

MRAN NIGHT RACE SERIES

2011 RULES

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SERIES DESCRIPTION:

The MRAN night race series is a separate series from the Desert and Grand Prix series. Points earned in the Night Race series do not count towards the Desert or Grand Prix standings. The MRAN night race series was created and designed to be a "Fun Series". Since MRAN looks at this as a "Fun Series"... teams can consist of mixed class and division riders. This allows Friends and Family members to race together. Clubs are encouraged to keep the races easier and less technical than their normal desert races. Course length is typically 12 to 25 miles per lap, and is a multi lap race.

CLASS DESIGNATIONS:

- **PRO** - 1 or 2 man team - 1 bike or 1 Quad used per team - 50% Pro payback to bike and quad winners.
- **IRONMAN** - 1 man with either Amateur or Expert status. Can be Bike or Quad.
- **EXPERT** - Status determined by existing MRAN card or that from another Series. At least one person on the team must have an Expert Class Designation.
- **AMATEUR** - Status determined by existing MRAN card or that from another Series. All team members racing this class must be a Novice or Amateur. If any team member has an Expert Class MRAN card or Expert card from another series the whole team must race in the Expert Class.

NOTE: There is not a Novice class, however Novice riders are encouraged to team up with more experienced Amateur and or Expert riders to learn the ropes and have some fun.

BIKE DIVISIONS and NUMBERS:

- PRO -- 1 - 99 (1 or 2 Riders)
- OPEN EXP -- 100 - 149
- OPEN AM -- 150 - 199
- 30+ VET EX -- 200 - 249 (All riders must be 30+ years old)
- 30+ VET AM -- 250 - 299 (All riders must be 30+ years old)
- 4-STROKE EXP -- 300 - 349 (Motorcycle must have 4-Stroke engine)
- 4-STROKE AM -- 350 - 399 (Motorcycle must have 4-Stroke engine)
- IRONMAN EXP -- 400 - 449
- IRONMAN AM -- 450 - 499

NOTE: Only full framed motorcycles having min. 20 inch front wheel size are allowed in the bike divisions.

QUAD DIVISIONS AND NUMBERS:

- OPEN QUAD EXP -- 500 - 549
- OPEN QUAD AM -- 550 - 599
- STOCK QUAD EXP -- 600 - 649 (Stock suspension)
- STOCK QUAD AM -- 650 - 699 (Stock suspension)
- IRONMAN QUAD EXP -- 700 - 749
- IRONMAN QUAD AM -- 750 - 799
- PRO -- 800 - 849

NOTE: All Quad engines must be 249cc or larger.

RACE FEES FOR BIKES & QUADS:

- PRO TEAM -- \$200.00 -- PER TEAM -- 2 Riders MAX on a PRO Team
- IRONMAN -- (1 Rider only) -- \$50.00
- 2 MAN TEAM -- \$100.00 per team
- 3 MAN TEAM -- \$120.00 per team

NOTE: All team members must hold a current MRAN card (Yearly or Day card)

GENERAL RULES

1. Hosting club members may race their own race.
2. Hosting club fees to MRAN are \$6.00 PER TEAM.
3. No one except registered participants and race officials shall ride on a course until the completion of the event. Race officials shall yield to all race traffic, with the exception of an emergency. Race officials shall remove, or cover, all competition numbers on their motorcycle in order to distinguish them as a race official.
4. All motorcycles/quads shall be limited to gasoline.
5. PIT RACING OF ANY TYPE WILL NOT BE CONDONED AT ANY EVENT; OFFENDERS ARE SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION. Pits include those areas within one hundred (100) yards of automobiles, pit personnel, race officials, and race equipment. Larger pit areas may be defined by the sponsoring club.
6. A rider is responsible for the conduct of his or her pit crew and any associated support people. A rider may be penalized for un-sportsman like conduct, violation of laws and regulations, e.g., not obeying BLM requirements, vandalizing property, trespassing, etc. by their pit crew.
7. Riders officially entered in any event and/or promoting club members shall not be allowed to consume alcoholic beverages. This will be enforced until the completion of events.
8. No person under 18 years of age shall be permitted to compete in any sporting event without having a notarized statement of release by parent or guardian on file with each division and class entered. Any entrant who makes a false statement on an entry form shall be disqualified and shall forfeit all points and all contingencies won in the race. Entrant may also be suspended from future events for a period of one year. Any entry application containing a falsified signature will cause entrant to be disqualified and shall forfeit all points and contingencies won in that event. Entrant may also be suspended from future events for the period of one year.
9. No Pre-running of a Night Race event is allowed. The sponsoring club may disqualify or refuse entry to any rider observed pre-riding a marked course prior to a race event. The sponsoring club may request the Competition Committee to apply additional sanctions where such prohibited pre-running appears to be a deliberate attempt to gain an unfair advantage. MRAN may apply these sanctions without the formal request of the sponsoring club.
10. Mandatory rider meetings are required. At these meetings, special safety precautions, unusual hazards, stop checks, road crossings, cross markings, etc., will be re-emphasized. Any special rules, such as speed limits in pits, no passing zones, and tortoise exclusion areas will be disseminated to the riders, either verbally, or with written handouts. Riders who do not attend these riders meetings will start riding with a minimum of 30-second time penalty after the last rider in that rider's class/division has started. Thus, if a rider has the number 2 time draw, he will have to start a minimum of 30 seconds after the last non-penalized rider of that group has started. The penalized rider's time shall not be adjusted for the later start time. The participant is ultimately responsible for information discussed at the riders meetings.

11. An information sheet must be presented at the entrance to all MRAN sanctioned events. This information sheet will include time of riders meeting, time of race, location of jetting area, time of start and any other pertinent information that participants should know.
 12. A dedicated transport vehicle staffed with at least a certified Emergency Medical technician must be on site. The EMT must be equipped with all the equipment that is necessary for him/her to perform their duties as an EMT as prescribed by their licensing body and/or the local standards. The sponsoring club must verify that these requirements are met prior to the start of all races.
 13. The promoting Member Club shall see that the course, grounds, pits, and spectator areas are properly cleaned up after the event, and provide port-a-potties at all races. Failure to comply with these rules will result in a fine to be determined by the Competition Committee.
 14. Sponsoring Member Clubs must make an effort to verify that competitors possess a valid MRAN Competition Card. Member Clubs that don't verify rider's credentials may be fined by the competition committee.
 15. The sponsoring club must comply with all requirements necessary for the proper and permitted use of public lands. MRAN must have been granted written permit by the Bureau of Land Management for use of 23 desert land as a race course. The sponsoring club and MRAN must have received written permission to use any private land as a race course. The sponsoring club must comply with all procedures required to use public lands not administrated by the Bureau of Land Management.
 16. The Ironman Rider and or 2-3 man team must use the same bike and or quad for the entire race. You may not switch Bikes or Quads during a race; however you may enter another race in the series with a different bike or quad as long as it meets the requirements of the division and or team number issued. Broken bikes can be fixed or repaired; parts can be swapped and switched, however the frame and engine must be the one started with.
 17. **PRO TEAM** -- A Pro team may have 1 or 2 riders. No more than 2 riders allowed.
 18. **TEAM** -- Teams may consist of 2 or 3 riders of the same or mixed class, and or Division.
 19. **2 MAN TEAM** -- A 2 man team may consist of 2 Experts or 2 Amateurs or one of each. If the team has 1 of each then the team **MUST** enter as an EXPERT team.
 20. **3 MAN TEAM** -- A 3 man team can have both Expert and Amateurs on it. If only 1 Expert is on the team, then the team **MUST** enter as Expert. If the team has 2 Experts and 1 Amateur, then the team must enter as an EXPERT team.
 21. **TEAM DIVISION REQUIREMENTS** -- This applies to Teams with members of mixed division status. Team **MUST** enter under the appropriate division based on Bike or Quad being used for the race.
- NOTE: No rider under the age of 30 may enter on a "Vet" team.
22. **RIDER OF RECORD** -- The first rider listed on the entry is the **Rider of Record** for that team. The rider of record may not be the rider of record for another team. Team must run the same number on the Bike/Quad for the entire series, and must be entered in the same division for the entire series. If a team runs a different number or different division letter from a previous race, then the team will be scored with the new number/division and any points **WILL NOT** be added to the previous number and or division used. There will be **NO** transferring of points from one division to another. You only earn and keep points in each individual division you race in.
 23. **NUMBER PLATES** -- Number plate requirements will follow standard MRAN requirements for color/letter/location of plates. Riders/Teams **MUST** use correct number/letter assigned on entry form.

24. **FINISHING** -- In order for an individual or team to receive a finish they must complete **HALF the amount of laps the leader of their respective class/division does.** For example, if the leader of their respective class/division completes 8 laps, you must complete 4 laps, however if the leader of their respective class/division completes 9 laps, you must complete 5 laps for a finish.

NOTE: The lap count is rounded up just like the Desert and GP Series

25. **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ALTERNATE RIDERS** -- There is no limit on the number of added team members for the season. Rider of record/team number remains the same for the season.
26. **TROPHIES** -- Trophies will be given to **33%** of the finishers for all class's/divisions, but to no more than 1st - 2nd and 3rd place finishers. On teams with alternate riders through the series, there will be only 3 trophies awarded for each race and at the end of the year awards banquet.

COURSE MARKINGS

NOTE: Course markings may vary slightly at this time as we try to standardize them. Check with sponsoring club at sign ups and riders meeting for changes and or any special markings being used.

1. **FIREFLY'S** -- A reflective marker with a minimum, approximate size of 2 sq inch's. Preferred brand of reflective tape is 3-M brand Diamond tape or equivalent. Suggested Clothes pin mounted to minimize plant damage while attaching. Club may also choose to add a piece of pink ribbon or Mylar tape for easy locating during daylight hours. Shape may either be triangle or square as long as minimum size is maintained.
2. **SPACING OF FIREFLY'S** -- Spacing of fireflies will be determined by the hosting club. Terrain and layout of course will dictate spacing, which may lead to closer spacing.

NOTE: Club is encouraged to ride the course at night at RACE speed to determine proper spacing.

3. **DIRECTION ARROWS** -- Club shall use standard MRAN approved arrows that have **WHITE** reflective tape applied to them. Arrow pattern shall be a “ > ” shape and may or may not have a tail.

NOTE: NO other color reflective tape may be used for arrows.

4. **DANGER MARKINGS & ROAD CROSSINGS** -- Club shall use MRAN approved Orange Pie Plates or 5” x 8” Day Glo Orange card stock with an “ X ” pattern applied with **RED** Reflective tape.
5. **WRONG WAY MARKINGS** -- Standard MRAN markings with NO reflective tape applied.

RACE SET UP / LOGISTICS

1. **CHECKPOINTS / STOP CHECKS / ROAD CROSSINGS** -- Club shall provide and man properly as required. It is mandatory course workers wear reflective vests for safety. Club may choose to have portable lighting at check points/road crossings for safety to allow broken down riders to be located easily.

2. **STAGING / PIT ROW** -- Club shall provide portable lighting at scoring/sign-up area for safety reasons. **The entrance (marked by 15mph speed limit sign) and exit of the Pit area shall be CLEARLY marked. There is a 15mph 1st gear speed limit and no passing while in the pit area.** Violators may be subject to time penalty or disqualification. The pitting area must be well marked and safe. It is mandatory, subject to disqualification, that riders **DO NOT GO BACKWARDS IN THE PITS.**
3. **HOURS / LAPS** -- At this time BLM stipulations state; **no parade lap.** Start time shall be 9:00PM, to Minimize impact to the Desert Tortoise. Race duration shall be 9 laps for the leader or 4 hours plus 1 lap for the leader... whichever occurs first. Finish shall be grand prix type.
4. **STARTING** -- Starting order shall be based on the finish of each division at the previous Night Race. Starting of class's shall be -- Pro / Expert / Ironman / Amateur / and Bikes before Quads. Changes in starting order may be modified by the MRAN Night race Committee and or hosting club if need be. Classes and or Divisions may be combined at the discretion of the hosting club race director. Individual Team Starting Order shall be determined by drawing held 45 minutes prior to start of race and will be posted on Starting Board at sign-ups. Entries received after drawing will be entered in their respective class/division on a first come basis. A typical Start shall be a timed start with 2 riders per row. Time between starts to be determined by club and safety requirements; however a MASS START by Class and or Division can be used if space and BLM stipulations allow, which is encouraged where/when possible.