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I. Foreword

The American Bicycle Association was formed to provide organized racing and give national prominence to the sport of BMX. Under the ABA rules of sanction, riders may accumulate district points at any ABA sanctioned track in the United States and Canada. Additionally, a national level points program are offered for an increased interest of competition.

Each ABA BMX facility is a separate entity with the common goal of providing competitive yet safe and fun BMX racing. The staff of each track is committed to operating under ABA guidelines to ensure those goals. It is, however, the riders and his/her parent's responsibility to understand and follow racing regulations.

With these ideals in mind, the only requirements needed to excel are skill and determination.

II. ABA Membership

Every rider practicing or competing on any ABA sanctioned track must obtain an ABA membership (ABA License) prior to riding on the track. Memberships can be purchased at the local track.

1. All ABA members receive a secondary medical insurance benefit with a cash deductible.
2. **No ABA membership under any circumstance is transferable or refundable.**
3. All members must submit a birth certificate to the ABA within 30 days of membership purchase.
4. There are four types of memberships available, which are as follows:

A. One-day free membership- For for the new rider to have a chance to experience the sport prior to joining with one of the memberships below. This membership is for one practice or one race **only** and is not transferable or reusable.

B. Temporary- For the new rider to the sport. Valid for 30 days at any ABA sanctioned track. This membership allows riders to participate in practice and single-points races. No ABA points will be awarded. If within the 30 day period the rider wishes to become a full (annual) member, they may convert to full membership by submitting the temporary membership receipt with the conversion fee of \$25.00.

C. Full (annual)- Valid for one (1) full year at any ABA sanctioned event in the U.S. and Canada. Points will be awarded to all riders competing in any ABA sanctioned

race. Points will apply to each rider's home district. Full membership riders will receive the official membership card and a subscription to the BMXer Magazine. Any rider who joins at a local track will receive a current rule book, a BMX New Rider Manual and an official ABA number plate.

D. Gold Card (upgraded annual)- All of the characteristics of the Full membership also but includes:

- "Gold Card member only" line at all ABA nationals events.
- First-class delivery of the BMXer Magazine.
- Two (2) "free" Open class entries at any ABA national after racing ten(10) ABA nationals.
- One (1) "free" Open class entry at any ABA national after racing twenty (20) single point local races.
- Discount coupon for ABA Racewear after racing 20 single point races.
- Extension of the Pre-sign discount to the Gold Card window at national sign-ups. Siblings are not eligible unless they are also Gold Card holders
- A monthly race history report sent to his/her address.

5. Every rider **MUST** show proof of membership at race sign-up. Proof constitutes an ABA membership card or a renewal receipt. The ABA makes every attempt to issue a renewal notice to riders prior to their membership expiration. It is ultimately the rider and parent's responsibility to keep memberships current. Any points earned on an expired membership will be forfeit, as there is no officially written grace period. Memberships must be current through the end of the ABA points season (December 15th) to earn year end rankings and awards.

III. Amateur Classifications / State Age Groups / Proficiency Advancement

These are the current classes offered for amateurs by the ABA for competition purposes:

BOYS

5 & Under Novice	5 & Under Inter	5 & under Expert
6 Novice	6 Inter	6 Expert
7 Novice	7 Inter	7 Expert
8 Novice	8 Inter	8 Expert
9 Novice	9 Inter	9 Expert
10 Novice	10 Inter	10 Expert
11 Novice	11 Inter	11 Expert

12 Novice	12 Inter	12 Expert
13 Novice	13 Inter	13 Expert
14 Novice	14 Inter	14 Expert
15 Novice	15 Inter	15 Expert
16 Expert	16 Inter	16 Expert
17-18 Novice	17-18 Inter	17-18 Expert
19-27 Novice	19-27 Inter	19-27 Expert
28 & Over Novice	28 & Over Inter	28 & Over Expert

GIRLS

5 & Under Girls	6 Girls	7 Girls
8 Girls	9 Girls	10 Girls
11 Girls	12 Girls	13 Girls
14 Girls	15 Girls	16 Girls
17 & over Girls		

CRUISER

9 & Under Cruiser	10 Cruiser	11 Cruiser
12 Cruiser	13 Cruiser	14 Cruiser
15 Cruiser	16 Cruiser	17-20 Cruiser
21-25 Cruiser	26-30 Cruiser	31-35 Cruiser
36-40 Cruiser	41-45 Cruiser	46-50 Cruiser
51 & Over Cruiser		

GIRLS CRUISER

10 & Under Girls Cruiser	11-13 Girls Cruiser	14-16 Girls Cruiser
17-20 Girls Cruiser	21-25 Girls Cruiser	26-30 Girls Cruiser
31-35 Girls Cruiser	36-40 Girls Cruiser	41 & Over Girls Cruiser

NATIONAL / STATE / REDLINE CUP / RACE OF CHAMPIONS ONLY

BOYS

28-35 Novice	28-35 Inter	28-35 Expert
36-40 Novice	36-40 Inter	36-40 Expert
41 & Over Novice	41 & Over Inter	41 & Over Expert

GIRLS

17-27 Girls	28 & Over Girls
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CRUISER

8 & Under Cruiser	56 & Over Cruiser
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GIRLS CRUISER

41-45 Girls Cruiser	46 & Over Girls Cruiser
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State/Provincial Series Age Groups

These are the current age groups offered for amateurs by the ABA for State Series competition purposes:

Cruiser - 8 & under, 9,10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-20, 21-25, 26-30, 31-35, 36-40, 41-45, 46-50, 51-55, 56 & Over

Girl Cruiser - 10 & under, 11-13, 14-16, 17-20, 21-25, 26-30, 31-35, 36-40, 41-45, 46 & Over

Girls - 5 & under, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-27, 28 & Over

Boys - 5 & under, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-18, 19-27,28-35, 36-40, 41 & Over.

Proficiency Advancement

1. After attaining **eight (8)** class wins (of any type of race) or a total of **five (5)** national, Redline Cup Final or Race of Champions wins, a male Novice will be advanced to Intermediate, a female Novice will be advanced to the Girl class. They can no longer compete as a Novice.
2. If a Novice voluntarily competes in an Intermediate or Girls class at any ABA race before reaching **eight (8)** Novice wins, They will be advanced to the higher classification and can no longer compete as a Novice.
3. Upon a total of **twenty-five (25)** class wins (of type of race) or a total of **five (5)** national, Redline Cup Final or Race of Champions wins, an intermediate will be advanced to Expert.
4. **It is the riders responsibility to advance in proficiency when they reach the required number of wins for advancement. Riding out of class will result in the forfeiture of points and possible suspension. Do not wait until you receive your new card, it will follow in a few weeks.**
5. Open and cruiser wins do not count for advancement.
6. **Sandbagging is prohibited.** Any Novice or Intermediate rider having been judged to have intentionally avoided getting a win towards proficiency advancement will be disqualified and moved to last place. Last place points will be issued but the applicable award (if any) will be forfeited. Additionally, a win towards advancement will be credited.
7. A track operator may request the ABA to advance a rider in proficiency based on that rider's ability and/or actions.
8. The ABA reserves the right to advance any rider's proficiency at its discretion.
9. A rider may advance to the next higher proficiency voluntarily without acquiring the total amount of wins by racing in a

- higher proficiency. No ABA approval is required for this action; the right to reclassify is forfeit for one (1) full year.
10. Any rider competing with another organization must compete in the equivalent proficiency at all ABA sanctioned events. If a rider's proficiency status changes in another organization, that rider's proficiency must immediately be changed to be comparable.
 11. Any rider having exited the sport for a period of time and reapplying for membership, will be classified with the same number of wins when they exited. Exceptions are explained per Section IX, rules 3 & 4.
 12. All riders must maintain a current ABA Cruiser rider holding a NAG (#1-10), Redline Cup or ROC plate, upon entering into 20" competition with a new full 20" membership, will be classified as NO LESS than an Intermediate rider.

IV. Amateur Class Creation / Move-up Procedures

1. Three (3) or more amateur riders are required to form a **legal class**. This applies to all ABA events.
2. All riders must maintain a current ABA license in order to compete.

Procedures

The following describes class requirements as well as explains the procedures for combining classes when necessary.

A. Girls (Novice, Girl)

1. **All new female members have the option to be classified as a Novice and will compete in the Novice class (male and female) at all ABA events. Girls will follow the move-up procedures as outlined in Section VII, B. Boys, pertaining to Novice class formation.**
2. Any female Novice that voluntarily competes in a Girl class at a National or any other race will be considered a Girl in proficiency and from that moment on will be required to race in the Girls class at all events.
3. Classes will be created according to the following process:
 - The move-up procedure will always begin with the class of the youngest age available. Once a class is formed, the process picks up the next available class (youngest age dictating the order) and proceeds from there.
 - Class creation will start at 5 & Under Girls looking to form a legal class (*defined as three or more riders*)
 - Girl riders will only check up through the Girl spectrum within a three-year age barrier. If a rider is unable to move

into a legal class, then she will be moved into the boys Intermediate class of her respective age (**Ex:** a 9-year-old Girl can move only as high as 12 Girl).

Any rider in the 5 & Under class will be determined a 5 year old regardless of actual age and any rider in the 17 & over class will be determined a 17 year old regardless of actual age for the purpose of class creation .

- If the oldest Girl rider(s) of the day cannot form a legal class, that oldest rider(s) may then move down no more than 3 age groups checking for a legal class. (The three-year age barrier cannot be compromised.) There can be occasions, when the oldest Girl rider moves down, another rider of different age may follow that move down to the next legal class.

(Ex 1: Three 15 Girls (a legal class), one 16 Girl and one 17 Girl (oldest rider of the day). The 16 Girl checks 17 Girl, which contains a single rider, looking for a legal class She would become a 17 Girl for the purpose of class creation. Both riders would then check down to 15 Girls and form a class of five riders.)

(Ex 2: Two 13 Girls, one 14 Girl, one 15 Girl and one 17 Girl. The two 13 Girls would check 14 Girl to form a legal class. The 15 Girl would check 17 Girl but no legal class is formed The 15 Girl would become a 17 Girl for the purpose of class creation and both would check down a maximum of 3 age groups looking for a class. It would appear that a combination at the 14 Girls class is legal but as there are 13-year-old riders in the class, the 3-year age barrier is violated ($17 - 13 = 4$). The 2 oldest Girls would be required to move into the boys Inter class of their respective age. The 15 Girl cannot move back on her own merit, as she is not the oldest rider registered that day.)

- If a Girl rider cannot move into a legal class, then they will move into the boys Intermediate class of their respective age. (Any riders in 17 & over Girl will move to the Inter class of their **ACTUAL** age.)
6. When a class is formed, that class is labeled with the title of the group in which it was formed. (**Ex:** The 13 Girl class moves up to the 14 Girls forming a legal class, the class will be labeled as 14 Girls.)
 7. All Girls and girl Novices may race open classes at any local or national race.
 8. All Girls and female Novices must race in their correct age class. Riding out of class will result in a forfeiture of points and possible suspension.

B. Boys (Novice, Intermediate, Expert)

1. Classes will be created according to the following process:
 - The move-up procedure will always begin with the youngest age and lowest proficiency available. Once a class is formed, the process picks up the next available group (youngest age dictating the order) and proceeds from there.
 - Class creation will start at 5 & Under Boy.
 - In an effort to facilitate Novice class formation, Novice groups may check as many as two (2) Novice age groups above their own, in an effort to form a legal class (*defined as three or more riders*) before attempting to check the Intermediate and Expert classes.
 - If a legal class cannot be formed, the Novice will return to their respective class.

(Ex 1: 6 Novice will check 7 Novice class looking to create a legal class. If that minimum is not met, then the 6 Novice would check 8 Novice class looking for a legal class.)

(Ex 2: If there is a 7 Novice rider is available, both the 6 & 7 Novice riders would combine, checking the 8 Novice class looking for a legal class. If a legal class cannot be formed, the 6 & 7 Novice riders will return to their respective classes.)
 - A Novices following move will be to the next proficiency of the same age. (**Ex:** The 6 Novice rider will check the 6 Inter group looking to form a legal class.) If no legal class is formed, that rider will remain with this Inter group for move up purposes.
 - An Intermediate class (in this case with the Novice rider attached) will check the next age group of the same proficiency. (**Ex:** The 6 Inter group checks the 7 Inter group looking to make a legal class.) If no legal class is formed, the Inter group will return to its home group (6 Inter).
 - An Intermediate class' subsequent check is the Expert group of the same age, looking to form a legal class of 3 riders. (**Ex:** The 6 Inter group will check the 6 Expert group.) If no legal class is formed, the Inter group will remain with the expert group for move up purposes.
 - An Expert class will check the next older age group of the same classification looking to form a legal class. (**Ex:** The 6 Ex group will check the 7 Ex group.) If no legal class is formed, the Expert group will return to its home age group (6 Ex).
 - At this point, the Expert group will move to the Intermediate group of the next age level and remain there

for move up purposes. However, any Novice rider attached will move down to the Novice class with the corresponding age of that Inter class: (**Ex:** The 6 Ex group will move to the 7 Inter group, however the 6 Novice rider will move into and become a 7 Novice.)

- The process starts again with the youngest age and lowest proficiency (the 7 Novice class).
 - When a class is formed, the class is labeled with the title of the group in which it was formed. It is possible that no rider belonging to that particular class are involved. (**Ex:** 11 Inter class containing 2 - 11 Novices and a 10 Expert, all riders will receive expert points.)
2. If the oldest class of the day does not form a legal class, it may then check through the groups in reverse until a legal class is found, according to the following process:
 - The 28 & Over Novice will check one (1) Novice age group below their own looking for a legal class. (**Ex:** 28 & Over Novices will check the 19-27 Novice class looking for a legal class.) If no legal class is available, the subsequent check is 28 & Over Inter group looking to form a legal class.
 - If 28 & Over Inter does not form a legal class, they will check the 19-27 Inter group looking for a legal class. If no legal class is available, the rider's subsequent check is to the 28 & Over Expert looking to form a legal class. If no legal class is available, the Inter group will remain with the Expert group for class building purposes.
 - If 28 & Over Expert does not form a legal class, their first check will be to check down one age group in the same proficiency. If no legal class is available, they will return to the 28 & Over age group and then check the Intermediate group for a legal class of 3 or more riders. If no legal class is available, the rider will check the 19-27 Expert group and this pattern will repeat itself until a legal class is found.
 - If the event is a National, State / Provincial Series, Redline Cup Series or the Race of Champions, 41 & Over is the oldest 20" group of the day and will follow the same pattern as 28 & over in order to create a legal class.
 3. All riders must ride in their correct classes, no arbitrary class changing is allowed. **Example:** no Intermediate may move up to a class above his own to avoid getting a first or turning Expert. No Expert may move up to the next Intermediate class for easier competition. Riding out of class will result in a forfeiture of points and possible suspension.

C. Girls Cruiser

1. Classes will be created according to the following process:
 - Class creation will start at 10 & under and build up in an effort to form legal classes (*defined as three or more riders*), the move up process will stop at the 26-30 group. Any 26-30 riders without a legal class will be put in a hold. (Classes 31 and above are considered to be protected from younger riders moving up—with **exception***.)
 - At this point, starting at the 41 & Over Girl Cruiser group, begin checking riders **DOWN** with the purpose of creating legal classes. Continue combining groups working down to 21-25 Cruiser. **If younger riders remain without a legal class, they will move up in age to the last legal group that formed.**
***The exception being that any remaining cruiser riders will move up into an older, protected class.**
 - If the event is a National, State / Provincial Series, Redline Cup Series or the Race of Champions, 46 & Over will be the oldest group of the day and will follow the same pattern to create a legal class.
2. When a class is formed, that class is labeled with the title of the group in which it was formed.
3. A Girl Cruiser rider will only move into boy Cruiser if there are not enough Girl Cruiser riders to form a legal class within the entire Girl Cruiser spectrum. The Girl Cruiser rider(s) will be moved to the boy Cruiser class of their corresponding age.
4. All Girl Cruiser riders must compete in their correct age class. Racing out of class will result in forfeiture of points and possible suspension.

D. Cruiser

1. Classes will be created according to the following process:
 - Class creation will start at 9 & under and build up in an effort to form legal classes (*defined as three or more riders*), the move up process will stop at the 26-30 group. Any 26-30 riders without a legal class will be put in a hold. (Classes 31 and above are considered to be protected from younger riders moving up—with **exception***.)
 - At this point, starting at the 51 & Over Cruiser group, begin checking riders **DOWN** with the purpose of creating legal classes. Continue combining groups working down to 21-25 Cruiser. **If younger riders remain without a legal class, they will move up in age to the last legal**

group that formed.

***The exception being that any remaining cruiser riders will move up into an older, protected class.**

- If the event is a National, State/Provincial Series, Redline Cup Series or the Race of Champions, 8 & Under will be the youngest and 56 & Over will be the oldest group of the day and will follow the same pattern to create legal classes.
3. When a class is formed, that class is labeled with the title of the group in which it was formed.
 4. All Cruiser riders must compete in their correct age class. Riding out of class will result in forfeiture of points and possible suspension.
 5. **Pro Cruisers will never be moved into amateur cruiser.**

E. Opens

1. Open categories (Opens) offer riders an additional opportunity to compete at any ABA sanctioned event. Opens are generally of mixed age groupings and open to riders of any age.
2. Open class at Nationals are for Expert riders only.
3. Mixed Open at Nationals are for Novice, Intermediate and Girl riders only.
4. Opens may be run at the local track operator's discretion using promotional value and fairness as guidelines.
5. A rider must be registered to compete in their 20" points class in order to compete in Open.
6. The ABA recommends the following age groupings: 6 & under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, 17 & over.
7. If a Pro class does not form, a Pro-Am open class may be created. This class can include both amateur and Pro riders. ***It is recommended that an amateur be an Expert and at least 15 and older to compete.***
8. Riders 15 and older may compete in an open class with cash as the award of the day so long as that rider competes in their primary class (class or cruiser)

V. Pro Class

The ABA recognizes the Pro Class, and was the originator of large pro purses. Pro racing is an exciting part of BMX; however, it is not for everyone as it is a very large step requiring dedication to succeed. ABA Pro membership is a privilege and a responsibility. Pro riders are an example for all future BMX-ers. As a Pro, you are in the spotlight, and a role model. Good sportsmanship, fair play, clean riding, and good conduct are very important. All Pro riders are expected to act accordingly.

A. 2010 ABA Pro Age Requirements

A rider's eligibility to turn Pro will be determined by birth year. Below are the age requirements for the 2010 racing season.

January through July 2010

<u>Pro</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>
A Pro	1992
Jr Men	1992 -1993
AA Pro /Elite Men	1991
Pro Cruiser	1992
<u>Women Pro</u>	
Jr Women	1992-1993
Elite Women	1991

August through December 2010

<u>Pro</u>	<u>Year of Birth</u>
A Pro	1993
Jr Men	1993 -1994
AA Pro/Elite Men	1992
Pro Cruiser	1993
<u>Women Pro</u>	
Jr Women	1993-1994
Elite Women	1992

B. 2010 A Pro

1. To be eligible for A Pro from Jan through Jul 2010, a rider must have been born in 1992 or earlier.
2. To be eligible for A Pro from Aug through Dec 2010, a rider must have been born in 1993 or earlier.
3. An A Pro earning \$3000 in one season will be advanced to AA Pro unless that rider was born in 1992. Any rider born in 1992 must wait until Aug 1st, 2010 in order to advance to AA Pro

C. 2010 AA Pro

1. To be eligible for AA Pro, a rider must have been born in 1991 or earlier. If between Aug 1st- Dec 31st, 2010, a rider may participate in AA Pro if he was born in 1992 or earlier.
2. If an Amateur rider participates in a AA Pro / Elite Men (with the exception of UCI Supercross or international events) that rider will be automatically reclassified as an A Pro in January of the following year, and any monies earned while an amateur will be credited towards the \$3,000 required to advance to AA Pro/Elite Men.

D. 2010 Women Pro

1. To be eligible for Women Pro from Jan through July 2010, a rider must have been born in 1993 or earlier.
2. To be eligible for Women Pro from Aug through Dec 2010, a rider must have been born in 1994 or earlier.
3. The Women Pro class will be split according to the age requirements of the UCI Jr. Elite and Elite classes, which is dictated by a rider's year of birth. (see requirements above)
4. Women Pro will be split into two separate classes, Jr. Women and Elite Women. They will compete separately but earn points toward the same overall national title.
5. Jr. Women and Elite women will be combined as a single class at the Grand Nationals to determine the overall ABA National #1 Women Pro title.

E. Pro Competitive Structure

1. All ABA Pro/UCI events require five (5) riders to make a legal class. Any other event including the Canadian National series require four (4) riders to make a legal class.
2. All riders must maintain a current ABA Pro license in order to compete.
3. ABA Pro riders are prohibited from racing in any amateur classes with the exception of a Pro-Am Open.
4. Any rider that competes in another sanction as a Pro or equivalent class is required to race Pro with the ABA. All riders must meet ABA Pro age requirements otherwise they will race their respective age group at the expert level.
5. ABA Pro is categorized as follows:
 - Pro
 - Vet Pro
 - Women Pro
 - Pro Cruiser [A & AA Pro Men]
6. Vet Pro is open to riders under the following criteria:
 - a) A rider must hold a valid Pro license and be a minimum of 30 years old in order to compete in Vet Pro.
 - b) Only Vet Pro riders will be allowed to race in any Vet Pro class.
 - c) No current AA Pro rider may enter the Vet Pro class without satisfying the AA Pro to A Pro reclassification criteria (Section IX, rule 11).
 - d) If no Vet Class is offered, a Vet Pro rider may register to compete in the A Pro class.
 - e) Vet Pro riders can win unlimited A Pro money, as they will

6. be exempt from moving into the AA Pro class.
6. ABA Pros compete for cash awards at all ABA district and national events.
7. If a Pro class is not available, the local track director may, at their discretion, form a Pro-Am Open according to guide lines in Section VII, E, rule 8.
8. All Pro purse monies must be 100% paid back as the award. (A track operator guarantees a \$500 purse and collects \$600 in Pro entry fees. They must pay out the entire \$600, as that is 100% of the fees.)

F. ABA Pro Title Series Criteria

1. The ten (10) best ABA Pro Series national finishes plus the Grand Nationals will be counted. The Grand Nationals will be counted as double points.
2. National points will be awarded only at designated ABA Pro Series events. Points will be scored according to Section VIII. Pro Points.
3. The women Pro class will be split into two classes, Jr. Elite and Elite that are based on UCI age requirements.
4. Both women pro classes will be scored according to Section VIII. Pro Points. These points will be combined to determine ABA Pro Women Rankings.
5. Jr. Women and Elite Women will compete against each other at the Grand Nationals to determine the overall ABA National #1 Women Pro Title.
6. Year-end national numbers 1-100 will be reserved for AA Pro.
7. A Pro will count their ten (10) best national scores plus the Grand National and year-end national numbers will begin at 101.
8. When an A Pro advances to the AA Pro class, no National points will be carried forward.

F. Pro Transfer System

Pro classes are run under the total points system of which the following rules apply:

- a) Each rider races the predetermined number of motos and is given the number of points that corresponds with his finish: 1st place=1 point, 2nd place=2 points, etc. The rider with the lowest total of points is the winner.
- b) Point ties are broken by determining which rider finished best in the last moto.

- c) Each rider must cross the finish line to be scored.
- d) Any rider not starting in a moto will be scored with a last place score plus 1 point.
- e) Any rider DQed in a race will be scored in the last place position.
- f) In a class of two groups, the eight riders with the lowest points total, will transfer to make an eight-man main.
- g) In a class of three or more groups, the motos are run and, at that time, the ABA qualifying system rules will apply for any quarter and semi mains to transfer riders to the main event.

VI. Reclassification - Amateur/Pro

A. Amateur

1. **There will be no reclassification to the Novice skill level.** (Novice class is reserved for brand new riders to the sport.)
2. If a rider feels they have advanced in classification too rapidly, they may apply for reclassification at their local track. A reclassification form must be obtained from the track operator, filled out completely and submitted to the ABA Competition Committee for review. That rider will be notified by mail if his request is approved or denied.
3. Any Expert rider removed from competitive BMX racing (including cruiser racing) for a period of time corresponding with the following table may return to the ABA as an Intermediate with the respective number of wins already credited towards advancement:
 - No less than 2 years = 20 wins
 - No less than 3 years = 15 wins
 - No less than 4 years = 10 wins
 - No less than 5 years = 5 wins
4. Any Intermediate rider removed from competitive BMX racing (including cruiser racing) will return to the ABA as an Intermediate with a win count based on the following table:
 - Less than 2 years = actual win total.
 - No less than 2 years = 15 wins or actual win total*
 - No less than 3 years = 10 wins or actual win total*
 - No less than 4 years = 5 wins or actual win total*
 - No less than 5 years = 0 wins
 *[or whichever is less]

B. Pro

1. An A Pro or Vet Pro rider may be reclassified to amateur by

meeting one of the following criteria:

- a) Earned no money in the past 10 months and must obtain three signatures from riders holding a top 25 national ranking in the current points for the class he will be moving into (**Ex:** 19-27 expert or 21-25 cruiser). Forms for this procedure must be requested from the ABA office.
 - b) Having been removed from competitive BMX racing for a period of more than 5 years, that rider may return to the ABA at no less than an expert without going through the reclassification process.
2. Any AA Pro may be eligible to request reclassification to amateur by meeting the following criteria:
 - a) Must be removed from competitive BMX racing for not less than 5 years.
 - b) Must get three signatures of riders holding a current top 25 national ranking in the class he will be moving into (ex. 19-27 expert or 21-25 cruiser). Forms for this procedure must be requested from the ABA.
 3. Any Pro rider earning reclassification approval to amateur will be ineligible for team competition for a period of 1 year (365 days from date of reclass approval).
 4. AA Pro riders may be eligible to request reclassification to A Pro after 7 consecutive national races of participation with no Pro payout (including non-qualifying dollars) or one full year's absence from any competition.
 5. The ABA will make all final determinations on reclassification approvals.

VII. ABA Amateur Points / Scoring

A. Points

1. The district points racing season will run from January 1 through December 15 of each year.
2. The national season begins January 1 of each year and concludes at the Grand Nationals.
3. The State and Redline Cup season begins January 1 of each year and concludes at the finals for the respective series.
4. District points are tabulated using the total accumulated points method. A rider earning the highest points will be the #1 rider in the following categories:
 - Boys
 - Girls
 - Cruiser

- Girl Cruiser
5. Member will receive points immediately following each race. New riders shall run an assigned temporary number on their number plate, which will be assigned, to them by the track until an official number is received from the ABA by mail.
 6. Members can earn four types of points: District, State, Redline Cup and National.
 7. There are no points earned for Open Class
 8. Any rider combined in a class with rider(s) of a higher skill level will receive the corresponding points from the higher skill level. **This applies to any type of points being awarded (District, Redline, State / Provincial, National) and these points will apply to the riders home district or age group whichever may apply.**
 9. A Girl rider combined into a boy Inter class will receive points from the corresponding **Section V. Points** Table for the Girl class. (**Ex:** The Girl rider will compete for Girl points while Intermediates will compete for Intermediate points.) female Novices will receive points corresponding to the Novice points table.
 10. A rider may race in any district. Points will apply to the riders home district.
 11. The location of predominant residence and/or where a rider attends school will determine that rider's home district.
 12. Any rider that changes residence must notify ABA in writing within 30 days. Any rider misrepresenting his/her residence may be suspended and possible forfeiture of points.
 13. No rider may transfer into a district and assume the #1 position in points. The transferring rider will be positioned in the #2 placement forfeiting as many points as necessary to show 1 point less than the current #1 rider.
 14. The deadline for district transfers is August 1st of each season. After this date, riders will remain in their respective district even if geographic move has been made.
 15. **There will be an overall district standing published in the January-February issue of the BMXer Magazine. The number that precedes each rider's name will be that rider's earned district number for the year.**
 16. In the event of a tie between two or more members in final district points, the following will be used to break the ties.
 - a) Most first place finishes
 - b) Most second place finishes
 - c) Most third place finishes
 - d) Most fourth place finishes
 - e) Most fifth place finishes
 - f) Earliest membership date
 - g) Lowest rider number of last season

B. Scoring

1. **The number being used on each rider's bike must appear on the moto sheet or that rider may not be scored and points may be withheld.**
2. A rider **MUST** participate in at least 1 moto of competition to receive points for that particular event.
3. ABA finish points are awarded to all riders in any main event [or legally formed total points class at every ABA sanctioned race]. (For races utilizing the Total Point system of scoring, all last place finishers in classes of 4 or more riders will receive rider points only).
4. For any qualifier or main, a rider will be scored and receive a finish placement respective to how he/she crosses the finish line provided that rules 26 & 27 of Section XIII are satisfied.
5. A rider disqualified from a qualifying moto will be put to last in that respective moto. That rider may still be eligible, however, to compete in remaining qualifying motos, if any, for that particular race.
6. Any rider that has qualified to a main event will receive main event finish points respective to his/her actual finish position within that main event.
7. The following situations will result in a rider receiving no less than a last place main event finish with respective points (Ex: 4 riders in the main—last place is 4th):
 - a) Not racing his main event for any reason.
 - b) Starting the main but not crossing the finish line for any reason.
 - c) Any type of disqualification within that main event.
8. A rider may miss any qualifying moto (excluding total point racing) at their discretion without penalty. All other ABA rules still apply.
9. Total point races shall be scored in the following manner: Finish positions shall be tallied for each of three motos awarding one point for first, two points for second and three points for third. (A rider that misses a moto or receives a flagrant disqualification [foul] from a moto will receive one point more than the total number of riders in the class.) The total of these three motos will determine order of finish with lowest points getting first place and so on. If a tie exists after the three motos, the best finish in the third moto between tied participants will determine the winner.
10. Riders may verify their qualifier or main event finishes

during that day's race with the scorekeeper at the finish line. This must be done of within 10 motos or mains of the rider main or moto.

At all races, riders earn points for their finish in the main, plus one point for each rider in their class. For multi-point tabulating, the overall points total is multiplied by the amount corresponding to the event (i.e. double, triple or quadruple). [Riders not qualifying to the main event will still receive one point for each rider in his/her class for the day's point tally.]

C. Amateur Points Tables

District Points Table*

Novice	Intermediate	Expert/Girl/Cruiser
1st 25 points	1st 50 points	1st 100 points
2nd 20 points	2nd 40 points	2nd 80 points
3rd 15 points	3rd 30 points	3rd 60 points
4th 12 points	4th 25 points	4th 50 points
5th 10 points	5th 20 points	5th 40 points
6th 7 points	6th 15 points	6th 30 points
7th 5 points	7th 10 points	7th 20 points
8th 3 points	8th 5 points	8th 10 points

*All riders will receive one point for each rider in their class.

Bonus District Points

At national events, riders who transfer out of their motos will receive bonus district points. Riders will receive bonus points equaling one point for every rider in his/her eighth main, quarter main or semi main. These points will be tripled and added to any district points earned at that event.

Ex: An expert rider has 12 groups or 90 riders in his class at a national. Upon transferring to his quarter mains of 36 total riders, he earns 36 bonus points. If he does not advance further he earns $36 \times 3 = 108$ bonus points. If he transfers to the semi mains of 15 riders, he earns an additional $15 \times 3 = 45$ bonus points added to the 108 equaling 153 total bonus points. If the rider goes on to transfer to the main event and place 3rd, his points would be as follows: 153 bonus points + 270 rider points (90×3) + 180 finish points (60×3) = 603 total district points earned. Only the initial class rider points will be **automatically** added to any rider's district standing. **All bonus points and main event finish points shall go automatically into a Bonus Points file for each rider and will be distributed when certain criteria**

have been met by that rider. As each rider competes at any single point race, 10% of that year's bonus points will be added to the respective rider's district standing file. When a rider has competed in 10 single point races, 100% of the year's bonus points already earned or to be earned, will be added automatically.

Redline Cup / State / Provincial Points Table*

Novice	Intermediate	Expert/Girl/Cruiser
1st 18 points	1st 19 points	1st 20 points
2nd 17 points	2nd 18 points	2nd 19 points
3rd 16 points	3rd 17 points	3rd 18 points
4th 15 points	4th 16 points	4th 17 points
5th 14 points	5th 15 points	5th 16 points
6th 13 points	6th 14 points	6th 15 points
7th 12 points	7th 13 points	7th 14 points
8th 11 points	8th 12 points	8th 13 points
DNQ 10 points	DNQ 10 points	DNQ 10 points

*There are no rider points added to this points table.

National Amateur Points Table*

Novice	Intermediate	Expert/Girl/Cruiser
1st 60 points	1st 120 points	1st 240 points
2nd 50 points	2nd 100 points	2nd 200 points
3rd 40 points	3rd 80 points	3rd 160 points
4th 30 points	4th 60 points	4th 120 points
5th 20 points	5th 40 points	5th 80 points
6th 10 points	6th 20 points	6th 40 points
7th 8 points	7th 15 points	7th 30 points
8th 5 points	8th 10 points	8th 20 points

*All riders will receive one point for each rider in their class.

VIII. Pro Points

The Pro season begins January 1 of each year and concludes at the Grand Nationals.

A. National Pro Points

A Pro	AA Pro/Pro CRUISER/ Women Pro/VET Pro
1st 120 points	1st 240 points
2nd 100 points	2nd 200 points

3rd	80 points	3rd	160 points
4th	60 points	4th	120 points
5th	40 points	5th	80 points
6th	20 points	6th	40 points
7th	15 points	7th	30 points
8th	10 points	8th	20 points
Semi	5 points	Semi	10 points
Quarter	3 points	Quarter	6 points

***All riders will receive one point for each rider in their class.**

IV. Video Scoring Assistance

1. Throughout the ABA national series, including the Redline Cup Finals and Race of Champions, the ABA may set up and utilize a video system to aid in the accuracy of scoring. This system is considered a backup for the official scoring crew of the day.
2. If any technical problem occurs with the video system during any given race(s) resulting in the loss of review capabilities, decisions on finishes will be made using the scoring sheets. These decisions will be final.
3. Riders have 10 motos to protest a finish for video review.
4. The official has the right to view any video at anytime for scoring purposes.

X. Rider Identification

1. **All riders must present a current and valid ABA membership card or membership receipt at all ABA tracks to participate in any sanctioned race, practice or other activity.**
2. All riders will be issued an eight-digit serial number. That number must be shown at registration and must appear on the day's moto sheets or no points may be issued for that race.
3. In the case of new members, a track operator should write "NFM" (new full member) in place of the serial number on the moto sheet. This will be used until the rider receives his/her license from the ABA. For any rider holding temporary membership status, the word "TEMP" should be used in place of the serial number on the moto sheet.
4. **A rider's current earned or ABA issued number must appear on that rider's number plate during all competition.** This identification can appear in the

following forms only:

- a) District number—solid black number (minimum 3" high) on a white background.
- b) National Age Group (NAG) number—solid black number, #1-10 (USA) on a light gray background.
- c) Overall National number—solid white number, #1-99 on a black background.
- d) Redline Cup Championship number—solid black #1 - 3 on a yellow background.
- e) Race of Champions number—solid white #1 on a red background.

***Any rider not using his/her earned number may not be scored for that race.**

5. ABA Pro career numbers can be applied for in the following classes
 - AA Pro
 - Women Pro
 - Pro Cruiser
 - Vet Pro
 Career numbers are subject to UCI approval. All Pro riders will have the option to use their UCI career number or their earned number from the previous years ranking.
 - It is preferred that ABA Pro Champions from the previous year use the ABA Pro # 1 plate at ABA Pro events.
6. All number plates shall have legible numbers at least 3" in height. The number shall be unobstructed by other decals so as to be read clearly.
7. All numbers must be placed on the number plate so that they do not overlap.
8. The number plate must be attached securely to the front of the bicycle handlebars.
9. In classes where riders have the same number, a letter may be required to be displayed on the number plate for identification purposes. This letter will be supplied in staging and must remain on that rider's number plate for the duration of the day's race or until told otherwise. Riders to receive a letter will be determined at the track's discretion.
10. ABA has the right to reject any number plate that it deems illegible.

XI. Apparel and Equipment (Bicycle)

A. Apparel

1. **All riders must wear helmets with a permanent strap attached; snaps are not allowed.** Helmets must have

sufficient padding and be of good quality. The ABA highly recommends a full-face helmet or a helmet that covers the ears.

2. All riders must wear enclosed shoes, which are sufficient to protect the rider's feet.
3. It is recommended that riders wear long pants. Loose fitting short pants made of tear-resistant material are permitted and used in combination with a one-piece knee and shin guard with a rigid surface. There must be no exposed skin shows above the knee or below the skin guard extending to above the ankle. The short pants fabric must have a minimum of 3 inches of doubled up excess material, without stretching the fabric. This shall be measured by pinching the fabric between the index finger and thumb. All combinations of shorts with knee and shin guards are subject to the approval of the ABA and/or Track Operator.
4. It is recommended that riders wear long sleeved shirts. Short sleeved shirts and sufficient elbow protection is allowable subject to the approval of the ABA and/or Track Operator,

B. Equipment (Bicycle)

1. Bicycles for competition in the **Boy/Girl/Pro classes** can have no larger than a 20" wheel diameter. 12", 16" & 18" bicycles are acceptable for competition.
2. Bicycles for competition in the **Cruiser/Girl Cruiser/Pro Cruiser** can have no smaller than a 24" wheel diameter. 26" or larger bicycles are acceptable for competition.
3. Multi-speed MTB style bicycles are acceptable for competition in the cruiser class.
4. All bicycles must have an operating braking system—hand and/or coaster (foot) brake.
5. Handlebars may not exceed 30" in width and grips are required and must cover/enclose the entire opening on the handlebar ends.
6. Padding securely fastened to the bike on the top frame tube, stem and handlebar crossbar is recommended.
7. The bicycle must be in structurally sound condition with no broken weld or jagged exposures.
8. All kickstands, chain guards, fenders and reflector brackets must be removed.
9. All wheels, seats and bars must be securely tightened.
10. Axle ends may not exceed ¼" beyond the axle nut or must be cut.
11. Bicycles equipped with freestyle type pegs will not be allow-

ed on the track at any time.

12. All equipment is subject to the approval of the ABA and/or Track Operator.

XII. Track Regulations

1. The track operator oversees all officials, scorers and riders. The track operator's decisions are final, and he/she may rule on a situation not covered by the ABA rules. Any ruling made by an operator that is not covered in this rule book must be submitted in writing immediately to the ABA.
2. There shall be one head official on the track at all times. The head official's decisions regarding disputes on the track will be final.
3. There shall be enough track officials so as to conduct the race in a safe manner.
4. All disputes must be taken to the head official.
5. The stager shall be the person calling the racers to their motos. He/she has complete charge of the staging area and starting hill.
6. The starter will start and oversee all starts for each race. The starter's commencement of each race shall be official and can only be changed by the race director.
7. There shall be a head scorer located at the finish line along with enough assistant scorers necessary to accurately call race finishes. All of the head scorer's decisions regarding finishes and scoring are final.
8. Each track's moto sheets and membership applications **MUST** be postmarked within 2 working days after each event or risk the possibility of sanctions being levied by the ABA.
9. One set of points per day will be counted from any one track. ABA sanctioned tracks are restricted to one complete race per day. **Ex:** A postponed race, as per Section XIII, rule 3, may be made up on a regular race day prior to the day's actual event.
10. All ABA sanctioned tracks should have a starting gate wide enough to maintain 8 riders. The gate must be run in a safe manner and placed to be fair to all riders.
11. Every ABA sanctioned track **must** offer awards of some type; Trophies, ribbons, plaques or ABA Saver Stamps are recommended.
12. **The discounting of entry fees for points is not allowed. Any track running an event for points only may have its ABA sanction suspended.**
13. All single and double point races must offer a **minimum**

award distribution of:

- a) Total points class of 3 riders = 1 award (ABA recommends no more than 2 awards)
 - b) 4 riders in a class (3 in main) = 2 awards
 - c) 5 or more riders in a class = 3 awards
14. Each track is allowed specific multi-point events and has the ability to earn additional events to be run within each year. A description of each is as follows:
- Race For Life (RFL) - a district points charity race to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS).
 - State / Provincial Championship Race (SCR/PCR) - a double-district points race also offering state provincial championship points towards the state / provincial championship title.
 - Earned double - a double-district point race.
 - Redline Cup Race - a triple-district points also offering Redline Cup points towards the Redline Cup Final of a riders respective their respective region.
 - State / Provincial Championship Final (SCF/PCF) - a triple district points race, which concludes the State / Provincial Championship series in each respective state / province.
15. Redline Cup Race events must offer awards 1st-4th per class (opens excluded).
16. State / Provincial Championship Final events must offer awards 1st-8th per class (opens excluded).
17. Novice, intermediate and expert awards must be of the same kind and size.
18. Any increase in race fees for multi-point events must be accompanied by a comparable increase in trophy size or worth of other awards.
19. **All ABA multi-point events must be run using the ABA transfer system.**
20. The ABA issues an authorization card for all multi-point events to be posted in a conspicuous place. **Riders: If you do not see this card, ask to see it as earned points will not be issued for an unapproved multipoint race.**
21. No event may be moved or transferred from one facility to another without WRITTEN APPROVAL from the ABA.
22. **The ABA strongly recommends that first aid personnel be available at every event. Every track must at least have a first aid kit on the premises at every event.**

XIII. Racing Rules

1. The track operator may modify a rule to meet local track conditions but only to make the event safer. Any

modifications must be fair for all riders. These modifications must be made known to all participants prior to any event through P.A. announcements or printed materials.

2. It is the riders responsibility to check the moto sheets and ensure they are in the correct class. If, after racing has started, it is discovered that a rider is in the incorrect class, the rider may be disqualified and forfeit all points.
3. Once a race has begun, meaning the first gate of the first round of motos has dropped, the track director due, to inclement weather or other extreme circumstances, may postpone that race.
4. Moto sheets of a postponed race **may not be altered**. Under no circumstances will sign-ups be added nor any refunds given.
5. The use of any drugs, stimulants or intoxicants is prohibited unless prescribed by a licensed physician.
6. No betting or soliciting bets is permitted at any ABA sanctioned race.
7. Only riders who are officially registered for the day's competition or practice, having provided proper ABA membership proof, may ride on the track.
8. Any rider not responding to the call of his/her name or number in staging has one minute to get to the staging area. The starter is never required to hold a gate for a missing rider.
9. **It is the responsibility of each rider and that rider's pit crew, (Ex: parents, guardian or sponsor), to be in the staging area when necessary and be prepared to race.**
10. Riders must take the lane assigned to them in each race. Any rider that is found in the wrong lane upon another rider's protest, prior to that moto/main commencing, may be disqualified and removed from the gate for that race.
11. Any rider in the gate having difficulties, not ready to race or questioning another rider's lane position or safety equipment can only put that race on hold by **placing their front wheel over the gate**. This action must take place **before** the starting cadence begins.
12. The only riders that may be assisted at the starting gate are those 5 years old and younger. This assistance shall only include the rear wheel being placed between the assistant's legs. No hands may be used to prop the rider up and any pushing off will result in the rider's disqualification.
13. Parents of any rider 6 years of age and older may accompany their rider through the staging area. However, these parents are **NOT ALLOWED** to assist their rider at

- or on the starting gate.
14. All riders must have their wheel against the gate when the starter begins the starting cadence.
 15. A rider's wheel may not break the plane of the gate until the gate is released. Doing so will constitute a "gate jump" and that rider may be disqualified from that moto or main.
 16. A moto or main may not be rerun if upon release of the gate, a rider is not fully prepared to race.
 17. A rider determined by an official to have intentionally impeded the progress of another rider during the first 30 feet of the race may be disqualified. To facilitate this rule, it is recommended that a clearly visible line extend across the width of the track, placed at a point 30 feet from the starting gate.
 18. **Three riders falling down before the crest of the first obstacle will constitute a restart.** The "crest" shall be defined as the top of the front most part of any jump.
 19. During the course of a race, should a rider leave the track as a direct result of contact with another rider, that rider must re-enter the track at the nearest point that is safe to all riders, without improving his/her position. (A rider re-entering the track in an improved position may delay them self to the original position and then continue racing from there.)
 20. Any rider determined by an official as maliciously forcing another rider off the track may be disqualified.
 21. Should a rider leave the track purely on his/her own accord, that rider must make sure **NO** obstacles have been missed before returning to the track in a safe manner. (Hay bales, cones, chalk lines or other markers signifying the inside of a turn are also considered obstacles.)
 22. On tracks with a decision-maker split straightaway, once a rider commits to a straightaway, they must complete it in its entirety, transferring to the adjacent straightaway will result in a DQ
 23. Any chalk line, cone, or other type of designation on any straightaway (including the finish line area) is **NOT** considered an obstacle. These are understood to be guidelines.
 24. The lead rider can take any line available on the track (This relates to any rider ahead of any other-2nd place ahead of 3rd, 5th ahead of 6th, etc.). However, if the lead rider intentionally moves over and makes malicious contact with another rider, then that rider may be disqualified.
 25. **When on the final straight, a rider determined by an official to have intentionally impeded the progress of**

- another rider may be disqualified.**
26. Any rider, the victim of an officially recognized foul, will NOT be given the placement he was in when the foul occurred. Except if the infraction took place on the final straight between the last obstacle and the finish line. That rider would then be awarded the placement they were in before the infraction.
 27. **A rider must finish any moto or main on the same bicycle that he/she started on.**
 28. A rider may push or pull his/her bicycle across the finish line to be scored. That rider must be in contact with their bicycle in order to be scored.
 29. Any rider whose bicycle becomes entangled with another bicycle must separate the bicycles before continuing the race.
 30. Any rider lodging a protest about a particular race must present his/her case to the head official within 10 motos after the race in question.
 31. **Officials have the authority to call fouls and levee disqualifications regardless of whether a protest has been lodged.**
 32. Officials look for the intention of any circumstance on the track. Situations deemed under malicious intent may result in disqualification.
 33. If a track official directly interferes with a race, the race may be rerun only at the discretion of the head official.
 34. A moto or main may not be rerun due to poor surface conditions.

XIV. Rules of Conduct

Every rider must at all times observe such conduct as reflects the ideals of good sportsmanship and avoid any conduct which may bring himself or the sport of BMX into disrepute.

1. The use of radio assistance for any rider on the track is strictly prohibited.
2. A rider may be disqualified or suspended for his/her actions or the actions of his/her parent(s), or accompanying party.
3. A parent/guardian or accompanying party may have their event attendance privilege revoked for their own actions or actions of their rider(s).
4. A rider may be disqualified for team riding—letting another rider of same team or other affiliation pass so as to affect the overall outcome of any race.

5. A rider may be disqualified if any parent, team member, pit crew or other assists that rider in any situation on the track during any qualifier or main.
6. A rider may be suspended up to one year for damaging, stealing or destroying public or private property. (Parents, it is your responsibility to control a minor's actions.)
7. A rider found intentionally misrepresenting his/her age may be suspended for up to one full year.
8. A rider competing in place of another rider shall receive a one-year suspension along with the rider he/she has replaced.
10. A rider misrepresenting his/her presence at any race ("ghost rider") will not be scored for that event and may face suspension. Additionally, any class that is illegally formed with a "ghost rider" will forfeit all points. Adding ghost riders to moto sheets is an illegal practice and will not be tolerated.
11. A rider participating in a "ghost riding" situation may be suspended.
12. A rider knowingly racing out of class shall receive no less than a 3-month suspension.

XV. The ABA Transfer System

The ABA recommends the use of the ABA Transfer System for qualifying riders from heat races (motos) to main events. This system is not mandatory except for multi-point events. A track operator may use any system that fits the track's locality. When the ABA transfer system is not to be utilized, that track operator must submit to the ABA a written detailed description of the system to be used. Upon approval by the ABA Competition Committee, that different system may be initiated. The approved written description of the system used at the track, if different from the ABA transfer system, must be posted in a location clearly visible and available in written form to any rider at time of signup. The ABA also strongly encourages any track utilizing a system other than the ABA transfer system to post their approved alternate system on any "Racing Schedule Flyers" and/or on any Internet web site affiliated with the track.

The ABA Transfer System proceeds as follows:

1. A rider will transfer (qualify) out of his/her respective moto by attaining an appropriate finish. Qualifying finish spots will be predetermined on the moto sheet.

2. **Once a rider qualifies for a semi or the main event, they will not race again until that time. Doing so may result in disqualification.**
3. **Only** a class of nine riders shall have its final round of qualifying motos combined.
4. Track operators have the option of running a 2-moto-transfer system at their discretion.
5. At all National, Redline Cup Final & Race of Champion events, the ABA will limit qualifying to a total of 2 rounds.
6. The ABA Grand Nationals will operate under the 3-moto-transfer system.

The following examples demonstrate how the qualifying works. It involves each entire set of motos being run a predetermined number of times (2 or 3) to qualify riders to quarter-mains, semi-mains or directly to main events depending on the number of riders competing. Examples are based on an eight-rider gate: (When riders are referred to as **qualified**, it means they have transferred out of their moto and into the next applicable race. These riders will **not** race the remaining qualifying motos, if any remain.)

Under the 3 moto transfer system:

Class of three or fewer riders-1 group:

First round-total points
 Second round-total points
 Third round Olympic-total points
 No main event.

(The third round can be run in the third round of qualifying motos or included with the main events.)

Class of 4 riders-1 group:

First round-first place rider qualifies.
 Second round-first place rider qualifies.
 Third round-first place rider qualifies.
 One rider does not qualify, and a three-rider main event is run.

Class of 5 riders-1 group:

First round-first place rider qualifies.
 Second round-first place rider qualifies.
 Third round-first and second place riders qualify.
 One rider does not qualify, and a four-rider main event is run.

Class of 6 riders-1 group:

First round-first place rider qualifies.
 Second round-first and second place riders qualify.

Third round-first and second place riders qualify.
One rider does not qualify, and a five-rider main event is run.

Class of 7 riders-1 group:

First round-first and second place riders qualify.
Second round-first and second place riders qualify.
Third round-first and second place riders qualify.
One rider does not qualify, and a six-rider main event is run.

Class of 8 riders-1 group:

First round-first and second place riders qualify.
Second round-first and second place riders qualify.
Third round-first, second and third place riders qualify.
One rider does not qualify, and a seven-rider main event is run.

Class of 9 riders-2 groups:

First group will contain 5 riders while second group will have 4.
First round-qualify first place rider out of each group.
Second round-qualify first place rider out of each group.
Third round-combine remaining 5 riders and qualify the first 4 riders.
One rider does not qualify, and an eight-rider main event is run.

Class of 10-14 riders-2 groups:

Two even groups will be formed unless there is an odd number of riders. The additional (odd) rider will always be placed into the top group.
First round-qualify first place rider out of each group.
Second round-qualify first place rider out of each group.
Third round-qualify 1st & 2nd place riders out of each group.
Two riders do not qualify, and an eight-rider main event is run.

Three groups in a class (15-19 riders):

First round-qualify first place rider out of each group.
Second round-qualify first place rider out of each group.
Third round-qualify first and second place riders out of each group.
Total of 12 riders are qualified, making up 2 semi-mains containing 6 riders each.
Semi-main-qualify the first four riders out of each semi to main event.
Eight-rider main event.

Four groups in a class (20-24 riders):

First, second and third rounds-qualify the first place rider from each group.

Total of 12 riders are qualified, making up 2 semi-mains containing 6 riders each.
Semi-main-qualify the first four riders out of each semi to main event.
Eight-rider main event.

Five groups in a class (25-30 riders):

First, second and third rounds-qualify the first place rider from each group.
Total of 15 riders are qualified, making up 2 semi-mains containing 7 & 8 riders respectively.
Semi-main-qualify the first four riders out of each semi to main event.
Eight-rider main event.

Under the 2 moto transfer system:

Class of three or fewer riders -1 group

Same as three-moto system—total points.

Class of 4 riders -1 group

First round-first place rider qualifies
Second round-first and second place riders qualify
A three-rider main is run.

Class of 5 riders – 1 group

First round-first and second place riders qualify
Second round-first and second place riders qualify
A four-rider main is run.

Class of 6 riders – 1 group

First round-first and second place riders qualify
Second round-first, second and third place riders qualify
A five-rider main is run

Class of 7 riders – 1 group

First round-first, second and third place riders qualify
Second round-first, second and third place riders qualify
A six-rider main is run.

Class of 8 riders – 1 group

First round-first, second and third place riders qualify
Second round-first, second, third and fourth place riders qualify
A seven-rider main is run.

Class of 9 riders – 2 groups

First group will contain 5 riders while the second group will have 4

First round-first and second place riders will qualify from each group

Second round-combine remaining five riders and qualify the first 4 riders

An eight-rider main is run

Class of 10 riders or more - two or more groups

First round-first and second place will qualify

Second round-first and second place will qualify

Riders will continue to qualify through any quarters and semis to an eight-rider main.

XVI. ABA National Team Rules

1. Team competition consists of three classifications: Trophy, Bike Shop and Factory.
2. A Factory team is any team where the sponsor manufactures any component for bicycles or calls itself a Factory Team.
3. All Bike Shop or Factory team riders MUST wear a respective team jersey during all competition or risk losing team points for his/her finish of the day.
4. Team jersey restrictions:
 - a. All Factory teams are to include the word "Factory" on their jerseys.
 - b. Bike shop team jerseys must have the Bike shop team name as the predominant logo on the jersey. Any other sponsor name recognition can only be 50% of the size of the bike shop name.
5. Any rider being on a National Team (that which excludes inter and novice riders) in another sanctioning body is eligible only for Factory Team in ABA team competition.
6. The ABA reserves the right to determine which category a team is considered in Factory or Bike Shop.
7. Factory and Bike Shop teams must submit and maintain a roster of team members, in writing, with the ABA office. **A new roster must be submitted each year.** This roster shall be published in both the BMXer magazine and on ABABMX.com.
8. Teams adding to their roster must do so prior to close of registration on the day of the event. This must be submitted on a roster addition form, which shall be available at registration.

9. Any rider dropped or removing themselves from a Factory Team shall be ineligible for team competition (Factory or Bike Shop) **for a period of 120 days, commencing on the date that ABA receives notification** by either the rider and/or parents (if a minor). Notification must be in writing or fax. **(Rider & parents: If you are released from a team, notify the ABA in writing to make sure your name is removed from the roster).**
10. Any rider moving from a Bike Shop team to another Bike Shop team or a Factory Team will not become eligible for team competition for 45 days.
11. A Factory Team may not roster a Novice or Intermediate rider.
12. A Factory, Bike Shop or Trophy Team may enter up to two team sheets per race. Only the best of the two scores will be counted. (In case of miscalculation, it is recommended to turn in both team sheets from that race.)
13. A team may run up to four riders with an optional 5th Girl rider and 6th Pro rider on a team sheet. A teams best four scores will be counted.
14. A rider may not be used more than once on any single team sheet.
15. Teams may use a rider on different team sheets but said rider must be entered in different classes (ie..class on one sheet and cruiser or open on the other sheet).
16. The bottom section of the **team sheet entries must be turned in before motos are posted. No Exceptions.**
17. Any rider that races in a class combined with a rider of a higher proficiency will be scored with team points from the table of the higher proficiency.
18. A rider not qualifying for the main will received zero (0) points.
19. A team sheets best four scores will be counted.
20. The top section of the team sheet must be turned in at the finish line immediately following the end of the race to be eligible.
21. The team sheet with the highest score wins their respective category for the day.
22. In the case of a tie, the order in which riders qualified to the mains will be counted as follows:
 - a. qualified 1st moto - 1 point
 - b. qualified 2nd moto- 2 points
 - c. qualified 3rd moto - 3 points
 - d. Team with the lowest points breaks the tie
 - e. If a tie still exists, both teams will be credited with the same finish
23. All team scores will be counted as follows:

- a. Factory team standings will count the best twelve (12) races plus the Grand National for year end overall.
 - b. Bike Shop team standings will count the best eight (8) races plus the Grand Nationals for year end overall.
 - c. The ABA Grand Nationals will count as double team points.
 - d. In case of a tie, the Grand Nationals will be the tie breaker.
- 24. Bike Shop and Factory Teams shall compete for cash awards and a year-end award.
 - 25. **A Trophy Team shall have no roster and shall compete for trophies of the day and a year-end award.**
 - 26. Entry fees of \$10 per Trophy Team sheet, \$25 per Bike Shop Team sheet and \$50 per Factory Team sheet shall be charged.
 - 27. Unofficial results will be announced at the conclusion of each event. Official results will be determined after validating each team sheet's rider eligibility, finishes and point total with the ABA office.
 - 28. Results will be published in the BMXer, and will be placed under team results on the ABA web site.
 - 29. Payouts will be made by check from the ABA following team sheet verifications.
 - 30. A final trading date for each year is **August 1**. After 8/1, a rider moving from one team roster to another team will not be eligible for team competition until after the Grand Nationals.
 - 31. After **August 1**, teams may add, for team competition, only those riders not on a Factory or Bike Shop team roster. Any additional riders must be submitted prior to the closing of sign-ups on the event.

Team Prize Money (per event)

<u>Factory</u>		<u>Bike Shop</u>	
1st	\$500	1st	\$300
2nd	\$300	2nd	\$200
3rd	\$200	3rd	\$150
4th	\$100	4th	\$100

Team Points Table (Main finishes only)

	<u>Novice</u>	<u>Inter</u>	<u>Expert/Girl/Cruiser/Pro/Open Junior Development</u>
1st	24	32	40
2nd	21	28	35
3rd	18	24	30

4th	15	20	25
5th	12	16	20
6th	9	12	15
7th	6	8	10
8th	3	4	5

Additionally riders will get 4 points for each group in their class

XVII. ABA Local Team Rules

- 1. Team competition rules at the local level will be the responsibility of the local track operator.

XVIII. State & Provincial Championship Series

A State Championship series (U.S.) or Provincial Championship series (Canada) will be conducted in each State / Province (Here-after referred to as "State") that possesses at least one (1) ABA sanctioned track. Each series goal is to determine overall age group champions and distribute number plate rankings to eligible riders:

A. Eligibility Requirements

To become eligible to obtain the State Championship title and/or a State number plate designation, a rider must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Race in the predetermined number of SCR/PCR (Hereafter referred to as "SCR".) events within his/her respective State as per the following table:

<u>Number of tracks in state / province</u>	<u>Number of SCR events required</u>
4 or more	3
3	2
2	1
1	1

**A rider may race as many SCR events as they wish. Only that rider's best finishes of the required number of races within that rider's respective State will be counted going into the finals.

- 2. Race in the State Championship Final event of his/her respective State.
- 3. Any rider racing out of class at any SCR or SCF will forfeit all State and district points for that event. However, they will still receive a participation credit towards State award

eligibility.

4. Riders from a state or province without an active ABA track may participate in a State Championship Series for another state providing they declare their intention (in writing) to ABA before their first State Championship Race in that state or province. **Failing to notify the ABA will result in a rider's state points being declared for the first state in which they race an SCR.**
5. **A rider can compete in any State Championship Race and/or State Championship Final in any state. There is no qualifying necessary to compete, only to be eligible to win the championship title.**

B. Award structure:

Number plate designations will be offered per age group within each State Championship Series.

1. Number plate designations will be awarded with the following ratio and specifics:
 - a. 50% of total the number of riders in each age group with State / Provincial championship points (regardless of eligibility status), according to the points listing presented for the state final event, not to exceed 10 plates per age group.
 - b. Riders must have fulfilled all eligibility requirements. (**Ex:** 30 riders in an age group-50% would make 15 riders eligible, but plates will not exceed 10. If only 7 of those eligible riders have met the requirements, only 7 plates will be awarded. Odd numbers will be rounded up to the next even number in determining the 50% ratio.)
2. Each age group Champion will receive an ABA State number plate and a custom award.
3. The State number plate will feature the rider's District number in black on a white background and the rider's rank in the State shall be a 1" white number on a royal blue background in the upper left corner.
4. **State number plates can be used at any ABA sanctioned event.** These plates can be displayed until the conclusion of the following year's State Championship Final event.

C. Competition structure:

1. Every track in each state shall hold a State Championship Race (SCR) offering State Championship points as well as

double district points.

2. All SCR events shall be run between January 1 and a date as designated by the ABA.
3. Each state shall have a State Championship Final (SCF) which shall be a triple-district point event. An additional double-district point event will accompany the SCF event.
4. The SCF in each State shall be awarded by the ABA via a statewide track contest.
5. All SCF events shall be scheduled with the ABA within a specific time frame outlined by the ABA.
6. No SCR event may be moved or transferred to another facility without **WRITTEN APPROVAL** from the ABA.
7. Riders shall be competing for the class championship title in their respective age group as described in **Sec. III. Amateur Classifications / Proficiency Advancement.**
8. In the boy classes, all Novice, Intermediate, and Expert points of the same age will be tabulated together. In the Girl classes, all Novice, and Girl points of the same age will be tabulated together.
9. Each rider's final State points total will be listed within the age group that corresponds with his/her actual age as of the respective SCF date.
10. To determine a State champion in each class, the point system will be used as represented in section V, Points table, C. State points table.
11. Any track listed in the BMXer magazine as of the **May** issue will count as a valid track for state championship eligibility.
12. As California is split into Northern and Southern regions, California riders may attain state points as required in either region. A rider **must** compete at the State Championship Final event of their home state to be awarded a championship title.
13. The Northern California state series region will include the following districts: 04, 06, 08, 10, 11, 12, 15, and 18
14. The Southern California state series region will include the following districts: 01, 02, 03, 07, 14, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24.
15. In the event of a tie in final points in any age group, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - a) Higher proficiency
 - b) Best finish at the State final event
 - c) Total number of riders in class.
 - d) Order of transfer from the motos. (If a total points race, the finish order shall be used as the transfer order for that rider.)
 - e) Most number of single point races competed in.

- f) If there is still a tie at this point. It will be declared a tie, and co-champions will be awarded.
16. Riders from other states may compete at any SCR or SCF for district points. The out-of-state rider cannot receive that State's championship points and any position that rider earns will be omitted from the points standings for that race:

Example: Arizona State Race 8 Expert main results:

AZ	Fred Simpson	1st	20 state points	200 district points
CA	Carl Jones	2nd	_____	160 district points
AZ	Bill Taylor	3rd	18 state points	120 district points

17. **August 1** is the deadline for any rider to change State eligibility. After this date, any transferring rider will be required to participate in the State Championship series of their last state of residence.
18. The ABA reserves the right to review and make determinations in all aspects involving the State / Provincial Championship series. The ABA reserves the right to modify any rule at its discretion.

XIX. Redline Cup Championship Series



A. Eligibility Requirements

1. Race in a Redline Cup Race (RCR) in any region and race both Saturday and Sunday of the Redline Cup Championship Final (RCF) in the rider's respective region.
2. As an alternative, race in the Open class both Saturday and Sunday at the Redline Cup Championship Final (RCF) in the rider's respective region.

B. Award Structure

1. The **top three riders** in each class as well as in Open will be **awarded 1st, 2nd, & 3rd number plates** based on their overall finishes in the series.
2. The overall winners of will be awarded a custom Redline Cup jacket as well as the #1 Redline Cup number plate.
3. The Redline Cup number plate shall be a yellow back ground with black numbers.
4. **Redline Cup plates can be used at any ABA sanctioned event.** These plates can be displayed until the conclusion of the following year's Redline Cup Championship Final event.

C. Competition Structure

1. All Redline Cup Race (RCR) events shall be run between January 1 and a date as designated by the ABA.
2. Each RCR shall award Redline Cup points as represented in *Section VII, C. Amateur Points Tables: Redline Cup & State / Provincial points* (as well as triple-district points).
3. There will be a Redline Cup Championship Finals for each of three region to be announced by the ABA (see ABA national calendar for dates).
4. Each Redline Cup Final weekend shall award the following points as represented in *Section VII, C. Amateur Points Tables: Redline Cup & State / Provincial points*.
 - Friday - double-district points only
 - Saturday - Redline Cup points & quadruple-district points
 - Sunday - Redline Cup points & quadruple-district points
5. **A maximum of three class or cruiser scores will be counted, one of which will be the rider's best RCR finish, the other two being the Saturday and Sunday finishes at the Redline Cup Final. Alternately, the scores from the Final Saturday and Sunday Open class finishes will be counted.**
6. Riders shall compete for the Redline Cup title in their respective classes as described in *Section III. Amateur Classifications / State Age Groups / Proficiency Advancement*.
7. In the Boy classes, all Novice, Intermediate and Expert will be pointed and plated by proficiency as well as in Open and Mixed Open (i.e. plates will go to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall for the Series).
8. Redline points will be recorded with a rider's actual age as of the respective Redline Cup Final date.
9. In the event of a tie in final points, the best finish at the Redline Cup Championship Sunday race will break the tie.

10. **August 1** is the deadline for any rider to change Redline Cup region eligibility. After this date, any transferring rider will be required to participate in the Redline Cup Championship series of his last state of residence.
11. A foreign amateur rider holding a current ABA license and having met the eligibility per the Redline Cup Championship series will be eligible to earn a Redline Cup plate and benefits.
12. Any rider racing out of class at a Redline Cup event will forfeit all Redline Cup and district point awards for that respective event. However, the rider will still receive a participation credit towards Redline Cup eligibility.
13. The ABA reserves the right to review and make determinations in all aspects involving the Redline Cup Championship Series.

XX. Race of Champions (R.O.C.)-Grand Nationals Pre-race

A. Eligibility Requirements

1. The top 10 riders in each age and skill level from each state / provincial championship series points will be eligible to race the Race of Champions: The top 10 novices, intermediates, experts, girls, and cruisers of each age class.
2. Female Novices will be eligible under the novice skill level.
3. A rider has the option to compete at the R.O.C. in the class and skill level that he competed as at his respective State / Provincial Championship Final event.
4. If a state or province has no State / Provincial Championship Final event, the top 5 riders in each age group from the district points standings as of August 31, as published in the October BMXer, shall become eligible to race the R.O.C. Additionally, each rider will have the ability to compete in the age and skill level that they were as of August 31st.
5. Foreign amateur riders are not required to qualify to race the R.O.C. (Canadian riders are not considered foreign.) and can only race for the award of the day. All R.O.C. titles and included benefits will go to the next available qualified rider in the respective main event.
6. A foreign amateur rider holding a current ABA license and having met the eligibility per the State / Provincial Championship series will be eligible to earn the R.O.C. title and benefits.

B. Award structure

1. R.O.C number plates will be awarded to 1st Place eligible rider per age group and proficiency within each region.
2. The R.O.C number plate shall be a red background with solid white #1.
3. **Redline Cup number plates can be used at all ABA sanctioned events.** These plates can be displayed until the conclusion of the following year's Redline Cup Championship Final event.

C. Competition Structure

1. Any rider riding out of class at any State / Provincial Championship event will not be eligible to participate in the R.O.C.
2. Any rider qualifying for the R.O.C. in either class or cruiser, may race all classes (class, cruiser and open).
3. The R.O.C. is a triple-district point event.
4. The ABA reserves the right to review and make determinations in all aspects involving rider qualification and classification for the R.O.C. event.

XXI. ABA National Series

A. ABA Nationals

All riders must maintain a current ABA license in order to participate in ANY national event. Riders can compete in as many national events as desired towards a U.S. national standing. U.S. national events offer triple-district points in addition to national points. All national event weekends will operate under the following guidelines:

- Friday will offer registration, track practice for all riders and a double point pre-race.
- Saturday will offer additional registration, practice for all riders, and a national event.
- Sunday will offer the second national of the weekend. NO registration or practice on Sunday.

ABA Grand National

Any ABA member may participate in the ABA Grand National, the Greatest Race On Earth. The ABA Grand National is the finale of a year's worth of national competition, and provides double ABA national points on top of a rider's six (6) best scores toward an ABA national year-end ranking. This race also offers quadruple-district points and bonus points. The 4-day ABA Grand National structure of events will operate under the following guidelines:

- Thursday will offer weekend race registration and all-day practice for all riders.
- The Friday pre-Grands event will be the Race of Champions (R.O.C.) There will be NO practice for riders.
- Friday will also offer additional registration opportunity for the ABA Grand National.

ABA National Points Tabulation

National

1. Any rider may attend any ABA national event, at any time of the year or location and have the ability to earn ABA national points.
2. National points are awarded only at national events (see Section V. Points Tables.)
3. All national events will be set up and organized by the ABA.
4. For amateurs, only his six (6) best national scores plus the ABA Grand Nationals scores will count towards an amateur overall national ranking.
5. See **Section V. Pro Class** for Pro Classifications.
6. There will be an ABA National Overall point category and respective title for the following:
 - a) Amateur Boys—all ages and proficiencies combined.
 - b) Amateur Boys Cruiser—all ages combined.
 - c) Amateur Girls—all ages combined.
 - d) Amateur Girls Cruiser—all ages combined.
 - e) Vet Pro
 - f) Pro Cruiser
 - g) Women Pro
 - h) AA Pro
7. Ties in the National points will be broken at the Grand Nationals as follows:
 - a) Most 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th national finishes
 - b) Most riders in class
 - c) Best finish in each rider's open class
8. Any rider with a point discrepancy may submit to the ABA a detailed list of races, events raced and finishes earned. That list will be verified and returned to the rider. A rider must submit a list within 30 days after the point standings are published in the BMXer magazine. Only the points for the past month will be checked. **After thirty days of publication, points become final.**

National Age Group (NAG)

1. Year-end National Age Group numbers 1-10 will be awarded to each individual amateur age group based on a rider's 6 best national main event finishes plus the Grand Nationals main event finish. Only the top ten riders may display a NAG ranking on their number plate, at any ABA sanctioned event.
2. ABA will provide NAG plates to all NAG Top 10. If the given plate is not used, another plate may be substituted as long as it follows the correct color scheme of plate & numbers(s).
3. All Novice, Intermediate and Expert riders of each respective age group may accumulate NAG points.
4. From the start of the new race season, a rider's NAG points will be shown in the age group of that rider's respective age as of the ABA Grand Nationals.

B. Canadian National Series

Canadian Nationals

All riders must maintain a current ABA license in order to participate in ANY Canadian national events. Riders can compete in as many Canadian national events as desired. Canadian national points are only available through the Canadian national series. Only Canadian riders will retain Canadian national points toward Canadian national rankings. A Canadian rider's six (6) best main event finishes plus the Canadian Grand Nationals main event finish will count towards a Canadian national standing. Canadian regular national events will offer U.S. national points as well as triple district points to ALL ABA riders. All Canadian national event weekends will operate under the following guidelines:

- Friday will offer race registration, track practice for all riders and a double point pre-race.
 - Saturday will offer additional race registration, practice for all riders and a national event.
 - Sunday will offer the second national of the weekend. NO registration or practice on Sunday.
- Canadian riders participating in Canadian national events will receive Canadian national points and will earn U.S. national points as well. Canadian riders participating in Canadian national series events will receive U.S. national points once they have participated in a U.S. national event(s). For each U.S. national, one national score earned at a Canadian national event will be applied toward a Canadian rider's U.S. national standing. **Ex:** A Canadian rider who participates only in Canadian national series events will be awarded only Canadian

National Points. A Canadian rider who participates in two Canadian national events and two U.S. national events, will be awarded points for all four events toward his U.S. national standing.

Canadian Grand Nationals

Any ABA member may participate in the Canadian Grand Nationals, the finest ABA Canadian event of the year. The Canadian Grand Nationals is the finale of a year's worth of Canadian national competition and earn double-national points on top of a rider's six (6) best Canadian national scores toward a national year-end ranking. **ONLY** Canadian national points are awarded at this event. NO U.S. national points will be offered. The Canadian Grands also offers quadruple-district points to all ABA members. The structure of the Canadian Grand Nationals weekend of events will follow these guidelines:

- Friday will offer race registration, track practice for all riders, and a double-point pre-race.
- Saturday will offer additional race registration, practice for all riders, and a national event.
- Sunday will offer the Canadian Grand Nationals as a one-day event. NO registration or practice.

Canadian National Points Tabulation

Canadian riders earning national points at a Canadian national event apply toward a Canadian NAG or National standing.

National overall

1. Canadian amateurs: A rider's six (6) best national scores plus the Canadian Grand Nationals scores will count towards an amateur overall national ranking.
2. Canadian Pros: A rider's six (6) best national scores plus the Canadian Grand Nationals scores will count towards an amateur overall national ranking.
3. There will be a Canadian National Overall point category and a respective title for the following:
 - Amateur Boys-all ages and proficiencies combined.
 - Amateur Boys Cruiser-all ages combined.
 - Amateur Girls-all ages combined
 - Amateur Girls Cruiser-all ages combined
 - Pro
4. National Number Plates will be awarded to the top 10% (maximum of 50) for each category for amateurs and 1-10 for Pro Class.
5. All other ABA rules pertaining to national points tabulations apply (see U.S. National points tabulation).

National Age Group (NAG)

1. Year-end National Age Group numbers will be awarded to each category per the following guidelines:
 - Boys regular class-1-5
 - Boys cruiser-1-3
 - Girls regular class-1-3
 - Girls cruiser-1-3**These are the only NAG numbers that are eligible to be used.
2. All Novice, Intermediate and Expert riders of each respective age group may accumulate NAG points.
3. From the start of the new season, a rider's NAG points will be shown in the age group of that rider's respective age as of the Canadian Grand Nationals.

Canadian National Team Competition

1. National Team Competition is available at all Canadian national events to include the following three-team distinctions: trophy, bike shop and factory.
2. Canadian National Team Competition will follow the same rules as outlined under ABA National Team Rules.
3. ABA will award Canadian National Champion titles in each of the three Canadian Team Categories by totaling each team's best five team scores plus the Canadian Grand Nationals.
4. Only teams consisting of all Canadian riders can earn Canadian Team titles.
5. All team payout for Canadian National Series races will be in Canadian funds and require seven team sheets per category per day for full payout. When there are less than seven team sheets the payout will be half.
6. U.S. teams may enter team sheets at Canadian National Series races and those scores will apply toward the U.S. National Series standings. (excluding the Canadian Grand Nationals).

XXII. ABA District Year-End Awards

1. Year-end awards will be issued to riders of each district on a 1-10 ratio making the awards equal across the nation and will hold true for boy, girl and cruiser classes. Example: District 1 has 320 riders with points at the end of the season. ABA will issue 10% of these riders (or 32) awards.
2. Up to the top 10 riders in each district (if applicable) will receive a custom award directly from the ABA. (If there are only 90 riders in a district, 10% (or 9) will receive awards but as they are all among the top 10, those 9 will all receive

a custom award.)

3. There will be a maximum of 50 awards issued per district in each respective class (Boy, Cruiser, Girl Cruiser & Girl).
4. Any rider earning a USA National Age Group (NAG) ranking will be ineligible for district year-end ranking and any district year-end award (Canadian (NAG) series is exempt). Any subsequent riders in the district point standings will move up in the district year-end point standings to fill the open positions. NAG riders will still be eligible for their 20,000 Points award and other promotional programs.

XXIII. Foreign Participants

In order to fulfill our pledge to foster competition and fair play in the sport of BMX racing throughout the world, our foreign rider policy shall be as follows:

1. Any foreign rider holding a valid amateur license with a foreign BMX organization shall be eligible to compete in ABA amateur classes including cruiser and open.
2. Foreign amateur riders are not required to purchase an ABA amateur license yet are required to sign the membership waiver. That rider will be able to compete for the award of the day. Without an ABA license, all specific membership benefits (ABA points, BMXer magazine, number plate, etc) will be withheld.
3. All foreign riders who are not current members of the ABA will be classified as expert for the purpose of competition.
4. Any foreign rider holding a Pro level status with any foreign BMX organization shall be required to purchase an ABA Pro license and compete in the appropriate ABA Pro class if they meet the age requirements, otherwise they will race their respective age group at the expert level
5. Canadian riders are not considered foreign and therefore must follow and abide by the rules as set forth.

XXIV. Medical Controls

The American Bicycle Association recognizes the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) protocol for Olympic Movement testing (USADA protocol). For information on or a copy of the USADA protocol can be obtained from USADA at (800) 233-0393 or the USADA website www.usantidoping.org.

- As a supporter of both national and international BMX competition, the ABA reserves the right to uphold suspensions handed down by USADA for violations of the USADA protocol.

XXV. Glossary

A Pro—preparatory Pro level

AA Pro—highest level of Professional competition.

Amateur—any non-Pro rider. An amateur rider may not compete for a cash award.

Bonus points—district points available at national events from quarter, semi and main events.

Classification—skill level at which a rider competes.

Cruiser—any bicycle with no less than a 24" wheel diameter.

Disqualify—to officially move a rider to last as a result of any rule infraction.

District—geographic region where riders reside and compete locally for ranking.

District points—earned at all ABA races with the purpose of ranking riders in each district.

DNR—designation on a moto sheet that a rider "did not race" in any particular event.

DNS—designation on a moto sheet that a rider "did not start" in any particular moto or main.

Earned number—the ranking within a given class and/or district at the end of the points season.

Entry fee—fee paid to register for any ABA sanctioned race.

Expert—highest level of amateur competition.

Finish points—district or national points earned for respective finishes in any main event.

Foul—any flagrant or malicious move during competition resulting in a disqualification.

Girl Cruiser—girl racers competing on cruiser bicycles.

Ghost rider—any rider fraudulently signed up to satisfy requirements in forming classes.

Grand National—Finale to the national series held every year on Thanksgiving weekend.

Helmet—important item necessary for head protection.

Intermediate—skill level for riders with limited experience and ability.

Lane—position 1 thru 8 on the starting gate.

Local race—any single points race at any ABA sanctioned track.

Main event—final class race, after all qualifying has taken place, to determine class placing.

Membership receipt—returned portion of a membership form providing proof of membership.

Mixed Open—an open class that will consist of only Novice, Intermediate and Girl riders.

Moto—a) one complete round of qualifiers. b) one rider's specific race.

Moto number—number corresponding with any specific race (moto).

Moto sheet—paperwork displaying the day's races in moto number order.

Moto board—where the moto sheets are posted for viewing by the racers.

Multi-point race—any race offering more than single district points.

National age group standing—national points ranking by a specific age only.

National event—any race offering national points.

National points—earned at nationals towards national rankings in age and overall categories.

Novice—new rider to the sport.

Number plate—displays riders earned or temporary number for identification purposes.

100% payback—all entry fee money paid back to the Pro class as prize money.

Open—non-points class available to any rider regardless of amateur skill level.

Out of class—any rider not competing in his/her correct class.

Overall national standing—national points ranking of all ages together.

Pro-Am—an open class combining Pro riders and amateurs.

Pro Cruiser—Pro category with riders competing on cruisers.

Pro purse—Pro prize money for the day.

Protest—complaint lodged with any official regarding an alleged infraction in a specific race.

Qualifying system—the method by which riders are transferred from motos into the main event.

Quarter main—an additional qualifying race for classes with multiple groups.

Reclassification—moving a rider back in classification.

Sandbagging—any novice or intermediate rider judged to have intentionally avoided getting a win towards advancement.

Track director—ABA contact for track operators and agents.



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