

Summary of NATC meeting held in Denver, October 28-30, 2005

In general, we had a typical meeting reviewing the rules, the organizer's checklist and many more items that keep the NATC functioning. As usual, we have a tremendous number of volunteers helping the organizers to have a better chance at a successful event and we thank them all for their help. This year we were, however, faced with a challenge in that not many clubs offered to host events. We appreciate those that have and request that the national riders continue to lobby within their own clubs to host a national so that next year we don't have a similar problem.

The NATC, Inc. board of directors met and appointed Ted Gansberger as the Trial des Nations team manager and other board business was conducted. Ted is excited about the next season and has several new ideas he will pursue with the selected riders. First, the team will be selected much earlier in 2006. Stay tuned to the NATC website (www.natctrials.org) for news about that and other US TdN team information.

As far as changes to the rules here are the highlights:

- Section markings will follow that of the world round, with P, E, S lines designated with pairs of arrows indicating a "gate." You may not cross a gate in either direction for a class other than your own. Riders will need to review these rules when they are finalized, but they will be consistent with the FIM rules as used in the World Round.
- High School class (age 10-17 as of Jan. 1, 2006) will ride the ES line.
- Junior class (age 10-15 as of Jan. 1, 2006) is created and will ride the Support line.
- Women's ES class is new and will ride ES line. Women's Support class remains the same.
- SR30 class is eliminated. Sportsman class remains open to anyone of any age.
- Minders are only allowed inside the section while their rider is attempting the section, and must wear a helmet at that time.
- Pre-entry fees raised to \$60 per rider per day, \$25 minder; late entry stays the same at \$100 rider, \$50 minder per day.
- At the World Round in TN, the Expert riders will ride the "Youth" World Round line and the Pros will ride the same line as the World Round competitors.
- Pros count best 7 (of 8) rides. All other classes count best 5 rides (5/7 for S & ES; 5/8 for E).
- Club shares per rider per day were increased.
- The 2006 members of the NATC Hall of Fame are: Roger Ansel, Fred Belair, Lane Leavitt, Bill Mathewson and Dave Seeley.

Schedule:

Rounds 1 & 2: April 1st & 2nd, Holbrook, AZ

Rounds 3 & 4: April 8th & 9th, Tishomingo, OK

Round 5: May 19 (Support & ES classes only), May 20 (EX & Pro), Sequatchie, TN

Round 6: May 21 (EX & Pro), Sequatchie, TN

Rounds 7 & 8: Aug. 26 & 27, Montour Falls, NY

U.S. World Round May 20 & 21, Sequatchie, TN

Youth Nationals July 1-3, Sequatchie, TN

Western Youth Nationals July 28-30, Bear Valley, CA (location tentative)

Ute Cup: August 19 & 20.

Thanks to all of the club representatives for coming to the meeting and helping to improve the series each year. Good luck to everybody!

Brian Behling, CEO
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