

# Thames Valley Riders Official Rules

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# 1 Pre-Race Rules

- 1.1 All riders entered in a race must attend the riders' meeting.
- 1.2 All race personnel, race organizers, promoters, officials, riders and anyone else associated with riders must not consume or be under the influence of intoxicants or drugs that could affect their normal mental or physical ability.
- 1.3 Riders double jumping in Beginner classes will be docked 5 positions on the first infraction, will receive no points for the moto on the second infraction and will automatically be moved up a class on the third. The rider shall not keep any of his points in this case.
- 1.4 There shall be a qualified first aid attendant with equipment and ambulance at all TVR Motocross events.
- 1.5 An ambulance is a vehicle equipped to comply with the respective provincial standards for ambulances.
- 1.6 The referee shall not allow practice or racing to start unless the ambulance and attendant are at the course.
- 1.7 The fee for any ambulance trips to the nearest hospital shall be the responsibility of the injured party.
- 1.8 Sign In
- 1.9 Waivers
  - 1.9.1 No rider under the age of 18 may compete without the notarized consent of his parents or legal guardian. TVR must retain these notarized consents and said parent/legal guardian or authorized adult must remain present while the TVR member he is responsible for is participating.
  - 1.9.2 Each rider must complete and sign in a TVR Race Entry Form, a CMRC Insurance Form and payment to sign-up personnel during hours designated for this purpose.
  - 1.9.3 Day Passes
  - 1.9.4 Day pass riders do not get scored. Day Riders will be asked to place tape over their numbers so that the scorekeepers do not have to score them.
  - 1.9.5 In the event of a class filling up, day pass riders may be asked to ride in an alternate class no lower than the class they signed up for with fewer participants.
  - 1.9.6 Numbering
    - 1.9.6.1 Numbers may be unique to a class but there are restrictions. The restrictions are in place due to combining classes in the event of low class turnout. The rest of the classes

are considered separate, as they will generally never run together. The following groups are considered one class:

- 1.9.6.2 Vet Beginner
- 1.9.6.3 Vet Junior/ Vet Master
- 1.9.6.4 125 Beginner/250 Beginner
- 1.9.6.5 All Junior classes
- 1.9.6.6 All small track classes
- 1.9.6.7 Small Wheel Beginner/ Small Wheel Junior/ Small Wheel Senior
- 1.9.6.8 If you change classes for any reason, you will only retain your number if no one in the new class is currently using it. If they are, you are required to obtain different numbers. If you plan to race in more than one class, you must register in all the classes and ensure your number is available in all classes.

## **2 Rider Promotions**

- 2.1 Riders may choose which class they ride in.**
- 2.2 TVR reserves the right to promote any rider they deem to be of a higher ability than the rest of their respective class.**
- 2.3 Riders may move themselves up a class at any point during the season/series, subject to the following restrictions:**
  - 2.3.1 Promotions from the small track to the big track are subject to the approval of the small track executive, and must pass the following criteria:
    - 2.3.1.1 The rider must have completed a series and finished in the top 5 positions over all, or they must have an average score greater than or equal any rider in the top 5 positions.
    - 2.3.1.2 The rider must have completed 2 or more races in that series.

2.3.2 They will only retain some of their accumulated points from the lower class. This portion is decided by the score keeper of that season.

**2.4 Any female wishing to ride in the Ladies class must be on a bike with a displacement of 80cc or greater.**

**2.5 Riders on 65cc bikes are not permitted to ride or compete in any Small Wheel class.**

**2.6 Riders who ride in any 65cc class who wish to move to a Small Wheel class will require the authorization of the Referee.**

2.6.1 When registered in any Small Wheel class, they will no longer be eligible for points in any 65cc class.

2.6.2 The Referee has the right to reverse the promotion if (s)he feel the rider's ability does not warrant it.

**2.7 Riders who ride in any Small Wheel class who wish to move to a Junior class will require the authorization of the Referee.**

2.7.1 When registered in any Junior class, they will no longer be eligible for points in any Small Wheel class.

2.7.2 The Referee has the right to reverse the promotion if (s)he feels the rider's ability does not warrant it.

**2.8 At the beginning of a series, everyone starts with zero points.**

2.8.1 Therefore, there will be no penalty for riders wishing to advance a class.

**2.9 Rider Classes**

**2.10 Riders may only compete in one "Beginner" level class.**

2.10.1 If the rider chooses to ride a second class, it must be at a higher skill level.

**2.11 Advancement above "Beginner" is permanent and may not be changed.**

2.11.1 In the event of a rider returning from serious injury, a grace period would be in effect allowing said rider to ride a class lower than his/her ability to regain their confidence.

**2.12 The levels in TVR are not the same as CMRC or CMX.**

2.12.1 There will be signage at every race to help riders decide what class to race in.

**2.13 Beginner classes are considered "non-competitive".**

2.13.1 There is NO double jumping in the beginner classes.

**2.14 The Vet classes are for the old and old-at-heart.**

- 2.14.1 If you don't think you can handle the other classes but aren't over the minimum age yet, you can ask to be in the Vet class, but only after you raced a few times and there is room.

## **2.15 Pits**

- 2.15.1 When entering or leaving the pits, a rider must use designated entrance and exit lanes.
- 2.15.2 Any operation of a vehicle in the pits must be at a very slow, acceptable speed (1st gear). The TVR staff can determine what is acceptable speed.
- 2.15.3 Before leaving at the end of the day, it is the responsibility of riders to put all of their waste in appropriate containers such as trash bins and waste oil barrels. If containers not were available on-site, riders must transport such items from the facility for proper disposal.
- 2.15.4 The track owner may have more specific codes of conduct that will be enforced in addition to any stated above. Members are required to abide by the track owner's rules.

# **3 Racing Rules**

## **3.1 General**

- 3.1.1 Entrants may be removed from an event for breaking the rules of conduct.
- 3.1.2 The referee may decide the maximum number of riders who start any event.
- 3.1.3 In cases of extreme weather or other conditions which prevent the completion of the full race program, overall results may be tabulated from one moto as announced by TVR.
- 3.1.4 If the track conditions are poor, as determined by the head referee, the 65 A class may race on the small track.
- 3.1.5 Under no circumstance may anyone ride a machine in the wrong direction on the track. For this offence, the rider will receive a five-position penalty.
- 3.1.6 A rider who leaves the course must re-enter the race in a controlled manner in a spot on the track that, as a result, does not gain them a position. Riders will be penalized 1-5 positions in the effect of such an infraction.
- 3.1.7 A rider who did not start the race will receive no points. No rider will be allowed to make up lost laps after the checkered flag.
- 3.1.8 When the winner receives the checkered flag, the race is considered complete and all riders who take the checkered flag are scored according to their position and number of laps completed. A rider who did not finish or who completed less than one-half the number of laps of the winning rider and did not take the checkered flag receives no points.
- 3.1.9 A race may not be started while other racers are on the track.

### **3.2 Practice**

- 3.2.1 When the checkered flag is displayed to end a practice session, all riders are to return immediately to the pit area. Practice starts are to take place during the allotted practice session only. Riders practicing starts after they have received the checkered flag will start their first moto with a dead engine and their right foot placed on the ground. This includes practicing starts while staging for your race.

### **3.3 Starts**

#### 3.3.1 Starting Procedure

- 3.3.1.1 Riders who are not present at the starting gate for the original start of a race will be excluded from any subsequent restarts.
- 3.3.1.2 A rider must be ready when called to the starting area. If not ready, the rider or parent/guardian must signal the starter by raising their hand in the air and will be allowed two minutes after the starter's call to make minor repairs. Afterward, if he still is not ready, he is excluded from the event. Any rider may ask for two minutes to make repairs, but the additional time will not prevent the disqualification of another rider who has used the two-minute limit. Once one rider has exercised the two-minute delay of the start, additional delays will only be permitted at the discretion of the head referee. A maximum four-minute delay for two separate riders will be allowed.
- 3.3.1.3 The starting procedure will be explained at every riders meeting.

#### 3.3.2 Restarts

- 3.3.2.1 In the event of a false start, which will be indicated to the Starter by a prearranged signal, the Starter will display a red flag to stop the race as soon as practical. Riders who false start will line up a bike length behind the starting line. A second offense by the same rider will result in a reverse position start.
- 3.3.2.2 In the event of a false start or a race that has been red flagged with less than 50% of the laps completed, a race will be restarted with the riders returning to their original starting positions.

#### 3.3.3 Red Flags

- 3.3.3.1 Any race stopped with less than half of the specified laps completed will require a complete restart.

- 3.3.4 If, in the referee's opinion, it is necessary to stop an event after 50% of the total number of laps have been covered, the race will be considered completed. Riders will be scored according to their position on the lap preceding the one during which they were red flagged.
- 3.3.5 If a moto was stopped because of an injured rider and a restart takes place, the rider causing the restart is not permitted to restart the moto.

**3.4 Flags and their Meaning**

<b>Flag</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Green	Start of race.
Yellow	Caution. When a yellow flag is present, competitors must ride cautiously until they have passed the incident that caused the flag. While the yellow flag is displayed, failure to use reasonable caution, aggressive riding or passing while the yellow flag is displayed will result in a 5-position penalty. Contact with emergency personnel will result in immediate disqualification from the event.
White with Red Cross	Emergency vehicle or personnel on the track. Absolutely no passing or double jumping is allowed. An automatic penalty of up to five positions will be imposed for those that fail to comply.
White	One lap to go until finish.
Black and White Checkered	End of a race. No rider will be allowed to make up lost laps after the checkered flag.
Red	Stopping of a race for any emergency situation.
Black	Disqualification or safety infraction. The rider is out of the race if they are given this signal.

**3.5 Scorekeeping**

- 3.5.1 Final results will be tabulated from two motos. Riders earn points in each moto according to their finishing positions.
- 3.5.2 A rider who did not start will receive no points. No rider will be allowed to make up lost laps after the checkered flag.
- 3.5.3 In the event of a tie in points at series end the tie is broken by determining the rider that has the greater number of top placing moto scores in the series. For instance, if there is an equal amount of first place finishes in the series between two riders, calculate the number of second place moto scores, and continue down until the tie is broken. The rider with the greater number shall be placed higher in the overall results of the series.
- 3.5.4 The top 20 finishers get points based on their finishing position according to the following scheme:

<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	25	6	15	11	10	16	5
2	22	7	14	12	9	17	4
3	20	8	13	13	8	18	3
4	18	9	12	14	7	19	2
5	16	10	11	15	6	20	1

- 3.5.5 Points are assigned for each moto of the event. At the end of the event, each rider's points are added up for both motos (0 for DNF or DNS). The totals are ranked from

highest to lowest, and then the highest score is given first place points for the day, the next highest score is given second place points for the day, etc. If two totals are the same, the placement at the last moto is used to resolve the tie. Using this system it is possible for a rider to have scored points during the event but have no points after scores are calculated.

### **3.6 Equipment**

- 3.6.1 Three number plates are required, and must be mounted securely and in a workmanlike manner. All number plates must be clearly visible, and the numbers legible (e.g. high contrast, no extraneous graphics).
- 3.6.2 Exhaust Systems - The exhaust system must be attached securely together and to the frame. If the exhaust system dislodges from the motorcycle, the rider will be immediately black-flagged and disqualified from the moto.
- 3.6.3 The referee has the power to disqualify any motorcycle that does not conform to the rules, and he may inspect any part of a motorcycle entered in an event.
- 3.6.4 Participants are solely responsible for the condition of their motorcycles and personal riding equipment. TVR does not inspect or verify the condition of vehicles, clothing or other riding gear and accessories used in competition.

### **3.7 Appropriate Riding Apparel**

- 3.7.1 It is the sole responsibility of the rider to select a helmet and apparel which will provide appropriate protection. The rider must rely on his/her own judgment in the selection of any helmet and apparel for durability and safety.
- 3.7.2 The following are mandatory:
  - 3.7.2.1 A helmet must be worn during all competition.
  - 3.7.2.2 Goggles must be worn at the beginning of event, including practice.
  - 3.7.2.3 Protective pants made of nylon; leather or other durable material must be worn in all competition.
  - 3.7.2.4 Long sleeve jerseys are to be worn at all times. Short sleeve or sleeveless shirts are prohibited.
  - 3.7.2.5 Chest protectors are strongly encouraged.
  - 3.7.2.6 Boots constructed for leg, foot and ankle protection must be worn in all meets.

## 4 OFFICIALS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### 4.1 The Referee

- 4.1.1 The Referee is the principal officer of a meet, acting as general supervisor. The Referee must be introduced at the riders' meeting and must be available throughout the race day. It is the TVR Executives responsibility to appoint a Referee who is well qualified, as determined by the body insuring the event.

### 4.2 The Referee's Duties

- 4.2.1 To determine if any changes in the course are necessary.
- 4.2.2 To determine if all other appropriate officials are present and to ensure they are performing their duties properly.
- 4.2.3 To direct the starter to black flag a rider for any safety reasons, including excessive oil leaking from the motorcycle, mufflers that are loose or not working properly, parts hanging from a motorcycle, loose number plates, etc.
- 4.2.4 To provide for technical inspection of equipment used by the riders, and to bar any equipment that does not conform to standards.
- 4.2.5 To receive and decide all protests subject to appeal.
- 4.2.6 To decide on rider disqualification, and disqualifying any rider who violates any rules of the event.
- 4.2.7 To explain to riders all starting rules, including the meaning of flags.
- 4.2.8 To assign Flagmen, as necessary, at various points on the course, and to instruct them of their duties.
- 4.2.9 To determine whether Scorekeepers, Flaggers, First Aid workers, are in place and ready before starting the meet.
- 4.2.10 To position riders on the starting line and start races.
- 4.2.11 In all starts the Referee shall have the power to decide what a fair start is.
- 4.2.12 When the referee believes that a rider is not in condition to race the referee shall consult with said rider and may not allow entrance to an event until such times as the rider gets a clearance from a doctor stating that the rider is fit to race.
- 4.2.12.1 Restart the race in the circumstances stated above.

### **4.3 Finish Line Official's Duties**

- 4.3.1 To give last-lap flags and finish flag.
- 4.3.2 To flag off the course any disqualified riders and display any other signal flags as directed by the Referee.

### **4.4 Scorekeepers Duties**

- 4.4.1 To exhibit a list of the days schedule.
- 4.4.2 To receive all entries and check the riders' membership cards.
- 4.4.3 To check rider classification and place riders in the proper events.
- 4.4.4 To keep a record of the placing of all riders in each event, and turn all records over to the Referee.

## **5 OFFENCES AND CONSEQUENCES**

### **5.1 Unacceptable infractions and their resulting consequences.**

- 5.1.1 The following offences will be subject to disciplinary action by the Referee. This list is provided as examples of infractions but it does not limit TVR from penalizing other actions deemed dangerous and/or unacceptable.
- 5.1.2 If you have been asked to change your numbers and fail to do so, you will be given a warning. The second offence will result in up to 5-position penalty while the third will result in no points for the day.
- 5.1.3 Illegible numbers will result in no points for the moto.
- 5.1.4 An attack (physical or verbal) or threat on a TVR official and/or engaging in a fight. This includes any person who attacks or is involved in a confrontation anywhere on the premises prior to, during, or after a TVR race. There will be no maximum fine or suspension period for this offense. A verbal threat or physical attack on a TVR official will result in disqualification of the rider and/or the removal of the rider and any other parties involved.
- 5.1.5 Failure to re-enter the track at a point as close as practical to the point at which the rider left the track; and in so doing gaining an unfair advantage.
- 5.1.6 Failing to immediately respond to a black flag or other signals from TVR officials will result in immediate disqualification from the moto.
- 5.1.7 Riding at any time in such a manner as to endanger the life or limb of other riders, officials or the public.
- 5.1.8 Causing a race to be stopped. A rider who is judged to be the cause of a red flag may not restart the event in question.

5.1.9 Failing to leave the track after a disqualification.

## **6 PROTEST/APPEALS**

### **6.1 Protests**

6.1.1 Any entrant may protest a decision of the Referee regarding the running of the event, provided they themselves are directly involved.

6.1.2 No protest at racing events will be accepted against a statement of fact that has been personally observed by the Referee or the Official (Example: false starts/course cutting/dangerous riding/inappropriate entry to or use of the course etc).

6.1.3 Protests must be in writing, submitted, signed and delivered by the rider lodging the protest, and handed to the Referee, if applicable as follows:

6.1.4 Scoring questions - within 30 minutes of the completion of the race in question

6.1.5 Rule infractions - within 30 minutes of the completion of the race in question.

### **6.2 Appeals**

6.2.1 Only the rider who filed a protest, the rider protested against or the referee may file an appeal.

6.2.2 The appeal must be made in writing, accompanied by a \$20 fee and within 10 days after the decision.

6.2.3 A decision must be rendered within 30 days.

6.2.4 All fees will be returned to appealing parties if their appeals are upheld. The fees will then be collected from the losing party.

6.2.5 The presentation of evidence by video image must be treated with utmost caution. Video images are influenced by choice of lenses and by angle distortions, the effect of which is difficult to evaluate.

### **6.3 Items which may not be appealed:**

6.3.1 Disqualification

6.3.2 Protestable items for which no protest was lodged.

6.3.3 An appeal cannot be accepted related to matters for which no remedy is available. (Example: no appeal will be heard if the only means of remedy would be to re-run an event).