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# 2024 MISSION FOODS AMA FLAT TRACK GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP MEET GUIDELINES

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These guidelines are to cover event specific information that is not covered in the current AMA Racing Rulebook for competition.

The 2024 AMA Racing Rulebook will govern the operational and technical aspects for the 2024 Mission Foods AMA Flat Track Grand Championship. These Guidelines can be found at <https://americanmotorcyclist.com/events-4/ama-flat-track-grand-championship/> or pick up a copy at Registration. The 2024 rules are in effect as of Jan. 1, 2024. The electronic version on the AMA website supersedes the printed copy. Revisions or clarifications will be reflected in the 2024 Revisions Chart on pg. 3.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The AMA Rulebook and Meet Guidelines contain rules, technical requirements and information governing all events that make up the Mission Foods AMA Flat Track Grand Championship for meet operational and technical aspects.

The AMA Rulebook and Meet Guidelines are designed to provide the information you will need to prepare your motorcycle and yourself for competition, plus an overview of rules that apply to the racing program, along with a summary of offenses and penalties pertaining to rules violations.

The intent of a specific rule or procedure will override a competitor's interpretation. The intent of a rule or procedure will be determined by competent officials. If any rule or guideline is unclear to the competitor, the competitor is advised to get written approval prior to any modifications.

The AMA will answer any requests for rule or procedure clarifications or interpretations. Requests must be submitted in writing to AMA technical staff. Any prior verbal approval from AMA staff or officials without a written statement with regard to the interpretation of a rule or procedure will be deemed invalid.

Please note that while every effort has been made to write AMA rules and Meet procedures in a clear and unambiguous fashion, it is impossible to anticipate every circumstance. It will be the AMA's responsibility to make decisions regarding rules enforcement.

## **AGE AND ELIGIBILITY**

1. A current AMA Membership is required for all riders. Memberships are available for \$49 a year. Youth Memberships are available for \$29 a year (for ages 11 and younger), and Family Memberships are also available at a rate of \$98 for up to 5 members. For more information on these Memberships, please contact the AMA offices at 1-800-AMA-JOIN. Memberships are available at Rider Registration or in advance online at [www.americanmotorcyclist.com](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com).
2. No One-Event passes will be available for purchase at this event.
3. **MINORS (RIDERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE)**
  - a. All Minors must complete an AMA Minor Release to be eligible to compete at the AMA Flat Track Grand Championship. AMA Minor Releases can be found here and submitted electronically: <https://americanmotorcyclist.com/annual-release-forms/>.

## **GATE TIMES/PARKING INFORMATION**

1. Opening times on Saturday, June 29:
  - 3 p.m. – Bob Green Drive open for Competitors only (Rider Registration/Check-In at SIC Building); no entry into the facility prior to this time.
  - Gate 3 will be open 24 hours for camping (see below Ticket/Camping Information).
  - Main Gate will be open 24 hours **unless closed for racing (see 2024 Racing Schedule for tentative race times)**.
2. Parking is available on the south end of the fairgrounds surrounding the SIC Building (see map later in this document).

## **TICKET/CAMPING INFORMATION**

1. **Tickets:** Racers and spectators at FTGC must purchase day or week gate admission passes, sold online in advance for racers or on-site for all racers and spectators. Pass is required at all times. Day passes will be \$25 per person, and week passes will be \$75 per person.
2. **Pit Vehicle Passes:** Anyone with a pit vehicle will be required to purchase a pit vehicle pass. These will be sold online in advance for racers or on-site for racers and spectators for \$20/vehicle.
3. **Camping:** \$25/night with water and electric; see <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/dsf/info/Pages/Camping.aspx> or call Du Quoin State Fairgrounds for more information.
4. **Facility Information:** Du Quoin State Fairgrounds, 655 Executive Drive, Du Quoin, IL 62832 - (618) 542-1515; <https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/dsf/Pages/default.aspx>.
5. **Golf Cart Rental:** <https://www.littleegyptgolfcars.com/--2024-ama-flat-track-grand-championship-event>

## **GENERAL EVENT AND FACILITY INFORMATION**

1. Racing engines shall not be run after 10 p.m. or before 6:30 a.m.
2. Pit vehicles may only be operated by persons **21 years or older**, holding a valid state operator's license. Violation of this policy may result in disqualification.
3. Pits will be closed after racing ends each day. Please remove any personal items from the pits after racing concludes for the day. The AMA is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged items.
4. Facility speed limit: 5 mph.
5. Posting of signs is prohibited. This does not apply to personal, or team sponsorship banners hung within the person's or team's paddock space.
6. Please be respectful of the space needs of yourself and others so that we do not run out of parking space.
7. Packages shipped to the track should be shipped UPS/FedEx with name and cell number to 655 Executive Drive, Du Quoin, IL 62832. Packages can be picked up in the Main Office, located in the grandstands next to the Mile.

8. Please secure your trailer / equipment and other valuables. Do not leave your paddock area without securing your belongings. AMA and Du Quoin State Fairgrounds are not responsible for theft or damages.

### **Answers to some of the common questions asked by our members:**

**Q: What happens if it rains?**

A: Typically, events will continue even if it's raining or threatening rain. In certain instances, races may be delayed, however it is very rare that an entire event is canceled due to inclement weather. Alternate facilities may be used in the event of inclement weather.

**Q: What phone number do I call if I need emergency assistance?**

A: For Du Quoin State Fairgrounds Security, please call (618) 521-2935. In an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

**Q: Do I need to always keep my gate pass on me?**

A: Yes, you do. To gain entry to all the areas your pass grants you access to, please always keep your wristband gate pass with you. This is done to protect the investment of fans and ensure proper access. **If you leave and fail to have your wristband on upon re-entering, you WILL BE REQUIRED to purchase a new pass at this time. No exceptions.**

**Q: Can I bring my pet to the races?**

A: Yes, as long as they are on a leash. Pets are not allowed in the facility buildings or grandstands unless it is a service dog.

**Q: Can I bring my bicycle?**

A: Bicycles are allowed. Personal golf carts and off-road vehicles are also allowed but require the purchase of a pit vehicle pass, available at the gate upon entry. Surrons and electric bicycles are not considered bicycles and fall under the pit vehicle regulations.

**Q: How do I get a golf cart for the weekend?**

A: Golf carts are available by booking using the following link: <https://www.littleegyptgolfcars.com/--2024-ama-flat-track-grand-championship-event>

**Q: Where is the lost and found?**

A: The lost and found is located at the Main Office, located in the grandstands next to the Mile Track.

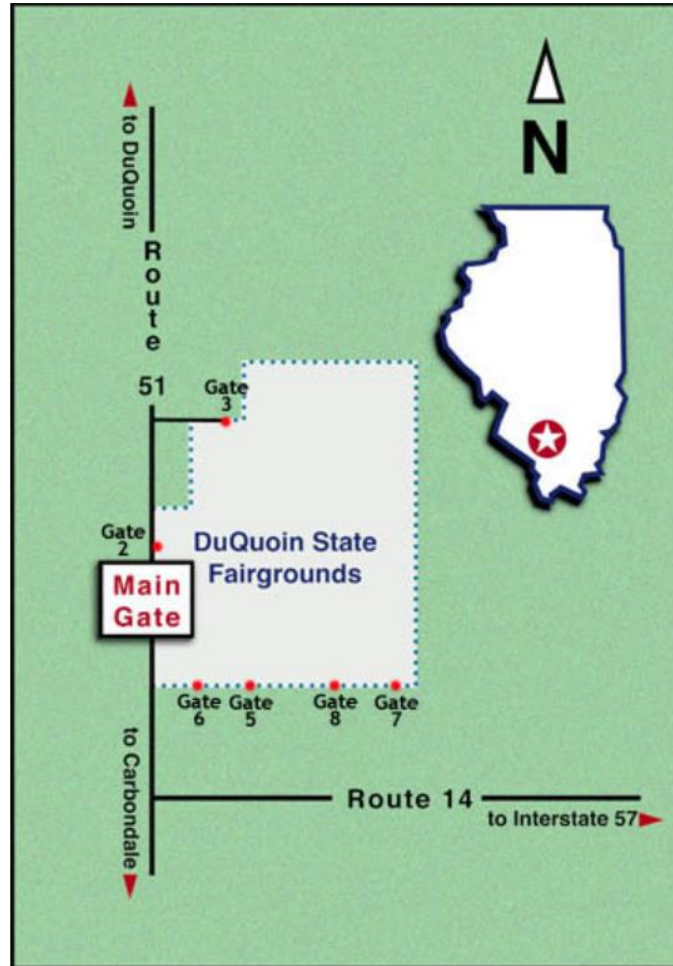
**Q: Are there shower houses at the fairgrounds?**

A: There are shower houses located in the camping area, as well as near the Mile Track.

**Q: Will there be food options at the fairgrounds?**

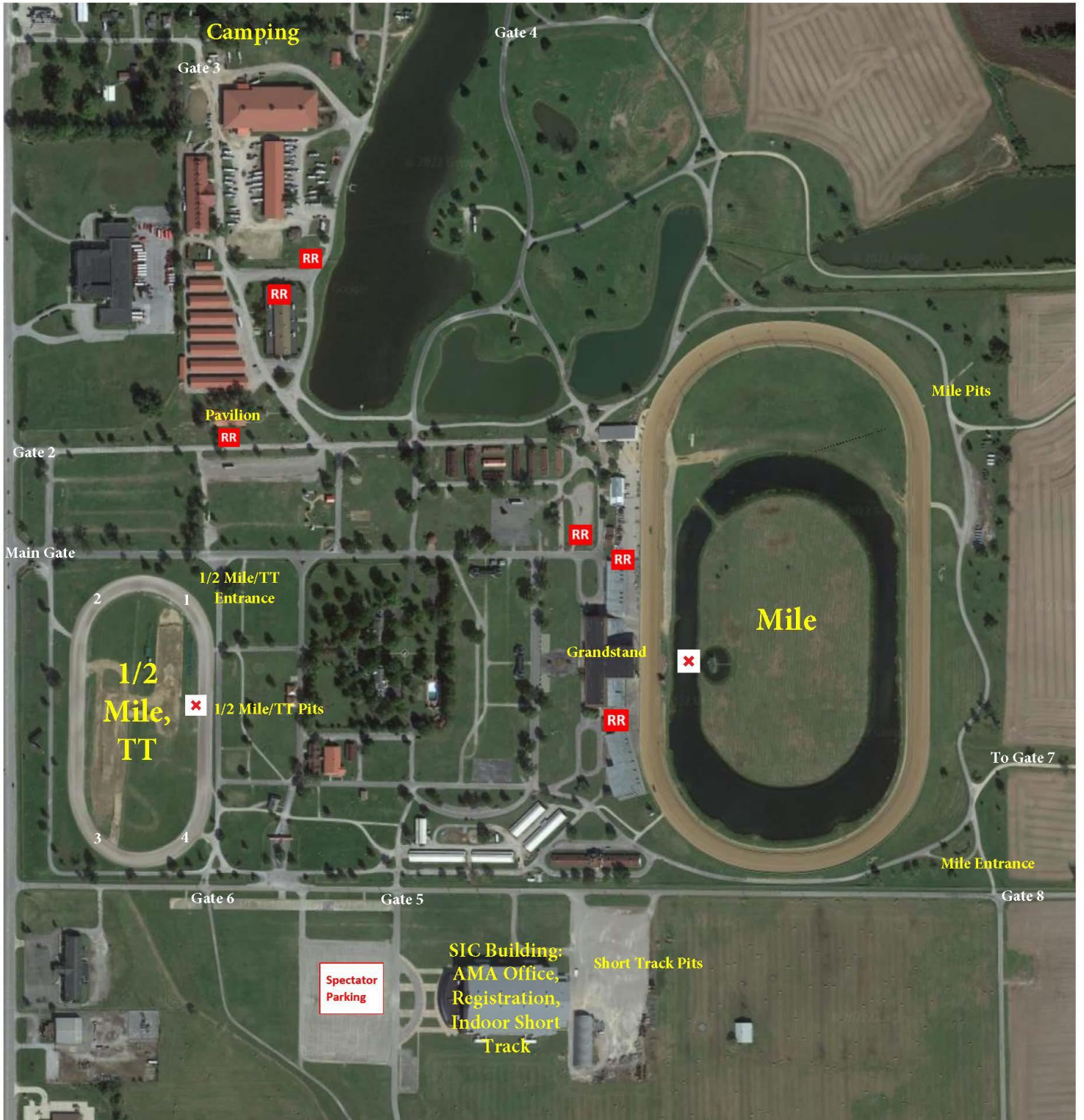
A: Yes, there will be a food vendor available during the week. They will be located next to the race track for that day and will be open during racing activity.

## DIRECTIONS/FACILITY MAP



- From St. Louis -- I-64 east to Route 51 exit. Follow Route 51 south to Du Quoin.
- From Paducah -- I-24 west to I-57 to Benton exit. From Benton take Route 14 west to Du Quoin.
- From Chicago -- I-57 south to Benton exit. From Benton take Route 14 west to Du Quoin.





## **CLASSES**

### **Group 1 Classes: Youth/Vet**

50cc Production Chain Drive (4-8)  
50cc Production PW Shaft Drive (4-8)  
50cc Production Chain Drive Shifter (4-8)  
65cc Production (7-11)  
65cc Modified (7-11)  
85cc Modified (9-11)  
85cc Production (9-13)  
85cc Modified (9-13)  
85cc Modified Supermini (12-15)  
Veteran (25+)  
Senior (40+)  
Super Senior (50+)  
Masters (60+)

### **Group 2 Classes: Amateur**

Women 122cc and Up (12+)  
250cc Production  
250cc Modified  
250cc – Open Singles (12+)  
450cc Production  
450cc Modified  
Open Heavyweight

### **The event schedule is as follows:**

- Saturday, June 29 – Rider Registration
- Sunday, June 30 – Amateur Half-Mile
- Monday, July 1 – Youth/Vet/Sr. Half-Mile
- Tuesday, July 2 – Amateur TT
- Wednesday, July 3 – Youth/Vet/Sr. TT, Amateur Short Track
- Thursday, July 4 – Youth/Vet/Sr. Short Track, Youth Short Track
- Friday, July 5 – Amateur/Vet/Sr. Mile
- Saturday, July 6 – AFT

*\*This schedule is subject to change*

## **SUPPLEMENTAL RULES/REGULATIONS**

### **Race Officials:**

The **Race Director** is responsible for:

- Ensuring proper observance of the regulations
- The control of practices, qualifying and races, adherence to the timetable and, if deemed necessary, the making of any proposal to the Race Direction to modify the timetable in accordance with the AMA Regulations
- The stopping of practice or the race in accordance with the Sporting Regulations if deemed unsafe to continue, and ensuring that the correct restart procedure is carried out
- All versions of the starting procedures
- Directing the use of ambulances/fast intervention vehicles
- Immediate approval and signature with time of provisional results (practices, qualifying, warm-ups, starting grids and races)

The **Rider Representative** is responsible for:

- Assisting riders with interpreting and clarifying AMA and technical regulations
- Accepting rider input regarding safety issues
- Accepting, evaluating and making recommendations regarding rider concerns and requested exceptions

The **Safety Officer** is responsible for:

- Supervision of all aspects of safety
- Ensures all tracks have been prepared and ready for competition
- Works with track personnel to maintenance track surfaces throughout the day's racing activities

### **2024 Mission Foods AMA Flat Track Grand Championship Race Direction:**

- Race Director – Ken Saillant
- Safety Officer – Rob McLendon
- Rider Representative – Mike Burkeen

All penalties and sanctions will be issued by Race Direction. The three-member Race Direction team replaces the meet referee in all decision-making aspects of the meet(s).

### **Other Information:**

1. The 2024 Mission Foods AMA Flat Track Grand Championship is an AMA National Championship Event sanctioned by the American Motorcyclist Association, and these Supplemental Regulations are used to explain and clarify certain requirements and procedures.
2. If one or more main events cannot be run, results will be awarded based on heat and/or semi results.
3. Riders cannot enter more than four amateur classes or three youth classes per meet.
4. A rider's age on Jan. 1 will determine their age for remainder of the year. A rider may move to the next higher age class within the youth division only if they will be eligible to do so at any time during the year and they meet the minimum age requirement for the motorcycle they will competing on as of the day of the event.
5. Knobby tires may be permitted by Race Direction for the 50cc Production classes.
6. The use of a maximum 17-inch rear wheel for all 85cc classes in flat track, TT scrambles and any 85cc Production class is permitted.
7. AMA Flat Track Grand Championship:
  - a. The points scale shown below will be used.
  - b. Riders who are disqualified from a main event will not receive points.

- c. Ties in the final standings will be broken for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places only. The first tiebreaker is the better finish in the final main event in the class; the second tiebreaker is the better finish in the next to last main event in the class, etc. If the main events are run in an order different than originally scheduled, e.g. because of a rain delay, the actual order in which the races took place will apply.
8. The machine brought to the starting line for his/her first heat is considered the qualified machine for that day's meet.
9. Riders that qualify for a main event do not need to report to the staging line if they are unable to race the main event. They have already qualified and will receive last place points based on the number of participants in the event. Example: 8 rider main event: rider unable to participate will receive 8th place finishing points. If more than one rider is unable to start, their points will be based on the main event qualifying position.
10. Protests will be accepted up to 30 minutes after race results have been posted. Race Direction may hold a protest until the completion of the Overall Championship Event.
11. Motorcycles that are impounded must remain in the impound area until the Technical Director allows for their removal. Motorcycles may be impounded for any length of time pending protests and/or appeals. If the motorcycle is being ridden in another class, it must remain in the designated impound area, and all work done must be completed within this designated area.
12. On tracks one half mile and longer, abrasion resistant gear is required. Abrasion resistant equals leather, Cordura, air mesh or stretch Kevlar. Exceptions may be made for 50cc riders but only by authority of Race Direction.
13. It is highly recommended that chest and back protection be worn by all competitors. It is required for all competitors in Youth Classes to wear chest and back protection. The protector may be worn under or over the jersey, and it should cover the sternum anterior ribs, posterior ribs, and spine from T1 to T12.
14. In order to qualify for the Overall Event Championship, a rider must have participated in a minimum of 50% of the discipline-specific meets.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** Any meet not run due to weather, or any other delay, may be run that day. The AMA reserves the right to change schedules and venues as necessary. If a meet is cancelled, it may be necessary to replace the discipline-specific meet (i.e. Short Track) with another discipline-specific meet (i.e. Half-Mile).

**Event Championship Points will be awarded as follows:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 30 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 25 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 21 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 18 points
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – 16 points
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – 15 points
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – 14 points
- 8<sup>th</sup> Place – 13 points
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place – 12 points
- 10<sup>th</sup> Place – 11 points
- 11<sup>th</sup> Place – 10 points
- 12<sup>th</sup> Place – 9 points
- 13<sup>th</sup> Place – 8 points (if applicable)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Place – 7 points (if applicable)

