GREAT PLAINS
CROSS COUNTRY RACING

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Chapter 1: DEFINITIONS & PENALTY STRUCTURE

- **Promoter:** The individual, club, or organization hosting and responsible for the event.
- **Event:** A single race (e.g., Youth, Motorcycle, ATV).
- **Season:** Calendar year, starting with Round 1 (usually end of February).
- **Rules Committee:** A group of 2-4 personnel, usually event promoters or former promoters, assigned to rule interpretation, penalty assessment, etc.
- **Rider:** A person competing in an event.

PENALTY STRUCTURE:

CLASS 1: 1 position penalty

CLASS 2: Five minute penalty

CLASS 3: Docked one lap

CLASS 4: Disqualified from the event

CLASS 5: Suspension from the next race

CLASS 6: Suspension from the entire season

Chapter 2: GENERAL

2.1 Communication and Responsibility

- **Official Communication:** The GPXC Facebook page is the primary source for official announcements. Riders must check this regularly for event updates, cancellations, and rule changes.
- **Responsibility:** Riders are accountable for the behavior of their family, guests, and pit crew. Disruptive behavior can lead to a CLASS 2 penalty.

2.2 Event Guidelines and Fees

- **Entry Fees:** As advertised on the official GPXC flyer available on the website.
- **Gate Fee:** $10 per person. 5 & under is free

2.3 Rider Behavior and Safety

- **Assumed Risk:** All riders must assess the course and conditions and assume all risks of participating.
- **Medical Insurance:** GPXC does not provide medical insurance. Riders should obtain their own.
- **No Fighting:** Fighting, threats, violence or other similar conduct may result in a CLASS 6 penalty and retroactive loss of all accumulated points.
- **No operating any equipment while under the influence:** All race personnel, riders, officials, mechanics or anyone associated with the riders must not be under the influence of intoxicants or drugs that could affect their normal mental or physical ability. Failure to obey this rule will result in a CLASS 6 penalty.

2.4 Pit Vehicles

- **Pit Vehicles:** Pit Vehicles: (SxS, mule, golf cart, pit bike, scooter) (Max. width: 64”): Pit vehicles are permitted for the convenience of ADULTS (18+). Race machines may not be used as pit vehicles at any time other than going to/from the starting line or registration. Pit Speed Limit is 10mph. Pit vehicles must be used responsibly and are strictly prohibited from entering the woods or accessing the racecourse. Anyone found crossing the racecourse at an unmarked crossing or found outside the “Spectator areas” may result in a **CLASS 3 or 4** penalty.
- **Pit Vehicle Permit:** Anyone over the age of 18 that desires to use a pit vehicle must get a permit from the GPXC Registration trailer. The permit is free, but is mandatory for use at all GPXC events.
- **Pit Vehicle Curfew:** 10 PM.
- **Course Access:** No one except registered riders may enter the race course.
- **Penalties for Violating Pit Vehicle Rules:** First offense will be a verbal warning, second offense will be a **CLASS 3** penalty for the racer of whom you are associated with, and a third offense is a **CLASS 4** penalty.

2.5 Event Structure and Race Personnel

- **Race Personnel:** Identified by markings (e.g., colored vests), may ride on the course in preparation or management duties.

2.6 Pit Stops

- Riders may pit for gas or water at any time during the race, but must be pulled to the side of the course and cannot pit in the scoring zone.

2.7 Camp Ground Regulations:

- All animals must be on a leash.
- After 10:00 p.m. all excessive noise must cease. except when there is a special event provided by the Promoter or Club.
- All generators must be within 10 feet of the camper, motorhome, trailer, etc. that they belong to.
- NO dumping, discharging, burying, etc. of any type black water sewage from any type holding tank from any vehicle is permitted at any GPXC event. Penalty will be up to **CLASS 5** penalty.
- No trash left at the campsite. Campers and/or participants must take all trash with them if no dumpster is provided by the promoter. Penalty could be up to but not excluding **CLASS 5** penalty.
- No automobiles outside what the promoter deems as camping area.

Chapter 3: RIDERS, ELIGIBILITY, CLASSIFICATIONS & PROMOTIONS

3.1 Eligibility

- **Minors:** Riders under 18 must have written consent from their parents/legal guardians and be accompanied by an authorized adult.
- **Age Requirements:**
  - **ATV:** Minimum 12 years old.
  - **Motorcycle:** Minimum 12 years old (for 250cc or greater displacement).

3.2 Class Types

- **Youth Classes:** Refer to the Youth Chapter for specific requirements.
- **Age Classifications:**
  - **Futures: 12-22 yrs old -** This class's purpose is to provide a “non-skill classified” option for young racers that may fall under strict AMA guidelines at other national events they may be chasing. Racers in this class will not be promoted/bumped out of this class since it is “non-skill classified”.
  - **Vet:** 30+
  - **Senior:** 40+
  - **Super Senior:** 50+
  - **Masters:** 60+

    - All age classes are eligible to compete with a minimum engine displacement of 124cc (2-stroke) or 149cc (4-stroke).

3.3 Skill Classifications

- **Expert (“AA/Pro”)**: Highest skill level, including current GNCC Pro riders.
- **Advanced (“A”)**: High skill level, advanced riders.
- **Intermediate (“B”)**: Medium skill level, for riders more experienced than Novice but not at the Advanced level.
- **Amateur (“C”)**: For slower riders who are experienced but not yet at the Intermediate level.

3.4 Class Movement

Promotion

- **Skill-Based Promotions:** Riders may move up to higher classifications based on performance.
- **Forced Promotions:** Riders in specific classes (e.g., "B" to "A", "C" to "B") must move up if they place highly over consecutive events/seasons. This decision will be made by the GPXC Promotions Committee. If a rider is forced to promote, they will be able to have their adjusted points transferred to the new class.

Demotion

- **Demotion Requests:** A rider can request to return to a lower classification, but only in extreme cases (e.g., injury). A $50 fee applies for processing.

3.5 Rider Promotion Appeals

- GPXC may promote riders based on classification rules.
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3.6 Class Restrictions

- Bike riders are not allowed to enter a points class in both the “AM” and “PM” race. For Example: A rider cannot enter Open C in the AM race & then enter Open B in the PM race.

Chapter 4. COMPETITION APPAREL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

These requirements are the **minimum** standards to compete. Additional safety gear is recommended. Riders not meeting these requirements will first receive a verbal warning. If caught a second time, they will receive a CLASS 1 penalty at the event.

- **Eye Protection**: Shatterproof goggles or appropriate, secure safety glasses must be worn during all competition.
- **Clothing**: Protective pants and long-sleeve jerseys must be worn during all competitions.
- **Boots**: Protective boots, at least 8” high, must be worn during all competitions. Youth riders must wear leather or similar protective material “high top” boots, fully covering the ankle and lower shin.
- **Helmet**: A full-face DOT-approved helmet must be worn at all times when operating a motorcycle or ATV, including while transporting to the start line and pit area. Failure to wear a helmet may result in penalties or disqualification at the promoter’s discretion.
- **Safety Apparel**: Riders must wear safety apparel at all times during competition. It is the rider's responsibility to select a helmet and safety gear that provide adequate protection.

Chapter 5. EQUIPMENT

- **Handlebars**: Must be made of steel, aluminum, or other suitable mass-manufactured materials. Repaired, cracked, or broken handlebars are prohibited.
- **ATV Kill Switch Tether:** ALL MANUAL TRANSMISSION ATV’s are required to have a **ATV KILL SWITCH TETHER.** 1st violation will be a verbal warning, 2nd will be a 5 minute penalty, and 3rd will be a disqualification from the series.
- **Gas Tanks**: Must be in good condition. Leaking tanks are prohibited. Gas may only be carried in the machine's manufactured gas tank.
- **Kill Switch**: Every machine must have a functional kill switch.
- **Tire Width (ATVs)**: Maximum overall tire width for ATVs is 50”.
- **Brakes**: All motorcycles and ATVs must have functional front and rear brakes, as well as a self-closing throttle.

- **Front Bumpers (ATVs)**: Must be of a tubular design with no sharp protruding edges.
- **Silencers**: All machines must have functional silencers. Exhaust systems must not exceed a maximum sound level of 94db measured 20 inches from the exhaust exit. Sound checks are not mandatory, but a promoter may disqualify a machine deemed to be too loud. Silencers must remain on the machine for the entire event.
- **Mechanical Condition**: All machines must be in good working order with no loose parts, leaks, or any unsafe mechanical conditions. Machines may be disqualified at the promoter's discretion.
- **Radio Communication**: Riders are prohibited from using radio communication with other riders. Communication with field personnel or pit crews is allowed as long as it does not interfere with the event promoter's frequencies. Interference with official radio frequencies can result in penalties.
- **Inspections**: The referee may inspect any part of a vehicle at any time before, during, or after the event. Riders refusing inspection will be disqualified from the event and may be disqualified from the series at the promoter's discretion. It is the rider's responsibility to ensure their vehicle is safe to ride.
- **Machine Change**: Riders must complete the event on the machine they start with. If the machine becomes inoperable, the rider may not return to the course for practice or any other reason. The standard penalty for changing machines is disqualification, though this may be reduced under certain circumstances.
- **Studded Tires**: Not allowed on any machine, regardless of weather conditions.
- **Horn**: The use of any type of horn on a machine is prohibited.

Chapter 6. START

- **Dead Engine Start**: All GPXC events will feature dead engine starts, except for ATV and bike peewee races.
- **NO ASSISTANCE ON START:** Pit crews are not allowed to "hold" a racer or assist a racer off the start.
- **Class Starting Order**: The starting order will be standardized each season by GPXC. All events will follow the same standard starting order. Classes may be combined on the same row, but only as dictated by the series guidelines. Large classes (over 40 riders) may be started on two rows.

- **Start Procedure**:
    - The starter must be clearly visible to all riders and should wear identifiable clothing.
    - A green flag will signal the start of the event.
    - A blue flag with a yellow stripe will signal riders to kill their engines about 30 seconds before the start.
    - Riders must kill their engines when the blue/yellow flag is displayed.
    - Approximately 10 seconds before the start, the starter will lower the flag, signaling 10 seconds to go.
    - After 10 seconds, the starter will wave the green flag, signaling the start. Riders may start their engines and race.

- **Start Delays and Penalties**:
    - **False Starts**: A rider who starts before the green flag is dropped must return to the line. Failure to return will result in a **CLASS 3** penalty.
    - **Machine Not Starting**: A rider whose machine does not start within 30 seconds must clear the start area immediately. The rider may attempt to start again with the next class. If a rider fails to clear the start line before the next class begins, they may receive a CLASS 1 penalty.
    - **No Engine Start**: Once the starter has signaled "engines off," no engines are to be started.

Chapter 7: SCORING

7.1 General Scoring System

- GPXC events use an electronic RFID transponder scoring system (E5500000xxxx Event Scoring System).
- Riders must use the specified transponders for accurate scoring.

7.2 Scoring Tent Rules

- **Caution Area:**
    - Enter the scoring tent carefully, in full control, and at a smooth slow speed.
    - Penalties for dangerous actions (e.g., wheelies, brake slides, revving the engine, collisions, etc) :
    - 1st infraction: CLASS 1 penalty.
    - 2nd infraction: CLASS 2 penalty
    - 3rd infraction: CLASS 3 penalty.
    - Contact with scorers or equipment may result in penalties ranging from CLASS 1-CLASS 3. Damage to equipment results in fines and repair costs.
- **Procedure for Scoring:**

- Enter the tent in control and look straight ahead for your rider number to be recorded.
- Flags indicate race status: green (in progress), white (one lap remaining), checkered (race over).
- A digital display shows unofficial standings, rider number, and time gap to the next rider.
- Riders must slow down to a “rolling” speed for scoring. Failing to do so may result in not being scored.

7.3 Missed Scores

- If a rider leaves the tent without being scored:
  - Continue racing
  - The scorer may manually enter the rider's number if the transponder did not read.
  - Entering the tent backward or refusing to clear the area may result in a CLASS 4 penalty.

7.4 Scoring Etiquette

- Riders must clear the tent promptly after scoring.
- No pit activities (e.g., drinking water, adjusting equipment) are allowed in the tent.
- Conversations with scoring personnel are limited to emergencies to avoid delays.
- Enter the tent in a single file line. Passing within the tent is prohibited unless directed by a scorer.
  - Penalty for unauthorized passing: CLASS 3.
  - Causing another rider to fall due to contact may result in a CLASS 4 penalty.

7.5 Equipment and Label Requirements

- Riders must use their assigned transponder and helmet number.
  - Incorrect transponder use may lead to a CLASS 3 penalty.
  - The transponder must be placed on the underside of the helmet visor or the chest protector if the visor has metallic paint.
- A row number sticker must be affixed to the back of the helmet. Improper placement or missing labels may result in a CLASS 1 penalty.
  - Correct placement: It is the riders responsibility to ensure the stickers are along the lower edge of the helmet, below the ear, and clear of goggle straps and vents.
- Labels must adhere securely.

7.6 Stopped Event Scoring

- In the case of a stopped event, the event may be scored based on the current standings of all riders as they finish or the race may be scored based on the current standings of all

riders at some particular point in the race (i.e. end of lap 2) at the promoters or scorer's discretion.

Chapter 8: FINISH

8.1 Race Completion

- The white flag indicates the leader's last lap and is displayed when the leader is estimated to have one lap remaining to meet the minimum event time.
- The race ends when the leader completes the lap after the white flag is displayed, marked by the checkered flag.

8.2 Early Finish Declaration

- The race may end early due to:
    - Clearing the course for the next event.
    - Deteriorating track conditions.
    - Safety concerns (e.g., darkness, lightning, excessive heat, etc).
- In such cases, the checkered flag may be displayed before the leader finishes.
- Protocol for shortening a race: If excessive heat, severe storms or other concerns appear, the race director will make an official announcement no less than 24 hours prior to the start of the event. Race times for PM bikes may be shortened to 90 minutes, while the AM bike race & Adult ATV race may be shortened to 60 minutes if the conditions are deemed dangerous or harmful to the riders. This decision will be made by the race director.

8.3 No Passing Zone

- Two orange poles mark a no-passing/high-caution zone near the scoring tent (25–50 feet from the entrance).
    - Penalty for passing in this zone: CLASS 2
    - Passing is permitted only if the passed rider's machine is disabled and scoring personnel direct the pass.
- Riders must enter the scoring area in a single file line.

8.4 Post-Race Scoring

- After the checkered flag, riders have 1.5 times the leader's last lap time to reach the scoring tent. (i.e. if the leader's last lap time was 20 minutes,
  remaining riders have 1½ x20=30 minutes to clear the course).
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    - Late arrivals will be scored based on their last completed lap.
    - The scorer may extend the scoring time at their discretion.

8.5 Course Re-entry and Finish Requirements

- Riders must not re-enter the course after the checkered flag. Penalty: loss of the extra lap score and the last completed lap score.
- Riders must complete the course under their own or their machine's power.
    - Machines may be pushed across the finish line but must follow the regular course.
    - Blocking the course to push a machine is prohibited.

8.6 DNF (Did Not Finish)

- Assigned to any rider not completing at least one lap.

Chapter 9: RESULTS

9.1 Posting and Verification

- Results are posted by class and include the rider's name, place, helmet number, and manufacturer indicated at signup.
- Riders in contingency programs must verify the posted results for accuracy (e.g., correct manufacturer).
    - Corrections must be provided to scoring personnel by email to avoid losing contingency credit.

9.2 Handling Posted Results

- Riders may not remove posted results unless authorized by the referee or scorer.
- If there is a question or issue, riders must inform the referee and follow protest procedures if needed.
- The protest period closes 30 minutes after results are posted. After this, the results are final.
    - Exceptions for obvious errors may be corrected at the discretion of GPXC but will not affect trophy awards.

9.3 Responsibility for Scores

- Scores displayed at the scoring tent are unofficial and may be adjusted before posting.
- Riders are responsible for checking their official posted scores during the protest period.

Chapter 10: PROTESTS

10.1 Protest Guidelines

- Protests must be submitted to the referee within 30 minutes of posted results along with a $50 protest fee.
- Protests are only accepted for riders in the same class as the protestor.
- Protests must have video evidence, or GPXC Staff.

10.2 Rider Classification Protests

- Submitted to and decided by the GPXC Rules Committee. If information is insufficient, the ruling favors the protested rider.
- Appeals are handled by the Rules Committee. GPXC rulings on classification are binding and final.

10.3 Expenses and Deposits

- Legitimate protest expenses (e.g., transportation, impound fees) must be covered by the protestor.
- The referee may require a deposit to cover these costs.

Chapter 11: AWARDS

11.1 Amateur Class Awards

- Awards are given in the form of a plaque or trophy.
- The top 3 riders in every class receive awards.
- Awards are presented after the protest period.

11.2 Delayed Awards

- If scoring is delayed, results will be posted within 48 hours.
    - Awards will be available at the next event.

11.3 Cash Awards

- Cash awards are limited to “Expert” (AA/PRO Bike, ATV Pro) classes.

11.4 End-of-Season Awards

- Banquet awards are given to participants meeting the minimum qualifying number of **9 events.**

Chapter 12: Points

12.1 General Rules for Points Accumulation

- Points are awarded to all GPXC riders in the class they register for or officially change to.
- **Class Changes**:
    - Riders may change points classes at any time.
    - Points cannot be transferred to another class after their third round of a season.
- **Start of Points Accumulation**:
    - Points begin with the first event where the rider enters.

12.2 Minimum Participation and Points Calculation

- To qualify for end-of-season awards:
    - A rider must enter a **minimum of 9 events**.
    - **The best 10 event scores will count towards season awards, with 2 event scores dropped.**
    - DNFs (Did Not Finish) count as entries but not finishes.
    - Participation in any class counts toward the event minimum.
    - A rider must complete the first 3 corners of the start of the event to receive any points. Entering an event and not completing the first 3 turns will result in no championship points earned and does not count towards a racers minimum requirement of 9 events.

12.3 End-of-Season Awards

- The rider's **class points** are totaled to determine end-of-season awards.
- Riders who do not meet the 9-event minimum are ineligible for awards.

12.4 Tie-Breaking Procedure

- Ties in points are resolved by comparing:
    1. The number of 1st place finishes.
    2. The number of 2nd place finishes.
    3. The number of 3rd place finishes, and so on, until the tie is broken.
- All scores, including previously dropped scores, are included in the tie-breaking process.
- If the tie persists after all comparisons, a **true tie** is declared.

12.5 Points Schedules

Class Points Schedule:Season Overall Points Schedule:

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	30	6th	14	11th	9	16th	4
2nd	25	7th	13	12th	8	17th	3
3rd	21	8th	12	13th	7	18th	2
4th	18	9th	11	14th	6	19th	1
5th	15	10th	10	15th	5	20th	1

Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	530	6th	515	11th	510	16th	505
2nd	525	7th	514	12th	509	17th	504
3rd	521	8th	513	13th	508	18th	503
4th	518	9th	512	14th	507	19th	502

5th	516	10th	511	15th	506	20th+	-1 per place

- **Additional Notes**:
    - Points decrease by **1 point per position** through 520th place, which receives 1 point.
    - DNFs are awarded **1 point**.

Chapter 13: Violations and Penalties

13.1 General Rules on Violations

- The promoter or referee has the authority to disqualify any rider for:
    - Violating GPXC rules.
    - Insubordination.
    - Actions deemed detrimental to the race and the sport.
- Disqualification (CLASS 4) includes:
    - Loss of event rights.
    - Possible expulsion from the event site.
- Disqualifications may occur during or after the event. If during the event, the rider may not be immediately informed to avoid disruptions.
- Disqualification for Machine Switching. A rider can only race one machine per event. Switching machines during the race leads to disqualification.

13.2 Protests on Disqualification (CLASS 4 Penalty)

- Riders can protest a disqualification during the designated protest period, up to 30 minutes after scores are posted.

13.3 Penalties for Violations

Penalties are assessed at the discretion of the promoter or scorer based on the nature and circumstances of the offense. They may include:

PENALTY STRUCTURE:

- **CLASS 1: 1 position penalty**
- **CLASS 2: Five minute penalty**
- **CLASS 3: Docked one lap**
- **CLASS 4: Disqualified from the event**
- **CLASS 5: Suspension from the next race**
- **CLASS 6: Suspension from the entire season**

13.4 Offenses Leading to Penalties

The following offenses may result in penalties, though this list is not exhaustive:

- Gaining an unfair advantage.
- Intentional cheating of any form.
- Falsifying personal information (name, age, ability level).
- Competing on an unqualified machine.
- Endangering others through reckless riding.
- Ignoring course officials' instructions.
- Failing to re-enter the course at the same location after leaving.
- Receiving prohibited outside assistance.
- Causing a race stoppage.
- Participating in a fixed or prearranged race.
- Offering or accepting bribes or wagers.
- Assaulting race officials or engaging in physical altercations.
- Engaging in unfair practices deemed detrimental to the sport.
- Cutting the course.
- Failure to go between “double marked arrows”
- Failure to go around the outside of corner markers

Chapter 14: Youth Competitions

14.1 General Safety and Responsibilities

- **Warnings**: Motor sports are inherently dangerous, and participation can result in injury or death.
- GPXC does not test participant skill, inspect motorcycles, or ensure rider competence. Parents/legal guardians are fully responsible for their child's safety.
- No rider under the age of 18 may compete without the written consent (signature on liability releases AND entry forms) of his/her parents or legal guardians present at the meet. An authorized adult acting on behalf of the parents or legal guardians must provide a notarized statement indicating they have been given the authority by the parent or legal guardian to be responsible for the minor during the meet. The parents, or legal guardians or authorized adult must remain present while the rider he/she is responsible for is at the meet.
- For minor releases, a non-expired state issued DL, passport or Birth Certificate is considered acceptable identification. Non-parental legal guardians must have proper guardianship legal documentation to provide to the promoter.
- **Parental Role**:
    - Must remain present at all times during the event.
    - Must sign a minor release form and provide notarized proof of guardianship if applicable.
    - Are responsible for inspecting the course and addressing any concerns with race officials.

14.2 Participation Requirements

- Riders must demonstrate control over their motorcycles, including:
    - Starting, stopping, mounting, dismounting, and standing still.
    - Properly handling their machine during the race.
- Youth riders are prohibited from receiving assistance during dead-engine starts.
- Only race personnel and sweep riders are permitted to ride on the course during the event.

14.3 Youth Classifications

- Classes are based on age, displacement, and machine design.
- **Age Determination**:
    - A rider's age at Round 1 defines their age class for the season.
    - Riders may move to a higher age class during the season but cannot revert to a lower class. (with exception to the first 3 rounds of the 2025 season)

14.4 On-Course Conduct

- Passing must be done in a sportsmanlike manner, particularly when overtaking younger or smaller riders.
- **Prohibited Conduct**:
    - Reckless riding or unsportsmanlike behavior will result in a CLASS 2 Penalty.

14.5 Scoring and Penalties

- Riders must slow down to 1 gear speed at scoring stations.
- Guardians must maintain a distance of at least 15 feet from scoring personnel.
- Failure to obey these rules will result in a CLASS 1 penalty.

14.6 Facility Rules

- Youth riders may only ride their machines when traveling directly to/from the start line in first gear.
- Riding at other times may result in a CLASS 2 penalty.
- Youth riders may participate in both youth and adult races if they meet the age and machine requirements.

Chapter 15: Course Markings

15.1 Course Design

- Courses will be designed for a 15-40 minute lap for the fastest riders, typically between 6 to 10 miles.
- Courses will encompass a variety of off-road terrain, including, but not limited to, rocks, logs, “endurocross” sections, motocross tracks, and more.
- Marking, cutting, tampering with or otherwise changing the course in any manner is strictly prohibited. Course modifications may only be made by an official.

15.2 Course Width

- The ATV course will be no less than 50in wide at all times.
- There will be “Bike Only” sections at select events.
- All riders must remain on the marked course at all times. The “Course” is considered to be the immediate trail as marked with arrows. The course will extend a maximum of **20**

feet to the left or right of a single straight up arrow. Failure to obey this rule will result in a CLASS 2 penalty

15.3 Course Markings

- Racers must remain on the marked course. The marked course is within 20 feet of marked race arrows. However, racers must stay within the confines of the following markers: Double Arrows posted on both sides of the trail, ribbons, signs, stakes, hay bales, barrels, motocross track, grass track, etc..
- Racers encountering a traffic jam or bottleneck may go more than 30 feet off the course to get around the bottleneck only. However, the racer must re-enter the course as soon as possible, and upon approaching this section the next lap, must ride the original arrowed section if the track is clear. If the original marking devices are knocked down, the racer must stay on the original marked course regardless. A "bottleneck" is a section of the track that becomes impassable for any reason, with the exception of checkpoints.
- Racers may not cut to the inside of a white pole corner marker.
- If a racer leaves the course for any reason they must re-enter where they left the course.
- **TAKING AN UNMARKED BURNED IN LINE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FOLLOWING THE LEGAL TRACK.**