

# **Adult Rule Book**

# **Riders and Eligibility**

# A. Eligibility

- a. All riders in AMMC sanctioned races are required to be members of the racing association.
  - i. Individual Membership is \$50 and applies to racers who are age 14 and older.
  - ii. Family Membership is \$100 and includes up to 5 immediate family members within the same household, who are age 14 and older.
  - iii. Youth Membership is \$25 and is required for racers aged 4-13 who are racing in our 120/junior races.
- b. No rider under the age of majority in the State of Alaska may compete without the signed consent of a parent or legal guardian. The parent or legal guardian must remain present at all times while a minor participates in a sanctioned race or practice.
- c. All race participants must have a signed release form on file with AMMC for the current race season.
- d. The rider must be able to maintain safe and proper control and stability of the machine at all times. If a rider has sustained an injury, he/she will report to the Race Marshall before participating in further practice or competition.

#### B. Conduct

- a. Each rider is responsible for the actions of his/her self, family, pit crew, and is expected to conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner. No rider, family, or pit crew may be in possession of or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs of any nature before or during the races. No rider shall at any time ride in a manner, which endangers his/her safety, and the safety of other riders, officials or the public. Unnecessary trouble or poor sportsman like conduct displayed by a rider, family, or pit crew makes that rider subject to disqualification for the race, event, or season as determined by the Race Marshall or the AMMC Board.
- b. Every rider and all persons participating in an event, or in any way connected with any event, will be bound by these rules for competition. For clarification of any rule see the Race Marshall.
- c. No one other than participating riders or race officials is allowed on the track during practice or races unless given an exception by the Race Marshall.

# C. Protests

a. "On track" or race related protest may be made only by the riders entered in and competing in the race where the alleged infraction occurred. Where there is not enough evidence of a violation as determined by the Race Marshall, the protest will be denied. If there is enough evidence for a protest to be considered, the Race Marshall will assemble a protest committee comprised of three club association board members who will rule on the protest. The Race Marshall will insure that committee members are not associated with the class in which the protest is filed. A simple two or three majority vote will then validate the decision by ensuring that it conforms to the current rulebook. The Race Marshall's interpretation of the rulebook is final.

- Procedural protest or those concerning rules or scoring must be submitted in writing to the Race
   Marshall. Questions or concerns regarding scoring, rules, or procedures will be referred only to the Race
   Marshall. Violation of this rule may subject the rider to disqualification.
- c. Snowmachines, equipment and or engine size protest will be ruled by the Race Marshall or designated race official.
- d. All protests will be made within two hours of the completion of the race. Protest and results of protest will be made available to all racers.

### **Equipment and Race Numbers**

# A. Equipment Standards

- a. Refer to current ISR rule book. Race Marshall shall have a copy of ISR rule book in possession at time of races. If reference to ISR rule book is needed, Race Marshall shall determine if said reference is necessary for any race delays.
- b. Tether switch must be operational at all times.
- c. Taped headlight and tail light.
- d. Tail light and brake light must be operational.
- e. Snow Cross
  - i. 96 studs down center of track only. Studs must be behind the leading lug of the track. Studs will be allowed at all races unless otherwise stated by race officials.

#### f. Ice Cross

i. Follow Cross-Country standards unless otherwise announced.

#### B. Racers Numbers

- a. Riders shall be responsible for displaying their racing numbers on the riders bib and on both sides of the snowmachine hood or belly pan. Numbers need to be legible to race officials and lap counters. The number must be a minimum of 6" high and ¾" wide and be displayed in contrasting colors. These numbers shall be displayed on riders bib and machine in a permanent manner before he/she will be allowed to race.
- b. Assignment of number: Riders that have already been assigned numbers in the previous season will automatically retain that number from one season to the next provided they pay their membership dues prior to the start of the second race of the season. All new riders will choose from any available number on a first come first serve basis.
- c. Unreadable or missing numbers may result in the rider not being scored correctly. The first time a rider doesn't display his/her assigned number, he/she will be given a verbal warning. If the rider does not display the assigned number at the next race, he/she forfeits all points and awards for that race day.

# C. Competition Apparel

- a. A helmet must be worn and secure at all times when riding. All helmets must be full coverage or full face units. Helmets must be certified to meet U.S. D.OT federal standards. Helmets must be at least 75% international or blaze orange.
- b. Goggles or face shields must be worn at all times during the race.
- c. Chest protector: ISR approved chest protector must be worn during each race.
- d. Knee & shin guards must be worn at all times during the race.
- e. Tether must be worn and attached to riders during the race.

# **Race Day**

#### A. General

- a. Snow cross and hill cross races are conducted on a closed outdoor course. (See ISR rule book) Ice races and cross country races are conducted on a pre-determined, marked course.
- b. The format for snow cross races shall consist of two heats and one main event. The amount of laps raced in each class shall be determined by the Race Marshall prior to the start of the race. This can be changed due to daylight or time restrictions or at the discretion of the race Marshall.
- c. Qualifying will be determined in each class on the number of riders in that class. If there are too many riders to race on the track at one time, the riders will be split into heat races after two or three heats, (to be determined by Race Marshall). The top racers out of those heats will go to the main event. The remaining racers will go to an LCQ round and the top number of finishers will go to the main event (to be determined by Race Marshall).
- d. If the number of racers in a class is too small to split into heats, all racers will go to the line in three heats and an accumulated total of all three heats will be determined the winner. In those classes, in the case of a tie, the third heat will be the tie breaker.

# B. Race Rules

- a. The track is closed the day before the race. Exceptions may be given to the track workers at the discretion of the track official. Any unauthorized members seen riding on the track will be disqualified from the next day's race.
- b. Snowmachines will proceed with caution wile in the pit area. No riders will be permitted to ride their machine recklessly or carelessly while in the pit area. A rider or anyone associated with a rider who is witnessed violating this rule by a race official or board member will be subject to disqualification.
- All riders must assemble on the starting line ready to race within two minutes of notification of their race.
- d. Machines will not be raised on the starting line to clear track without the machine being placed on a legally approved stand. (See ISR rule book for legally approved stand)
- e. Any riders jumping the start before the starter waves the green flat, may be put in the back row at Race Marshall's discretion.
- f. In the event of a false start, the starter will display the red flag to stop the race as soon as possible.
- g. A rider leaving the boundaries of the track will stop and look for safe entry back on to the track without over taking another rider to gain a position in the race.
- h. The deliberate blocking of a faster machine is cause for disqualification at the discretion of the Race Marshall.
- i. Bumping or cutting of lanes is cause for penalty or disqualification at the discretion of the Race Marshall. Any dangerous or foolish driving, bumping, crowding, chopping or un-sportsman like conduct on the course, in the pit area, or anywhere else on the race ground will subject the rider to disqualification at the discretion of the race Marshall.
- j. A snowmachine that appears at the starting line for the riders' first heat or race shall be the one that has been tech inspected. He/she may change Snowmachines only before the start of the first heat or race due to break downs or damage done in a crash. This snowmachine must be tech inspected prior to the start of the first heat or race. That machine will then be deemed the qualified machine and is the only machine the rider may compete on for that day in that class. A rider may change any component of the qualified machine with the exception of the chassis.

### k. Official Flags

i. Green Flag: Start of race or race in progress

- ii. Yellow Flag: The yellow flag signifies caution. After the yellow flag is displayed, riders must slow down, hold positions and do not pass, or jump until the yellow flag is no longer displayed in that section of the race course.
- iii. Red Flag: The race will stop immediately regardless of position of machines on the track. The red flag will be used if the track is unsafe to continue the race.
- iv. Black Flag: Rider receiving the black flag will be required to leave the race track immediately and report to the Race Marshall. Failure to honor a black flag will result in immediate disqualification for the race. No points will be awarded.
- v. Cross Flag: Race is half-way finished.
- vi. White Flag: Riders have started their last lap.
- vii. Checkered Flag: End of race.
- I. Riders meeting will be held prior to the practice by the designated official. The classes, order, length of races, and all track information will be discussed at this time. Any questions or concerns will be brought to the attention of the officials at this time.
- m. All riders will have the opportunity to practice, providing they are present during the time allowed for practice. Riders will practice with the class or classes they have signed up for unless otherwise stated by the Race Marshall.

#### C. Race Officials

- a. Race Marshall: The Race Marshall is responsible for the timely order of the event. He/she must work closely with the starter, scorekeeper, and announcer.
- b. The starter is responsible for the proper, timely starting and finishing of practice and each race. Starter must be familiar with the current AMMC and ISR rule book. He/she has the authority to restart or stop any practice, race, or signal any riders off the track if deemed necessary based on the guidelines established in the rule book or as directed by the Race Marshall. The starter will be responsible for making sure that the caution flag personnel are in place prior to allowing riders on the track. The starter is only under authority of the Race Marshall.
- c. Caution flaggers (yellow flaggers) are required to warn riders of any obstacle on the track that may be hazardous and to point out the safest route around the hazard, downed riders, stalled machines, course marker on track, etc. All of these cases require the caution flagger to wave the yellow flag to alert approaching riders. The caution flagger must remain in his/her position during all times when riders are on the track. If the flag person temporarily leaves his/her position for any reason, a substitute must be found and properly instructed. The caution flagger must not leave his/her position to assist a downed rider or remove an obstacle, if it will mean approaching riders will not be warned of possible hazard. The caution flagger is only under the authority of the starter and the Race Marshall.

#### D. Classes

- a. Must have at least three riders at the start of the race to deem a class complete.
- b. Semi-Pro Class: You may not race semi-pro class if you placed in the top three for three races in the any of the previous years, while racing with AMMC. You must move to the appropriate pro class, unless otherwise approved by the AMMC Board.
- c. There will be no switching of classes. You may not move down to semi-pro class if you have previously ran a pro class race with AMMC, unless otherwise approved by the AMMC Board.
- d. Riders who start racing after a season has started will be subject to advancement as determined by the AMMC Board.
- e. A rider may enter two or more classes when both he/she and their machines meet the qualification of the classes entered.

# E. Race Registration

- a. All racers must register for races online. AMMC uses software provided by RaceDay to easily manage race registration, post results, and process payments. Go to <a href="https://www.ammcracing.org">www.ammcracing.org</a> and follow the Race Registration link.
- b. Early registration is appreciated. Please take the time to complete a racer profile and register prior to the day of the race. Racers will still be required to complete a profile and register online on the day of the race.
- c. AMMC reserves the right to charge a late fee for registration on the day of the race.

# **Points, Scoring and Awards**

# A. Points

# **Ice Cross Heat Points**

Finish	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	10
2 <sup>nd</sup>	9
3 <sup>rd</sup>	9 8 7
4 <sup>th</sup>	7
5 <sup>th</sup>	6
6 <sup>th</sup>	5
7 <sup>th</sup>	4
8 <sup>th</sup>	3
9 <sup>th</sup>	6 5 4 3 2 1
10 <sup>th</sup>	1
11 <sup>th</sup>	1
12 <sup>th</sup>	1
13 <sup>th</sup>	1
14 <sup>th</sup>	1
15 <sup>th</sup>	1

# Ice Cross Conversion to Cross-Country Points

Placement in Ice Cross Race	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	45
4 <sup>th</sup>	42
5 <sup>th</sup>	40
6 <sup>th</sup>	38
7 <sup>th</sup>	36
8 <sup>th</sup>	34
9 <sup>th</sup>	32
10 <sup>th</sup>	30
11 <sup>th</sup>	28
12 <sup>th</sup>	26
13 <sup>th</sup>	24
14 <sup>th</sup>	22
15 <sup>th</sup>	20

# **Cross-Country Points**

Finish	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	60
2 <sup>nd</sup>	50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	45
4 <sup>th</sup>	42
5 <sup>th</sup>	40
6 <sup>th</sup>	38
7 <sup>th</sup>	36
8 <sup>th</sup>	34
9 <sup>th</sup>	32
10 <sup>th</sup>	30
11 <sup>th</sup>	28
12 <sup>th</sup>	26
13 <sup>th</sup>	24
14 <sup>th</sup>	22
15 <sup>th</sup>	20

#### B. Scoring

- a. DNF: Riders who completed one lap but did not finish will receive last place position in the heat.
- b. DNS: Riders not starting a race will receive zero points for that race.
- c. The championship will be awarded to the rider with the most points accumulated for the season. In the event of a tie, the rider with the most overall wins throughout the season will be declared the winner. If that is a tie, it will then be decided by money won.

#### C. Awards

- a. Trophy Class
  - i. Awards will be given to the top 3 overall finishers for that race.
- b. Money Payouts
  - i. Payout is based on purse money at each event. Payout generally will be for pro, semi-pro, women's pro, and vet pro classes only. AMMC reserves the right to adjust payout amounts based on the event and sponsorship levels. Events will be advertised as to how the payouts will be calculated.
  - ii. Racers receiving monetary payouts will be issued a check during the awards ceremony. If they are not present for the awards, their check will be mailed to them. Racer payouts that are not cleared within six months will be void and monies will be returned to the general race fund. Racers are responsible for providing correct mailing addresses when/if the payout is to be mailed. Checks returned due to incorrect addresses may be reissued at the discretion of the AMMC Treasurer and Board.

#### **Other AMMC Membership Rules**

#### A. Fees

- a. The annual fee for AMMC membership shall be determined by the board of directors prior to the first general membership meeting of each season.
  - i. Individual Membership for the 2014/2015 season is \$50 and applies to racers who are of age 14 and older.
  - ii. Family Membership for the 2014/2015 season is \$100 and will cover up to 5 immediate family members from the same household who are age 14 and older.
- b. All riders will pay a pre-determined entry fee for each class entered prior to his/her practice. A rider will not be allowed to practice or race without payment of entry fee.
  - i. Entry fee refunds will not be made after the start of the race. If a rider is late or unable to start the heat in a class they have registered for, they will forfeit their registration fee and points for that class. If the rider comes to AMMC prior to the race starting, and is unable to race due to injury or mechanical issues, a refund may be given. The race starter must be notified immediately if racer is unable to participate. Refunds will only be issued after race sign-ups and will be returned in the same manner that payment was received.
- c. Anyone passing through the gate in a pre-determined controlled area must pay a pre-determined gate fee. This includes all riders and spectators. Spectator children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Press and media personnel will be admitted at no charge, providing they are there to provide coverage for the sport or event.

#### B. Compensation

a. AMMC may compensate the score keeper, starter, gate keeper, flaggers, medics, announcer, heavy equipment operator, and any other position deemed worthy of compensation as determined by the AMMC Board.

#### C. Race Series

- a. AMMC will conduct a championship race series based on points.
- b. Year end point contenders may only miss 2 scheduled races during a season to qualify as champions for the class they have consistently raced. Points are not transferrable across classes.
- c. The number of events that AMMC hosts may be changed if the club is unable to hold the event due to weather, financial, or other circumstances. The number of events or types of events the club hosts can only be changed by a majority vote of the AMMC Board of Directors.

# D. The Association

- a. AMMC is a non-profit corporation composed of a body of dues paying members. The Board of Directors are unpaid volunteers elected to the board by the membership.
- b. An annual meeting will be held to elect from the membership, a Board of Directors to direct the club.

  The directors will guide the club according to the Rule Book, By Laws, and the Articles of Incorporation.