



# Official Rulebook

## Introduction

Welcome to the Over the Hill Gang! Anyone who is over the age of 30 (Male) or 25 (Female) is invited to join the club. Only Club Members are allowed to race with the OTHG. When you apply for membership, you may be asked to provide proof of your age. The purpose of this rulebook is to inform both new and old members of the intent of the club and to set forth guidelines for all members. The rules stated herein shall be followed both in "spirit" and letter of the law by all members at all sanctioned OTHG club events.

## How to Join the Club

Cost for your first year is \$40 and the renewal cost is \$40 each following year. After an application has been submitted and membership fee has been paid, new members (or anyone who was not a member the previous year) shall complete 2 "Evaluation" races<sup>1</sup>. Until they complete these 2 races they will be in the "Unclassified" status. After they complete these races their performance will be evaluated by the Race Committee, and the Race Director will classify them as one of the following: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate or Expert. Pros are exempt. This is in accordance with their racing abilities and speed. Evaluation riders will only receive 15 points and will not be eligible for trophies during these "evaluation" races. New members are classified under the assumption that they will ride within the normal limits of their ability during their 2 "evaluation" races, enabling the race committee to place them in their proper and safest class. After placement, the new member will then be eligible to enter any OTHG race or two-day National events and receive full points, trophies and awards. All membership renewals must be in prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> to receive their earned number from the previous year.

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<sup>1</sup> Experts and Masters Class riders are exempt from evaluation races.

## Age Groups & Classes

The OTHG has three four classes for men: Thirty (30) and over, Thirty-eight (38) and over, Forty-five (45) and over and Fifty (50) and over.

Each of these age groups has 5 classes: Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Expert and Masters. It is up you to make sure you are in the right age group for your class.

## Number Plates

All members must have the correct number plates on all three sides at each race. The number plate must have the proper color backgrounds and number for their class and must have an "S" on all three plates at least 2 inches tall. Penalty for infraction will be docking the rider 1 lap. Any change for any race must be approved by the Race Director.

The proper number and backgrounds are as follows:

Expert & Masters Class .....BLACK numbers on WHITE backgrounds  
Intermediate Class .....WHITE numbers on BLACK backgrounds  
Novice Class .....BLACK numbers on YELLOW backgrounds  
Beginner Class .....WHITE numbers on GREEN backgrounds

NOTE: Fluorescent, reflective or dayglow colors are not acceptable for backgrounds or numbers.

The following letters denote which chapter the member belongs to:

S = Sierra  
B = Bay  
R = Reno  
G = South  
V = Valley

NOTE: Pre-printed number plate backgrounds can be ordered through Decal Works for a substantial discount. Just mention that you are an Over the Hill Gang Member to receive your discount. Decal Works can be reached at 815-784-4000 or visit their website at [www.decalmx.com](http://www.decalmx.com)

## Race Committee

The Race Committee shall consist of the current Race Director(s) and all current Sierra Board Members.

Any rider may be re-classified at any time during the year according to the vote of the race committee. Any member who wishes to move down in class may request that the race committee re-evaluate their classification. Any rider moved down will only receive 15 points and be ineligible for trophies for a period of four (4) races. At that time the rider may stay in that class and receive full points and be eligible for trophies and awards.

## Scoring Procedures

The points earned at each race are totaled at the end of each year to determine the top 25 "earned" riding numbers for the following year. This "earned" number is not mandatory to use but cannot be used by any other rider during that year. If you run a top 25 number, your old number will be held from other riders as well.

Race Points are distributed on a sliding scale based on the number of riders in a given class for that day's race. Any questions or comments in regards to the points scale should be brought to the Race Director for clarification. If a rider does not start (DNS) the rider will receive last place points plus 2 positions. A DNS will be scored if the rider does not complete at least 1 lap by the finish line. If a rider does not finish (DNF) the rider will receive last place points plus 1 position. A DNF will be scored if the rider does not receive the checkered flag. If the rider receives the checkered flag the rider will receive their proper position. If a rider must ride a motorcycle other than their own during the second moto, they do not have to change the number plates, but they must inform the score keepers prior to their race or they will not be scored. No rider may change motorcycles during the course of the race.

Overall standings are determined by moto finishing positions which are added together and the lowest score wins. In the event of a tie, the second moto will be the tie breaker. This applies whether the race is a one day (two motos) event or a two day (four motos) event. In three moto events the last moto will be the tie breaker. All protests concerning the races, rules or scoring results should be brought to the attention of the Race Director or one of the Board Members within one (1) hour of posted results. Any rider may protest another rider in their class for rule infractions with the penalty being from a one-lap docking to an automatic disqualification for the day. **Do not address the score-keepers or the promoter at any race.** Any concerns or comments about your race, scoring, schedule, etc., shall be addressed to the Race Director. If the Race Director is not present then a club officer shall be your next point of contact.

## Club Points Scoring System:

Evaluation rides = 15 points

1 <sup>st</sup> = 35 points	6 <sup>th</sup> = 29 points	11 <sup>th</sup> = 24 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> = 33 points	7 <sup>th</sup> = 28 points	12 <sup>th</sup> = 23 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> = 32 points	8 <sup>th</sup> = 27 points	13 <sup>th</sup> = 22 points
4 <sup>th</sup> = 31 points	9 <sup>th</sup> = 26 points	14 <sup>th</sup> = 21 points
5 <sup>th</sup> = 30 points	10 <sup>th</sup> = 25 points	15 <sup>th</sup> to last will receive 20 points

Class minimum is five riders for full points.

Nationals have no minimum rider count and full points will be awarded.

A class with only 4 riders has a maximum of 34 points.

A class with only 3 riders has a maximum of 33 points.

A class with only 2 riders has a maximum of 33 points.

A minimum of 32 points will be awarded for a single rider in a class.

You receive points where you finish in the race, regardless of chapter.

Example: A race has 5 riders, and 1<sup>st</sup> place goes to a Bay Chapter rider, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place goes to a Sierra Chapter rider. The Sierra Chapter rider will receive 33 points for the day.

A total of 5 races out of the season will not be counted towards the final season points. These will be your lowest scores or 0's if you didn't attend some races.

Picnic and Playday points will not be counted towards race points.

Once the Nationals begin, any voluntary move in age group or class between Nationals will render you ineligible for the National Championship. However, you still accumulate your local chapter points for any National you participate in.

Any involuntary move during the Nationals such as a Race Committee move up will still allow you to be eligible for the National Championship. Your points will follow you into your new class unless your points are greater than the current class points leader, in which case your points will be reduced to equal that of the leader.

## Flags and Their Meanings

**Green** -- used to start a race without a starting gate.

**Yellow** -- used to indicate an unsafe situation or a downed rider or bike on the track and to proceed with caution. All riders must not improve their position until beyond the danger point or they will be penalized 1 lap for unsafe riding.

**Black** -- given to an individual rider to indicate they have been disqualified. The rider must pull off the track at the first place that is safe to do so. The rider may then inquire or be told why they were disqualified.

**Red** -- indicates the race has been stopped and all riders should return to the starting line in a safe manner for a restart of the race.

**Crossed** -- the race is half completed.

**Blue** -- indicates you are being lapped by other riders and to hold your line and let them pass.

**White** -- indicates that there is one lap remaining in the race until its completion.

**Checkedred** -- the race is complete.

## **Race Day Conduct**

All members are required to sign up for their race before practice starts.

After the last OTHG race, the final race results will be posted and shortly thereafter an awards presentation will be held. All members are cordially invited to attend to receive their trophies and applaud the accomplishments of their fellow club members. If a rider has won a trophy or other award and does not attend the awards presentation, the trophy or award will be forfeited, unless prior arrangements have been made in advance with the club President or trophy presenters.

All members should bear in mind that we race for "fun" and most members must go back to work Monday morning. So please be considerate of your fellow racer. Race as fast as you safely can; make clean, non-contact passes; hold your line when being passed; do not block riders from a higher class that are lapping you; obey the flaggers and track officials; use great caution when passing a downed club member as you would want them to do for you if you were down.

Fighting or striking another member is strictly prohibited. Any member violating this rule will be asked to leave and may be dismissed from the club.

### **Any conduct contrary to the rules will not be tolerated**

Failure to comply with any portion of this rulebook may result in a rider being disqualified for a first offense, a possible suspension for a second offense, and a possible termination of club membership for a third offense.

The OTHG promotes safe motorcycle racing and good sportsmanship. We hope that all members will take pride in the OTHG and that they will become involved in furthering the club's objective to enjoy motocross racing in a safe and sane manner.

## Club Officers

Officer positions will be filled by nomination of members for each position. An election will be held with a majority club vote deciding each position. If there is no opposition for a position then a vote is not necessary.

The following is a list of official club officer positions and their duties:

**President** – act as chairman at club meetings; take roll at meetings; update hotline as needed; oversee all other officers.

**Vice President** – interact with promoters to schedule races, etc.; obtain sponsors for National, act as chairman at meetings when Vice president is absent; oversee all other officers other than President.

**Race Director(s)** – create race committee; interact with promoter on race day; evaluate and monitor all “evaluation” riders; act as single point of contact for members regarding races/scoring/etc on race day; make sure all rules are followed on race day.

**Statistician** – be the sole owner of the race points; collect race sheets from promoter at end of race day; update race points on a regular basis; distribute updated race points to all other officers.

**Secretary** – collect revenues from memberships; maintain list of memberships paid; make program for National; send out new membership cards.

**Editor** – create monthly newsletter with race schedule, updated points, sponsors and officer’s columns; update address list monthly.

**Webmaster** – act as website admin; keep website updated; post all newsletters, points and forms on website; monitor website forum.

Other positions may be created at the need of the club. All officers will do their best to respond to members’ questions, phone calls and emails. Each officer will be exempt from membership fees for the year they perform their duties. They will also be able to participate in their own chapter’s National for no fee. Monthly club meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at a pre-designated location.

## Awards Banquet

A year end awards banquet will be held in January each year to distribute awards and numbers that were earned the previous year. The National Champions, Class Champions and Top 25 points earners will be recognized with awards.

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