

## THE NETRA PEE WEE EVENT PROGRAM 2009

The Pee Wee Event Program provides safe opportunities for trail bike competition for riders too young to compete in Mini or Junior events. The program operates under direct supervision of the NETRA Competition Committee and their Youth Competition Coordinator. The Pee Wee series is a competitive series aimed at promoting safety, fun and education to our youngest riders.

### Article I. RIDER REQUIREMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**A. Membership and Permission.** All riders participating in a NETRA sanctioned Pee Wee Event must meet the following requirements:

- 1) Must have reached their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on the date of the event.
- 2) May NOT have reached his/her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday by Jan. 1 of the year in which he is participating. (Note: riders are allowed to finish the season in the class they started the year, regardless of age changes during the season.)
- 3) Must submit their entry on an official NETRA entry form, signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- 4) On the day of the event, each rider must be accompanied by a parent/legal guardian.

**OR**

Must submit notarized permission from his/her parent per event on an official NETRA entry form AND be accompanied by an adult willing to take responsibility for him/her AND show officials a notarized letter from the parent/guardian naming the responsible adult and giving the adult permission to act in place of the parent.

- 5) Must carry in his/her helmet liner a signed copy of the medical release form as provided by the NETRA office.
- 6) To be eligible for year end participation awards, riders must be NETRA members for all events, but it is the club's discretion whether NETRA membership is required for their event.

**B. Protective Equipment.** All riders must wear an adequate safety helmet, proper eye protection, heavy boots at least ankle high, long sleeve shirt (no short sleeves will be allowed), long pants and gloves. Knee pads, elbow pads and chest protectors are highly recommended. Event officials may check all riders' chin straps before the parade lap. If the state has other requirements, the rider must meet them.

**C. Entry Forms/Waiver of Liability.** All riders MUST submit an ENTRY form with at least the following: (1) Rider's name and address, (2) Rider's age and classification, (3) NETRA #, (4) a waiver of liability signed by a parent or legal guardian. In addition, riders and their parents/guardians must sign a Code of Conduct form. (see Article I, Section F.)

**D. Pit Racing.** Persons riding hazardously in the starting area will immediately be disqualified by the trail boss or by any member of the Competition Committee. Pit racing is defined as:

- 1) *Riding with one or both wheels off the ground.*
- 2) *Riding faster than a man can walk.*

**E. Passing riders/Riding back against the traffic.** All riders must obey reasonable rules of the road when overtaking and passing each other. It is the responsibility of the rider being passed to make way for the other rider at the first safe opportunity. It is the responsibility of the rider passing to pass safely and



Any person may accuse a rider, parent or guardian of unsportsmanlike conduct and request a penalty or disqualification. After the event, and before scores are posted, the rider and accuser shall meet with the referee of the event and review the incident. The referee will then make a decision. Penalties will be determined after the event in accordance with Section I below.

**G. Leaving the Course.** Riders must remain on the marked course. A rider leaving the course can only continue in the event by returning to the point where he left the course. A rider who has cut the course will be disqualified. A marked course shall mean the following: In sight of the marking arrows except that when traveling a double marked section, the rider must remain between the markers.

- 1) If a rider leaves the course unintentionally and is directed back on the course with no change of position, there shall be no penalty. If an unfair advantage is gained, the rider shall be allowed to continue, but will not be scored for that lap.

**H. Outside Assistance.** There are no restrictions to outside assistance during a Pee Wee event; in fact, it is highly recommended. The objective is to help riders complete the course safely and gain confidence while improving riding skills.

**I. Penalties for Rules Infractions.** The referee has the power to enforce the rules. The referee may immediately disqualify a rider only for the infractions of hazardous riding or some other safety hazard; in all other cases, once the rider has started the event, the referee should allow him/her to finish with the penalty to be determined later. After the event, the rider shall meet with the referee to review the incident. The referee will then make a decision whether or not to penalize the rider. Such post event penalty assessments are subject to the rules of protest as defined in Junior rules, Article VII, Section F. If the infraction is sufficiently serious, the rider may be suspended from Pee Wee Events for an appropriate period.

## Article II. VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

Any motorcycle entered in a NETRA sanctioned Pee Wee Event must meet the following requirements:

**A. Same Motorcycle.** The same motorcycle must be used throughout the event.

**B. Safety.** Any motorcycle judged unsafe by the referee of the event or a member of the Competition Committee will not be allowed to start the event.

**C. Sound.** All motorcycles must have a securely fitted silencer or muffler in good working condition. All Pee Wee participants will go through sound testing. The motorcycle must be capable of meeting NETRA sound level requirements: 96dbA as fully defined in Enduro Article II section D.

**D. Size Restriction.** See Article III.

**Article III. RIDER/MOTORCYCLE CLASSIFICATIONS**

**A. Rider Classes.** Classes shall be based on a rider’s age and vehicle, not ability. Age shall be based on January 1 of the year participating. All riders will be allowed to participate in only one PeeWee event per day.

Class	Age	Max Displacement	Max Wheel Size Rr/Fr
PeeWee I	7-11	65cc-85 cc 2 stroke Up to 125 cc 4-stroke, air cooled OEM production	14”Rear 17” Front
PeeWee II	7-10	65 cc liquid cooled 2-stroke 80 cc air cooled 2-stroke Up to 100 cc 4-stroke (manual tranny)	12” Rear 14” Front
PeeWee III	7-9	4-stroke up to 110 cc 2-stroke up to 65 cc Semi-auto (OEM) tranny	12” Rear 14” Front
PeeWee IV	5-9	2 or 4-stroke 50cc air or liquid cooled 28” seat height	10” Rear 12” Front
PeeWee V	5-8	2-stroke 50 cc air cooled 4-stroke 50 cc air cooled 24” seat height	10” Rear 10” Front

**B. Restrictions.** Riders must compete in the higher class as dictated by age or vehicle.

**C. Changing Classes.** Riders may switch to any class for which they qualify at any time during the year.

**D. Ineligible Riders.** The following riders are not eligible to compete in Pee Wee events:

- 1) Any rider who has started in 2 “Mini” events in either Junior Enduro or Hare Scrambles.
- 2) Any rider who started in a Junior or Mini class on the same day as the Pee Wee event.

**E. Promotions.** The Youth Coordinator at his sole discretion, after discussion with the rider’s parents, has the authority to promote PeeWee I’s based on event finishes, age qualifications, and rider capability, to the Mini Class.

**Article IV. ORGANIZATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**A. General Requirements.** Organizers of Pee Wee Events are subject to the same requirements as organizers of the Junior Enduros. All alcohol is prohibited at Youth Events: Junior Enduros, Pee Wees and Nervous Novice events. There is to be no alcohol at checks, scoring barrels, with the sweepers, etc.

**B. Trail Quality and Length.** The organizer must lay out a route that will support the total number of riders entered. Any bridges or other man-made aids used or constructed for the event must be possible to negotiate without any assistance. An event that fails to comply may jeopardize its sanction for the following year.

- 1) Trails should be laid out so that they are easily traveled by a 50cc machine and rider who has mastered the basic skills. Fire roads, fields and easy single track should be utilized where possible and difficult obstacles should be avoided.
- 2) The number of laps should be based upon the event terrain and at the organizing club's discretion.
- 3) It is recommended that Heats not exceed 60 minutes.

**C. Course Requirements.** All Pee Wee Event courses must be closed courses including no open public roads. The course may include public roads that have been closed for the event.

- 1) All intersections where a rider may veer from the designated course **must** be clearly marked with yellow ribbon, arrows are not adequate.
- 2) In the event that a corner is not ribboned off, a Course Marshall must be present for the duration of the event to direct riders.
- 3) Any obstacle (hill, creek, rocks) that may pose a hazard or difficulty for younger riders must have a Course Marshall posted for the duration of the event.

**D. Number of Heats.** It will be mandatory that event organizers run two heats of Pee Wees. The first Heat is for Pee Wee IV and V classes. The second Heat is for Pee Wee I, II, and III classes.

**E. Sanctioning.** All Pee Wee Events must have a sanction from the NETRA Competition Committee. Except for special circumstances, sanctions are awarded at the Annual Sanctions Meeting.

**F. Required Classes.** All Pee Wee Events must run all classes specified in Article III.

**G. Publicity.** The organizer must adequately publicize his event for all interested riders. If the event requires mail entry, the closing date, if any, must be clearly stated. The organizer must provide information on sign-up time, key/start time and directions to the starting area.

**H. Insurance.** All events granted a NETRA sanction must carry liability insurance through the NETRA cooperative insurance program. Each member club must remit to the NETRA office a fee per entrant for all sanctioned competition events. The amount of such fee is determined by the NETRA Board of Directors and is used to pay for the insurance program. This fee provides for basic liability insurance, extended insurance limits are available through the NETRA office upon request.

**I. Entry Limit and Fees.** The organizer may limit the entry to whatever number of riders he desires, as long as it is clearly posted prior to the event. Entry may be by mail or the organizer may permit entry at the event. Fees will be limited to a maximum of \$30 to help attract as many younger riders as possible.

**J. Administrative Personnel.** The Trail Boss/organizer must appoint the following personnel with the following duties:

- 1) **Referee** – To hear and adjudicate protests with the aid of designated representatives present.
- 2) **Starter** – To post the start time of the event and start all riders on the appropriate line.

- 3) **Scorers** – To receive entries, prepare scorecards, administer the calculation and posting of all scores.

**K. Riders’ Meeting.** At the required riders’ meeting prior to the event, the organizer must announce the name of the event referee.

**L. Preride and Sweep.**

- 1) Prior to each event, there will be a parade lap for all riders, UNLESS the trail boss and Youth Coordinator decide, due to weather issues, time issues, or unforeseen issues that may arise, to cancel the parade lap. Such parade lap will be led by a Course Marshall and followed by three (3) Course Marshalls, who, while the Pee Wees are restaging, will review any concerns regarding a rider’s ability to negotiate the course with the event’s Trail Boss. During each Pee Wee event, the sponsoring club will provide a minimum of six (6) Course Marshalls. All Course Marshalls (sweep riders) will be mature and responsible.
- 2) An adult Pace Rider or Course Marshall will lead the first lap of the event, both to insure safety and to ensure that the lead riders stay on the course.
- 3) Additional sweep riders may be required to assist younger riders on the course. All sweep riders/Course Marshalls shall have an ‘M’ clearly visible on themselves or their machine at all times.
- 4) Sweep riders will not “bunch” up; they must ride alone and in a safe manner.
- 5) Subject to approval by the Trail Boss, parents may be allowed to “sweep” or follow riders around the course.

**M. Stoppage of Events.** Unless there are medical or weather –related issues, no event may be stopped once it has begun. Event organizers must plan the event schedule appropriately to accommodate an entire event before another event begins.

**N. Toilets.** At least one toilet must be provided.

**Article V. Organizer/Rider Rules**

**A. Starting Positions.** In Heat 1, Pee Wee IV riders will start first, followed by Pee Wee V riders. In Heat 2, Pee Wee I riders will be followed by Pee Wee II and Pee Wee III riders, in order.

**B. Proof of Age.** Any organizer may demand proof of age from any rider by requiring him/her to present a birth certificate or other legal proof of age.

**C. Sign up.** The organizer must record the NETRA membership number of any NETRA member so that the rider is recorded for the year end recognition.

**D. Numbers.** Class designation will be determined by the first digit of the rider’s number. Riders’ numbers will not be permanent color backgrounds, but rather will be assigned at each event sequentially, based on rider class and sign up position. Numbers must appear on the front of the bike and on the back and side of the riders’ helmets. Goggle straps should not cover the numbers.

Class	Color	Numbers
Pee Wee I	White	100-199

Pee Wee II	Yellow	200-299
Pee Wee III	Pink	300-399
Pee Wee IV	Orange	400-499
Pee Wee V	Green	500-599

**E. Arrowing Rules.** See arrowing rules at the back of this manual.

**F. Start Rules.** Event organizers will use the traditional “Blackwater” start for all events.

- 1) For a Modified “Blackwater” start, riders will start (4) at a time on 10 second intervals.
  - a) Riders should be assigned a small sticker at sign up indicating their start row.
  - b) Starting position will be on a first come/first served basis.
  - c) Riders will be grouped by classes, starting with Pee Wee I, with a minimum of 10 seconds between rows and 30 seconds between classes.

**G. Checkpoint.** Upon the completion of each lap, the rider shall STOP so that he can be recorded.

**H. Event Format.** Events will be participation only; however, finish time and number of laps will be recorded to insure all riders have completed the event and are accounted for.

**I. Scoring.** Scoring will be simple.

- 1) When a rider stops at the barrels, the rider’s number will be recorded in sequence each lap. No lap times will be recorded unless it is a Blackwater start.
- 2) Clubs will do their own scoring, under Youth Coordinator supervision if necessary.
- 3) Backup scoring will be mandatory.
- 4) Riders must proceed through the correct barrel for their class for that lap to count.

The trail boss will give the results to the Youth Coordinator at the end of the event day.

No parents or spectators will be allowed in the scoring area.

### **Article VI. AWARDS**

**A. Recommended Awards.** Awards are mandatory for the riders who are 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place in each rider class. It is highly recommended that the organizer present participant awards, such as ribbons or tokens, to all other riders. Awards need not be large in stature; the intent is to recognize young riders’ achievements and to motivate further participation. Year end recognition shall be made to riders and parents based solely on participation.

### **Article VII. YEAR END RECOGNITION**

**A. Awards Definition.** Year End Recognition shall be made to riders based solely on participation.

**B. Events counted towards Year End Recognition.** Any sanctioned Pee Wee event will be counted. The rider must actually start the event to have that event count towards the Year End Recognition.

**C. Eligibility.** To be eligible for Year End Recognition, riders must be a NETRA member for all events. Any rider who participates in at least 50% (rounded up) of PeeWee events will be eligible for Year End Recognition.