



2026-2027 RULEBOOK

WINTERFEST GP SERIES

**BUILT FOR RACERS.
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Carolina XC is an independent race series. While Carolina XC is not an AMA series, AMA rules and classifications may be used as guidance to promote safe and consistent competition.

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! READ THIS FIRST

The rules racers and families need most often - all in one place.

REGISTER READY Bring your helmet and wristband to Registration at every event.	NO PRE-RIDING Once the course is marked, dirt-bike pre-riding results in immediate disqualification.
NO BICYCLES Pedal bikes, e-bikes, and eMTBs are never allowed on an active racecourse.	RIDE RESPONSIBLY Dangerous riding or intentional contact may result in a penalty or immediate disqualification.
YELLOW FLAG Slow down, use caution, and do not pass.	PARK THE BIKE Youth and PeeWee motorcycles must be parked after the rider's race.
PETS Leash pets at all times and secure them away from the course during racing.	QUIET HOURS Quiet time begins at 10:00 p.m.
CHECK RESULTS The protest window is 30 minutes after results are posted.	YEAR-END Race at least 9 of 12 rounds. The best 9 scores count; up to 3 drops apply.

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1 MEMBERSHIP, FEES & REGISTRATION

MEMBERSHIP

- Yearly membership: \$60
- Single-day membership: \$10
- Year-end points begin at the round in which yearly membership is purchased. Earlier rounds do not count retroactively.
- Yearly membership includes banquet admission for the rider plus two guests.
- Yearly members may reserve and keep a season number.

RACE FEES

- Adult A, B, and C classes: \$40 members / \$45 non-members
- AA/Pro class with 100% payback: \$60 members / \$65 non-members
- Youth classes: \$30
- PeeWee classes: \$30

PRE-ENTRY

Pre-entry fees are non-refundable and may be transferred only to the next available round.

MINORS

Riders younger than 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present at Registration.

REQUIRED

Helmets and wristbands must be presented at Registration at every event.

TRANSPONDERS

- Electronic transponders are required for all riders.
- Transponder cost is \$20 and is valid for the full season.
- Carolina XC staff will place the transponder under the helmet visor.
- Transponders must be checked at Registration at every round.
- If a transponder is damaged or stops working after the first event in which it was purchased, the rider is responsible for purchasing a replacement.

2 RACE FORMAT & EVENT SCHEDULE

RACE FORMAT

- Typical course length: 4 to 6 miles
- Terrain may include woods, motocross, grass tracks, and obstacles.
- Select events may include an extreme section with logs, rocks, water, or tires. Go-arounds will be provided.
- Adults: two motos, 30 minutes or longer each
- Youth: one 60-minute moto
- PeeWee: one 30-minute moto

STANDARD SCHEDULE

- 9:00 a.m. - PeeWee classes, 30-minute moto
- 10:00 a.m. - Youth classes, 60-minute moto
- 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - C classes
- 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. - A and B classes
- Adult racing generally runs from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Published times are the standard schedule. Carolina XC may adjust start times, race order, course length, or moto duration when conditions require it.

RIDER RESPONSIBILITY

Official updates may be announced at Registration, staging, the riders meeting, or through Carolina XC communication channels. Riders are responsible for knowing the schedule and being ready when their class is called.

3 STAGING, STARTS & FLAGS

STAGING AND START PROCEDURE

- Starting rows are marked with class signage.
- No motorcycle may enter the starting line until the rider has completed Registration with their helmet and has been authorized to race.
- Starts are dead-engine, except for 50cc PeeWee classes.
- A riders meeting will be held at the line before each race. All participants are responsible for attending and knowing announced course updates.
- Starting waves leave at approximately 30-second intervals.
- The Race Commander will raise the green flag approximately 7 to 10 seconds before the start. Only the front row starts when the flag drops. The process repeats until all rows have started.

WRONG ROW - AHEAD

A rider who leaves with a row ahead of their assigned starting row will be penalized.

WRONG ROW - BEHIND

A rider who leaves with a row behind their assigned row will not be disqualified, but results will not be adjusted for the time lost.

FLAGS

GREEN	Start	Begin only when your assigned row is released.
YELLOW	Caution	Slow down, use caution, and do not pass. Penalties apply.
WHITE	One lap remaining	Continue racing and prepare for the final lap.
CHECKERED	Finish	Complete the scoring lane safely. Do not pass at the finish.

4 COURSE ACCESS & SAFETY

NO DIRT-BIKE PRE-RIDING

Once the course has been marked with ribbon or arrows, dirt-bike pre-riding is prohibited and results in immediate disqualification.

BICYCLES AND EMTBs

Pedal bicycles, e-bikes, and eMTBs are not permitted on the racecourse or in wooded course areas while a Carolina XC event is active. Bicycle access is allowed only before the event begins or after all racing for the event weekend has concluded, and only with approval from Carolina XC officials. No bicycle may enter an active course.

REQUIRED SAFETY GEAR

Riders must wear a DOT-approved helmet with a D-ring closure, shatterproof eye protection, gloves, long sleeves, long pants, knee protection, and boots that extend above the ankle.

COURSE MARKINGS

- Follow all arrows, ribbon, banners, and official directions.
- Remain within 20 feet of the marked route unless directed otherwise.
- When ribbon, banners, or double arrows define the route, riders may not leave the marked trail.
- On motocross sections, remain within the natural boundaries of the track.
- An X marking identifies a danger area. Slow down and use caution.

SWEEP RIDERS

Authorized sweep riders may pre-ride, circulate during races, monitor course conditions, slow riders when necessary, and relay injury reports to the Race Commander, Registration, or finish-line staff. Sweep riders are identified by high-visibility vests and/or number-plate markings. Riders must obey sweep riders and yellow-flag instructions.

REPAIRS, BIKE CHANGES, AND TOWING

- Mechanics and repairs are permitted only outside the racecourse boundaries.
- A rider who exits the course for repairs must re-enter at the same location. Improper re-entry results in disqualification.
- Motorcycle changes are not permitted during a moto. A class-legal motorcycle may be used between motos.
- Towing during a moto is not permitted.

5 RIDER CONDUCT

Control your motorcycle, respect other racers, and follow all official directions.

DANGEROUS RIDING

A competitor who rides in a manner that endangers another rider, an official, event staff, a spectator, or property is subject to immediate disqualification. The Race Commander and Carolina XC officials have final authority when determining whether a rider's actions were unsafe.

INTENTIONAL CONTACT

Intentional ramming, blocking, retaliation, or other deliberate rider-to-rider contact is prohibited on the course and anywhere on event property. Violations may result in a time or position penalty. Severe or repeated violations may result in disqualification or removal from the facility.

GENERAL CONDUCT

- Riders must maintain control of their motorcycles in the pits, staging area, scoring lane, and on the course.
- Riders must comply with instructions from the Race Commander, sweep riders, Registration, scoring staff, and other authorized officials.
- Retaliation, fighting, threats, harassment, vandalism, theft, and intentionally damaging event or facility property are prohibited.
- Respect the landowner and facility. Carolina XC can race only with the continued cooperation of its host properties.

OFFICIAL AUTHORITY

The Race Commander may assess penalties, disqualify a participant, or make necessary adjustments when special track, facility, safety, or event conditions are not fully addressed by this rulebook. Decisions made for immediate event safety take effect at once.

6 FAMILIES, PETS, CAMPING & WEATHER

PETS

- Pets must be leashed and under control at all times - no exceptions.
- During racing, pets must remain secured at the owner's vehicle, pit, or camping area.
- Pets may not enter the course, staging area, scoring area, or active pit-traffic areas.
- Owners must clean up and properly dispose of pet waste.
- Owners are responsible for their pets and any interference they cause. Carolina XC is not responsible for pets that enter the course or interfere with event activity.

CHILDREN & PIT RIDING

- Children must remain under the direct supervision of a parent or responsible adult.
- Parents and guardians are responsible for their children's actions.
- Children may not enter or walk the racecourse without an adult and permission from Carolina XC officials.
- Damaging course markings, the course, or facility property may result in removal from the event.
- After a Youth or PeeWee rider's race, the motorcycle must be parked. Recreational pit riding is prohibited.

PIT-RIDING CONSEQUENCE

If a Youth or PeeWee rider continues to pit ride after their race, Carolina XC may require the motorcycle to be parked at Registration until the family leaves the facility.

CAMPING AND QUIET HOURS

- Primitive camping may be available depending on the facility and landowner.
- Set up quietly and respect neighboring families and properties.
- Do not start a campfire without approval from Carolina XC officials and the facility or landowner. All local fire restrictions apply.
- Quiet hours begin at 10:00 p.m. Keep generators, music, vehicles, and conversations at a respectful volume.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Carolina XC events may be conducted during rain or other unfavorable conditions. To protect riders and property, officials may modify the race order, start times, course layout, or race duration. Officials may also delay, suspend, or stop racing.

If conditions improve, every reasonable effort will be made to resume the event safely and as close to the published schedule as possible. All weather-related decisions made by Carolina XC officials are final.

7 SCORING, RESULTS, REFUNDS & PROTESTS

SCORING

- Scoring uses electronic transponders and helmet number stickers.
- Passing in the scoring lane is prohibited. A rider may move around a crashed rider or a lapped rider who clearly provides space.
- An unauthorized pass in the scoring lane results in a one-position penalty.

COMBINED-MOTO RESULTS

Adult results are based on combined moto finishes. For example, first place plus first place produces a score of 2. The lowest combined score wins. If two riders have the same combined score, the rider with the better second-moto finish receives the better overall position.

POSTED RESULTS

Class results will be posted near Registration. Riders have 30 minutes after results are posted to ask a question or file a protest at the Registration Trailer. Electronic scoring reduces errors, but corrections may be made when a timing or entry mistake is confirmed.

REFUNDS

A rider may receive a full refund if the rider withdraws before the green flag of their first moto. Once the rider's first moto begins, race fees are non-refundable.

PROTEST PROCEDURE

- A protest must be filed at the Registration Trailer within 30 minutes after the rider's results are posted.
- Provide the rider's name, class, motorcycle number, and a clear explanation of the issue.
- The Race Commander and Registration/Scoring staff will review the available information.
- The Race Commander's decision on event penalties and protests is final.
- Verbal warnings may be issued at the discretion of the Race Commander or Registration staff.

8 PENALTIES & DISQUALIFICATIONS

Penalties may be increased when conduct is intentional, dangerous, repeated, or provides a competitive advantage.

Dangerous operation that endangers a rider, official, event staff member, spectator, or property	Subject to immediate disqualification
Severe or repeated intentional ramming, blocking, contact, or retaliation	Disqualification and/or removal from the facility
Intentional contact or blocking that does not warrant disqualification	Time or finishing-position penalty, based on severity
Major course cutting that gains more than approximately 30 seconds	Disqualification
Minor course cutting that gains less than approximately 10 seconds	45-second penalty
Pre-riding the marked course on a dirt bike	Immediate disqualification
Registration fraud, rider substitution, or knowingly providing false information	Disqualification
Changing motorcycles during a moto	Disqualification
Assault, fighting, vandalism, or theft	Disqualification and removal from the facility
Unauthorized pass in the scoring lane or at the finish	One-position penalty
Passing, jumping, or using excessive throttle under a yellow flag	One-position penalty; escalation for dangerous conduct
Starting ahead of the assigned row or past the marked class line	False-start penalty; rider faces backward at the next start

OFFICIAL DISCRETION

The listed consequence is the standard starting point. Carolina XC officials may issue a warning, adjust time or finishing position, disqualify a rider, or remove a person from the facility when the severity or circumstances justify a different response.

9 YEAR-END AWARDS & TIE BREAKERS

QUALIFYING STANDARD

A rider must compete in at least 9 of the 12 rounds to be considered for year-end awards.

THREE DROPS

Championship standings are based on each rider's best 9 round scores. A rider who competes in all 12 rounds receives three drops.

HOW DROPS APPLY

9	All 9	0
10	Best 9	1
11	Best 9	2
12	Best 9	3

YEAR-END MEMBERSHIP

Only points earned beginning with the round in which the rider purchases a yearly membership are eligible for year-end standings. Points earned before yearly membership is purchased are not added retroactively.

CHAMPIONSHIP TIE BREAKER

- First tie breaker: most overall wins during the championship season.
- Second tie breaker: most second-place overall finishes.
- The comparison continues through third place, fourth place, and subsequent finishes until the tie is broken.
- If the riders remain tied, the rider who earns more points in the final round wins the tie breaker.

10 CLASS RULES & CLASS LIST

Choose the class that matches your age and official skill classification.

SKILL CLASSIFICATIONS

Carolina XC offers A/Expert, B/Intermediate, and C/Novice competition. Riders entering a skill-level class must select the appropriate class based on their official AMA classification and racing experience.

AA / PRO

A racer currently ranked as a professional or AA rider in another championship off-road or motocross series, or a racer who has earned AA/Pro status, must compete in AA/Pro.

AGE-BASED ADULT CLASSES

Age is determined as of January 1 of the championship year. Veteran, Senior, Masters, and Golden Masters riders must use a motorcycle with a rear wheel no smaller than 16 inches and a front wheel no smaller than 19 inches. Any engine displacement is permitted.

- Veteran: age 30 or older
- Senior: age 40 or older
- Masters: age 50 or older
- Golden Masters: age 60 or older

COMPLETE CLASS LIST

Classes are grouped by race division so riders can find the correct line quickly.

A CLASSES - EXPERT AA Open A Vet A (30+) Senior A (40+) Masters A (50+)	C CLASSES - NOVICE Open C (Unlimited) 25+ C Open C (18-25) Vet C (30+) Senior C (40+) Masters C (50+) Schoolboy C (12-18) Adult Trailriders (18+) Women's Golden Masters (60+) Sportsmans 2*	YOUTH CLASSES Super Mini (14-15) Intermediate Mini (12-13) 85cc (12-15) Girls (7-15) 85cc (7-11) 65cc (10-11) 65cc (7-9) Trailriders
B CLASSES - INTERMEDIATE Open B Vet B (30+) Senior B (40+) Masters B (50+) Sportsmans 1*		PEEWEE CLASSES Super PeeWee (8-9) Senior PeeWee (6-7) PeeWee (4-5)

* Sportsmans 1 and Sportsmans 2 are non-points classes. A motorcycle with a front wheel of at least 14 inches is required.

IMPORTANT

The 25+ C class and Open C (18-25) are separate class designations and are intentionally retained as listed.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Off-road motorcycle racing is inherently dangerous. Attendance and participation are voluntary and at the individual's own risk. All participants, spectators, vendors, and guests must follow Carolina XC rules, facility requirements, official instructions, and all applicable releases or waivers.

FINAL REMINDER

Respect the course. Respect the landowner. Respect the people making race day possible.

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