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The following summary identifies changes and additions to the 2027 AMA Supercross Rulebook.

SECTION 1 - SPORTING REGULATIONS

1.2 LICENSES AND CREDENTIALS

1.2.15 AMA LICENSE APPLICATION TYPES

a. Rider License

1. To be eligible for an AMA Rider License, a Credentialed Participant at a minimum must:

i. Be at least ~~17~~ ***18*** years of age.

1.2.17 REQUIRED NOTICES

b. ***Withdrawal Notification: Upon determining that a rider will take no further part in an event, the rider or the rider's designated team representative shall immediately notify a member of Race Direction.***

1.4 CODE OF CONDUCT POLICIES

1.4.2 SPORTS BETTING POLICY

c. PROHIBITED GAMBLING

1. ***Gambling on SuperMotocross League Events. Covered Stakeholders are prohibited from participating in any form of sports betting, prediction market trading/activity, or other gambling activity on (i) any SMX League event and (ii) anything AMA, in cooperation with the SMX League, determines could represent the potential for a conflict of interest, unsportsmanlike conduct, or other action(s) detrimental to the AMA or SMX League events. There are no exceptions to this rule, even in circumstances in which the event is conducted in a location where sports betting, prediction market trading/activity, and/or other gambling activity is legal or in which the Covered Stakeholder is not participating. This rule prohibits participation, either directly or indirectly, in any sports betting, prediction market trading/activity, or other gambling activity involving the outcome, statistics, time, actions, or any other aspect of, or occurrence in, any SMX League event.***

1.4.4 CODE OF CONDUCT PENALTY OPTIONS AND GUIDELINES

a. Credentialed Participant actions that could result in a Fine:

4. Use of profane or obscene language during broadcaster and/or podium interviews.

1.5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1.5.5 RESTRICTED SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES

c. Firearms and Ammunition

~~1. AMA allows firearms and ammunition companies to be team sponsors, provided that the branding of the company name and logo does not contain an image of a firearm, ammo, scope or violent act.~~

1. Firearms and ammunition companies are not eligible to serve as team sponsors. This restriction is permanent and applies in all circumstances.

2. No team, rider, or associated participant may display, reference, or associate with firearms or ammunition company branding, including but not limited to company names, logos, or identifying marks.

3. Exceptions exist for government and military entities with specific imagery in their logos or seals.

1.6 RACE RULES AND PROCEDURES

1.6.14 FLAGS AND LIGHTS

d. Yellow Flag/Yellow Flashing Light/***Yellow Lead-In Caution Light***

f. Blue Flag

1. Indicates that a Rider is about to be overtaken by faster Riders.
2. ~~When conditions allow,~~ The Rider receiving the blue flag ~~must move out of the fast line. Once out of the fast line, Riders must hold their line, must not ride erratically and~~ must not impede the progress of the faster Riders.
3. Riders disregarding the blue flag may be penalized at the discretion of Race Direction.

1.6.16 GENERAL SAFETY AND ON-TRACK REGULATIONS

l. ***Riders entering the signal area from any location other than the designated entrance, or in a direction contrary to the designated direction of travel, is prohibited.***

1.6.20 TRACK CUTS/UNFAIR ADVANTAGE

a. ***Riders must remain on the marked course. The course will be marked by track markers, boundary markers, hay bales, tuff blocks, dirt mounds, etc. If the marking devices are knocked down, the rider must stay on the original marked course.***

b. A Rider leaving the course may only continue by properly re-entering the course, without gaining a time or position advantage, from the closest possible point to where that Rider left the course. While off course, the Rider must not accelerate in ***a manner that provides a competitive advantage or*** an unsafe ~~manner~~ ***re-entry***.

c. Race Direction will make the determination as to whether a Rider gained any advantage by leaving the racecourse and re-entering. The Rider may be determined to have gained an advantage without gaining a position. ***In situations where a rider does not gain an advantage, the rider may receive License Penalty Points for not staying on the marked course.***

d. ***Split Lane Sections: Riders must remain in the lane selected upon entry into a split lane section. Lane changes after entry are prohibited and will be considered a track cut subject to penalty by Race Direction.***

1.7 TIMING & SCORING PROCEDURES

1.7.3 HOLESHOT DEFINED

a. The holeshot is determined by the electronic timing and scoring system, utilizing track-embedded loops and registered motorcycle transponders. The rider whose transponder is first recorded crossing the designated timing loop is officially credited with the holeshot.

b. All results become final once electronically recorded and final results are officially published.

c. The white line displayed on the track serves only as a visual reference for spectators and does not determine official holeshot results.

1.7.9 ORDERING OF RESULTS

d. With the exception of the checkered flag lap, crossing outside of the designated finish line obstacle may be considered a completed lap by the Chief Scorer as long as the Rider continues the race for at least one more completed lap. ***On the checkered flag lap, Race Direction shall have discretion in determining race completion.***

1.8 AMA SUPERCROSS RULES

1.8.2 EVENT ENTRIES

b. Supercross Events are pre-entry only and limited to ~~80~~ ***66*** Riders per class at each event.

1. ***For the East/West Showdown, a maximum of 33 riders shall be allocated to each region. If either region has fewer than 33 eligible riders, all eligible riders from that region shall be accepted, and the remaining positions shall be allocated to the other region in accordance with Section 1.8.2 (f).***

f. Entries will be accepted in the following order of priority until each class reaches the ~~80~~ ***66***-rider limit:

1.8.3 RIDER ELIGIBILITY

j. 250 Class Rider Eligibility

2. A rider may earn their AMA 250 license through the SMX Next class:

iii. Supercross licensed riders that have qualified ~~in the top 40~~ ***into an evening program*** at an AMA Supercross event in the past three seasons are not eligible to compete in the SMX Next class.

1.8.4 MOTORCYCLE USAGE

c. Riders must use the same motorcycle (same main frame) for Qualifying, Heat Races, Last Chance Qualifier, Parade/Sighting Laps, ***Triple Crown Races*** and Main Event.

d. If the motorcycle's main frame is damaged, the frame may be changed only with approval from ~~Race Direction~~ ***the Technical Manager***. Approval must take place prior to usage of the new frame.

e. ~~For Triple Crown Format only:~~

~~1. Riders may use up to two motorcycles throughout the event.~~

~~2. Both motorcycles must have completed Technical Inspection and passed the sound test requirements.~~

~~3. The rider may NOT replace motorcycles after the 30-second board has been displayed on each specific race.~~

~~4. Motorcycles may be replaced in between races.~~

~~5. Riders or a team representative must notify a member of Race Direction if a replacement motorcycle is being used.~~

1.8.5 STANDARD COMPETITION FORMAT

b. Heat Races

1. Two Heat Races per Supercross class will begin with a gate start featuring ~~20~~ ***19*** riders.

~~2. The two outside starting gates at either end will not be used for the Heat Races.~~

2. ***Three starting gates will be designated as unavailable for use in the Heat Races.***

3. The top ~~9~~ ***8*** finishers in each respective Heat Race will advance to the Main Event.

d. Main Event

1. One Main Event Race per Supercross class will begin with a gate start featuring ~~22~~ ***20*** riders.

2. The length of each Main Event will either be laps or a timed format.

3. AMA Supercross Championship points will be awarded down to a maximum of ~~21~~ ***20*** places for the overall results of the Main Events.

1.8.6 TRIPLE CROWN COMPETITION FORMAT

a. Timed Qualifying

3. The top ~~18~~ ***16*** from the qualifying will go directly to the Races.

4. Riders ~~19~~ ***17*** through ~~40~~ ***38*** will be placed in the LCQ based on the overall qualifying order.

c. Races

1. Three Races per Supercross class will be run with the same ~~22~~ ***20*** riders. Each Race will count towards the overall standings.

2. The overall finishing order will be based on the Olympic scoring system.

3. AMA Supercross Championship points will be awarded down to a maximum of ~~21~~ ***20*** places for the overall results.

1.8.7 QUALIFYING PROCEDURES

b. Afternoon qualifying sessions will be used to compile the ~~40~~ ***38*** fastest riders (the "Fast ~~40~~ ***38***") in the 450 and 250 classes.

c. In the event there are less than ~~40~~ ***38*** total riders attempting to qualify, a rider may be denied the option to compete in the program (whether it be a Heat or Last Chance Qualifier) based on lap times at the sole discretion of Race Direction.

f. ***In the event that Timed Qualifying is cancelled for any reason:***
   1. ***At the first AMA Supercross event of the season, riders shall be ranked by their combined 450 and 250 championship points earned during the previous AMA Supercross season. The number of riders accepted based on championship points shall be adjusted as necessary to accommodate former AMA Supercross Champions (450 or 250) and FIM Motocross World Champions (MXGP or MX2). All other riders shall be accepted in the order their entries are received online by the AMA, based on date and time. The AMA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to seed riders who do not meet these criteria.***
   2. ***During any subsequent events, riders shall be ranked by current season championship points in the class entered. All other riders shall be accepted in the order their entries are received online by the AMA, based on date and time. The AMA reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to seed riders who do not meet these criteria.***
   3. ***To determine gate pick order for the Heat Races, the highest ranked rider will receive the first gate pick in the second Heat Race, the second ranked rider will receive the first gate pick in the first Heat Race, and so on, until all seeded riders have been assigned.***
   4. ***In the event of a tie, the final determination shall be made in accordance with Section 1.8.18: Ties.***

1.8.8 STAGING

d. Once a motorcycle enters the Staging Area and is called to the Starting Gate, the motorcycle will not be permitted to return to the paddock. If the motorcycle leaves the Staging Area after this point, the Rider will not be permitted to start the race. There is ***one*** exception to this rule:
   1. When a motorcycle fails to start, an attempt may be made to push start the motorcycle. The motorcycle must be under visual control of an official at all times during this process.
   ~~2. A second motorcycle may be retrieved from the designated alternate motorcycle staging area. (Triple Crown Format ONLY)~~

1.8.9 ALTERNATE PROCEDURES

a. Standard Format
   1. If a rider or riders have qualified in the top ~~40~~ ***38*** but are unable to participate in the evening program, an alternate rider that qualified outside of the top ~~40~~ ***38*** may be allowed into the Heat Races. This will be done starting with the ~~41st~~ ***39th*** qualifier until all positions for the evening program are filled.
      i. These riders will pick their gate position in the order in which they qualified after all riders in that Heat Race from the top ~~40~~ ***38*** have gated.
      ii. Alternate riders allowed to the gate through this process will not be considered officially in the race until three minutes before gate drop.
      iii. If a rider that has earned a top ~~40~~ ***38*** qualifying position enters the final staging checkpoint prior to three minutes before gate drop, that rider will be allowed to start, and the alternate will be removed.
      iv. If a rider that has earned a top ~~40~~ ***38*** 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.
      v. Once a top ~~40~~ ***38*** qualified rider is officially replaced by an alternate, the qualified rider is no longer eligible to participate in any further races at that meet.
      vi. Riders outside of the top ~~40~~ ***38*** may be denied this option based on lap times at the sole discretion of Race Direction.
   2. A rider who is currently in the top ten (10) in points in the 450 class or the top five (5) in points in the 250 class who fails to make the Fast ~~40~~ ***38*** in timed qualifying may request an exemption to be put in the Heat Race.
      i. To be eligible for this exemption a rider must:
         a) Currently be in the top ten (450 class) or top five (250 class) in championship points.
         b) Record at least one officially timed lap during timed qualifying.

ii. The first non-qualified rider will be placed on the ~~21st~~ ***20th*** gate pick in the first Heat Race. A second non-qualified rider will have the ~~21st~~ ***20th*** gate pick in the second Heat Race.
iii. Up to a maximum of 2 non-qualified riders can be placed in each Heat Race. They will be placed in their respective Heat Race in priority of their fastest recorded qualifying time.
iv. At an East/West Showdown, in the 250 class, a rider who is currently in the top five (5) in their regional class points who fails to make the top ~~20~~ ***19*** in timed qualifying may request an exemption to be put in their respective regional 250 Heat Race. Up to a maximum of 2 non-qualified riders can be placed in each Heat Race.

b. Triple Crown Format
1. If a rider or riders have qualified in ~~19th~~ ***17th*** through ~~40th~~ ***38th*** but are unable to participate in the Last Chance Qualifier, an alternate rider that qualified outside of the top ~~40~~ ***38*** may be allowed into the Last Chance Qualifier. This will be done starting with the ~~41st~~ ***39th*** qualifier until all positions for the Last Chance Qualifier are filled.
i. These riders will pick their gate position in the order in which they qualified after all riders in that Last Chance Qualifier race from the top ~~19th~~ ***17th*** through ~~40th~~ ***38th*** have gated.
ii. Alternate riders allowed to the gate through this process will not be considered officially in the race until three minutes before gate drop.
iii. If a rider that has earned a top ~~40~~ ***38*** qualifying position enters the final staging checkpoint prior to three minutes before gate drop, that rider will be allowed to start, and the alternate will be removed.
iv. Once a top ~~40~~ ***38*** qualified rider is officially replaced by an alternate, the qualified rider is no longer eligible to participate in any further races at that meet.
v. Riders outside of the top ~~40~~ ***38*** may be denied this option based on lap times at the sole discretion of Race Direction.
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.
vi. Riders outside of the top ~~40~~ ***38*** may be denied this option based on lap times at the sole discretion of Race Direction.
3. A rider who is currently in the top ten (10) in points in the 450 class or the top five (5) in points in the 250 class who fails to make the Fast ~~40~~ ***38*** in timed qualifying may request an exemption to be put in the Last Chance Qualifier.

1.8.10 STARTING PROCEDURES
a. Once a motorcycle is in its gate position at the starting gate:
3. Grooming may be done anywhere behind the front leading edge of the starting gate, provided no shovels, tools, water or other implements (foreign or natural) are used with the following exceptions:
i. Metal starting grids may be cleaned with brushes utilizing nylon type bristles only. The use of steel type bristles is forbidden.
ii. The use of rags and towels for cleaning is permitted, provided no chemical compounds or cleaning agents are applied to them. Rags and towels may be used to clean the starting gate signage but shall not be left placed or draped across it. Failure to comply with this requirement will be considered improper grooming of the starting gate.
5. Stopping immediately in front of the starting gate to do a burn-out prior to the sighting lap will be considered ***improper*** grooming ~~in front~~ of the starting gate.
6. Starting blocks may be used, so long as their use does not interfere with other competitors. Crew members must remove the starting block used by their rider. All starting blocks must be silver or black in color ***and may not exceed 4 inches in height.***

1.8.11 RESTARTS AND RED FLAG PROCEDURES

i. In the event of a red flag during timed qualifying ***or free practice (SMX)***:

3. If a session is stopped on or after one minute (1:00) remaining on the session clock but prior to the checkered flag being displayed, the session will be deemed complete and will not be restarted. Qualifying positions shall be determined by each Rider's fastest recorded lap at the time the red flag was displayed.

1.8.14 AWARDING OF CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

a. AMA Supercross Championship Points will be assigned to each Rider according to the Rider's position in the Overall Results for each Event.

b. When the results of a Supercross Main Event or Triple Crown Overall are declared official, AMA Supercross Championship Points will be awarded down to a maximum of ~~21~~ ***20*** places.

c. AMA Supercross Championship Points will be awarded according to the following schedule:

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

1.8.15 RIDER CHAMPIONSHIPS

c. When a rider mathematically secures the championship prior to the final round, the rider shall be recognized as the champion. Any point penalty incurred thereafter shall apply only to the rider's overall SMX combined championship series points standings and shall not affect the rider's clinched championship.

1.8.17 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

a. A Rider shall be considered a Rookie in a class provided the Rider meets all of the following criteria:

1. The Rider has not previously competed in more than three (3) Events in that class in any AMA Supercross Championship season prior to the current season.

2. The Rider has not previously finished inside the top ten (10) in the final championship standings for that class.

3. The Rider has not been previously designated as Rookie of the Year in that class.

b. The Rookie of the Year for each class (250 and 450) shall be awarded to the eligible Rider who has accumulated the highest total championship points at the conclusion of the season.

1. The 250 East and 250 West divisions shall be considered a single combined class for Rookie of the Year eligibility and determination. Championship points from both divisions shall be combined.

c. In the event of a tie for Rookie of the Year, the final determination shall be made in accordance with Section 1.8.18: Ties

SECTION 2 - TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

2.1 RIDER APPAREL AND PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

2.1.5 JERSEYS

c. ***Riders are prohibited from wearing any outer garment over the competition jersey during a race, except for required protective equipment. Such garments may be worn during the sighting lap but must be removed prior to the start of the race.***

2.1.6 CHEST/BACK PROTECTOR

a. ***All Competitors are required to wear chest and back protection. It is mandatory that chest and back protection be worn by all competitors. The protector may be worn under or over the jersey, and it should cover the sternum anterior ribs, posterior ribs, and spine.***

b. If a chest/back protector or neck brace is worn over the Rider's jersey, the Rider's name and assigned number must either be visible on the jersey or on the chest/back protector.

2.2 GENERAL EQUIPMENT STANDARDS

2.2.2 PARTS SUBMISSION ***AND COMPONENT ELIGIBILITY***

a. Superseded parts controlled by the homologation rules must be submitted to the AMA for review and homologation before use in competition. In addition, these parts must then be listed in the current OEM parts list as supplied to AMA. Motorcycle components not specifically controlled by these rules may be modified, removed or replaced.

b. ***Pre-production parts are prohibited. All parts subject to homologation must be final production versions.***

c. ***Components from previously homologated models produced within the past five (5) model years may be used, provided the components are commercially available and receive prior approval from the Technical Manager.***

2.3 MOTORCYCLE SPECIFICATIONS

2.3.4 SOUND

a. Sound levels in the 450 and 250 classes will be verified with the 2-meter max method.

b. The maximum sound limit is set at:

1. For pre-race inspection: Max. ***109*** dB/A
2. For post-race inspection: Max. ***110*** dB/A

2.4 MOTORCYCLE TECHNICAL RULES

2.4.1 ENGINES

b. Material and OEM castings of cylinders, cylinder heads and crankcases must be the same as an originally approved model of the same manufacturer. Material may be added or removed from these items. Cylinder liners or coating may be replaced or added provided the original OEM cylinder casting ***(final production part)*** is utilized. ***The cylinder head must be the originally OEM fitted and homologated part.***

f. Supercharging or turbo charging is not permitted. ***Only natural aspirated engines are allowed***.

2.4.3 TRANSMISSIONS AND PRIMARY DRIVE

~~d. The maximum number of speeds in the gearbox is six.~~

d. ***The number of transmission gears shall not exceed that of the homologated model.***

~~e. Number of transmission gears must be the same as the homologated model.~~

e. ***Transmission gears may be removed and transmission gear ratios are unrestricted.***

2.4.5 FRAMES

a. The main frame must be the same as an originally homologated model of the same manufacturer.

b. Cracked or broken frames are prohibited.

c. Strengthening gussets or tubes may be added, but none may be removed.

d. ***No material may be removed and no holes may be drilled in the main frame except for approved brackets or sensor mounts. Any such modification must receive prior approval from the Technical Manager.***

e. ***The main frame may exceed the OEM homologated frame weight but must not weigh less than the OEM homologated frame.***

2.4.6 SWINGARMS

a. Swingarm must be the same as an originally homologated model of the same manufacturer.
b. Strengthening gussets or tubes may be added but none may be removed.
c. Chain guides may be ~~removed or~~ relocated ***but must remain installed. Front chain guard may be removed***.
d. ***No material may be removed and no holes may be drilled.***
e. ***Swingarm weight must not be less than the OEM homologated part; however, it may exceed OEM weight.***

2.4.10 BRAKES

e. ***Hand-operated rear brake systems may be used as an alternative to the standard foot-operated rear brake only with prior approval from the Technical Manager.***

2.7 SOUND TEST PROCEDURES

2.7.7 GUIDELINES FOR USE OF SOUND LEVEL METERS

d. Ambient temperature
   1. ~~Below~~ 50° degrees Fahrenheit ***and below***: deduct 1 dB/A
   2. ~~Below~~ 32° degrees Fahrenheit ***and below***: deduct 2 dB/A
e. ***Precision of the method (tolerances)***
   1. Round down the meter reading; I.E. 111.9 dB/A = 111 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*
~~Jumping the gate~~	~~1 Lap~~	~~DQ~~	~~DQ~~
Improper grooming ~~in front~~ of the ***starting*** gate	~~2~~ ***1*** Position~~s~~	~~2~~ ***1*** Position~~s~~	~~2~~ ***1*** Position~~s~~
******Starting while not centered in gate***	***1 Position***	***2 Positions***	***3 Positions***
Improper Entry into Signal Area	***Fine***	***Fine***	***Fine***

******Offenses for starting while not centered in gate cover the entire event.***

g. At-Track and On-Track Penalty Options
   1. Not all potential violations are covered in the tables above. Race Direction may impose one or more of the following penalties for violations of other rules, at-track and on-track procedural rules, ***and Promoter Guidelines*** which are not listed in the tables:

h. Post-Race Penalties
   1. A Competitor may receive a lap, time, position, ***championship*** points, ***license penalty points***, purse penalty or a race disqualification after the completion of the Event if a Competitor is deemed by AMA to have violated:
      i. An AMA Rule or a directive from Race Officials
      ii. A known Race, Event or Paddock procedure
      iii. Code of Conduct Policies

3.3 GLOSSARY

3.3.1 TERMINOLOGY

o. Event. An AMA-sanctioned competition scheduled at a facility for one or multiple days***, commencing with the opening of technical control and concluding with the official posting of the final results,*** ~~and~~ ***including*** all associated on-track and off-track activity.