**2017 General Rules**

*\*It is the duty and responsibility of the rider to have read and understood ALL of the rules.\**

No one except the riders officially entered may ride or practice on the course during the event.

It is the duty and responsibility of the rider to determine the class in which he or she belongs.

Protest of age or rider ability must have proof from local tracks score sheets or print outs.

Officials may move riders up based on written or published proof that the rider has competed in a higher class.

Officials are not responsible for locating riders before their event.

Any verbal harassment or physical abuse of officials, staff members, other riders, or spectators will be grounds for permanent disqualification.

No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances will be allowed on the track or pit area. Riders should not use any of the above mentioned substances before or during an event as long as they remain in competition. Any rider that is impaired will not be allowed to compete.

A rider is responsible for the actions of their Pit Crew. Infractions by riders Pit Crew or associated spectators will be grounds for penalties against that rider.

No membership required.

No late practice, one practice per rider. We will not be responsible for locating riders for the event.

Not everyone makes it to the main. The number of gates on the line determines how many will ride in the main. All racers will race at least two times. If you do not transfer directly to the main from your heat race, you will go to the LCQ.

You must pass the finish line at least once in the main to receive points.

DNS the main event results in 0 points.

DNF you must complete at least 1 lap past finish line to receive last finishing position points in that race.

**Rider Eligibility:**

Sargent County Fair Supercross events are open to all qualified participants without regard to the sex of the entrant. Sargent County Fair Supercross retains the right to deny any participant entry based on prior disciplinary action.

**Guardianship for Minors:**

No rider under the legal age of majority in the state in which the meet takes place may compete without the written consent (signature on liability releases and entry forms) of his/her parents or legal guardians present at the meet. An authorized adult acting on behalf of the parents or legal guardians must provide a **notarized statement** indicating they have been given the authority by the parent or legal guardian to be responsible for the minor during the meet. The parents, legal guardians or authorized adult must remain present while the participant he/she is responsible for is at the event.

 **Drug and Alcohol Policy:**

All race personnel, officials, riders, mechanics, anyone associated with riders and photographers must not consume or be under the influence of intoxicants or drugs that could affect their normal mental or physical ability. Any such person under the influence of intoxicants or drugs will be removed from the event without refund, by event security.

 **Foul Language Policy:**

Riders and/or family and pit crew who direct foul and/or abusive language towards an official, staff member, another rider, or spectator are subject to disqualification for the entire meet at the discretion of the referee.

 **Rider Responsibility:**

Each rider is responsible for the actions of their family and pit crew. Any unnecessary trouble caused by these individuals puts that rider at risk of disqualification. All riders and other race personnel must assess for themselves the track, facilities, existing conditions and other matters relating to safety. All riders and race personnel must rely on their own judgment and assume all risks of participating in competition in any manner.

**Track Access:**

Any person on the track without a pit pass will be asked to leave the premises without refund. Any person that jumps the rail onto the arena floor will be escorted by security off the premises without refund. Any riders that are in staging or on the track without their bike are subject to disqualification.

Only one mechanic/ parent is allowed to the starting gate per rider.

 **Age Requirements:**

A rider’s age as of the date of Jan. 1st, 2016 and will determine his/her age for the Series. However, a rider may move up to the next higher class if he/she will be eligible (birthday falls within the Series)

at any time during the series, but once a rider moves to the higher age class, he/she may not move back to the lower class. Riders are encouraged to determine at the beginning of the series, which age class they will participate in for the entire series. A referee or clerk may request a rider’s proof of age.

 **Pit Riding Policy:**

NO pit riding except to and from the starting gate. Bikes are to be in 1st gear and traveling at an idle (<5 mph). Any person caught riding in the vendor area, landscaped areas or on public roads on the facility property will be asked to return to his/her pit a second violation will result in disqualification without refund. There are to be NO passengers on bikes at any time. ATV’s, four wheelers, golf carts, side by sides, or any other vehicles are not permitted at the Sargent County Fair except by event staff.

 **Pre-Registration:**

Pre-registration can be completed by completing online at [www.sargentcountyfair.org](http://www.sargentcountyfair.org) and following the links. The deadline for pre-registration is Friday a week prior to the event @ 10pm CST for the discount price.

 **Pit Passes:**

Pit passes can be purchased at the pit gate entrance. A pit pass allows access to the pits and is required for all riders and Pit Crew present. “Lost” passes will require the purchase of a new band. Any person found in the pits without a pit pass will be escorted out. Second offenses will result in accompanying rider disqualification and removal from premises without refund.

A parent must be present for minors to obtain a pit passes.

 **Bike Identification:**

All bikes must have VISIBLE numbers to be scored. Big bike numbers must be a minimum of 7” and be displayed on both side plates and front # plate. Small bikes numbers must be a minimum of 5” and be on both side plates and front # plate.

 **Competition Apparel:**

1. It is the sole responsibility of the rider to select a helmet and apparel, which will provide appropriate protection. Sargent County Fair Supercross does not endorse or certify any manufacturers or products. The rider must rely on his own judgment in the selection of any helmet and apparel for durability and safety.

2. A rider must wear a helmet at all times. Helmets must be of the full-face or full coverage type. All riders must utilize a shatterproof face shield or shatterproof goggles. The helmet must conform to one of the following recognized standards and have a label affixed certifying its approval:

Snell M 2005 or DOT FMVSS 218

3. It is recommended that all helmets used in competition be equipped with a commercially manufactured emergency helmet removal device such as the Hats Off device. It is recommended that all competitors display the following information on the base of his/her helmet: name, drug allergies, and blood type.

4. Protective pants made of durable material and fully covering the lower extremities must be worn in all competition.

5. Boots must be worn in all competitions. They must be at least eight inches high with laces, buckles or zippers, or are specially designed and constructed for leg and foot protection.

6. All competitors are to wear full finger gloves that cover up to the wrist.

Any rider that does not meet the Competition Apparel Requirements will be allowed to return to their pits without losing their gate position. The race will not be held for riders that do not return before the start of the race.

 **Classifications:**

Skill levels are as follows:

1. **Beginner:** A Beginner rider is a first year racer. Beginner riders are not to jump finish line jumps, triples, or other large catapults. Any rider signed up for a Beginner class is not eligible for any other classes. If a rider’s ability is found to be higher than that of an “Expected Beginner,” the rider will be moved up at the discretion of the event Officials. A Beginner rider must move up in class once he/she finishes first place three times or finishes in the top three in the series points. A rider may finish out the series he/she starts.

2. **Novice (C):** A Novice rider is any rider that has past race experience. Novice riders are encouraged not to jump the triples and large catapults. If a rider’s ability is found to be higher than that of an “Expected Novice,” the rider will be moved up at the discretion of the event Officials. A Novice rider must move up in class once he/she finishes first place three times or finishes in the top three in the series points. A rider may finish out the series he/she starts. (This is solely under the discretion of the head referee to whether there are safety concerns with the rider moving to the next class.)

3. **Intermediate (B):** An Intermediate rider is any rider that has competed in and surpassed the Novice class ranking. An intermediate rider may move up in class at his/her discretion.

4. **Professional (A):** Must be 16 years of age or older. Rider must have competed in and surpassed the Intermediate class ranking. If questionable a rider’s classification is determined by the event manager.

**Race Day Rules**

1. No one except riders officially entered may ride or practice on any portion of the course the day of the Event.

2. If a rider’s physical stature is such that he/she cannot reach the ground with both feet, blocks may be used but must be removed ***IMMEDIATLEY*** after the start.

3. A rider must be ready when called to the starting area. If not ready, he is allowed two minutes after the starters call to make minor repairs.

4. A rider whose machine is disabled before reaching the finish line may, under his own physical power, push or carry his machine (in the direction of the track) across the finish line to receive the checkered flag. Provided he completes at least 50 percent of the number of laps as the winner, a rider who finishes in this manner will be considered as having completed the event.

5. A rider leaving the course must re-enter at the same point or at the first point where he can safely do so without interfering with other riders and without gaining an advantage. Failure to do so will result in the rider being penalized a minimum of five finishing positions for that event.

6. A competitor who rides in a way that endangers officials, other riders or the public will be subject to immediate disqualification from the event by the referee.

7. When entering or leaving the pits, a rider must use designated entrance and exit lanes. Failure to do so may result in disqualification.

8. The race is completed when the leader takes the checkered flag. Finishing position is determined by the number of laps completed and a rider need not take the checkered flag to finish.

9. Engines must remain off until the starter indicates it is time to start them.

10. Riders cannot groom the area in front of the starting gate.

11. Any scoring issues must be brought to the event office attention within 15 minutes of result posting. All results are final after 15 minutes waiting period from final result posting.

12. If a class has more than the number of starting gates available on race day, riders will go to a Heats, LCQ, and Main event format.

13. Once staging begins it is the rider’s responsibility to be in the staging area, or rider will for-fit their gate pick.

14. If a rider jumps the starting line gate they will be penalize a min of 2 positions, depending on the severity and discretion of the head referee it could be disqualification.\*\*\*\*

**Practice Day Rules**

1. No one except riders officially entered may ride or practice on any portion of the course the day of the meet.

2. A rider leaving the course must re-enter at the same point or at the first point where he can safely do so without interfering with other riders

3. A competitor who rides in a way that endangers officials, other riders or the public will be subject to immediate disqualification from the meet by the referee.

4. When entering or leaving the pits, a rider must use designated entrance and exit lanes. Failure to do so may result in future event disqualifications.

5. Practice day format is dependent on number of riders present. If a low number of riders are present, the format will be an open ride and discretion is advised with younger riders on the track (younger riders take precedence). If a fair number of riders are present, practice will be split by skill level with a rotating practice order for a timed duration. If a large number of riders are present, the event will move to a heat race format with counted laps to ensure ride time and safety for all. Practice format is solely at the discretion of the event official.

**Flags**

1. GREEN - Start of race.

2. WHITE - One lap to go until finish.

3. YELLOW - Caution. When a yellow flag is displayed, competitors must ride cautiously until they have passed the incident that caused the flag. No jumping, doubling or tripling, finish line when Yellow, Red or Red Cross flag or flags are displayed. Failure to do so may result in the rider being docked from one finishing position all the way to disqualification from the event subject to the referee’s discretion.

4. BLACK - Disqualification of a rider. That rider must report to the referee at once.

5. LIGHT BLUE - Indicates you are about to be overtaken by faster riders. Hold your line and do not impede their progress.

6. WHITE WITH RED CROSS - Indicates that ambulances, safety vehicles, or emergency personnel are on the course. EXERCISE CAUTION. Should this flag (red cross) be displayed riders will slow down, maintain position with no passing or jumping until past the incident. Failure to do so may result in the rider being docked five finishing positions all the way to disqualification from the event subject to the referee’s discretion.

7. BLACK AND WHITE CHECKERED - End of race.

8. RED - Stopping of a race for any emergency situation. If more than 75% of laps are completed by the leader, race is considered finished. If more than 25% of laps are completed by the leader, race will be restarted with a staggered start. If less than 25% of laps are completed by the leader, race will be restarted.

**Camping Rules**

1. All campers are to have 3 day fair pass.

2. All campers must have paid and registered with Sargent County Fair prior to parking.

3. All campers are EXPECTED to leave their site clean when they leave. Failure to do so will result in future event disqualifications and/or fines not to be in excess of $500 to be determined by the Sargent County Fair Board.

4. All campers are to respect quite time hours from 10:00pm – 7:00am.

5. All camping is No-Hookups and generators are permitted **AS LONG AS** they do not create excessive smoke, noise, or smell. This will be evaluated by the Sargent County Fair Board.

6. Limited number of spots available and are sold on a first come first serve bases.