

2008 AMA/NATC SCORING PENALTIES

The checking officials at each observed section must be stationed so the entire section is plainly visible. When more than one observer is required, penalties will be called to the observer at the end of the section. To ensure consistency of scoring, observers shall not be changed during the event. The observer shall show a raised, balled fist and announce "rider" in a loud voice to authorize a rider to start riding the section. Scoring shall start when the front axle passes between the start markers and stop when the front axle passes between the end markers. The Observer will use a stopwatch and whistle to administer the rider's 1-½ minute time limit to ride the section. The Observer will (a.) blow the whistle and start the clock when the front axle passes through the start gate. (b.) Blow the whistle a final time at 1-½ minutes if the rider has not exited the section, or at any time the rider records a failure (Five (5) Points). Any course official, including a section Head Observer, has the authority to close a section or part of the loop for unforeseen reasons such as natural disasters or rider injury. In cases when part of the field has ridden a section before it has been closed, scores for those rides must be deleted. Scoring will be based on the FIM trials scoring system as follows:

ERRORS	PENALTY
1 Fault	1-Point
2 Faults	2-Points
More than 2-faults	3-Points
Failure	5-Points
Missing a section (no Punch)	10-Points

A. Fault Definitions:

1. Footing - any contact providing support between any part of the rider's body or machine (exception; tires, foot pegs or skid plate) with the ground or an obstacle (tree, rock, etc.). Footing can occur either inside or outside the boundary. For tires outside the boundary refer to 6.B.15
2. Foot rotation counts as one point.
3. Sliding a foot counts as three points
4. Both feet placed on the ground simultaneously counts as two points.

B. Failure Definitions:

1. The machine is moving backwards with or without the rider footing.
2. Any displacement of markers with the machine or rider, requiring that they be reset, i.e. breaking or knocking down. Touching a boundary is not a failure. The rider or machine must make direct contact with the marker.
3. The rider dismounts from the machine and has both feet on the ground on the same side of or behind the machine.
4. The rider does not have both hands on the handlebar when footing while stationary.
5. The rider does not complete a section within the 1 1/2 minutes (90 seconds) allowed. (See 6. Scoring, 1st paragraph)
6. The rider receives outside assistance.
7. The rider or minder changes the condition of a section. (See 6.C.11. & 1.G.11)
8. The rider begins a section attempt without the observer's acknowledgment. (See 6. Scoring 1st paragraph)
9. The engine stops while footing or while any other part of the machine, except for the tires, is used for support, without forward motion (The motorcycle must be moving forward while footing with a dead engine to avoid a five (5).)
10. The handlebar of the motorcycle touches the ground. If the handlebar is used for support and the motorcycle is beyond 45-degrees from vertical.
11. The motorcycle does a complete loop, crossing both its own tracks, with both wheels.
12. The rider fails to pass through all the gates for their class. (See 4.G.)
13. The front wheel must precede the back wheel when passing through the gates.

14. The rider passes, in either direction through a gate of another class. That is, breaking the plane of a gate, (See 4.G. & 6.B.15)
15. When a marker is passed by either tire on the out-of-bounds side of the marker with the tire on the ground. In the case of running over a taped boundary, there must be ground visible between the tape and the wheel and the wheel must be on the ground on the out-of-bounds side of the tape. A gate for a class other than your own constitutes a boundary. It is permitted to float one wheel over a marker, but not both wheels, i.e., jumping the bike over a boundary is a failure. The front axle must pass between the start gates and end gates. The front axle is only allowed to pass between the start gates once.
16. Only the greatest penalty, as defined above, shall be counted for the section. However, the following points may be added:

C. Other Penalties:

1. A rider may report to the observer and receive a five for that section, even though he does not attempt it.
2. Sections are to be ridden in designated order only. The penalty for missed sections or sections ridden out of order is ten (10) points per section. Any sections not 'punched' are considered to be missed sections.
3. If blank or unmarked spaces on the scorecards exceed 10% of designated rides, the rider will be considered a non-finisher.
4. A rider waiting in line to enter a section must not leave their machine. If they do, they must go to the end of the line. Refusal to comply may be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. (See 6.C.8.)
5. Any section ridden more than once per loop will receive 10 points, in addition to their first attempt score. (See 6.C.8.)
6. Practice in any of the sections before or during the event will result in disqualification of the rider from the trial.
7. When a split start is employed, the rider must start and end each loop on their designated section, or be considered a non-finisher.
8. Unsportsmanlike conduct, offensive behavior or language, by a rider or minder, will result in a penalty of 5 to 25 (or 100) points. The 5 to 25 point penalty can be given at the sole discretion of any observer or course official. The 5 to 25 point penalty can be punched on the rider's scorecard in the five boxes provided. A written report must be filed with the Referee for the 100-point infraction.
9. Exceeding the posted speed limit is a 5-point penalty (*for each offense*) before, during and after the event (See 6.C.8.)
10. Riders arriving late at the start will be penalized a time penalty of 1/2 point per minute until they pick up their loop card.
11. **YELLOW CARD RULE:** Any rider or their minder who refuses to obey the instructions of an observer, or who behaves in an unsportsmanlike manner shall be shown the Yellow Card. (See 1.G.12. 1.G.13., 6.B.7. and 6.C.8.) The penalty for being shown the Yellow Card is 5 points for the first offense, 5 points for the second offense and exclusion for the third offense occurring during an event. Penalty points are in addition to the points accumulated during the rider's section attempt.
12. Pro class riders will be assessed a time penalty of 1/2 point per minute for not completing their first loop within one-half the total time for the trial, plus 30 minutes. The time penalty period will be limited to 30 minutes (15 points maximum). Exceeding the time penalty period will result in exclusion from the trial. Example: (1) 6 hours 30 minutes for the trial, equals 3 hours 45 minutes for the first loop without penalty. (2) 7 hours for the trial equals 4 hours for the first loop without penalty. Time will be recorded at the final Section of the loop.
13. Violation of these supplemental riding rules by the rider or minder will result in a penalty ranging from 5 points to exclusion from the trial. If the rider refuses to present his card to the Observer for punching of the appropriate score or additional penalty or leaves the scene of the infraction, the observer shall document the circumstance and report it to the Trials Master and/or wherever possible punch the additional penalty before you punch the riding score. The appropriate penalty will be assessed by the Protest Jury. (See 6.C.8. & 6.C.11.)