



BMX Racing Policy
Provincial & District Competition in Alberta

1. Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a summary of the policies of the Alberta Bicycle Association (referred to as the “ABA” from herein) BMX Committee. The ABA BMX Committee reserves the right to change these policies from time to time.

The policies contained in this booklet are necessary in order to ensure a well documented, consistent approach to BMX competition in Alberta is maintained and will help to ensure that all participants are treated fairly and that the risk of injury resulting from participation is minimized.

2. Track Operation Policies

These policies apply to all club, district and provincial BMX activities held in Alberta and to National or International level events where noted.

2.1 Membership / Licensing Policies

Persons riding or racing on a BMX track must be licensed by a Canadian Cycling Association (referred to as the “CCA” from herein) or International Cycling Union (referred to as the “UCI” from herein) affiliated cycling association. This applies to national and international level races as well.

- 2.1.1 Only UCI/CCA licenses are recognized as accepted at BMX races in Alberta. Before being permitted to enter a race, every participant must present a valid, accurate race license at registration. This applies to National and International level races as well. Licensed members participating in a club race at their home track may be excused from this requirement at the Track Operator’s Discretion (“TOD”).
- 2.1.2 At provincial races, membership can be verified with the ABA’s membership database. In the event that a rider forgets their licenses they will be warned for first occurrence and then fined \$10 for each subsequent occurrence. This service is not available at National and International BMX events.
- 2.1.3 Registration staff at any provincial BMX race must examine each rider’s license before allowing them to enter the race. *No exceptions.* The person

examining the license should be either the provincial Technical Delegate or an appointed Commissaire. This applies to National and International races as well; at such races a Commissaire or Technical Delegate will do this. At district and club races, registration staff must examine the licenses of those who are not members of the track hosting the race.

- 2.1.4** A rider will be entered in the class listed on their license; in the event of an upgrade, the rider must return their license to the ABA office for replacement within 2 weeks of the upgrade. In the interim, a temporary copy of the rider's new license is accepted. Failure to return an out-of-date license following an upgrade may result in a \$50 fine and a suspension from racing for a period of time to be determined by the ABA BMX Committee.
- 2.1.5** Should a rider receive the requisite number of wins to upgrade part-way through an event weekend comprising more than 1 race, that rider should make the ABA Technical Delegate and registration staff aware of the fact that they have received enough wins to upgrade. That rider will then be registered in his/her new class for the remainder of the event and from that point forward. Such riders must then return their license to the ABA for re-issue as described in 2.2.6.
- 2.1.6** The ABA Technical Delegate may sell licenses at Alberta BMX Cup races, provided that all paperwork is fully and correctly completed, full payment is submitted as are photocopies of proof of age for newly licensed riders; incomplete applications will be refused. Riders are required to license in advance of attending their first provincial race; this is a stop-gap measure intended to give new riders the opportunity to participate on short notice. Track Operators may sell licenses at district and club races provided all monies, waivers and proof-of-age documents are collected at the time of sale. These license applications must be forwarded to the ABA as soon as possible, as they are not valid at any other than the track of purchase until the ABA has fully processed the application.
- 2.1.7** License applications received more than 5 days in advance of a race will be processed in time for that race. Riders whose license applications haven't been processed can not enter a race at any track other than their own or at the AB Cup race where the license was purchased. License applications are not processed on Fridays.

- 2.1.8** Incomplete license applications received by the ABA won't be processed until all materials are received (full payment, completed application forms, original signatures on all waivers, and proof of age if required). Should a cheque be returned NSF, the license paid for with that cheque is invalid until such time as full payment plus any fees is received by the ABA.
- 2.1.9** Track Operators may receive license applications on behalf of their riders and forward them to the ABA. A rider is not considered to be licensed until the ABA has received and completely processed their license application. A rider is only allowed to compete in district and club races at their home track until their license application is complete.
- 2.1.10** The ABA maintains and prints on each rider's license, a permanent BMX ID number that is used as the "license" number needed by the BEM software package. This number will be used when registering for all BMX events along with the rider's UCI Code. The format of the Rider ID is xxxxx where xxxxx is a number between 00000 and 99999. The numbers will be issued sequentially in the order that license applications are received.

3. Race Operation Policies and Race Personnel:

- At minimum, the following personnel are required to run any BMX race. At district races, a single person can do several of these jobs so long as their ability to perform each task is not hindered. For example, the Commissaire should not also be doing first aid.
- **Race Organizer / Director:** The person responsible for hosting the race
- **Commissaires:** A Commissaire must be present to serve as the 'Chief Commissaire' and should have at least 2 licensed Commissaires as assistants. The number of Commissaires required for a provincial will be decided by the Provincial Chief Commissaire (BMX).
- **Stager:** Stages Riders, at provincial events this person must be a Commissaire
- **Head Scorer:** Scores the riders, at provincial events this person must be a Commissaire
- **Starter:** Supervises the start of the race; can sometimes be the person who operates the gate as well. At provincial races, this person should be a Commissaire.

- **Corner Judges:** People who observe the conduct of the race at the corners. These should be Commissaires at provincial races.
- 3.1 First Aid:** At least 1 person trained in first aid must be present at a race or practice. For provincial races, at least 2 first aid attendants are required. Having an ambulance on site is recommended for provincial races.
- 3.2 Volunteers:** To assist with scoring the races, registration and moto building
- **Race Documentation:** At minimum, the following documents should be posted for any race:
 - **Emergency Action Plan:** A document describing emergency procedures, phone numbers, location of nearest hospital, etc. This should be posted on all notice boards at the track.
 - **Race Schedule:** The document describing the conduct of the race including timing of registration, practice, racing and awards.
 - **Moto Sheets:** Posted once registration is complete.
 - **Race Results:** Posted when they are available.
- 4. Race Registration:** The following policies apply to race registration.
- 4.1.1** Registration must close when scheduled.
 - 4.1.2** Late registrations are not accepted.
 - 4.1.3** Corrections to moto sheets and race numbers are the responsibility of the riders; those not reported within 30 minutes of moto sheets being posted won't be corrected.
 - 4.1.4** At provincial races, pre-registration is available and encouraged. Organizers must have a pre-registration line for those who have pre-registered to show their license and sign-in.
 - 4.1.5** At provincial races, registration must close 2 hours before the scheduled start of racing. Final moto sheets must be posted 1 hour before the scheduled start of racing.

4.2 Race Schedule

- 4.2.1.1 Once approved by the Technical Delegate or Chief Commissaire, the posted schedule will not be changed unless weather or some other circumstance beyond the control of the organizer. Any changes will be discussed between the organizer, Technical Delegate and Chief Commissaire and will be communicated on all notice boards and by the announcer.
- 4.2.1.2 For provincial races, the race schedule will include practice times for individual age classes.
- 4.2.1.3 At provincial races, race results for all pre-final motos will be posted for rider inspection before any main or semi-main moto sheets are posted.
- 4.2.1.4 For provincial races, all those classes with a main will have their 3rd round motos run before any intermission.

4.3 Race Rules and Regulations

- 4.3.1.1 All BMX races will follow the UCI / CCA rules and regulations, except as modified by this document.
- 4.3.1.2 Any modifications made by the ABA to the CCA regulations will be used at provincial, district and club races. Such provincial modifications do not apply at National or International races.
- 4.3.1.3 While the UCI reserves the right to modify the regulations at any time during the year, the ABA will use the UCI regulations published as of January 1 of the current year for the entire calendar season for provincial and district races. The national modifications to the UCI regulations released by the CCA will be used for the entire current season as well.

4.4 Race Results

- 4.4.1.1 For provincial races, the host track will send an electronic copy of the results to the ABA within 48 hours of the race. The Chief Commissaire will receive a copy of the results as well. For district races, the Track Operator is responsible to send an electronic

copy of the results to the ABA no later than 7 days following any given race. Tracks that fail to do so may be fined \$50 per incident.

4.5 Race Software

- 4.5.1.1 The BEM system will be used at all provincial races for registration, moto building and results. Track Operators may use the software of their choice for district races.
- 4.5.1.2 For all Alberta Cup BMX Races and Alberta Provincial BMX Championships, the BEM software package will be used to register all participants, draw all motos and lanes (Excluding quarter, semi and final mains, where riders choose their lane based on their qualifier and moto finishes), supply results and manage Alberta Cup points.
- 4.5.1.3 Given the absolute impartiality of computer-drawn lanes, random ball drop is no longer an acceptable method of assigning lanes at provincial BMX events. The organizer of such an event is responsible for providing staff and equipment necessary to allow the use of BEM. It is strongly recommended that BEM or some other software package be used for district racing.

4.6 Race Cancellation

- 4.6.1.1 A race may only be cancelled to due to rain or some circumstance rendering the track unusable or particularly unsafe.
- 4.6.1.2 District Race Cancellation: A track canceling a district race must hold a make-up race; other tracks in the district need to be informed about the make-up date 2 weeks in advance.
- 4.6.1.3 Provincial Race Cancellation: Any provincial race may only be cancelled due to weather as the result of a decision made by the Chief Commissaire and race organizer on the day of the race. A make-up race might be offered if the ABA and organizer determine that it is practical to do so. If a make-up race is scheduled a rider can register for the make-up race if they were not registered in the cancelled race. If a rider has been upgraded

between the cancelled race and the make-up race the rider must race in their upgraded category.

4.6.1.4 In the event that the Grands are cancelled due to weather, the race will not be re-held. It will still count as a qualifier, there are no refunds and the best 3 provincial races count for the year end total. If the Provincial Championship is cancelled due to weather, it will then be moved to the following Saturday at the same track.

4.6.1.5 The CCA policy on race fee refunds will be followed in this instance (50% of the race fees are refunded. This may be in the form of a credit for another race). If the event is cancelled after the scheduled racing officially begins, there will be no refunds

4.6.1.6 Other: The Alberta Bicycle Association BMX Committee May decide to cancel a provincial race up to and including the day before that race, if in the committee's opinion, the track or organization is determined unsuitable for some reason

4.7 Team Competition

A team competition will be offered at every provincial race. Teams participating must submit their team forms before registration closes. The team competition will be decided according to UCI team regulations.

4.8 Prize Policy

The following prize policy applies to all Alberta Cup BMX races and to Alberta Provincial BMX Championships where noted.

For Provincial races, at minimum, some symbolic award must be made to the top 3 riders in each class. Junior and Elite classes will be paid according to the following table.

Elite payout is purse plus 100%
Junior payout is purse plus 100%

Elite cruiser is 100% payout (NO money ADDED)
Junior cruiser is 100% payout (NO money ADDED)
Masters are 100% payout (NO money ADDED)

All money classes get paid out at the pre-registration rate.

Purse Breakdown:

- 50% Elite classes
- 25% Junior classes

The purse is then split between male and female by rider % to a minimum of 20%

Example:

Alberta BMX adds \$500 to purse and host track adds \$500

Total purse = \$1000

50% - Elite classes = \$500

25% - Junior classes = \$250

Then the money is divided into males and females by % of riders to a minimum of 20%.

Example:

10 Total Elite riders

7 Elite males = 70% of \$500 = \$350 added

3 Elite females = 30% of \$500 = \$150 added

5. Payout of combined classes

In the event that a championship class is combined, all the riders will receive the payout of the combined class. They receive payout as they position in the combined class.

Example:

2 Junior men and 4 Elite men combine to a 6 rider Elite men's class. Therefore ALL the junior payout will go to the Junior female class.

In the event that there is no class for Junior or Elite cruiser the payout percentage for that class(es) will be added to the Elite class.

Example:

There is no Elite cruiser class so there will be 65% Elite classes – 35% Junior classes purse distribution.

- 5.1.1** The organizer shall publish a prize list in advance of the event and post it both on their website and in the registration area of the event.
- 5.1.2** The organizer pays all pro or semi-pro classes as defined by the CCA BMX Rule Book
- 5.1.3** The organizer of provincial BMX championships provides number plates for 1st through 8th place in each class. Such plates will comply with the color codes required by the UCI / CCA rules and regulations.
The organizer of provincial championships must schedule a public plate presentation ceremony to be held immediately following the competition.
- 5.1.4** The organizer of an Alberta Cup BMX or provincial championship race have staff or volunteers in place to allow participants to pick up their awards within 15 minutes of the final results being available for each class (basically, once the event is under way, volunteers need to be available at the awards desk, and someone needs to bring these volunteers all final results from the BEM operator, as they're known).

5.2 Commissaires

- 5.2.1** The ABA requires that all Commissaires obtain a license valid for the current year before working at any race or practice.
- 5.2.2** All Commissaires working at a provincial race will be appropriately dressed in the provincial uniform. Where possible the Commissaires at a district race must wear the approved provincial uniform.
- 5.2.3** A minimum of 3 licensed Commissaires must be present at all BMX races. For district races, these Commissaires may come from any track, including the host track. The ABA will not assign Commissaires to district races; it is

the responsibility of the host track to recruit licensed Commissaires for each district or club race.

- 5.2.4 In order to work as a Commissaire, a person must first attend a Provincial BMX Commissaire course. Following that course, such officials will be designated as Provincial 'C' Commissaires. At the end of each season, the Assistant BMX Commissaire and ABA Staff will review the performance of each Commissaire and upgrade them as is deemed appropriate. Upgraded Commissaires may achieve Provincial 'B' status, gained from working at provincial races or Provincial 'A' status, gained from having worked any 4 out of 6 college positions at provincial races. Provincial 'A' status Commissaires or National BMX Commissaires will generally be assigned as Chief Commissaire to provincial races, though Provincial 'B' Commissaires may be so assigned where necessary or appropriate.
- 5.2.5 ABA staff or the Assistant BMX Commissaire will assign Commissaires to provincial races.
- 5.2.6 The BMX committee will review the conduct of Commissaires as needed (usually based on the receipt of one or more written complaints and on the observations of the Technical Delegate at the race). If the committee finds that a Commissaire has acted inappropriately, the committee will have the right to not assign that Commissaire for a period of time that it will determine.

5.3 Alberta Bicycle Association Technical Delegate

- 5.3.1 For all Alberta Cup BMX Races and Alberta Provincial BMX Championships, the Alberta Bicycle Association will provide a Technical Delegate to perform the following duties:
 - 5.3.2 Check the licenses of all participants and serve as the final authority on the class in which a participant may register or even whether they may register at all. This may be delegated to one or more Commissaires working at the event with the Technical Delegate as the final authority on any licensing or registration issues that may arise.
 - 5.3.3 Either warn or issue a \$10 Fine to all ABA members who are unable to produce their license at race registration, but whose membership can be verified with the ABA membership database.

- 5.3.4 Assist the Commissaires as needed during competition, or serve as a Commissaire if necessary.
- 5.3.5 Write a short report evaluating the event and performance of the officials for later review by the BMX committee, if such a review is needed.
- 5.3.6 In the case of Provincial BMX Championships, assist the organizer in awarding the provincial championship plates.
- 5.3.7 Receive any written complaints from participants concerning the technical aspects or requirements of the event, conduct of Commissaires or for review by the BMX committee.
- 5.3.8 Contact the organizer in the weeks leading up to the race to ensure that the organizer is aware of and prepared to follow all current Alberta Bicycle Association BMX race policies.

6. Minimum Track Standards

- 6.1 It is recommended that all BMX tracks hosting provincial races comply, or strive to comply as closely as possible with the UCI track dimensions and regulations, particularly those with respect to safety requirements, such as fencing. Also, the gate and start light system must be UCI compliant.
- 6.2 The track should have adequate parking, washroom facilities and spectator seating for a race with up to 500 participants (for tracks hosting provincial races).
- 6.3 All tracks hosting a provincial race must have the track inspected for suitability prior to the race. One or more members of the ABA BMX Committee and / or ABA staff will inspect the track and facilities 4 to 6 weeks prior to the provincial race. Provincial race organizers are bound to make any changes recommended by the inspectors. Aside from normal maintenance, any changes that alter the nature of the track between the inspection date and the event must be re-inspected and approved. The purpose of this is to produce a consistent provincial race experience that minimizes the risk involved in participating.
- 6.4 The ABA reserves the right to cancel a provincial race should the recommendations of the inspectors not be followed or should an unapproved change to the track be made between the inspection and event.

7. Provincial BMX Classes

These classes apply only at Alberta District and Alberta Cup Provincial races.

National Series races, Provincial & National Championships and UCI races use either the CCA classes or the UCI age-group classes.

7.1 Amateur 20" Male Classes

(Novice, Intermediate & Expert)

- 5 Male (includes riders under 5 for provincial and club competition only)
- 6 Male
- 7 Male
- 8 Male
- 9 Male
- 10 Male
- 11 Male
- 12 Male
- 13 Male
- 14 Male
- 15 Male
- 16 Male
- 17 - 24 Male
- 25 - 29 Male
- 30+ Male

7.2 Amateur 20" Female Classes*

(Novice & Expert)

- 5 Female (includes riders under 5 for provincial and club competition only)
- 6 Female
- 7 Female
- 8 Female
- 9 Female
- 10 Female
- 11 Female
- 12 Female
- 13 Female

- 14 Female
- 15 Female
- 16 Female
- 17+ Female

7.3 20" Pro Classes

- Junior Female
- Junior Male
- Elite Female
- Elite Male
- Master (30+)

7.4 Male Cruiser Classes

- 9 and Under Male
- 10-12 Male
- 13-14 Male
- 15-16 Male
- 17-29 Male
- 30-34 Male
- 35-39 Male
- 40-44 Male
- 45-49 Male
- 50+ Male

7.5 Female Cruiser Classes

- 9 and Under Female
- 10-12 Female
- 13-14 Female
- 15-16 Female
- 17-29 Female
- 30-34 Female
- 35-39 Female
- 40-44 Female
- 45+ Female

7.6 Pro Cruiser Classes

- Junior Male

- Junior Female
- Elite Male
- Elite Female

8. Moto Building and Class Combinations

- 8.1 At provincial and district races, classes will be combined according to the following system. The system used at national and international races may be different.
- 8.2 At least 3 riders in any class are needed to form a moto. If fewer than 3 riders are present in any given class, then those riders must be combined with a different class as defined below.
- 8.3 For 20" classes, moto building always begins with the youngest female Novice Class then builds by order of increasing ability first and then age; starting each age category with the novice category. For male riders the process is the same however the intermediate category is added to the process. For Cruiser classes, moto building always begins with the youngest class present.
- **Combining Novice Female Classes.** Attempt each of the moves in the order described below until a class with at least 3 riders is formed.
 - **Move 1:** Place the rider(s) in the Novice Female Class 1 year older
 - **Move 2:** Place the rider(s) in the Expert Female Class of the same age
 - **Move 3:** Place the rider(s) in the Expert Female Class 1 year older
 - **Move 4:** Begin the process again with the rider(s) as an Expert Female Class of the same age.
 - **Move 5:** Once all of the other Novice and Expert Female Classes are built, check and see if the rider(s) in question have been placed in a class of 3 or more. If they haven't, then put those riders age 13 and younger in the Novice Male class 1 year younger and those 14 and older in the Novice Male Class 2 years younger.

8.4 Combining Expert Female Classes.

Attempt each of the moves in the order described below until a class with at least 3 riders is formed.

- **Move 1:** Place the rider(s) in the Expert Female Class 1 year older
- **Move 2:** Place the rider(s) in the Novice Female Class 1 year older
- **Move 3:** Place the rider(s) in the Novice Female Class 2 years older
- **Move 4:** Begin the process again with the rider(s) as Novice Female Class of the same age.
- **Move 5:** Once all of the other Expert Female Classes are built, check and see if the rider(s) in question have been placed in a class of 3 or more. If they haven't, then put those riders age 13 and younger in the Intermediate Male class 1 year younger and those 14 and older in the Intermediate Male class 2 years younger.

8.5 Combining Junior Female. If there are fewer than 3 Junior Female Riders, they are combined into the Elite Female class. The riders are responsible for paying any difference in registration and the prize payout then becomes 100%.

8.6 Combining Elite Female. If there are fewer than 3 Elite Female Riders (including any Junior Female Riders moved to the Elite Female Class), any such rider(s) are first combined with the Junior Male Class. If this combined class still has less than 3 riders, then all riders (Male & Female) are moved to the Elite Male Class.

- 8.6.1** If there are not sufficient females in a pro class after combining Junior-Elite females with Elite females, they cannot be combined with Junior-Elite males when a pro section is present.

8.7 Combining Novice Male Classes.

Attempt each of the moves in the order described below until a class with at least 3 riders is formed.

- **Move 1:** Place the rider(s) in the Novice Male class 1 year older
- **Move 2:** Place the rider(s) in the Intermediate Male class of the same age
- **Move 3:** Place the rider(s) in the Intermediate Male class 1 year older
- **Move 4:** Begin the process again with the rider(s) in the Intermediate Male class of the same age.
- **Move 5:** Once all of the other Novice, Intermediate and Expert Male classes are built, check and see if the rider(s) in question have been placed in a class of 3 or more. If they haven't, use "Track Operator's Discretion" (T.O.D.) to make the most reasonable class you can.

8.8 Combining Intermediate Male Classes. Attempt each of the moves in the order described below until a class with at least 3 riders is formed.

- **Move 1:** Place the rider(s) in the Intermediate Male class 1 year older
- **Move 2:** Place the rider(s) in the Expert Male class of the same age
- **Move 3:** Place the rider(s) in the Expert Male class 1 year older
- **Move 4:** Begin the process again with the rider(s) in the Expert Male class of the same age.
- **Move 5:** Once all of the other Intermediate and Expert Male classes are built, check and see if the rider(s) in question have been placed in a class of 3 or more. If they haven't, use "Track Operator's Discretion" (T.O.D.) to make the most reasonable class you can.

8.9 Combining Expert Male Classes. Attempt each of the moves in the order described below until a class with at least 3 riders is formed.

- **Move 1:** Place the rider(s) in the Expert Male class 1 year older
- **Move 2:** Place the rider(s) in the Intermediate Male class 1 year older
- **Move 3:** Place the rider(s) in the Intermediate Male class 2 years older
- **Move 4:** Begin the process again with the rider(s) in the Intermediate Male class 1 year older.

- **Move 5:** Once all of the other Expert Male classes are built, check and see if the rider(s) in question have been placed in a class of 3 or more. If they haven't, use "Track Operator's Discretion" (T.O.D.) to make the most reasonable class you can.
- 8.10 Combining Junior Male.** If there are fewer than 3 Junior Male riders, they are combined with the Elite Male class. Prize payout then becomes 100%.
- 8.11 Combining Elite Male.**
Elite Male will always be the last 20" class created. If after all Male and Female moves there are not at least 3 riders in Elite Male, the Junior Male class will be combined with the Elite Male class.
- 8.12 Combining Cruiser Classes (U29).**
If there are fewer than 3 riders in any such Cruiser class, then the following moves are used in the order listed to create a class.
- **Move 1:** Place the rider(s) in the class in question in the next oldest Cruiser class. Should the class in question be the oldest age group of those 29 and younger, the riders move to the next youngest age group, if a younger class has not yet been combined with it.
 - **Move 2:** Place the rider(s) in the class in question youngest possible Cruiser class that will form a moto of at least 3 riders. If more than 1 age grouping is spanned by this move, the riders in the older class must agree to allow the younger riders to join them.
 - **Move 3:** If a class with at least 3 riders can't be formed, then use "Track Operator's Discretion" (T.O.D.) to make the most reasonable class you can.
- 8.13 Combining Cruiser Classes, (30+).** If there are fewer than 3 riders in any such Cruiser class, then the following moves are used in the order listed to create a class.
- **Move 1:** Place the rider(s) in question in the next oldest Cruiser class
 - **Move 2:** Place the rider(s) in question in the next youngest Cruiser class
 - **Move 3:** If a class still can't be formed, then all such rider(s) will have their race fees refunded and will not race that day.
- 8.14 Combining the Open Junior Cruiser Class.** If the Open Junior Cruiser class has fewer than 3 riders, then it will be combined with the Open Elite Cruiser class. Payout for the Junior riders will become 100%.

- 8.15 Combining the Open Elite Cruiser Class.** If the Open Elite Cruiser class has fewer than 3 riders even with any Juniors combined into it, the Track Operator may either run the class anyway or refund the rider(s) race fees and not run the Elite Cruiser race.
- 8.16 Oldest Class of the Day**
If the oldest class of the day is too small, the rider(s) will be moved down to the next youngest class within a 2 age group spread. If a class still can not be formed, use “Track Operator’s Discretion” (T.O.D.) to create the most reasonable class possible.
- 8.17 Track Operator’s Discretion (T.O.D.):** Class combinations made with Track Operator’s Discretion are subject to the following provisions:
- **Provision 1:** Intermediate and Expert Male class can never be combined with a Novice Male Class.
 - **Provision 2:** ‘Pro’ classes can never be combined with ‘Amateur’ classes.
 - **Provision 3:** Though it is to be avoided if possible, a class with 2 people is permitted if no reasonable class with 3 or more people can be created.
 - **Provision 4:** If a class can’t be created, then the Track Operator can decide to cancel the race for the class in question and refund any such riders’ race fees.

9. Alberta BMX Cup Points System

- 9.1** The Alberta BMX Cup provincial points system works as follows. The points system will be referred to as the “Alberta BMX Cup”.
- 9.2 Number of Races:** In order to qualify for the Alberta Cup Final (Grands) a rider must participate in at least 3 Alberta Cup Races. To determine the overall series standings, the best 3 of 6 results will be used plus the result achieved at the Alberta Cup Final. In order to receive a series placing, attendance at the Alberta Cup Final is mandatory
- 9.2.1 Wrong class Registration:** If a rider races in the wrong class (i.e. races Expert when they should have been intermediate) and places in the top 8, his/her points from that race will be stripped. The rider in question will still be credited for completing the race and will be able to use that race to qualify in the series.

9.3 Scale of Races: All races in the series are single point races.

9.4 Series Awards: Once the Alberta Cup Final is complete, plates will be awarded to the 8 riders with the most series points in each class. Trophies may be awarded as determined by Alberta BMX.

9.5 Upgrades: Alberta Cup Points are not used to determine ability class upgrades; this is still done by tracking the number of wins earned by each Novice and Intermediate rider. When a rider upgrades to Intermediate or Expert, their Novice or Intermediate points are transferred to their new class.

10. Points: Recognizing that maintaining the points for a large provincial race can be a complicated and time-consuming process, the ABA will make every effort to publish updated points standings on its web site within 2 weeks of each Alberta Cup Race. A final points spread will be published on the ABA website within 7 days of the Alberta Cup Final.

10.1 Points Table: Alberta Cup BMX Points will be awarded according to the following process and table:

Rank	Novice Male	Intermediate Male & Novice Female	Expert	Junior	Elite	Cruiser
1st	100	200	300	500	700	100
2nd	80	180	280	480	680	80
3rd	70	170	270	460	660	70
4th	60	160	260	450	650	60
5th	50	150	250	440	640	50
6th	40	140	240	430	630	40
7th	30	130	230	420	620	30
8th	20	120	220	410	610	20

9th or lower	10	110	210	350	550	10
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10.2 Class Combinations: In the case of combined classes (due to small numbers) the point's structure will work as follows. This is the same for both combined ability and combined age: The riders will receive points from the table corresponding to the class they are registered in. The combined rider(s) will take those points to their class as they WOULD HAVE PLACED for THEIR ability. The awards of the day are still awarded as placed for that race.

Examples:

- There is only one 8 Novice Male so he moves to the 8 Intermediate Male class for that race. He takes second place. He receives a second place award for that race and FIRST place NOVICE points towards his class SERIES ranking (which would be 8 Novice Male in this example)
- There is only one 7 Expert Female so she moves to the 8 Expert Female class for that race. She takes third place. She receives a third place award for that race and FIRST place Expert points towards her class SERIES ranking (which would be 7 Expert Female in this example)

10.3 Ties: Any tie on points once the series is over is resolved by the better overall finish at the Alberta Cup Final.

10.4 Mains and qualifiers: In categories where there are mains and qualifiers, riders then get lane choice based on their qualifier and moto finishes. Lane choice will be selected by the riders in staging.

10.5 Nine rider category. In the event of any 9 rider category, the final will then be 7 riders, not the usual 8. The 8th and 9th place riders will both receive 9th place points.

10.6 FinishLynx Camera results and protests. For races when the FinishLynx camera is in use at the finish line, a charge of \$20 cash will be issued for protests. If the rider's protest is correct, they will be refunded. If the FinishLynx camera is not in use there is not a charge to protest.

11. **Ghost Riding.** If a rider is caught deliberately ghost riding in any class, they are suspended from the Provincial series for the season. This is at the discretion of the Alberta Bicycle BMX committee.
12. **Malicious Interference.** Interference is often a complex offence, given that BMX is a contact sport. The commissaires will determine whether it was malicious or not. If an infraction or interference can be avoided, and is caused, the officials may determine it as being malicious. Malicious interference between two or more riders will be penalized. Malicious will be defined as the intent to hurt or harm another rider.
13. **Clips.** All riders, male and female, aged 9 and under are not permitted to use clips in any race within Alberta jurisdiction.
14. **Helmets.** Helmets must be of full face construction. Helmet strap must be securely fastened during the completion of the race. Open face helmets are not allowed.
15. **ABA District BMX Points System.** The Alberta District Points System works as follows. The points system will be referred to as “Alberta BMX Points”.
 - 15.1 **Districts:** All tracks affiliated with the Alberta Bicycle Association are considered to be within the same district.
 - 15.2 **Number of Races:** There is no minimum or maximum number of races; each track may hold as many races per week as its goals and resources allow. If a race is cancelled however, a make-up race should be advertised at least two weeks in advance.
 - 15.3 **Season:** The season where Alberta BMX Points are accumulated extends from January 1st, to December 31st.
 - 15.4 **Scale of Races:** All races are single point races, except for Alberta Cup races, where double points are awarded. Provincial Championships, Western National Series Races, UCI Points Races and National Championships do not award Alberta BMX Series Points.
 - 15.5 **Double Points:** Any Alberta Bicycle Association affiliated track may decide to host double points races to make up for lost races. Double points races will only be permitted in circumstances where races have been missed due to

uncontrollable circumstances (i.e. bad weather). Before hosting a double points race, the track must first obtain permission from the Alberta Bicycle Association.

15.5.1 Riders competing in double points races will not be awarded double wins.

15.5.2 Any track wishing to host a double points race must obtain permission from the ABA at least two weeks prior to the desired race date(s). After permission has been obtained, the track will be required to give all other ABA affiliated tracks at least two weeks notice of any upcoming double points races.

15.6 Series Awards: Alberta BMX Point awards will also be given to the top 10 overall racers. These awards are also for a set racing season and will be held at the following year’s first provincial race. This includes Male and Female racers in all amateur ability categories.

15.7 Upgrades: Alberta BMX Points are not used to determine ability class upgrades; this is still done by tracking the number of wins earned by each Novice and Intermediate rider.

15.8 Responsibility of Track Operators: Track Operators should return race results to the Alberta Bicycle Association by completing and e-mailing the appropriate BEM “.html” document to the ABA (josh@albertabicycle.ab.ca). As tracking Alberta BMX Points accurately is a time consuming process, results returned to the office in any other format won’t be considered, nor will the ABA actively solicit results from Track Operators. Tracks that submit results more than 7 days following the race in question may be fined \$50 per incident.

15.9 Points Table: Alberta BMX Points will be awarded according to the following process and table:

Rank	Novice	Intermediate	Expert/Cruiser
1 st	50	100	150
2 nd	40	80	130
3 rd	35	70	110
4 th	30	60	90
5 th	25	50	70
6 th	20	40	60
7 th	15	30	50

8 th	10	20	40
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15.10 Class Combinations:

In cases where one or more classes are combined due to low attendance, points are given to each rider according to the class in which they race. Example: An Intermediate boy finishing in 3rd place overall when racing with Expert boys will receive 10 Expert points for that race.

15.11 Upgrades:

When a rider upgrades from Novice to Intermediate or from Intermediate to Expert their Alberta BMX Points are transferred to their new ability class. For example, a Female rider with 300 Novice Points who upgrades to Expert will begin her Expert career with 300 Expert Points for the current season.

15.12 Provincial Races:

Participants in all Alberta Cup races will receive double the number of points corresponding to their final rank at the event. For example, an Expert Boy finishing in 2nd overall at an Alberta Cup race would receive 260 Expert Points for that race.

15.13 Ties: Any tie on points is first resolved based upon which rider competed more often. Should a tie still exist, it is resolved based upon the better overall finish at the Alberta Cup Final.

15.14 Open Class Racing: District Points will not be awarded at any Open Class race at the District or Provincial Level. Additionally, riders who achieve wins at any Open Class race will not be permitted to use those wins towards eventual upgrade in ability.

16. Upgrade Policy

16.1 Age Group Upgrades

16.1.1 Currently, the ABA respects the UCI regulations concerning Age-Group upgrades. As such, Age-Group upgrades are not permitted. As a result, upgrades to Junior (17 & 18) or Elite (19+) by those not old enough to be in those classes are not permitted.

16.2 Ability Class Upgrades

Voluntary Upgrades: A rider who is old enough to upgrade from an amateur class to a pro class (Junior or Elite) can do so by writing a letter to the BMX committee stating their intention to upgrade. However, the upgrade to 'Pro' status is permanent and applies to both 20" and Cruiser.

Mandatory Upgrades: A rider must upgrade to the next most difficult ability class whenever the following conditions occur:

16.2.1 Novice Male to Intermediate Male: 10 wins

16.2.2 Intermediate Male to Expert Male: 20 wins

16.2.3 It is no longer the case that the winner of the Alberta Cup Series of the previous year is automatically upgraded.

16.2.4 Those riders who are of the correct age can elect to upgrade from amateur status to 'pro' status in either Junior (age 17 – 18) or Elite (age 19+). In order to do so, such riders must announce their intention to do so by writing a letter to the ABA BMX Committee. Such riders can present their letter and license to the ABA Technical Delegate during registration at an Alberta BMX Cup race. Such riders are upgraded to 'pro' status in both 20" and Cruiser classes; the upgrade can not be reversed for a period of 1 year from the date of upgrade (after which, the rider can write a letter to the BMX Committee stating the reasons why they should be allowed to return to amateur status, accompanied by a \$20 fee; the BMX committee will decide the outcome of all such requests). All such riders begin their Junior or Elite career with 0 Alberta BMX Cup points.

16.2.5 Novice Female to Expert Female: 25 wins

- 16.3** Any male or female wishing to request an early upgrade due to extenuating circumstances must write a letter to the ABA BMX Committee explaining why they think an early upgrade is warranted. The ABA BMX Committee will consider all such requests and will decide to either allow or not allow each such request based upon its merits.
- 16.4** All riders who upgrade from Novice to Intermediate, Intermediate to Expert, Novice to Expert in the case of Female classes, Challenge to Championship and Junior to Elite may continue to use their awarded plate with the requirement of placing a zero (“0”) in front of the first digit on the plate. They shall use this number until such time as they achieve another valid awarded number.
- 16.5** When a rider accumulates enough wins in order to upgrade to the next skill level, it shall be that rider’s responsibility to return their current license to the ABA for replacement. If the ABA office does not receive the rider’s license within 2 weeks of this upgrade, the rider will not be permitted to register at any Alberta Cup BMX race following the expiry of the 2 week grace period until such time as that rider returns their incorrect license for re-issue. Further, following the expiry of the grace period, such a rider who attempts to register at an Alberta Cup BMX Race or provincial championship with an incorrect license will be fined \$50.
- 16.6** When downgrading from Championship Class to Challenge Class, or in any ability level downgrade at the amateur level, a rider will lose all accumulated Provincial Series points earned at the higher level.

17. Race Plates and Race Numbers

- 17.1** All riders must use a number plate that conforms to the CCA / UCI rules and regulations. The ABA may mail out race numbers to each member with their license. The race number that a rider receives will depend on their standing (in order of priority) at the World Championship, Canadian Championship, Western National Series and Provincial Championship ranking from the previous year. Each rider is required to use their provincially issued number, for the current calendar year, at all provincial, district and national races. The ABA will also recognize plates for places 1 through 8, achieved in the Alberta BMX Cup Series of the previous season. Such plates, designated ‘P1’ through ‘P8’ are only valid at Alberta Provincial and District races.

- 17.2 Riders who upgrade in ability (Novice to Intermediate, Intermediate to Expert, or for female racers, Novice to Expert) must stop using their earned number if the plate in question is a “P” or “C”, because they are both, age and ability award plates. However, “W”, “N” and “AB” plates can continue to be used because they are age group award plates.
- 17.3 If a rider moves into an age group that spans 2 years or more, they must place a “o” in front of their awarded number (Example, AB4 in 16 Expert moves to 17-24 Expert and becomes AB_o4).
- 17.4 If riders are to stop using their awarded plate because of an upgrade, from that point on, they use the last 3 digits of their UCI Code (Example, a rider with the UCI Code CAN19840515 will use number 515). This new number must be used until such time as the rider achieves a new earned number.
- 17.5 In any given class where there are two or more identical plates of equal priority, then an ‘x’ shall be placed at the end of the race number of the rider who is youngest on the day of competition. In the event that the riders are the exact same age, they shall determine who gets the ‘x’ by flipping a coin.
- 17.6 A rider who earns a plate at the Canadian National BMX Championship of the previous season will use that plate for the remainder of the competitive season of the following calendar year. Similarly, should a rider earn a plate at the World BMX Championship of the previous calendar year, they will use that plate for the remainder of the following competitive season.

18. Protests and Appeals

- 18.1 **Race Results:** Protests concerning the results of any first-round moto will be accepted for a period of 15 minutes following the results from that moto being posted. In any case, no protests will be accepted once the motos for any main or semi-main in that class have been posted. The results from any main or semi-main can only be appealed within 15 minutes of the main or semi-main being run. Once the Chief Commissaire has declared the results of any BMX event as final, no changes to those results will be made. It is the responsibility of participants or their parent / guardian to examine posted race results for accuracy.

- 18.2 Series Points:** Protests or appeals concerning either Alberta BMX Cup points or Alberta BMX Points will be accepted until 3 days prior to the Alberta BMX Cup Final. If an error has been made in the tabulation of points, it will be corrected. No changes to series points will be made for appeals concerning the results of individual races; all such appeals concerning race results will only be accepted as defined in item 9.1.
- 18.3 Final Series' Standings:** Appeals to the final series standings for both the Alberta BMX Cup and Alberta BMX Points will be accepted for a period of 15 days after the Alberta BMX Cup Final. If an error has been made in the tabulation of points, it will be corrected. No changes to series points will be made for appeals concerning the results of individual races; all such appeals concerning race results will only be accepted as defined in item 9.1. In the event that changes to the results of either series are made during this 15 day period, those affected by such changes are required to exchange any awarded plates or trophies as defined by the changes made to the series results.

19. The Alberta Provincial BMX Championship Race

- 19.1** The Alberta Provincial BMX Championship shall be a 1-day race, held annually on a date determined by the ABA BMX Committee.
- 19.2** The Alberta Provincial BMX Championship will feature only age-group racing; no ability classes for either male or female riders will be used. All riders will register in the age group corresponding to their UCI Age.
- 19.3** The 1st place 20" Elite Male and Elite Female will be awarded a Provincial Champion Jersey, which they are encouraged to wear in their 20" class at Alberta Cup BMX races until the date of the next Alberta Provincial BMX Championship. Sponsor advertising can be added to this jersey as defined by the advertising regulations concerning "National BMX Champions' Jerseys" as found in the UCI Rulebook.
- 19.4** Number plates 'AB1' through 'AB8' will be awarded to those Alberta-licensed riders placing in the top 8 in each age group for both 20" and Cruiser. Also, a medal will be awarded to the top 3 riders in each age group for both 20" and Cruiser.

20. Alberta Bicycle Association Amendments to the UCI Rules

All riders must compete in all three motos to transfer to the next round.

- 20.1** Amendment to UCI rule 6.1.057. Loose fitting short pants made of tear-resistant material are permitted if used together with knee and shin protection with a rigid surface. The lower portion area of the shin protection must come to within 3 inches (7.5cm) of the ankle when the rider is standing erect. Knee/shin protection must extend from the top of the knee to the top of the ankle when the rider is standing and fully erect. Lycra is not permitted unless for use under the pants and to cover knee-protection. The pant fabric must have a minimum of 6 cm of doubled up excess material, without stretching the fabric. This shall be measured by pinching the fabric between the index finger and thumb.
- 20.2** The ABA has zero tolerance for alcohol consumption by athletes during any ABA sanctioned event
- 20.3** Jerseys can be un-tucked. Riders can wear their jerseys un-tucked as long as it does not cause interference with other riders.