



*THE PREMIER VET MOTOCROSS CLUB*

# **Bylaws & Constitution 2023**

**OVER THE HILL GANG**  
**National Constitution and Bylaws**  
**2023**

We the Gang Members, in order to gain the enjoyment and benefits of the association of persons thirty or more years of age, commonly bonded by an interest in motorcycle activities, hereby constitute ourselves the "Over The Hill Gang Association", declare this constitution and By-Laws as our governing law.

**Our purpose shall be to encourage fraternalism, promote individual gang member riding proficiency, share our motorcycle knowledge and conduct our programs in such a manner as to advance the general interest of motorcycle activities among those sharing our interest and meeting our age requirements.**

We trust that you will take continuing pride in being a member of the Over The Hill Gang and will personally assist us in furthering our Club objectives of racing for fun in a safe and sane manner.

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# ARTICLE I

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**1.0 NAME:** This organization shall be known as the “Over The Hill Gang” AKA OTHG

**1.1 PURPOSE:** To provide and encourage all forms of motorcycle activities for motorcycle riders having attained the age of thirty years or more or will be turning thirty within the calendar year.

**1.2 MEETINGS:** Regular business meetings will be held on a day designated by the Chapter’s Board. Meetings shall be conducted on a quarterly basis, as a minimum.

**1.3 AMENDMENTS:** No amendments may be made to the articles of the National By-Laws without prior approval from the (5 chapter) Executive Board. In order for an amendment to the National Bylaws, each chapter of the OTHG will receive one vote. In the event of a tie, the parent chapter (South) will be the tie-breaker.

**1.3.1** Executive Board will be comprised of the chapter president OR, their appointed designee. This position carries the voice of the chapter’s membership in regards to discussion and voting on issues affecting the OTHG.

**1.4 CHAPTERS:** Southern California (South) is the Parent Chapter of the “Over The Hill Gang” aka OTHG. Any subsequent chapters may join only after being recognized by the Parent Chapter and following its Constitution and By-laws.

**1.4.1** The “South AKA Parent Chapter” was formed on May 21, 1974

**1.5 DISSOLUTION:** Any OTHG Chapter may be dissolved and its activities terminated by a two-thirds vote of all chapter members. In the event the Club is dissolved and after payment of all invoices, claims and demands, any remaining assets of the Club shall be donated to a non-profit organization with a similar mission.

**1.6 PURPOSE:** To provide consistency among all chapters.

**1.6.1** To make rule changes as needed and help the race director from each home national make the appropriate decisions regarding rule infractions and scoring.

**1.6.2** Motions for rule changes shall be submitted by the 4th national for discussion and voted on at the 5th national.

**1.7 GENERAL RULES:** Robert’s Rules shall govern all proceedings that direct overall direction of local and national races.

**1.7.1** The rules that govern all 5 chapters will remain in effect until the Rules Committee votes to change them.

**1.7.2** A motion may be reversed or amended in an emergency session called by the rules committee in which the motion will be readdressed (used in the case of a motion being passed and after a considerable amount of time, information indicates a motion is not working as intended for the benefit of the local/national series.)

**1.7.3** OTHG National Rules may only be changed or amended by a majority of the 10 rules committee members.

**1.7.3.1** The parent chapter (South) will have the final vote. In the event of a 2-2 tie, the South Chapter will be the tie-breaker.

**1.7.4** Rules shall apply to all chapters of the OTHG and their members

**1.7.5** Members of the rules committee shall consist of 2 members from each chapter board designated prior to the start of the first national.

**1.7.6** A specific subject that has been brought up for discussion AND voted on, at the final Summit meeting of the calendar year, it cannot be brought up (for discussion or a vote) for a period of 3 years. I.E. a vote taken on a subject at the last national of 2022, cannot be brought back up for discussion/vote until 2026

**1.8** Beginning in 2019 the Executive Board will consist of the 5 presidents or their designee. **This board shall oversee the welfare of the club as a whole.**

**1.8.1** The Executive Board has the authority to call for a vote regarding any decision that they feel is detrimental to the welfare of all 5 chapters. All 5 chapters will agree to Abide by the outcome of any such vote.

**1.9** This committee may be dissolved and its activities terminated by two-thirds vote of rules committee members.

**1.10** Rules Committee members must attend at least 3 of the 5 national races.

**1.11** Under no circumstance is a racer allowed to transfer or sell his entry to another racer.

**1.12** Beginning in 2018 entry fees for all Nationals shall be \$100 per racer. Support entry fee will be at the discretion of the hosting chapter.

**1.13** Under no circumstances shall the National track be changed from Saturday to Sunday.

**1.13.1** There shall be no elimination of, reversal of track or additional sections put into place for Sunday's race. The track that is practiced on Friday, will be that track that is raced all weekend.

**1.13.2** Track changes will only be made in regards to safety issues.

**1.14** Once practice has begun, there shall be no refunds of any kind either local or National Events.

**1.15 Summit meetings** Shall be held at the first national of the year, and the last national of the year at a minimum. Meetings can occur at the other nationals if there is a need to discuss potential rule changes for the upcoming year.

**1.15.1** Summit meetings are open to all board members; attendance is expected and Encouraged.

**1.15.2** All voting will take place at the final national of the year. Rules that are voted on will take effect the following calendar year.

**1.15.3** Voting will be restricted to the designated "National Rules Committee" or designated "E Board" members.

## **ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP**

**2.0 GENERAL:** Gang Members shall be limited to those persons having attained an age of 30 or more years or will be turning 30 within the calendar year, Individuals not 30 years of age are invited and eligible to race "support". Women must be at least twenty-five years of age or turning twenty-five within the calendar year.

**2.1 DUES:** The Club, by a majority vote, may levy upon the general membership such or other assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble. Non-Payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Club within the discretion of the membership.

**2.2 COST:** Yearly membership dues shall be at the discretion of each individual chapter.. Failure to renew will automatically terminate membership to the OTHG. The OTHG number 1 rider from the previous year will be allowed to rejoin the OTHG at no additional cost, membership dues shall be waived for the "previous" year's board for their service to their chapter, the prior year

**2.3 APPLICATION:** Application for membership shall be submitted on an appropriate OTHG membership application to any board member at a club meeting, race or online.

**2.3.1** Any member wishing to transfer from one chapter to another, must be in good standing with his original chapter. The Chapter losing the member must approve the transfer, as well as the new chapter accepting the transfer.

**2.4 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL & CLUB #'s:** In order to keep your previous year's club # (top 25 earned numbers not included), you must renew your OTHG club membership by or during the day of the 1<sup>st</sup> scheduled race of the current race year. Any number not renewed by the end of the first race of the year is available.

**2.4.1** Members from the previous year must pay membership dues prior to the end of “**THE 1<sup>ST</sup> RACE**” of the new year. Failure to do so will result in a loss of the points accrued from attending the Banquet, Race 1 and your club number can be claimed by another member renewing their membership or a new member applying for membership.

**2.4.2 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL RESPONSIBILITY:** *IT IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO RENEW THEIR OTHG CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP!* The OTHG Board members, nor the scorekeepers, nor individuals signing you up are responsible for your failure to renew your membership. Failure to renew your membership prior to the completion of a race (2 motos) will result in the loss of your earned points for that race. You will be classified as a one day rider and you will receive “NO” points. The remaining members affected will have their points adjusted accordingly.

**2.5 NEW MEMBERS:** New Members must display the OTHG provided red “E” sticker on all three number plates for their two “Evaluation Races” prior to being assigned to a class. Master riders are not required to have any evaluation rides or races prior to entering any OTHG event.

**2.6 PAST MEMBERS:** Past members of the OTHG that rejoin after one or more years absence in the same skill level will not be required to do evaluation rides, those that choose a lower skill level will lose Club privileges and must rejoin as an unclassified member and do two Evaluation Races.

**2.6.1 RETURNING PAST MEMBERS:** Any long term OTHG member who returns after An absence of a couple of years, shall be given the courtesy of allowing to return to his/her previous skill level with no requirement of evaluation rides.

**2.7 CONDUCT:** All OTHG members are required to conduct themselves in a manner, which reflects in a positive image for the OTHG. All paid gang members will conform to the rules and regulations set forth by the OTHG.

**2.7.1** Any member who leaves, or is removed from a chapter in bad standing is ineligible for any board position for a minimum of 2 years, AND must petition the current board in order to be eligible to run for future board positions.

**2.8 INTERNET:** The OTHG sees value in the use of a chapter web site and forum to promote the club and its activities. Any member found to be posting information regarding the OTHG on the club web site/forum or any other web site that is slanderous or negative toward OTHG and/or its members will have their posting privileges revoked. Members who continue to post comments on other web sites/forums that are negative and slanderous will have their membership revoked.

**2.9 LAWSUITS:** Any individual who threatens to sue or attempt to sue for any reason shall have their membership revoked from all OTHG chapters. Any chapter that harbors a revoked member shall have their chapter immediately revoked from the Over The Hill Gang Association, INC. (OTHGA, INC.). The South Chapter Board shall have final say on all matters and if they deem revocation is in the best interest of OTHG, then they have the full authority to do so.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **Rider Qualifications**

**3.0 AGE:** Riders may ride in the age group they turn during the calendar year.

**3.0.1** All rider birth dates are aligned to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year, so a rider is able to race in the next older age group from the beginning of the year that his birthday makes him eligible for. *I.E A 51 y/o racer is eligible to race the 52 class if he is turning 52 within the year.*

**3.0.1.1** At no time shall a racer self promote to a higher or lower age group and/or skill level.

**3.0.1.2** A racer must remain in the class that he begins the start of the year in. The start of the year shall be considered the first race of the year.

**3.0.1.3** A racer shall only be promoted by promotional points and/or at the discretion of the Race Director.

**3.0.2** Women riders are provided a 5-year offset for each age division when competing against their male counterparts.

**3.0.3** *Any member who intentionally changes their age in an attempt to gain an unfair advantage shall be banned from all OTHG events for a minimum of 12 months from the date of infraction. Any chapter hosting a National will retain the right to refuse entry to any rider who has been banned, regardless of his standing within his own chapter.*

**3.1** Riders must have 2 races in the class they enter at the national within the last 12 months OR 4 races within the last 24 months. Time will be counted backwards from the date of the upcoming National.

**3.1.1** If a rider moves up in age class but stays in the same skill level and has ridden at least 2 races within the calendar year, the rider is not required to reclassify (eval) under the new age class.

**3.2 Classified Riders:** To enter their first national series race a rider must have been evaluated in at least 2 races by their chapter race director and deemed in the proper Class.

**3.2.1 SEE 3.4.1** for further information

**3.4 Weather Related Race Cancellations:** If a new member has completed only one evaluation race due to weather related issues/cancellations; the new member may request an exemption from his race director in order to race the upcoming national.

**3.4.1** Any racer who has only completed one evaluation race, but is granted an exemption for a national entry, may be moved to an appropriate class during the national weekend at the discretion of the hosting RD with consultation of the member's RD.



- 3.5** Any racer who is considered a Master, and races that class is exempt from the 2 evaluation races required of lower classified members.
- 3.6 Women Racers:** Riders entering the National Women's Class must have 2 races in their chapter's Women's Class within the last year or 4 races within the last 2 years.
- 3.6.1** If their chapter does not have a Women's Class, they must have 2 races in an OTHG class within the last year or 4 races within the last 2 years from the date of the current race.
- 3.7** During the nationals any classified rider that voluntarily moves up in skill level is exempt from having to be evaluated for the higher skill level.
- 3.7.1** If a rider elects to voluntarily move to a different age group once the national series has begun, he/she does not carry their points to the new group.
- 3.8 Unclassified Riders:** An unclassified member is not permitted to race a two-day national event unless they elect to race support, or fall under article 3.4
- 3.9** Race directors are responsible for checking their members' national eligibility (2 race rule, etc) and have a current roster available.
- 3.10 Eligibility for National Championship:** In order to be crowned "National Champion" in a member's respective class, the member must have raced and scored points in a minimum of 4 nationals (4 weekends/8 days of racing/16 motos)
- 3.10.1** If two racers are tied in points and one racer has attended all 5 Nationals and the other racers has only attended 4, the championship will be awarded to the racer who has raced the most nationals.
- 3.10.1.1** There are NO drops for the OTHG National Championship. All events will count towards the National Championship.
- 3.10.2** If both racers have attended the same number of Nationals, **Rule 5.19** will be used to determine a National Championship.
- 3.10.3** A racer must compete in all 4 motos (National weekend) in order to score points towards the OTHG National Championship. Failure to do so will result in a racer scoring "0" points. The exemption being a crash or mechanical failure that prevents the racer from finishing the moto. In that event, the racer must notify his race director and will be scored as a last place finish.

## ARTICLE IV

### NUMBERS AND RIDER CLASSIFICATION

**4.0 CLASS IDENTIFICATION:** The Club is structured for a twenty seven-class system. The classes are as follows:

30+/38+/45+/52+	Beginner	Green backgrounds White Numbers/Letters
30+/38+/45+/52+/58+/65+	Novice	Yellow backgrounds Black Numbers/Letters
30+/38+/45+/52+/58+/65+	Intermediate	Black backgrounds White Numbers/Letters
30+/38+/45+/52+/58+/65+	Experts	White backgrounds Black Numbers/Letters
30+/38+/45+/52+/58	Master	White backgrounds Black Numbers/Letters

**4.0.1** Beginning in 2020, there will be a 65+ expert class at all National events.

**4.0.2** Local chapters may elect to run a 65+ expert class at local races in 2019.

**4.0.3** 65+ class racers will be scored the same as the Novice class

**4.0.4** The 65+ class shall run the background color for the skill level the rider poses. Doing so will allow them to practice in a compatible skill level with minimal risk to themselves or others. I.E. If a rider is signed up for the 65+ and is coming from the 58 Novice class, he will retain the yellow plates and be required to practice in the novice practice sessions.

**4.0.5** The penalty for non-conforming backgrounds is scored as a “DNS” which is 99 points

**4.1** Starting in 2016, Women must run Blue backgrounds with white or yellow numbers at all National events.

**4.2** National events are subject to the full background color rules listed under **CLASS IDENTIFICATION**.

**4.3 NOTE:** In addition to the above listed class identification, the number one rider for the chapter, as well as national champions, can elect to run the current SX and MX style “red” background with a white or black number/letter.

**4.4 CLASSIFICATION:** New members must race two “evaluation” races to determine rider classification. Riders may be reclassified at any time at the discretion of the Race Director (or Assistant Race Director). If a rider believes he/she has been misclassified, he/she may request that his/her classification be re-evaluated. All decisions by the Race Director in regards to re-classification will be final. Re-evaluation rides are ONLY worth 25 points each. At the end of this (4) race re-evaluation, the Final decision still lies with the Race Director and/or the Assistant Race Director.

**4.4.1 SEE 3.4.1** In regards to Nationals and weather related issues.

**4.4.2** If the Race Director moves a Rider to a lower classification, that Rider is exempt from being re-evaluated

**4.4.3** Any rider racing in the Master’s class is exempt from the two-race evaluation process.

**4.5 Class changes:** During the course of the season, riders who are promoted by their chapter’s race director to a faster skill level may carry their accumulated national/local points to their new class.

**4.5.1** Any racer promoted to a higher skill level prior to the 4th National cannot exceed 3rd place points. In the event of a tie, the racer who has more time in the class shall be awarded the higher finishing position.

**4.5.1** If the new class has 3 or fewer racers in contention for the National Championship, the newly promoted racer will carry over 10 points less than the 1st place racer. No adjustments will be made if the promoted racer has greater than 10 points (fewer) difference.

**4.5.2** No member shall move himself to a lower age class or skill level for any reason without the permission of the RD.

**4.6 UNCLASSIFIED RIDERS:** Riders being evaluated are considered unclassified riders and will receive minimum points (25 points) per event for the first 2 evaluation races.

**4.7 COMPETITION NUMBERS:** Competition numbers will be assigned to all gang members in the order of their membership during the first year. At the end of their first year, numbers shall be assigned to the member of that Club Chapter according to their point standing at the end of the year, provided they are in the top 25 in final points (the Top 25 numbers are reserved and cannot be ran by any member who did not earn that “top 25 number” (NO EXCEPTIONS!!!)). Numbers outside of the top 25 can be requested by any member or person applying for membership with preference given to the rider with that number from the previous year provided the membership is submitted and paid for prior to or during the first race of the season.

**4.8 RETIRED NUMBERS:** This is chapter specific. Please see article XIV

**4.9 DISPLAYING NUMBERS:** OTHG members must have their assigned numbers appear on three number plates in the required format and style as outlined in the CLASS IDENTIFICATION section, as well as the CHAPTER DESIGNATION section. A 1.5 inch minimum letter must also appear on three number plates signifying the Club Chapter.

**4.10 CHAPTER DESIGNATION:** Letter must be a minimum of 1.5 inches in height

South = G

Sierra = S

Bay = B

Reno = R

Valley = V

**4.11 IMPROPER DESIGNATIONS:** If a Club member shows up at a race without his designated number, the member must run temporary OTHG numbers to be scored for that day (with Race Director approval/coordination).

**4.12 SUBSTITUTE NUMBER PLATES:** Members who are unable to run the proper background colors, numbers or the chapter letter designator must notify the race director prior to practice. Failure to do so will result in a one-lap penalty.

**4.13 COMING OFF INJURIES or DROPPING TO A LOWER SKILL LEVEL:**

Riders who come back from injuries or long layoff will be allowed to participate in a lower class for four (4) re-evaluation races, with the Race Director's approval. The rider must display the OTHG provided red "E" sticker on all three number plates for the four races to let the other riders in the class know the individual is being reevaluated and is not currently in contention for points and will receive minimum points. Riders that choose to race a National race during this four-race period, may only race the National race in their original class (NOT in the lower class). After the completion of the four races, and if the rider still feels he/she is not ready to return to their original higher classification, the rider must petition the Race Director to remain in the lower class. If at anytime the rider being re-evaluated wins a race (with a full gate count) that rider will return to the higher class and no further evaluation will be necessary.

**4.14** Starting in 2019 promotions to a higher skill level shall be based on a point system. See attached points chart

**4.14.1** If at the discretion of the race director, you have earned the promotion prior to accumulating the required points, the Race Director will have the authority to do so.

**4.14.2** If a racer refuses the promotion, the racer will be "frozen" in that class. Racer will not gain any additional chapter points regardless of finishing position and is ineligible for the OTHG National series

**4.14.3** Promotional points will be earned each day of a National. Saturday will be considered one race day, while Sunday will be considered a separate race day.

**4.14.4** ALL promotional points, as well as results, must be public. *"Public meaning anyone in any chapter can view these points and results at any time."*

**4.14.5** A rider that has been promoted must ride a MINIMUM of 15 races or compete in his/her new class for a MINIMUM of 2 years before the racer can request to be re-evaluated to a lower class.

**4.14.6** Any racer who is reclassified down, through his request (and approved by the RD), will only be required to accumulate 50% of the normal promotional points prior to being promoted. I.E. An intermediate racer who requests to go down to Novice (and is approved) will only need 20 promotional points to be promoted back to the Intermediate skill level.

**4.14.7** Once a racer has successfully completed a re-evaluation process (re-classified or not), that racer cannot request another re-evaluation for a 5 year period.

**4.14.8** Any racer who has less than three racers in his class and finishes in the top two overall of the moto will earn promotional points based on his finishing position. 1st = 3 points 2nd = 2 points

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Transponder Scoring**

**5.0 NATIONAL EVENTS:** National events will consist of 4 motos over 2 days.

**5.0** Scoring for the weekend will be calculated by combining the total finishing positions of all four motos to determine the winner. I.E. Racer A finished 1, 3, 2,1 for a total of 7 points. Racers B finish 2,1,1,2 for a total of 6 points. Racer B is the overall winner for the weekend with 6 points. Racer A will finish in second with 7 points, etc.

**5.1** National motos starting in 2019 will be timed events

**5.1.1** Masters/Experts 20 min, Intermediates 18 min, Novices 16 min, Beginners/Women 15 min. These times may be adjusted at the discretion of the national host to facilitate the day's races. Example: Races may be shortened on Sunday in order to expedite the race day.

**5.2** Scoring for the National Championship will be based on the overall finishing position for each day of racing. I.E. 1<sup>st</sup> place Saturday will receive 35 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> will receive 34 points, etc.

**5.2.1** Scoring for the National Championship will be based on a MINIMUM 8 race series. See **3.10** for further explanation.

**5.3 SCORING SYSTEM:** The transponder system must be used at all nationals.

**5.4** If the host chapter does not have the equipment, it will be provided by the chapters that Do.

- 5.5** Compensation for these services and equipment are to be paid by the host chapter to the chapter that is providing the scoring/equipment.
- 5.6** The host chapter is responsible for scoring support classes.
- 5.7** All racers will be required to use "MyLaps" transponders to ensure accurate scoring. This applies for local as well as National events.
- 5.8** Any member who rents a transponder and losses or damages it while in his or her possession will be responsible for any costs incurred by the OTHG to repair or replace the lost or damaged transponder.
- 5.9** Failure to pay for a lost or damaged transponder will result in the member being suspended from any and all racing activity until payment has been made.
- 5.10** Failure to race with a transponder (your own or rented) will automatically result in a DNS.
- 5.11** Manual scoring is only done as a backup in case the scoring loop fails during a moto/race or an individual's transponder stops registering during a moto/race.
- 5.12** **SCORING ISSUES:** Any scoring discrepancies must be brought to the rider's Race Director's attention within 1 hour after results are posted.
- 5.14** The scoring is considered official 1 hour after the host chapter has posted the final Results of said race. IE race 2 will be official 1 hour after final results of race 2 have been posted.
- 5.15** No racer shall approach the score keepers or the promoters regarding the results. If discrepancies are noted they must be brought to the attention of the rider's race director. (He will contact the host race director.)
- 5.16** Penalty for the above listed infractions will range from docking a lap to expulsion from the event.
- 5.17** Posting of National/Local results for each moto and totals for the day's final results will be posted near the clubs' sign up area following a reasonable period of time.
- 5.17.1** A racer must compete in all four motos to score points for the National. A DNS will result in a score of 99 points.
- 5.18** A racer has 7 days from the day that the National points are posted to protest any points that he/she believes are incorrect. The racer making the protest must be the racer affected.

- 5.19** At the end of the OTHG National Series, if two or more riders are tied for the Championship in their respective class, the Tie-Breaker shall be decided in the following manner: Most 1st place finishes (individual moto wins). If there is still a tie, it will then go to most 2nd place finishes, followed by third place finishes and so on.
- 5.20 TROPHIES:** shall be awarded 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in all National Classes
- 5.20.1** At the discretion of the hosting chapter, trophies may be extended beyond the top three finishers in classes they determine necessary.
- 5.21** All OTHG members, regardless of chapter, count toward the gate for scoring purposes. This applies for local as well as National events.
- 5.21.1** Finishing position points are based on where you finished overall. I.E., if you race against 8 OTHG members (regardless of chapter), and you finish 5<sup>th</sup> overall, you will receive 5<sup>th</sup> place points.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **DNS, DNF, NO SHOW & RED FLAGS**

- 6.0 DNS:** A rider starts a race under power but does not cross the transponder loop. This can be changed to a DNF if the rider took the gate but was unable to cross the transponder loop. It is the rider's responsibility to contact his race director to have the DNS changed to a DNF.
- 6.1** A recorded DNS is scored as 99 points.
- 6.2 DNF:** A rider crosses the transponder loop and is registered in the scoring system.
- 6.3** A DNF will be scored in last place plus 2 positions.
- 6.4** If more than 1 rider DNF it will be determined which one completed the most laps and that rider will receive the best finishing position of the DNF riders.
- 6.5 BIKE CHANGES:** Club members are permitted to change bikes after their first race if they suffer mechanical problems or before the gate drops for their moto. The moto is considered started once the gate has dropped.
- 6.6** If a competitor's bike becomes disabled during a moto, they may not get on another bike and continue the race. Racer will be scored as a DNF if this occurs.
- 6.7** Any racer DQ'ed from a National will not receive any refund of monies paid to race that Event.
- 6.8 NO SHOW:** A rider that has paid but does not show up to race either race day receives no points and no refund.

**6.9** To receive points, a rider must complete at least 51% of the leaders laps in each moto that he/she races. Failure to complete the minimum number of laps will result in a rider being scored as a DNS.

**6.9.1** There will be no leaving the gate and parking by the finish line waiting for the last rider and then crossing the finish line. If this occurs, the racer will be scored as a DNS.

**6.10 RED FLAG:** If at any time during a race the red flag is flown, that indicates that the race is being stopped. All riders are to immediately exit the track at the location of the Red Flag. All racers are required to return to the starting gate.

**6.10.1** If the red flag is flown and the race has completed less than 2 laps, then racers will be returned to the starting gate and a re-start from the gate will occur. All laps/time already completed will count towards the total number of laps/time for that race.

**6.10.2** If the race is between 2 completed laps, but less than 75% complete, and must be restarted, a single file restart will occur. I.E. Supercross style The starting order will be based on the previously completed lap

**6.10.3** If the race is greater than 75% complete (time or laps) and a red flag is flown, then the race will be considered complete and the results will be based on the running order of the previously completed lap. The field is frozen once the red flag waves.

**6.10.4** If a racer (or racers) is/are the cause of the red flag, and they are unable to restart, they will be scored as a DNF.

**6.10.5** Any racer who is knocked unconscious due to a crash will fall under Article XII Safety, 12.5



## **ARTICLE VII INFRACTIONS**

**7.0     **INFRACTIONS:**** The OTHG is here to promote safe and fun motocross racing. Any conduct that brings negativity and that is unbecoming a club member will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to the race track, the pits, OTHG ride days/BBQ's, OTHG Banquet, any social media and on web sites/forums. Any violations of the aforementioned rules and proper racing conduct will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offending member. Disciplinary action will be taken in a progressive manner, based on the nature of the incident.

1<sup>st</sup> Offense will result in a verbal warning

2<sup>nd</sup> Offense will result in 2 race suspension and a loss of 100 points

3<sup>rd</sup> Offense will result in the offending member being removed from the club. No refunds will be issued to the member being removed from the OTHG.

**7.1     **FALSIFYING AGE**** Please see Article III Rider Qualifications, Section 3.0.3

**7.2     **FIGHTING:**** Fighting, whether physical or verbal will not be tolerated. Any fighting amongst members at an OTHG event will lead to those members being disciplined by the Board. Discipline will range from verbal warnings, to race suspensions, to removal from the club. Each incident will be unique and will be dealt with in that manner.

**7.3     **TRACK ETIQUETTE:**** This includes your conduct on the track! If you ride in a manner that is deemed overly aggressive by any individual (in your race, spectating your race or current Board member) and this is verified by multiple individuals, you will:

For the 1<sup>st</sup> offense:

1. Loss of all points for protested race
2. If moto 1, will not be allowed to race moto 2
3. Face up to a 2 race suspension depending on severity.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense:

1. A minimum of a 3 race suspension
2. Possible (6) month suspension without refund for current year membership and not allowed to race with OTHG (to include as a support rider or a one day rider) during this (6) month suspension.
3. Permanently barred from the OTHG without refund for current year membership.

**7.4     **PENALTIES**** - Under NO CIRCUMSTANCE shall any member confront, argue with, verbally abuse or make offensive gestures toward another racer either in staging or on the starting line. Any racer engaging in this kind of behavior will be DQ'd and told to immediately leave the complex.

**7.4.1** Any such incidents shall be brought to the attention of the hosting president as well as the offending members president.

**7.4.2** Any member who willfully refuses to pay the required race entry fee and/or camping fees will be told to leave the premises without any paid monies being refunded.

**7.5 OTHG Board Authority:** In the opinion of the Board, any member(s) actions which bring negativity to the OTHG and will reflect poorly on the club may be removed from the club by a majority vote of the Board.

**7.6 Weapons:** Any member who brings a weapon to the track and threatens OTHG members through, with or by the use of ANY weapon, will have their membership immediately terminated, with no refunds of any kind.

**7.6.1** Offending member(s) will be banned indefinitely.

**7.7 Stealing:** Any member caught stealing from a chapter or personal property at ANY OTHG events will be banned indefinitely.

**7.8 Gate Prep:** There shall be no prepping (AKA Farming) on the track side of the gate at any OTHG event.

**7.8.1** Any racer(s) protested (and found guilty) for farming will be penalized 1 lap for the moto that his gate was prepped.

## **ARTICLE VIII PROTEST**

**8.0 PROTEST:** Race director of the hosting chapter has the final say in the outcome of any race protest.

**8.1** If assistance is needed in the decision making process, any E Board committee member present may assist in resolving any issues.

**8.2** Protests must be filed within 1 hour of the results.

**8.2.1** 60 min window will be based on the official scorekeeping time.

**8.2.2** Background and chapter letter protest at a local race will only be accepted after the first moto(s) of protested individual

**8.2.3** Background and chapter letter protest at a national will only be accepted after the first moto(s) on Saturday and Sunday of a two-day national.

**8.3** Protesters must consist of the rider affected by the infraction, must be in the same class or the same race in which the infraction occurred.

**8.3.1** If the individual who makes the protest is affected by the outcome of the vote, that individual ***MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE PROCESS OF VOTING. IE RACE DIR. RACING IN THAT CLASS.***

- 8.4** Any member of any chapter board may file a protest.
- 8.5** ALL protests must be submitted on the official OTHG protest form. Form must be filled out completely to be considered.
- 8.6** A protest fee of \$25 is required for each protest. Cash and exact change required. Protest fee must accompany the protest form.
- 8.6.1** Protest fee is returnable (to protester) if protest is found to be valid.
- 8.6.2** Protest fee will be lost if protest is found to be invalid, incomplete, or lacking evidence to support protest.
- 8.6.3** Protest fees not returned will go to the hosting chapter of a National or OTHG chapter for events

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **SCORING PROCEDURES**

- 9.0 SCORING:** Each class will be scored separately, with points earned counted towards year-end total points. Total points are used to determine your riding number for the following year. Points are awarded as follows (as voted on Dec. 2006):

PLACE	POINTS AWARDED	
1st	35	Points
2nd	34	Points
3rd	33	Points
4th	32	Points
5th	31	Points
6th	30	Points
7th	29	Points
8th	28	Points
9th	27	Points
10th	26	Points
11 <sup>th</sup> - last	25	Points

Riders who finish 11<sup>th</sup> to last place shall receive 25 points. Points are based on your overall finishing position.

**9.0.1 NATIONAL POINTS** Scoring for the National championship will be based on the points listed above. Each day shall be scored individually and will count towards the National Championship. I.E. Saturday is scored separately from Sunday.

- 9.1** Full points shall be based upon the following class differentiations:

Master	2	riders make a full class
Expert	3	riders make a full class
Intermediate	4	riders make a full class
Novice	5	riders make a full class
Beginner	6	riders make a full class
Women	7	riders make a full class

**9.1.0** There shall be no minimum gate requirements for the OTHG Nationals. A class with 2 racers will still be awarded 35 points for a win.

**9.1.1** Local race points shall be awarded based on the number of OTHG members ONLY (regardless of chap[ter] in each class.

- 9.4 GATE DROPS:** A racer who leaves on an early gate drop will automatically be scored in last place +2 in the moto regardless of finishing position. However, if that racers returns to the gate and crosses the starting gate to begin his moto, he will be scored based on his actual finishing position.

**9.4.1** A rider who goes on a late gate drop will receive their points based on their finishing position in that moto.

**9.5 BIKE CHANGES:** `Club members are permitted to change bikes after the first race, if they have mechanical problems. If your bike becomes disabled during a moto, you may not get another bike and continue the race. **See 6.5 & 6.6 for further explanation**

**9.6 POSTING RESULTS:** Results of each moto, as well as the overall finish for the days races will be posted near the Club's sign up area following a reasonable period of time. No Club member is to approach either the scorekeepers or promoters regarding the results. Penalties for the above listed infractions vary from docking the rider a lap to expulsion from the event and/or the OTHG.

**9.7 DROPS:** Each chapter will determine their number of drops.

**9.8 POINTS SCORING SYSTEM:** See attached sheet.

**9.9 RACE CANCELLATIONS:** Races will only be canceled for inclement weather if the track owner/operator decides to close the track. If a race is canceled, there will be NO POINTS awarded.

**9.10** If a Chapter elects to cancel a race, it is at the discretion of that chapter as to whether or not it is rescheduled.

**9.11** If a race is canceled and rescheduled for an upcoming weekend (NOT part of the original schedule), that race will be dropped from the Ironman requirements. However, that race will still carry full points and count towards the chapter's number 1 rider championship.

## **ARTICLE X ELECTIONS**

- 10.0 ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER:** Elections must be conducted under the Roberts Rules of Order. Nominees for office must either be present when nominated, or have agreed to serve in writing. To ensure continuity, nominations will occur in September with final nominations along with the election ballot being provided to the membership in October.
- 10.1** Ballots shall be distributed at a designated race in October or via US Mail if a current member (in good standing) makes that request.
- 10.2** All requests for mail in ballots must be in writing to a designated club member via email or in person at least 7 days prior to the voting deadline. The designated OTHG member will be selected by the Board and made public knowledge 14 days prior to the voting deadline.
- 10.2.1** All mail in ballots must be postmarked by a designated date established by the E Board. Any mail in Ballot(s) received within 3 days of the voting deadline will be valid ONLY if the postmark is prior to the voting deadline.
- 10.2.2** Any mail in ballots received after the designated cut-off date Or those with a postmark later than the established deadline will not be counted. All ballots shall be destroyed and have no impact on the outcome of the election.
- 10.2.3** The board retains the right to allow voting by Text messaging in elections that they determine it to be appropriate. Use of text messaging will be considered on a case by case basis and is not considered the normal way of doing business. The member wishing to text their vote to the E-Board must have the cellphone number that they are texting from on file with the OTHG Statistician (via their current membership form) in order to be considered valid and a counted vote.
- 10.3** The final election ballot tally and the announcement of the following year's board will occur at the November meeting to provide an opportunity for the incoming board to coordinate with the outgoing one before the end of the outgoing board's term.
- 10.4 OFFICERS:** The Officers of this Club consist of, at a minimum or some combination thereof, President, Vice - President, Assistant Vice President, Race Director, Assistant Race Director, Secretary/Editor, Treasurer, Web Director and Race Statistician.
- 10.5 TERM:** Officers of this Club shall be elected to serve for a term of one year. (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31).
- 10.6 BOARD OBLIGATIONS:** Officers shall, at the expiration of their term, relinquish to their successors to all items belonging to the Club. Every Officer will be held to the conduct of the OTHG with no exceptions. All officers will conduct themselves with the professionalism that the members of the OTHG deserve.

- 10.7 BANQUET:** The outgoing board members shall be responsible for the planning and execution of the upcoming banquet. This will be the only responsibility the outgoing E Board members will have in the new year. I.E. 2014 E Board is responsible for planning the 2015 Banquet.
- 10.8 VACANCIES:** Vacancies that occur between annual elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation of any officer.
- 10.9 IMPEACHMENT:** If a member of the Club motions to remove a member of the Board and it goes to a vote, Officers can only be removed by a three-fourths vote of the total general membership present at the scheduled club meeting or at an emergency meeting if one is called.
- 10.9.1** If the Board wishes to remove a Board Member, a majority vote of Board members will decide.

## **ARTICLE XI DUTIES**

- 11.0 THE PRESIDENT:** As chief officer of the Club, shall direct its business in a timely manner, preside at all meetings of the Club, appoint standing and special committees to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Club. He/she shall call meetings of the board as is necessary to conduct club business, supervise the duties of all other officers and maintain a properly functioning organization.
- 11.1 VICE PRESIDENT:** Shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence in a timely manner, schedule Race dates, Additionally, the current year VP will schedule races through the first quarter (March 31) of the following year to ensure the OTHG has scheduled races while still ensuring a reasonable transition period for a new VP (as applicable) to have sufficient time to “learn the ropes” and “contacts” associated with scheduling races, trophies, etc.
- 11.2 SECRETARY/EDITOR:** Shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Club and provide to general membership in a timely manner, produce the Club Newsletter on a monthly basis and ensure timely delivery to membership requiring such and perform any other duties assigned by the President.
- 11.3 TREASURER:** Shall receive all moneys of the club and deposit such moneys in the Club account in a timely manner, co-sign all checks with the President (or appointed designee), make remittances as required, pay bills, maintain a detailed record of all receipts and disbursements and demands. Pay track workers at the end of the day's racing. In addition, the treasurer will perform any other duties as assigned by the President. At the end of his term, the treasurer shall deliver and present for audit to the incoming board all books and records of the club.

**11.4 RACE DIRECTOR:** Shall oversee race day activities to include practice/race schedule, riders are participating within their assigned classifications (practice/race), and post activities to include rider advancement and race committee coordination in a timely manner. The Race Director is also responsible for putting in/removing the transponder loop.

**11.4.1 Race Committee:** Shall assist the Race Director and the Assistant Race Director in all race day duties and also in monitoring all OTHG members and Evaluation Riders during races, make recommendations on member promotions/demotions and give input to the same when asked.

**11.4.2 Promotional Points:** It is the responsibility of the Race Director to keep track of a member's earned points, and to have them posted in a timely manner. The RD may designate another individual in the chapter to keep these points. However, responsibility remains with the RD.

**11.5 RACE STATS:** Shall tally all points from OTHG events and provide to appropriate OTHG personnel (editor/web master) in a timely manner, maintain the gang membership rolls, and perform any other duties assigned by the President.

**11.6 MEDIA DIRECTOR:** Shall maintain the Club website in a timely manner and perform any other duties assigned by the President. Will also work with the E Board to promote the OTHG in a positive manner.

**11.7 SCOREKEEPERS:** Although not "official" OTHG elected board members, they shall administer sign up duties, scorekeeping requirements, as well as other administrative functions as deemed appropriate by the board. The OTHG board members shall oversee the Scorekeepers' duties.

**11.7.1** Scorekeepers shall be paid at the end of the days racing activity by the Treasurer. Under no circumstance shall the scorekeepers pay themselves. If the club treasurer is not available, payment will be made from a designated E Board member at the request of the chapter president.

**11.8 FOUNDERS:** The founders of the Parent Chapter of the "Over The Hill Gang Association" are Mr. Erik G. "Rotten Rick" Hallmark and Mr. Edward L. "Edgy Eddie" Rucker, May 21, 1974



## **ARTICLE XII**

### **SAFETY**

- 12.0** EMS personnel must be present before practice begins at all OTHG events.
- 12.1** Yellow flag means caution due to unsafe conditions or disabled rider(s). Hold your position; do not pass until you are clear of danger. Any member who fails to abide by this rule will be penalized 1 lap.
- 12.1.0** There is to be no jumping on a yellow flag. Failure to keep your wheels on the ground during a yellow flag will result in a 1 lap penalty.
- 12.2** In a situation that causes the hosting chapter to cancel the day's races (I.E. Weather), there shall be NO REFUNDS ISSUED.
- 12.2.1** Prior to the gate dropping for Moto 1/Race 1, any refunds will be handled on a case-by-case scenario.
- 12.2.2** Any and all decisions made by the hosting president in this matter will be final.
- 12.2.3** Any Racer that is injured after he/she has submitted their entry fee may be issued a refund at the discretion of the hosting chapter.
- 12.3** The hosting race director has the authority to cancel or shorten any race due to inclement weather that poses a threat of safety to the members of the OTHG.
- 12.4** In the interest of safety, all racers must complete at least 51% of the race winner's laps. Racers who compete less than this due to injury or the inability to ride their motorcycle at a competitive pace for their class will be scored as a DNF.
- 12.5** Any racer that crashes during practice/race and suffers any loss of consciousness will be barred from racing with the OTHG that weekend.
- 12.6** If a racer leaves the track for any reason, he or she must re-enter the track in a safe manner. Racer must re-enter the track in an area that is considered safe to all racers on the track. Racer must re-enter the track as close to the location he exited the track.
- 12.6.1** If at any time a racer leaves the track and re-enters and gains an advantage over fellow racers, that individual will be penalized one lap.
- 12.7** Any racer(s) caught consuming alcohol before or in between their motos will be disqualified from any additional races that day and will receive zero points.
- 12.8** Any racer(s) caught using any kind of illegal substance (federal level) before or in between their motos will be disqualified from any additional races that day and will receive zero points.

## **Article XIII**

### **MASTERS PAY BACK**

- 13.0** Masters have the option to accept or decline payback.
- 13.1** All Masters must declare payback/NO payback at sign-ups. If a racer does not declare payback/no payback at sign ups, racer will be counted as no payback.
- 13.1** Masters Payback shall be based on \$75 per Master Racer.
- 13.1.2** Payout Amounts – See Pay Chart
- 13.2** Payback will be based on 30% of racers.
- 13.3** Any Comped Master racers will count toward the total rider payout
- 13.4** A Master must race Saturday and Sunday in order to count towards Master's Payout.
- 13.4.1** Any entry fees collected from a Master who only races one day of a two day National will go to the chapter and will NOT be included in the Masters Payout.

## **ARTICLE XIV**

### **FORMS/SUGGESTED TOOLS**

- 14.0 TOOLS:** Tools used for capturing race day costs, scoring spreadsheet, race cost/schedule matrix, and other suggested tools shall be made available in this document to ensure a smooth transition for new board members and/or during changes of board member responsibilities.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**INDIVIDUAL CHAPTER REQUIREMENTS**

**See chapter specific page at end of Bylaws**

### ***Points Scoring System***

Points are based on the number of CLASSIFIED riders from all Chapters.

**EXAMPLE:** *1<sup>ST</sup> Place 1G, 2<sup>ND</sup> Place 1V, 3<sup>RD</sup> Place 2G. 1G will receive 35 points and 2G will receive 33 points.*

**Drops will be determined on a local level for each chapter**

**New Member Evaluations: 2 Rides at 25 points each**

**Reclassification of members: 4 Rides at 25 points each**

Master	2 Riders	1 Rider				
	35	34				
	34					
Expert	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider			
	35	34	33			
	34	33				
	33					
Inter	4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider		
	35	34	33	32		
	34	33	32			
	33	34				
	32					
Novice	5 Riders	4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider	
	35	34	33	32	31	
	34	33	32	31		
	33	32	31			
	32	31				
	31					
Beginners	6 Riders	5 Riders	4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Rider	1 Rider
	35	34	33	32	31	30
	34	33	32	31	30	
	33	32	31	30		
	32	31	30			
	31	30				
	30					

## Women's

7 Riders	6 Riders	5 Riders	4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33	32	31	30	29
34	33	32	31	30	29	
33	32	31	30	29		
32	31	30	29			
31	30	29				
30	29					
29						

## PROMOTIONAL POINT TABLE

- Beginning in 2019 all 5 chapters of the OTHG will begin using a promotional points system.
- Points are based on 33% of all racers in that class. I.E. A gate of 21 racers will equal 7 racers receiving promotional points.
- It will take 3 racers in a class to earn promotion points
  - 1st place will receive points equal to  $\frac{1}{3}$  the total number of racers plus 2 additional points for winning. (I.E. 21 total racers will equal 7 points + 2 points for winning for a total of 9 points)
  - 2nd place 1 point less than total number of racers
  - 3rd place 2 points less than total number of racers
  - 4th place 3 points less than total number of racers
  - 5th place 4 points less than total number of racers, etc
- In the event that a racer has fewer than 3 racers in his class, that racer will receive promotional points if he finishes in the top 2 racers overall. 1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points

## POINTS REQUIRED FOR PROMOTION

- Beginner to Novice 25 points
- Novice to Intermediate 40 points
- Intermediate to Expert 60 points
- Expert to Master 75 points
- Points are awarded for results based on each day of an OTHG event. National or Local race
- The race committee/Race Director has the authority to promote a racer if he/she feels that the racer is in the wrong skill level.
- Classes with under 3 racers will remain at the discretion of the Race Director

## 2023 Masters Pay-Out Schedule

Racers		1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	
1	\$75	1	75								
2	\$150	1	150								
3	\$225	1	225								
4	\$300	2	200	100							
5	\$375	2	255	120							
6	\$450	2	300	150							
7	\$525	2	340	185							
8	\$600	3	280	210	110						
9	\$675	3	300	230	145						
10	\$750	3	340	260	150						
11	\$825	3	380	280	165						
12	\$900	4	340	260	180						120
13	\$975	4	370	280	200	125					
14	\$1050	4	400	310	220	120					
15	\$1125	5	370	270	240	185	60				
16	\$1200	5	390	290	240	190	90				
17	\$1275	5	420	310	255	200	85				
18	\$1350	5	445	325	270	210	100				
19	\$1425	6	340	290	250	215	185	145			
20	\$1500	6	360	310	265	230	190	145			
21	\$1575	6	375	320	280	240	200	160			
22	\$1650	7	360	315	270	230	190	160			125
23	\$1725	7	375	335	290	240	195	165	125		
24	\$1800	7	400	340	295	245	200	170	150		
25	\$1875	8	370	305	270	240	210	190	160	135	
26	\$1950	8	385	320	290	250	215	200	165	125	
27	\$2025	8	400	335	300	260	225	210	175	120	
28	\$2100	8	415	345	310	270	235	215	180	130	
29	\$2175	9	415	345	310	270	235	215	180	130	75
30	\$2250	9	425	365	320	285	245	210	170	125	105

Masters Payout based on \$75 per racer

At National events, a Master must race both days in order for them to count towards the Master payout

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