



REGULATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE 2012 NORTHERN REGIONS OFF ROAD SENIOR AND JUNIOR MOTORCYCLE AND QUAD CHAMPIONSHIP

Note: *These regulations are to be read in conjunction with the 2012 Standing Supplementary Regulations for Off-Road Motorcycles and Quads. In the event that there is any conflict between regional and national rules, the national rules shall, at all times prevail.*

MSA NORTHERN REGIONS MOTORSPORT CIRCULAR NR 20/2012

These Regulations are to be read in conjunction with the General Competition Rules (GCR's) and Standing Supplementary Regulations (SSR's) contained in the 2012 MSA Handbook.

1. VALIDITY OF REGULATIONS

These Regulations are applicable to the 2012 calendar year.

2. ELIGIBILITY OF RIDERS

- a) Riders must be in possession of a current National or Regional MSA competition licence valid for off-road motorcycle or enduro events. **ONE EVENT LICENCES ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR ANY CLASSES.**
- b) Riders must wear protective clothing. Approved crash helmet, gloves and motocross type boots are compulsory. MX pants are strongly recommended.
Competitors may not compete in more than one class.
- c) **All Pro Classes including the Senior class, excluding the U21 class** riders must be 18 years & older as at the competitors date of birth.
All riders must be domiciled within the area controlled by the MSA Northern Regions Motorsport Committee and riders domiciled in the NC/FState may also be scored in the MSA Northern Regions Championship.

3. ELIGIBILITY OF MOTORCYCLES

- a) No restrictions or modifications to engine, gearbox, frame, suspension or any other component providing the safety of the motorcycle is not impaired in any way, and complies with the safety requirements listed below:
- b) Refer to SSR 325 and SSR 330, for senior motorcycle class specifications.
- c) Refer to SSR357, SSR358 and SSR359 for junior class specifications.

3.1 Northern Regions Motorcycle classes.

3.1.1 OR4 Class:

Open to riders under the age of 21 on the 1st January, and restricted to motorcycles with an engine capacity not exceeding 201cc two stroke or four stroke with an engine capacity not exceeding 251cc.

3.1.2 OR3 Class:

Two stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity not exceeding 201cc and four stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity not exceeding 251cc.

3.1.3 OR2 Class:

Two stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity greater than 201 cc but not exceeding 251cc and four stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity greater than 251 cc but not exceeding 401cc.

3.1.4 OR1 Class:

Two stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity in excess of 251cc and four stroke motorcycles with an engine capacity in excess of 401cc.

3.1.5 Senior Class

For competitors 38 years and over. Any capacity motorcycle may be used.

3.2 Northern Regions Junior motorcycle classes:

To be read in conjunction with SSR357 and 358

The junior bike classes 3.2.1 and 3.2.3 are subdivided in 2 categories to balance the age and machine disparities out. The 2 categories are combined in entry numbers to form one championship. Should the numbers in each category reach or exceed 6, each category will become a class in its own right for 2013.

Each category will score their own points as per point 15. The competitor with the highest points will be awarded the championship.

3.2.1 i) Open Motorcycle 200/250cc class, ages 15 to 17 years. The maximum permissible capacity is 200cc 2 stroke / 250cc 4-stroke. Chassis, suspension and engine modifications unrestricted.

ii) Open motorcycle 125cc two stroke motorcycle class, ages 13 to 17 years - The maximum permissible capacity is 125cc 2-stroke. Chassis, suspension and engine modifications unrestricted.

3.2.2 Senior Motorcycle class, ages 13 to 15 years - The maximum permissible capacity is 105cc 2-stroke or 150cc 4-stroke. Chassis suspension and engine modifications unrestricted.

3.2.3 i) Junior Motorcycle 85cc class, ages 8 to 12 years - The maximum permissible capacity is 86cc 2-stroke or 125cc 4-stroke air cooled.

ii) Junior Motorcycle 65cc class, ages 7 to 11 years -The maximum permissible capacity is 66cc 2-stroke or 81cc 4-stroke.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF QUADS

4.1 JUNIOR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Read in conjunction with SSR329, SSR 357 b) to f); SSR 358 to 362 and SSR 364.

4.1.1 CLASSES

To be read in conjunction with the specifications as laid out in SSR359.

4.1.1.1 Junior 450cc Quad Class – The maximum permissible capacity is 250cc 2-stroke or 450cc 4-stroke. Riders between the ages of 14 and 17 years.

4.1.1.2 Junior Quad class

The junior quad class is subdivided in 2 categories to balance the age and machine disparities out. The 2 categories are combined in entry numbers to form one championship. Should the numbers in each category reach or exceed 6, each category will become a class in its own right for 2013.

Each category will score their own points as per point 15. The competitor with the highest points will be awarded the championship.

i) Junior Modified Quad Category - The maximum permissible capacity is 240cc air cooled 2-stroke, 200cc water cooled 2-stroke, or 400cc 4-stroke. This class includes non-manufactured built hybrids. (Engine and frame not as per manufacturer configuration.) No further limitations are placed on the class. 450cc Quad may be down-graded to 400cc. Riders between the ages of 12 to 15 may enter this class

ii) Junior Open Quad Category - The maximum permissible capacity is 200cc Air cooled 2-stroke or 350cc air-cooled 4-stroke. Engine and chassis changes are unrestricted. Engine and chassis configuration to stay as per manufacturer. Riders between the ages of 10 and 15 may compete in this class.

All ladies to enter **Ladies Class** and a **championship class** as per their age and restricted to the capacity limits as defined in the age limits. Ladies may remain one year longer in any of the respective classes. The ladies class will be scored combining the 2 junior classes overall results for the ladies only over the number of laps that the juniors have raced. In the case were the junior track is shorter or different from the senior junior class, the junior ladies will automatically be placed after the senior junior ladies in the ladies results.

4.2 **SENIOR QUAD CHAMPIONSHIP**

National SSR 325; SSR 329 and SSR 330 are applicable.
Quads must conform to SSR 329, SSR 332.

4.2.1 **CLASSIFICATION AND SPECIFICATION FOR OFF ROAD QUADS**

4.2.1.1 **Q1 Class**

For competitors 16 years and over. Any capacity quad may be used.

Refer SSR 325 e) for competitors younger than 18 years old.

4.2.1.2 **Q2 Class**

For competitors 28 years and over. Any capacity quad may be used

4.2.1.3 **Senior Class:**

For competitors 35 years and over. Any capacity quad may be used.

4.2.1.4 **Ladies (Non Championship)**

Any four wheeled quad that conforms to the class specifications. Ladies will be allowed to score in the Ladies Class as well as in one of the above classes. Should there be adequate entries (6) as required for the Regional championship, ladies will score only towards the Regional ladies championship class.

5 **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

- a) Ball ended clutch and brake levers must be fitted, unless fitted with suitable protectors.
- b) Brakes operating on both wheels must be fitted.
- c) Self closing throttle must be fitted.
- d) Folding foot pegs must be fitted.
- e) Adequate mudguards must be fitted.
- f) There must be no fuel leaks.
- g) Exhaust gasses must not be discharged so as to raise dust or in any way inconvenience a following rider.
- h) A minimum of one litre drinking water must be carried by all riders.
- i) A medical board, space blanket and first aid kit must be carried by all competitor throughout the duration of the event
- j) No smoking will be permitted in the pits within 5 metres of the competitors pits
- k) One fire extinguisher of 2.5kg capacity must be available at each service crews pit.
- l) Environmental mats or similar device is compulsory and motorcycles must be refuelled on the environmental mats at all times – not next to it.

6. **PENALTIES**

- a) Missing one route check control : **60 minutes**.
- b) Missing a second route check control : **EXCLUSION**.
- c) Running an engine while being refuelled : **EXCLUSION**.
- d) Refuelling or servicing outside of service/refuel area : **30 MINUTES**
- e) Deviating from the marked route with the intention of gaining an advantage : **EXCLUSION**
- f) Not stopping at road crossings denoted by a stop sign : **EXCLUSION**
- g) Anybody racing in the refuel/service area ; **1 MINUTE**

- h) Competitors carrying fuel; **EXCLUSION**
- i) Passing fellow competitors in the pit lane; **1 MINUTE**
- j) **Excessive speed & not using First Gear in the pit/refuel area. Riders disobeying this rule will be held in the Hot Box at the end of the Pit Lane at the discretion of the Pit Marshal. 1 MINUTE**

7. **PRE-RACE PRACTISING**

No entry will be accepted from any competitor who is found riding over or in the vicinity of the route for a period of twenty eight days preceding the event. Any competitor who has already entered and who contravenes this rule, will not be allowed to start the event. Judges of fact may be appointed by MSA to enforce this rule. The Organisers may indicate specific routes or areas and stated periods when machines may be tested prior to the event. The foregoing, however, does not apply to legitimate participation in an event which may have crossed or used roads within the allowed period.

8. **THE ROUTE AND START**

8.1 **Senior Route**

The route shall consist of a maximum of three (3) laps, a minimum distance of 180kms or 3 hours racing. Laps must have a minimum distance of 50 kms.

8.2 **Junior Route**

- a) A specified number of laps to be a minimum of 1.5 hours for junior bike classes and 2 hours for Junior senior bike class" Laps to be between 20 and 50 kms long.

If the amount of entries in each class do not exceed 20, all junior quad classes will compete at the same time on the same track if it is not possible to let them compete on separate times as laid out in the SSR's.

- b) **Applicable to all Junior Classes** - A minimum of one marshal point must be placed per 10km. The start must be in a safe open area, in single file with 15 second dust gaps, or groups of up to five (5) motorcycles, set off timed dust intervals. The start must be conducted with running engines. The starting positions must be allocated according to overall championship points standings to date for each round of the championship. The first event will be started based on 2011 final overall points.

9. **Starting order**

At the first event of the season, competitors will be started in the order of the overall points as allocated by MSA during 2011. The competitor with the highest amount of points will be started first. Those without a history for 2011 will start behind the allocated riders according to classes OR1 first then followed by OR2, OR3, under 21 class, senior class, novices and ladies.

Quad riders without points for 2011 will start after riders with points in the following order, Q1, Q2, Senior, silver and then ladies. From the second event onwards the starting order will be based on the current overall 2012 championship standings. Riders will be started in the order of accumulated points scored during each event based on their overall finishing position. 200 points will be allocated for a first position. Each position will score 2 points less than the previous etc.

The start must be in a safe open area. Riders will be started one by one with a maximum of 5 abreast should the conditions provide a safe start in such a fashion. The COC shall have the final decision in this respect. The start must be conducted with running engines.

10. **ROUTE CHECK CONTROLS**

Refer to SSR 343 of the regulations pertaining to Off-Road Motorcycle & Quad events in the 2012 MSA Handbook.

A minimum of one marshal point must be placed approximately every 20km.

11. **SERVICE/REFUEL AREAS**

These must be of an adequate size to accommodate all the competitors and should be marked out with stakes and Candy tape, or fenced.

There may be more than one entry/exit which must be clearly marked. Adequate fire extinguishers must be available in this area. The finish line may be placed at the end of the pit lane should organisers wish to do so. No passing may take place in the pit lane. Refer to penalties point 5(i) of these regulations.

12. TO QUALIFY AS A FINISHER

12.1 Motorcycle & quads:

To be classified as a finisher of an event a competitors will be required to complete the full distance of the event before the time bar. The competitor with the least total time including any penalties in each class and overall will be declared the class & overall winners of the event.

12.2 Junior Motorcycle & quads:

- a) To be classified as a finisher a competitor must compete for the full period of the race and complete at least 66% (rounded down) of the leaders laps.
- b) Must be mobile with his motorcycle or quad and cross the finish line.
- c) Hand in his route sticker within 45 minutes after the race to the organisers at the designated area. In the case were a rider has broken down on the track, competitors teams, parent should advise race control as soon as they are aware of these riders situation to facilitate the start/ delay of the next event.
- d) Lapped competitors must be classified behind all competitors completing the same number of laps as the leader.

13. NUMBER COLOURS OF NUMBERS AND BACKING PLATES

As per SSR 330 (i) for all Senior Pro & Novice classes and SSR 358 for juniors. A single number plate facing forward, must be large enough to accommodate three numbers 170mm x 80mm x20mm stroke width, plus both sides of the motorcycle

14. ROUTE MARKING

Refer to SSR 340 of the 2012 MSA Handbook pertaining to Off-Road Motorcycle/Quad events. (Orange markers may also be used).

15. CHAMPIONSHIP POINT SCORING

Points will be allocated as follows.

A sliding scale indicated below will apply in the junior bike and quad classes for the number of starters.

Points Allocation – All Events				
1st - 25	2nd – 22	3rd – 20	4th – 18	5th – 16
6th – 15	7th – 14	8th – 13	9th – 12	10th – 11
11th – 10	12th – 9	13th – 8	14th – 7	15th - 6
16th – 5	17th – 4	18th – 3	19th – 2	20th - 1

- i) 6 or more starters Full points
- ii) 5 Starters From 2nd place
- iii) 4 Starters From 3de place
- iv) 3 Starters From 4th place
- v) 2 Starters From 5th place

vi) 1 Starter From 6th place

5 Points will be awarded for starting an event.

16. MINIMUM NUMBER OF STARTERS

For a Championship to be declared there must be an average of 6 starters per Regional class calculated at the end of the season.

Classes which do not field the required average number of starters will be scored towards the championship standings and the average calculated at the completion of the championship.

A minimum number of six (6) events must have been scored or run in the relevant class for a champion to be declared.

17. EVENTS TO COUNT

All events as listed in point 22 below will count towards the 2012 Northern Regions Off-Road Championship.

18. COMPETITORS INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THEIR CLUB'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

Should a competitor be involved in the development, laying out or working of a route for a Regional Championship event, the competitor may not enter the event. Points will be awarded to the competitor at the end of the year, on the basis of his average points scored for the remaining championship events. A maximum of two crews per event are eligible for organiser's points. The results of the event must reflect which competitors are to score organisers points when these results are submitted. A competitor may only score average points once.

19. AIM OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

19.1 To declare a Northern Regions Motorsport motorcycles champion in each of the following classes:

OR4,	Under 21 Senior Pro Class	16 yrs to 21.
OR3,	200cc Senior Pro Class	18 yrs & Older
OR2	250cc Senior Pro Class	18 yrs & Older
OR1	Open Senior Pro Class	18 yrs & older
	Senior Class	Riders who are 38 years of age and over as at the competitors birthday.
	65/85cc Junior Pro Class	7 – 12 years
	85cc Senior Pro Class	13-15 years
	125cc/250cc Junior Pro Class	13-17 years

19.2 To announce an Northern Regions Off-Road Motorcycle Overall winner from one of the

OR1 (Open), OR2 (250), OR3 (200), OR4 (Under 21) classes and Senior Class

19.3 To declare a Northern Regions Motorsport quad champion in each of the following classes

Q1 Class
Q2 Class
Senior Class
Ladies Class
Junior 450cc Quad Class
Junior Quad Class

19.4 To announce a Northern Regions Off-Road Quad Overall winner from one of the senior quad classes, Q1, Q2, Senior Class and Ladies Class.

20. DECLARATION OF CHAMPIONS

The MSA Northern Regions Motorsport Committee, at its sole discretion, will declare the winners of the Championship, and is entitled to withhold such declaration from any competitor, should circumstances warrant such action. If less than four events are run or scored, the Northern Regions Motorsport Committee reserves the right to withhold the declaration of champions

21. SEPARATION OF TIES

Any ties will be in favour of the competitor having the greater number of firsts. If this fails, the greater number of seconds will count, then thirds and so on. If the tie still remains, performance in all championship events will be taken into consideration and if this is ineffective, the MSA Northern Regions Motorsport Committee will declare the winner on any basis it may deem fit.

22. ENTRY FEES

All classes will be a minimum of R600.00 per entry for senior events and R500.00 per entry for junior events.

If organisers wish to make use of electronic timing (transponders) the above entry will include the cost there off.

23. COMPETITORS CONDUCT

Refer to SSR 347 in the 2012 MSA Handbook pertaining to Off Rd M/Cycle & Quad events.

24. AWARDS

Any competitor not attending the prize giving will forfeit his/her award. (Applicable to all Classes)

In the case of a competitor having been injured, a letter must be handed to the Clerk of the Course prior to the prize giving taking place.

25. NORTHERN REGIONS CHAMPIONSHIP DATES - 2012

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>ORGANISING CLUB</u>
25 February	Wolmaransstad	Verwes
07 April	Lichtenburg	Lichtenburg
28 April	Vryburg	Vryburg
28 Aug	To be advised	ORSA
01 Sept	Mareetzane	Barberspan
06 Oct	Ventersdorp	RORMC
Junior Events		
21 Jan	To be advised	ORSA
07 April	Lichtenburg	LMC
09 Jun	To be advised	Vryburg
11 Aug	To be advised	Verwes
25 Aug	Ventersdorp	RORMC
03 Nov	Heidelberg	RORMC

26. The 2012 Off Road Championship consist of the dates as listed above only. Should any events be cancelled or date changes occur due to force majeure, these may only be approved by the 2012 Sub Committee and the Northern Regions Committee.

27. COMPETITORS INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THEIR CLUB'S REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

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