

To: AMA Supercross Competitors
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The following summary identifies changes and additions to the 2025 AMA Supercross Rulebook.

SECTION 1 - SPORTING REGULATIONS

1.2 LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS

1.2.9 MINORS

- d. If the minor applicant turns the age of 18 during the season, that minor shall be required to submit fully executed and signed adult authorizations, releases, applications, consents, waivers, and other documents as may be required by AMA from time to time.*

1.4 CODE OF CONDUCT POLICIES

1.4.2 SPORTS BETTING POLICY

*** See Section 1.4.2 in the 2025 AMA Supercross Rulebook for updated Sports Betting Policy. ***

1.6 RACE RULES AND PROCEDURES

1.6.10 PIT / PADDOCK REGULATIONS

- h. Persons less than ~~16~~ **18** years of age are not allowed in mechanic's area or other restricted areas.

1.7 TIMING & SCORING PROCEDURES

1.7.6 LEADER LIGHTS

- a. All machines may be required to have an approved leader light transmitter and LED strips properly mounted in the location and manner as designated by AMA. Teams may either purchase leader light transmitters for permanent installation or AMA will assign leader light transmitters for Teams to use on an event-by-event basis. Teams that do not have leader light transmitters permanently installed on their motorcycles will be assigned leader light transmitters and provided with the necessary LED strips during technical inspection at each Event. The leader light illuminates to indicate the rider in first place during each session but is not considered to be an official indicator of the rider's race position. When required, the following rules will apply:
1. The leader light transmitter must be mounted vertically on the right fork leg between the two triple clamps **or as approved by AMA**. The LED strips must be mounted vertically on the front of each fork leg.

1.8 AMA SUPERCROSS RULES

1.8.3 RIDER ELIGIBILITY

- j. 250 Class Rider Eligibility
2. A rider may earn their AMA 250 license through the ~~250-Futures~~ **SMX Next** class:
 - i. Four (4) points are required to earn a license.
 - ii. ~~250-Futures~~ **SMX Next** points will be earned in a continuous 24-month period.
 - iii. Supercross licensed riders that have qualified in the top 40 at an AMA Supercross event in the past three seasons are not eligible to compete in the ~~250-Futures~~ **SMX Next** class.
 - iv. Specific AMA Road to Supercross information and point earning races can be found at: americanmotorcyclist.com
 - v. ~~Supercross-Futures~~ **SMX Next** event information including the ~~Supercross-Futures~~ **SMX Next** Supplemental Regulations can be found at: supercrosslive.com/supercross-futures.

1.8.9 ALTERNATE PROCEDURES

- a. Standard Format
 1. If a rider or riders have qualified in the top 40 but are unable to participate in the evening program, an alternate rider that qualified outside of the top 40 may be allowed into the Heat Races. This will be done starting with the 41st qualifier until all positions for the evening program are filled.
 - iv. If a rider that has earned a top 40 qualifying position knows that they will not be able to make the start of the Heat Race but still intends on participating in the Last Chance Qualifier, they must inform Race Direction of their intent prior to the staging of the Heat Race **and no alternate will be placed.**
- b. Triple Crown Format
 2. If a rider or riders have qualified for the Races but are unable to participate in the Race, an alternate rider that qualified outside of the top 4 in the Last Chance Qualifier may be allowed into the first Race ONLY. This will be done starting with 5th place from the Last Chance Qualifier until all positions for the evening program are filled.
 - iv. If a rider that has earned a Race position knows that they will not be able to make the start of the first Race but still intends on participating in the second and third Races, they must inform Race Direction of their intent prior to the staging of the first Race **and no alternate will be placed.**

1.8.10 STARTING PROCEDURES

- a. Once a motorcycle is in its gate position at the starting gate:
 2. In the event a Rider needs to make repairs once loaded in the starting gate, the motorcycle must be pushed back from the gate to behind the rear restraint before any repairs can be made, so as not to interfere with other competitors. **This includes the changing of wheels or removal of tire covers/warmers.**

SECTION 2 - TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

2.4 MOTORCYCLE TECHNICAL RULES

2.4.15 NUMBER PLATE REQUIREMENTS

- d. Number plates must be of adequate size to provide ample space (around $\pm 0.5"$) around and between numbers.

2.4.16 FRONT NUMBER PLATES

- a. Front numbers must be a minimum height of $\pm 5\frac{1}{2}"$.
- c. The top section of the front number plate is reserved for a number plate header as provided by AMA which incorporates the SMX logo, ~~Championship Title Sponsor~~ **Supercross** logo and the AMA logo. The number plate header is a required part of the number plate design and shall be a minimum height of 1 inch and a minimum width of 8 inches.



2.5 TECHNICAL INSPECTION AND ELIGIBILITY

2.5.1 TIME/MANNER/LOCATION

- a. All race equipment, including but not limited to motorcycles, motorcycle parts, equipment, **riding apparel** and/or fuel, is subject to inspection by AMA, at any time, manner, and location as determined by AMA.

2.7 SOUND TEST PROCEDURES

2.7.5 THE OPERATION OF THE TEST

- k. The motorcycle must maintain at least the minimum RPM during the test. Any motorcycle that is unable to reach and maintain the minimum RPM stated will be refused **during pre-race control. If during post-race or qualifying control, the motorcycle will be considered in violation.**
 1. Minimum RPM: 250cc - ~~12,500~~ **13,500** rpm / 450cc - ~~10,000~~ **10,800** rpm

2.7.7 GUIDELINES FOR USE OF SOUND LEVEL METERS

- e. ~~Precision of the method (tolerances)~~
1. ~~Round down the meter reading, I.E. 114.9 dB/A = 114 dB/A.~~

SECTION 3 - ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

3.1 VIOLATIONS AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

3.1.8 AT-TRACK AND ON-TRACK VIOLATIONS

- e. On-Track Violations and Penalty Table
 2. The On-Track Violations and Penalty Table provides guidelines for violations of the rules in Section 1.6 Race Rules and Procedures or Section 1.8 AMA Supercross Rules which occur while a rider is participating in a competition session, including but not limited to:

On-Track Violations and Penalty Table	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
<i>Intentionally stopping on track in Practice/Qualifying</i>	Fast Qualifying Lap	2 nd Fast Qualifying Lap	Times Disallowed
<i>Jumping the gate</i>	1 Lap	DQ	DQ
<i>Grooming in front of the gate</i>	2 Positions	2 Positions	2 Positions
<i>Intentionally causing a red flag</i>	DQ	DQ + Fine	Suspension
<i>Jumping a staggered restart</i>	Pos. Gained + 2	Pos. Gained + 2	Pos. Gained + 2
<i>Disregarding the blue flag</i>	Warning	1 Position	2 Positions
<i>Disregarding the black flag</i>	DQ	DQ + Fine	Suspension
<i>Track cut/gaining an unfair advantage, Qualifying</i>	Fast Lap	2 nd Fast Lap	Times Disallowed
<i>*Track cut/gaining an unfair advantage, Race</i>	Pos. Gained + 1	Pos. Gained + 2 1	Pos. Gained + 3 1
<i>Receiving outside assistance</i>	DQ	DQ	DQ
<i>**Aggressive/reckless riding</i>	Warning	5 Points + Fine	10 Points + Fine
<i>Red cross flag violation in Practice/Qualifying</i>	Fast Qualifying Lap	2 nd Fast Qualifying Lap	Times Disallowed
Red cross violation in a Heat/LCQ/Triple Crown Race, no advantage	2 Positions	4 Positions	6 Positions
<i>Red cross violation in a Heat/LCQ/ Triple Crown Race, advantage gained</i>	Pos. Gained + 2	Pos. Gained + 4 2	Pos. Gained + 6 2
Red cross violation in a Main Event, no advantage	5 Points & Purse (2 Pos)	10 Points & Purse (2 Pos)	15 Points & Purse (2 Pos)
<i>Red cross violation in a Main Event, advantage gained</i>	Pos. Gained + 5 Points & Purse (2 Pos)	Pos. Gained + 10 5 Points & Purse (2 Pos)	Pos. Gained + 15 5 Points & Purse (2 Pos)

h. Application of Penalties

- 1. Penalties will be applied according to their penalty category in the following order:**
 - i. On-Track Penalties**
 - ii. At-Track Penalties**
 - iii. Post-Race Penalties**
- 2. If multiple penalties are imposed which affect the results of a competition session:**
 - i. The penalty categories will be applied sequentially, starting with On-Track Penalties, then At-Track Penalties and ending with Post-Race Penalties.**
 - ii. All penalties within each category will be applied before applying penalties from subsequent categories.**
 - iii. Penalties within each category will be applied in sequential order starting from the bottom of the running order and results will be recalculated following the application of each penalty.**
 - iv. Penalties will be imposed on the violating rider with the lowest finishing position, followed by the violating rider with the next highest finishing position, until all penalties within the category have been applied.**

2026 AMA SUPERCROSS RULEBOOK UPDATES

**** Effective with the 2026 & 2027 AMA Supercross Rulebooks: ****

2026 - To be eligible for an AMA Rider License: Be at least 17 years of age.

2027 - To be eligible for an AMA Rider License: Be at least 18 years of age.

**** Effective with the 2026 AMA Supercross Rulebook, importation quantity deadlines: ****

Minimum 25 units prior to approval for competition in the current season.

Minimum 400 units by April 1st of the current season.

**** Effective with the 2026 AMA Supercross Rulebook, the maximum sound limit will be set at: ****

For pre-race inspection: Max. 109 dB/A

For post-race inspection: Max. 110 dB/A