

## NEW ENGLAND TRAIL RIDER ASSOCIATION, INC. PRIVATE RECREATIONAL TRAIL RIDING PROGRAM TURKEY RUN AND DUAL SPORT RUN RULES

**A. Definitions.** A turkey run/dual sport run is a route sheeted recreational trail ride, with a game of chance thrown in to add interest. At the sponsoring club's option, a series of checkpoints can be located along the route; participants receive chits, or have their arrival at the checkpoint recorded. At the conclusion of the ride, participants draw playing cards, according to qualifications set by the sponsoring club. The cards each rider draws are arranged into poker hands, and awards for the event are given out based on the value of the poker hands drawn.

**B. Rider Rules.** A turkey run/dual sport run is a noncompetitive event, and riders are expected to conduct themselves accordingly. Flagrantly discourteous behavior will be punished by disqualification; riders responsible may have their names reported to organizers of future events. Pit racing in any form is prohibited; riders will be ejected immediately. Any rider who receives a traffic ticket, which makes it clear that he was riding recklessly, will be disqualified. All riders must wear an approved safety helmet and appropriate protective clothing, including whatever is required under the laws of the state where the event is taking place. Organizers must make provision for riders to join NETRA when they sign up for the event. Any rider who participates in a NETRA sponsored event (either competition or recreation) without registering for the event and completing the appropriate paperwork will be expelled from NETRA membership.

**C. Licenses, Membership, and Permission.** All riders participating in a NETRA sanctioned turkey run/dual sport run must meet the following requirements:

1. Each rider must have a valid driver's license to be shown, on request, to the official of the meet (passengers in the doubles class are exempt).
2. Riders must comply with all local and state laws, ordinances, regulations and speed limits.
3. If the rider is under the age of majority in the state where the event is held, he must meet the permission requirements specified in the Junior Enduro Rules, Article I, section A, item 1.
4. Each rider must hold a valid NETRA membership. His membership card must be shown on request, to the official of the meet or he must qualify as a guest, as defined in item 4 below.

An organizer cannot require New England resident riders to be members of any other organization, e.g., ECEA, SETRA, AMA, etc.

**D. Guests.** There are two classes of guests as defined below. (Riders may join NETRA at an event.)

1. Resident guests are riders who live in the six New England states but are not NETRA members. Such riders shall be charged a \$25 one-day NETRA membership fee, over the NETRA member rate.
2. Non-resident guests are riders who live outside of New England, and are bona fide members of neighboring cross country motorcycle organizations outside of New England (such as ECEA). Such riders shall be charged the same fee as a NETRA member.

**E. Entry Forms / Waiver of Liability.** All riders must fill out an entry form with, at least, the following: (1) Rider's name and address. (2) rider's classification and NETRA membership number (if a NETRA member), and (3) a waiver of liability signed by the rider or, if under the age of majority, by his parent or legal guardian. Doubles entries must both submit entry forms.

**F. Classes.** Specific classes shall be determined by the sponsoring club.

**G. Club Requirements.** Sanctions are awarded only to bona fide motorcycle clubs. The following criteria will be applied:

1. The club must be a NETRA member club in good standing with at least 10 members, 5 of whom are NETRA members. The club should be incorporated as non-profit organization. The Trail Boss must be a current NETRA member.
2. If a club, consisting entirely of riders without previous organizing experience, wishes to organize a turkey run/dual sport run, they should co-sponsor an event with a recognized club.

**H. Sanctioning.** Sanctions are to be requested by the President of each club, or his authorized representative. A completed Sanction Application Form must be submitted to the NETRA Administrator for each event. Except in special circumstances, sanctions are awarded by the Recreation Committee at the Annual Sanction Meeting. Organizers requesting sanctions after this meeting must do so at least 90 days prior to the planned event. If an event is canceled, the organizer must inform the NETRA Administrator immediately.

A sanction fee is required for each event, to be paid prior to or at the Sanction Meeting. The fee varies depending on the type of event and the number of events a club plans to hold. This fee may be refunded if the event is cancelled. Contact the NETRA office for the exact amount and rules regarding sanction fees.

**I. 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 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. Clubs will be charged insurance fees to maximum of 300 riders per event.

**J. Route Sheet.** An accurate route sheet must be provided to each participant. All necessary information and adequate arrowing must be provided to enable the rider to follow the route. If the organizer has used special aids in some areas, the route sheet should note this.

**K. Checkpoints.** Checkpoints are optional and may be placed anywhere along the route. If checkpoints are used, each checkpoint must be clearly marked, so as to be obvious to the riders. Checkpoints may be manned or unmanned; riders should be informed of the checkpoint system to be used prior to the event.

**L. Scoring.** Scoring is optional. Each rider shall draw at random, according to the rules of the ride, from a deck shuffled by scorers. Scoring will be based on the relative value of poker hands, as contained in the latest edition of Hoyle's rules of Games.

**M. Awards.** Awards are left up to the discretion of the sponsoring club.

**N. Vehicle Rules.** Every motorcycle must be properly registered and legally equipped for use on public roads in the state where the event is being held. If the vehicle is being used to carry a passenger in the doubles class, it must be adequately and legally equipped to do so. The organizer has full authority to disqualify anyone whose machine is not equipped and registered. Each machine must be equipped with a spark arrestor and must meet NETRA sound level standards. The organizer may disqualify any rider, at any time, whose motorcycle does not meet sound level standards.

**O. Junior Events.** If the organizer elects to include unlicensed riders in the event, the route must not include any public roads.

**P. Gas Availability.** The organizer is responsible for informing riders what arrangements for gasoline have been made, preferably through his advertising prior to the event. Written directions to the gas stop(s) should be available for support crews.

**Q. Sweepers.** The organizer must use sweep riders, who cover the entire route and ensure that all riders return safely.