multiple lines bring more strategy to the sport. See the current NETA rulebook for rules on section marking.

It is recommended that you indicate the number of gates at the start of each section.

Standardized Gate Markers: All sections should use the official NETA section markers for START, END and all GATE markers. Official NETA section markers can be purchased from the NETA treasurer.

Gate markers should be clearly visible with arrows facing each other. Arrows must only be visible from the direction that the gate is to be ridden through.

Gate markers that are obstructed (from the rear or sides) should be highlighted with a yellow ribbon that is visible from all angles.

Any gate may be marked for, and ridden by more than one class. For example, both A and B riders can ride through the same gate as long as it has opposing sets of A and B gate markers on both sides.

Separate Youth Sections:

Separate Youth sections will utilize open turns and very small or no obstacles. Youth classes will include sections and a loop segregated from all other classes and with a dedicated Youth Trialsmaster. Youth classes will start one (1) hour earlier than adult classes.

Separate Rookie Sections

Separate Rookie sections should be designed to provide an introduction to motorcycle control. The turns should be wide enough to allow negotiating with non-trials type motorcycles. Logs, rocks and other obstacles should be small, allowing for bikes with minimal ground clearance.

Novice Sections

Sportsman B, Senior B, Vintage B, Novice C, Senior C, Women C, Junior C, and sometimes Rookie C class riders compete in the Novice sections—thus a large number of riders. Provide an area near the start for riders to line up and wait to enter the section. Novice sections require “C” gates for Rookie C, Junior C, Novice C and Senior “C” riders, “B” gates for Sportsman, Senior B and Vintage riders with optional “V” gates for Vintage. Two to three gates per line are adequate for each section.

“C” line (in Novice sections):

should be easy, allowing riders with no previous trials riding experience to gradually enter the sport at their own pace. They should test basic trial skills, such as turns and cambers. They should include gentle climbs, small size logs and hits less than 1 foot high. When in doubt, err on the easy side.

“B” line (in Novice sections):

should be more difficult than “C” line. They should test basic trial skills, such as turns, cambers, moderate climbs, moderate size logs and hits less than 2 feet high.

“V” line (in Novice sections): OPTIONAL

should be less difficult than “B” line. Used to give Vintage riders an easier approach due to bike limitations, such as tight turns and bigger “B” hits.

Expert Sections

Intermediate, Senior Intermediate, Advanced, Expert and Championship class riders will compete in these sections. Separate “C”, “B”, “A” and “CH” gates are required for each class. Championship riders ride both “A” and “CH” gates.

Championship (CH) line = “A” and “CH” gates

Championship riders must ride all “A” and “CH” gates, The Championship line should be designed to test riders with top level, national caliber trials skills. They should include large hits requiring splatter techniques with little room to prepare, steep climbs with obstacles and turns requiring advanced techniques, such as floaters or flick-turns.

Expert line = “A” gates

Expert riders must ride all “A” gates (in Expert sections).

The Expert line should be designed to test very advanced trials skills. They should include large hits with little room to prepare, sometimes requiring splatter techniques, steep climbs with obstacles and turns requiring advanced techniques, such as floaters or flick-turns.

Advanced line = “B” gates

Advanced riders must ride all “B” gates (in Expert sections).

The Advanced line can have obstacles similar to those used in the Expert line, but a significantly easier approach to the obstacle should be provided. Hits can be smaller, less vertical, or have a kicker on the approach.

Intermediate and Senior Intermediate line = “C” gates

Intermediate and Senior Intermediate riders must ride all “C” gates (in Expert sections).

The “C” line should be less difficult than Expert “B” line and more difficult than Novice “B” and “C” lines. Compared to Novice, they should have bigger hits with less-defined approaches, tight turns, combinations of turns, steeper climbs and climbs with turns (but not as difficult as Expert “B”).

Special Note: Above all, no section should be constructed so as to pose a significant risk of injury to competitors, workers or spectators. Any section deemed inappropriate may be changed or eliminated.

IV. Loop Design

- A typical loop has eight Expert and eight Novice sections and is approximately 2 miles in length. There may be separate loops for Novice and Expert sections or combinations of both. If all classes, except Rookie are riding the same loop, it must be easy enough to be negotiable by the least proficient riders.

- Avoid two-way traffic. This includes entering and exiting the pit area. If necessary, use ribbon to separate the entrance and exit to the pit area.
- Avoid having the loop cross any road open to traffic. If necessary, station a flagger to manage the crossing or provide sufficient ribboning and signage to ensure a safe passage.
- It is recommended that you add signs along the loop that indicate the next section number.
- Attendance at events can be substantial at times, particularly in Novice sections, creating long waiting lines to enter the first few sections of the first loop. Staggering or starting classes at different sections decreases waiting lines. For example, Sportsman C and Senior C classes might start at Section 1 and Novice C and Senior B classes at Section 2. In Expert sections, Advanced, Expert A and CH classes might start at Section 1 and Intermediate and Senior Intermediate classes at Section 2.
- Starting some classes at Section 2 (or another section) means that Section 2 should be close to the pits, or a spur trail is needed to efficiently get the riders back without forcing them to ride the entire loop twice. A long loop might spread the riders out and decreases the waiting at sections, but is less effective than staggering the start section. A long loop may also require that you extend the event time beyond the standard four hours. A long loop is not recommended for this reason.
- Another suggestion to help minimize lines is to make the first few sections fairly short and straight forward, with a good separation in between. This also helps get the riders back out on the loop and spread out.
- Youth classes will include sections and a loop segregated from all other classes. Youth Trialsmasters should consider rider skill limitations when laying out the loop for Youth riders on small motorcycles.

V. Facilities

Sanitary Facilities

- A minimum of one sanitary facility is required at all NETA sanctioned events.

Concessions

- Food, drink, and T-shirt concessions are a good way for the sponsoring club to make additional profit from the event. They also promote the sport by making it more enjoyable to spectators and competitors alike.

VI. Personnel and Task Outline

Event Workers

- It is the responsibility of the sponsoring club to coordinate and report individuals who are working the event to fulfill year end points requirements. One person, usually the Trialsmaster, should be responsible for recording and posting these workers names along with the final results.
- Hosting trials requires a significant number of course workers for an event
- AMA recommends that there be a good reliable communication system amongst workers.
- If possible, two observers should be posted at each section. One worker observes the ride, while the other is responsible for punching the loop-cards. These duties should remain consistent throughout the entire event. A rider can enter the section while the previous rider's card is being punched although they must be waived in by the observer. This is a particularly useful technique at Novice sections to keep waiting lines to a minimum.
- A best practice is to pair up an experienced observer with an inexperienced person to provide the best possible scoring. This will also allow the inexperienced person to gain some knowledge without having the pressure of scoring.
- All observers should be briefed on the basic rules before the event.
- Another worker is needed to escort the Rookie riders around their loop and help them in the sections. This worker should be a trials rider with some experience and responsibility because he or she may be working with children, providing guidance and promoting the sport.
- At least two workers are necessary for signing up event participants. These workers usually also score the event.
- If concessions are provided, workers may be needed there also.

Awards

- See the NETA rulebook for recommended awards.

AMA Liability Waivers

- All riders, workers and spectators must sign an AMA liability waiver before entering any riding area. A common practice is to have everyone entering the parking area or trials site sign the waiver at that time. This requires that a worker with the liability waiver be positioned at the entrance, which helps to capture every signature. Competitors are required to sign a second AMA liability waiver at sign-up.
- Additionally, all AMA sanctioned events MUST have the AMA "Competition Statement of Responsibility Posters" placed in conspicuous locations. It is recommended that one poster be located at the entrance where everyone signs the AMA waiver when entering the parking lot and a 2nd one located in clear sight at the registration desk. These posters may be obtained from the AMA or borrowed from NETA.
- Official "AMA sanction certificate" and "proof of insurance" should be displayed at the registration location
- It is imperative that ALL minors (under age 18) and their parents/guardians complete all the requisite AMA liability waivers. Minors have the option of presenting an AMA Annual Release Verification Card (notarized) valid for the entire year at any AMA sanctioned event in lieu completing AMA waivers at each event.
- Reference the NETA rulebook regarding guidance on "Authorized Adults" for minors when parent/guardian can't be present.
- All AMA sanctioned events require there be at least a 5lb fire extinguisher for A,B & C at starting line at all times.

AMA Membership

- All riders must be current, full AMA members or they will not be allowed to ride at an NETA event. AMA membership must be made available by the sponsoring club at all NETA events.

NETA Membership

- All riders must be current NETA members or have valid NETA One-Day Passes to ride at an NETA event. NETA memberships and One-Day Passes will be made available by NETA officers at all NETA events.

Event Day Sign-up

- Event sign-up should begin at least 2 hours before the start time.

Event Sign-up

The sponsoring club is responsible for event sign-up.

1. The rider must complete an AMA release form. Keep all copies of the release form. AMA Adult and Minor liability release forms must be ordered when applying for your AMA sanction and insurance applications. Supply order forms are available on the AMA website.
2. If the rider is a minor, all release forms must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian.
3. The rider must complete an event sign-up form.
4. A rider must be an NETA member as indicated by a current NETA sticker on his/her AMA card.
5. A rider must be a current AMA member (as indicated by a current AMA card) in order to be signed up. If not, the sponsoring club must provide and accept new AMA membership applications, collect the current AMA membership fee and submit it along with the application to the AMA after the event.
6. Collect an event fee from each rider - \$15 for Rookie and Youth - \$30 for all other classes
7. Give loop cards to each rider - one for each loop based on class requirements.

Event Proceedings

Significant activities that must be handled during the event are:

1. Mandatory riders' meeting must take place before the start of an event -- usually 10 minutes before the start time. Penalty and disqualification times must be established at this point and cannot change during the event. The number of loops for each class, starting section for each class, and starting point for Rookies should all be discussed at this meeting.
2. Establish and identify the official time clock (usually the Atomic NETA clock provided by an NETA official).

3. A place for riders to deliver their loop-cards must be established.
4. Scorekeepers will begin collecting loop cards (after each loop) and recording scores.
5. When the half hour penalty period expires, scores are posted along with a list of event workers.
6. An additional half-hour protest period begins after the scores are posted. The scores are final at the conclusion of the protest period.
7. Awards presentation.

After the Event

After the event, some paperwork and expenses must be taken care of:

1. The NETA Vice President/Scorekeeper will collect the final scores and list of event workers.
2. The NETA Treasurer will collect event fees:
 - NETA Sanction: \$50
 - Loop-cards @ Included in the NETA sanction fee
 - National Rider Fund \$1/rider
3. The sponsoring club must complete and submit the AMA referee's report. The AMA copy of all the release forms must be sent to the AMA along with the referee's report and any new and unused AMA membership applications plus fees.
4. Refer to the instructions on the AMA website for what to do if an injury occurs at your event.

Thank you for sponsoring an NETA event!

VII. Contact List

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please see www.newenglandtrials.com/contactus.html for contact info for the NETA Officers:

Visit New England Trials Association's Official Website at:

<http://www.newenglandtrials.com>

HOW TO PUNCH A SCORECARD

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| LOOP TOTAL | | | | | | | |

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
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FOR CHECKING
OUR EVENT!!**

A rider may protest a close call but you are the boss of your section. If you feel the call could go either way, rule in favor of the rider. As long as you are consistent in how you call your section you'll be fine.

SCORE=0

If the rider rides your section and a previous section is unmarked it is a missed section SCORE=10 Do **NOT** punch a score for another section other than 10 This is the only time you will punch another section row.

SCORE=1

SCORE=2

SCORE=3

There is a 25 point misconduct penalty. If a rider is refusing to follow the instructions of the checker, being offensive or endangering others they have earned this. NETA is committed to providing a friendly, family sport. Just remember it's tough to fall off a motorcycle and not blurt out something you wouldn't say to your mother.

SCORE=5

If you punch the wrong score don't panic. We've all done it. Punch out all but the correct score. SCORE=3

- 0 = Rider didn't touch a foot to ground or lean body/bike against anything.
- 1 = Rider touched once with foot or arm/shoulder/(bike other than tires/skid plate).
Foot may pivot without additional penalty.
- 2 = Rider touched twice with foot or arm/shoulder/(bike other than tires/skid plate).
- 3 = Rider touched 3 or more times with foot or arm/shoulder/(bike other than tires/skid plate) or slid foot along ground.
- 5 = Rider stalled engine at a stop while dabbing or resting on skidplate, rode out of bounds (missed gate, rode through wrong gate, rode over ribbon), displaced section marker through direct contact, removed hand from handlebars (while stopped and dabbing) or entered section without observer permission.