



Puget Sound Trialers

2017 Supplemental Rules

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The Puget Sound Trialers (PST) club is a member of the Pacific Northwest Trials Association (PNTA) and operates under the rules of the PNTA. These are PST supplemental club rules.

1.0 The PST Organization

1. The association shall be a non-profit organization and shall be known as the Puget Sound Trialers (PST). PST is in existence to provide a yearly championship series of events in Western Washington for trials riders who enjoy competing for the fun of it and to promote the family oriented sport of observed trials.
2. Elected officers shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers make up the Executive Board. They shall be elected at an annual meeting to be held at the end of the PST competition year, and shall take office prior to adjournment of the meeting.
3. A Sporting Steward may be selected by the Executive Committee to review the sections prior to each competition for difficulty and safety if it is requested by the course marshal or recommended to the Executive Committee. The Sporting Steward's objective is to improve the quality and safety of PST trials by maintaining high standards and consistency in setting the appropriate level of difficulty and properly marking sections for each class. The goal is for all PST events will be challenging, fun, safe, and consistently marked.
4. The Sporting Steward will inspect the sections, if possible, a day in advance of the competition. The Steward will not make the sections more difficult, his only role is to ease-up sections when necessary.
5. Inadequate sections must be corrected per the Steward's request. The Sporting Steward has the authority to delay the start of the trial until any required changes are made.
6. The Executive Board shall revise and approve the rulebook to reflect changes voted on at the business meeting within one month after the meeting. Once approved, the rulebook will become official.

2.0 Membership Dues

1. Membership dues shall be on a yearly basis and shall be of an amount as approved at the annual meeting.
2. Dues are payable at the beginning of the competition year. Payment of dues on the day of a PST trial shall entitle the member to receive any championship points earned at the trial.

3.0 Rider Classification

1. There shall be six rider classifications named NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, SENIOR INTERMEDIATE, ADVANCED, EXPERT SUPPORT, and EXPERT. The actual competitive classes in a trial may at times differ in name from the rider classification.
2. Riders may reclassify themselves whenever they feel the need due to change in ability, injury, age, or equipment.

3. An interview with the promoter or a member of the Executive Board shall help a rider determine which class to ride if unsure.
4. A Rider wanting to compete in a class other than their normal class may do so by indicating to the event organizer that they are riding for "Exhibition only". This allows the rider to test their performance in another class. An exhibition rider will not be eligible for series points but may be eligible for the awards of the day.
5. Rider classifications will be established using the following ability level guidelines:

NOVICE The novice classification is for the beginning trials rider. These are riders that understand the sport and are developing basic trials skills. Section challenges should allow for generous approach and recovery space. First time competitors should feel comfortable attempting all sections.

INTERMEDIATE The Intermediate classification is for the experienced trials rider who has shown ability *well above* the Novice level, but is not yet ready to handle extreme terrain challenges such as those typically seen in the support class at the North American Trials Council (NATC) national championship events.

SENIOR INTERMEDIATE The Senior Intermediate class is open to Intermediate riders who have greater experience and higher skill level than most Intermediate riders. Some sections may include splits where the Senior Intermediate rider has a more difficult line.

ADVANCED The advanced classification is for riders who know and can use advanced riding techniques. Advanced riders should be able to handle competition and challenges approaching that typically seen in the support class at the NATC national championships.

EXPERT SUPPORT The Expert Support class is open to Advanced riders who are 35 years of age or older on the day of the event or who have greater experience and higher skill level than most Advanced riders. Some sections may include splits where the Expert Support rider takes the Expert line.

EXPERT The Expert classification is for those riders who desire to compete in more technically challenging sections while minimizing exposure to unnecessary risk. **Challenges should not require spotters to make competitors feel comfortable attempting any section.** Expert riders should be able to handle competition challenges approaching that typically seen in the Expert Sportsman class at the NATC national championships.

4.0 Competition Classes

1. PST championship events (points awarding) shall normally consist of the six classes described in section 3.
2. Championship PST trials shall have sections with difficulty levels suitable for all classes. In special cases the event organizer may combine classes or use classes that differ from standard classes if the sections are suitable for both classes.
3. Competition classes that will have year-end rankings and awards will be determined at the year-end meeting.

4. A minimum of two entries shall be required to constitute a competition class.
5. Only PST members are eligible for championship points and year-end awards.

5.0 Event Sanctions

1. The PST Executive Board shall have responsibility for awarding PST sanctions to those individuals or clubs requesting to put on a PST trial. Receiving a sanction presents an organizer with the responsibility of providing a trial that is laid out and operated in a professional manner and in accordance with PST rules.
2. Any required event sanction fees or other special event fees will be of a type and quantity determined at the annual meeting.
3. The trial organizer (promoter) is responsible for supplying a suitable event flyer to the Webmaster and for ensuring that any mailed flyers are provided and mailed in a timely manner.
4. The trial organizer shall provide the Secretary with a complete list of the results of each trial showing the finishing position of each rider and their final score. The scores shall be complete in every class with all ties broken and any discrepancies settled. The list shall include the trials-master and all section observers and event workers. There can be a maximum of three trials-masters for each event.
5. In the event of a need to cancel or reschedule a trial, the trial organizer must notify the PST president as soon as possible so the appropriate action can be taken.
6. The PST Executive Board may disqualify any trial not run in general accordance with these rules.
7. Unofficial Results shall be available following the trophy presentation and any corrections during that time are allowed by the trials-master or protest committee.
8. Official Results are computer tabulated scores and will be posted on the club web site.

6.0 Entry Fee

1. The entry fee requirements for a PST sanctioned trial shall be as approved at the annual meeting.
2. A gate fee may be charged by the promoter if noted in the event flyer.
3. A current AMA membership card must be presented at sign up. (If it is an AMA sanctioned event)

7.0 Starting Time and Time Limits

1. For club championship events a starting time no later than 10:30 am (on Sunday) is recommended.
2. All championship events shall have a time limit for completion. The promoter shall determine the time limit and announce it at the riders meeting. The announced time limit shall not be changed during the trial. The time limit shall not be a tool for disqualifying participants, but rather for making the event run on a timely basis.
3. Only paid competitors are allowed in the sections during an event.

8.0 Safety and Protest Committees

1. The requirements for safety inspection shall be determined at the annual meeting or at any time during the year by the Executive Board. Sporting Stewards shall be appointed by the executive board as required. Sporting stewards are charged with inspecting the sections, preferably one day before the event. Stewards have absolute power over the sections, course, and time limit. If the decisions of the steward are not followed the stewards are empowered to delay the start of the event until a resolution is made.
2. A protest committee shall consist of the event trials-master plus any members of the executive board who are present at the event.
3. Equipment protests are as outlined in the AMA rules.
4. A protest must be presented in writing at the end of an event. The Trials-master and any other officers present will decide the results of the protest.

9.0 PST Championship

1. The championship shall be on a yearly basis. The total number of PST trials to be held shall be determined by the Executive Board within the limits of no less than 6 and no more than 12 trials.
2. At each PST championship trial, championship points shall be awarded to each PST eligible member rider relative only to other PST member riders. Non-member riders are disregarded. However, no points will be awarded unless there are at least two member riders in each class.
3. Points are awarded per the NATC / PNTA guidelines.
4. Each rider's championship score for the year shall be based on the points earned in all events, up to the maximum required each year. Each rider's best scores in this number of events shall be used in computing the total championship score for the year. For example a rider can count the best 8 of 10 events.
5. Tie scores for championship placing shall be broken using the following steps one at a time (per the PNTA rules);
 - Step 1 Greatest number of total wins will win.
 - Step 2 Championship points earned in events where the riders competed against each other will be added and the largest number will win.
 - Step 3. Total score on observation at those events where the riders competed against each other will be compared with the lowest total being the winner.
 - Step 4 If still tied, the total number of cleans, ones, twos. etc. from events where riders competed against each other will win.
 - Step 5 If the tied riders never competed against each other, the rider who lost the least number of points for the year gets the better position in the overall standings.