



# MICHIGAN SNOCROSS RULES

Our mission at Michigan Snocross is to provide a fun and safe racing experience for those of all ages and skill levels. Entrants, riders, and participants are required to know and understand the rules and regulations outlined here by Northern Power Race Park, LLC and Michigan Snocross and are (by reason of their entry) bound by such. In the case that a rule determination is not defined in these rules, the decision of the Michigan Snocross Race Director will be final.

Each participant has the responsibility to assess the safety aspects of the track facilities and conditions and must assume all risks associated with the competition. Northern Power Race Park, LLC and Michigan Snocross do not provide medical insurance coverage. We strongly encourage you not to compete without adequate personal medical insurance coverage. If you have any doubts, at any time, about your personal ability to participate in any event, if you have not sufficiently prepared yourself and your equipment, or if you believe your personal insurance coverage is not adequate to compensate you for any loss that may occur, you should not participate.

If you need more information on the rules please contact Rene at [rene@northernpowerracepark.com](mailto:rene@northernpowerracepark.com).

Any addendum to these rules/information that occurs during the period these rules are in effect will be posted on the website.

## General Rules

1. **HAVE FUN AND BE RESPECTFUL** - We are all here to have fun and do what we love - race snowmobiles!! It is each person's responsibility to respect every entrant, rider, and participant and conduct themselves in a sportsman-like manner. Northern Power Race Park, LLC reserves the right to remove anyone from the premises who violates the rules and/or code of conduct.
2. Everyone entering the Northern Power Race Park property must sign the Northern Power Race Park Accident Waiver and Release of Liability form and obtain a wristband. Wristbands must be worn throughout the entirety of the event. Riders or their crews caught without a wristband, switching wristbands, or using old wristbands could subject their rider to disciplinary actions, fines and possible disqualification.
3. Age classifications are determined as of December 1, 2023. Whatever age you are on December 1, 2023 is the age group you can compete in through the final race of the



- season. Racers may advance to the next age group upon turning the appropriate age (Season Championship points do not carry over to the next class).
4. Any race machine that fits the respective class may be entered by two or more riders. Standard race registration applies for each individual entry.
  5. No one is allowed to cross the track or be on the in-field without prior permission from Race Park Management or Race Director. All persons must remain 20 feet away from the active race track.
  6. No one except for riders who are properly registered may ride or practice on the track on race day.
  7. The rider is responsible for the actions of his/her parents, family members, crew, mechanic, friends, or anyone associated with him/her, and may be penalized or disqualified for the actions of those persons. Verbal harassment of officials will not be tolerated. Physical abuse of officials will be reported to Law Enforcement and will be grounds for permanent expulsion of the rider from any Northern Power Race Park, LLC events.
  8. No Soliciting or distributing of literature or products will be allowed at Michigan Snocross events without prior approval from Northern Power Race Park management.
  9. Proof of age: If necessary a Certified copy of a birth certificate or Driver's License will be accepted as proof of age. Proof of age must be provided within 5 days of the request to Northern Power Race Park. Failure to comply will result in disqualification.
  10. No race entry refunds after practice begins for any reason. Gate admission is non-refundable.
  11. All trophies, payouts, etc. not picked up on the day of the event or designated pickup time will be forfeited if not claimed by the winner or the representative.
  12. **Riders Meeting:** ALL RIDERS MUST BE PRESENT. The time and place of the riders meeting will be announced on the schedule. Instructions and important information will be given at this time. No one is allowed to question or contact the Race Scorers after racing begins unless allowed by Michigan Snocross officials. All questions and matters must be resolved at the riders meeting or after the races are completed.
  13. Each rider is responsible for being at the start line for his/her class race. It is not the responsibility of Michigan Snocross officials to locate riders for their class race.
  14. **Leaving and reentering the course:** If a rider leaves the course during the race, for any reason, and then decides to resume the race, he/she must re-enter at the point of exit before another lap may be counted in his/her favor. If it is unsafe or impossible to re-enter at his/her point of exit, he/she must re-enter at the safest place possible place closest to his/her exit as possible without improving his/her position. Chronic course-cutting penalty will be assessed by race officials on a case-by-case basis.
    - a. Riders may not stop on the race course. If mechanical problems force this, the rider is responsible for getting the machine off the course.
  15. **Race Finish:** If a mechanical breakdown happens near the finish line, the driver ONLY may push/pull the machine with the rider's own unaided muscular energy across the



finish line. A rider is said to have finished the race when the rider is in contact and in control of the machine as it crosses the finish line.

16. There will be no re-starts unless it is the opinion of the Race Officials or Medical Attendants that it may endanger the participants involved or if there is a malfunction at the start line or some interference as determined by the Race Official.
17. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any unsafe and/or intentional hitting or bumping, taking out, or unsafe riding or course cutting that is deemed dangerous or unsafe by the Track Officials will be grounds for disqualification or penalty as deemed appropriate. Blocking by lapped traffic could lead to disqualification. Unsportsmanlike conduct will NOT be tolerated.
18. Michigan Snocross officials will not be responsible for any occurrence that results in back-to-back races for riders who enter multiple classes. The rider or his/her representative must notify officials of that occurrence and be available at the start area for consultation.
19. All machines are subject to Michigan Snocross impound evaluations or teardown if decided by the Michigan Snocross Race Director that a particular race machine of interest needs further evaluation. Failure to submit a machine for official inspection will result in the disqualification of that machine for the day and no points, prizes or refunds will be awarded.
20. **Penalties and protests:** All protests, whether of rider age classification, engine displacement, machine, or rule violation, must clearly state, in writing, which part of the rule violation is being protested. The rider submitting the protest must sign all protests.
  - a. The protest period is 15 minutes following the conclusion of each respective class final. The signed protest must be submitted to the Race Director within the time period. Submissions outside this period will not be accepted.
  - b. The party declaring a protest against another rider/machine is required to post a protest fee with the Michigan Snocross Race Director of \$200 for engine teardown and \$100 for a non-teardown protest.
  - c. Michigan Snocross will not be responsible for re-assembling protested machines.
  - d. If the machine is found to be of legal configuration for the class, the protested rider will be awarded the entire protest fee. If the machine is found to be of illegal configuration for the class, the protesting party will be refunded the entire protest fee and the protested rider will forfeit the trophy or award for the event, all points for the day and the protested machine will be moved to the proper class for the remainder of the season. A protested machine will not be torn down or evaluated in any matter that would be detrimental to its function in between races; that is, a race official may impound machines that are protested until the completion of that machines racing activity. Failure to submit a machine for impound will result in disqualification. All teardowns will be performed by the machine owner or their representative and witnessed by technicians designated by Michigan Snocross.
  - e. Only riders (parents of) in the same class may declare a protest.



21. **Number Plates:** All numbers must be easy to read - it is the responsibility of the drivers to have clear, legible numbers. If the numbers cannot be read while the sled is moving, you risk not being scored.
- Standard block-style lettering. No overlapping numbers or numbers that are outlined only. Numbers/letters must all be one size and placed straight across the number plate. Make your numbers large and bold.
  - Pick any number - you are allowed 1 number. Make sure all your machines have the same number on them to match the rider. In the event of a duplicate number, we will add an "X" to one for scoring purposes.
  - All numbers must be black on a white background. If you race ISOC snocross and have another color background, you can use that same background color and Michigan Snocross.
  - If you are sharing machines with another rider, you must change out numbers to match the rider on the machine.
  - If you have a combination of letters and numbers on your machine, you must have all numbers and letters displayed as equal size.
22. No two-way radios between riders and pit crew.
23. Sandbagging is NOT ALLOWED. The Race Director has the authority to move riders to the next class level if they deem it necessary.



## Flags

All riders must obey the flags to ensure everyone's safety. If a rider "chooses" not to obey a flag, a penalty of one placement position or more may be assessed.

1. **Greenlight: GO!**
2. **Yellow flag:** Caution! Slow down, no passing and no jumping between the yellow flag and the downed rider. Slow down and respect the downed rider and the track crew attempting to assist them. Only resume racing once you have safely passed the down rider.
3. **Red flag:** The race will stop immediately, regardless of your track position. A red flag will be displayed if a rider down needs medical attention or the track does not allow the race to continue. Slow down and stop with caution. Riders will be told when to move to the starting area. If a red flag is shown during the last lap of the race, the race will resume with two laps being run - a white and a checkered.
  - a. Absolutely no work of any kind is to be performed on the sled. Anyone working on the sled will be placed at the end of the field or disqualified at the Race Directors' discretion. Crew members are not allowed on the track and must stay away from the sled. Once called to restart, riders have 2 minutes to be at their sleds. If the sled cannot be started by the rider, one crew member will be able to help at the discretion of the starter.
  - b. A downed rider will be responsible for letting the track officials know that he/she is injured. If he/she is not injured, he/she must raise their arm immediately letting track officials know that they are ok. It is at the discretion of the race director to pull the red flag. At this time medical will be sent to the incident and the rider will not rejoin the race. The rider will not race again until cleared by medical. If a red flag is thrown that does not involve an injury and sled(s) are able to continue, those sleds will restart at the rear of the field.
  - c. If only one lap or less has been completed the restart will be the same as the start of the race. If more than one lap was completed the restart will be staggered in order of the previous lap completed. Restart with the same time/laps remaining unless on the final lap. +1 lap if on final lap.
4. **Furled black flag:** A furled black flag (flag wrapped around the stick) signifies a warning for either equipment failure or rider conduct. A furled black flag is a warning to stop whatever activity has caught the eye of the officials. You should proceed to the start line to speak to the started for your penalty. Should you not cease the offending activity, you WILL be promptly be displayed an open black flag.
  - a. If you are shown a furled black flag on the first lap, you likely jumped the start and need to drop to the back of the field before resuming the race. If you are shown a furled flag during racing, you likely gained position illegally and you must drop back and let at least three (3) sleds by you and then resume racing.



5. **Open black flag:** The display of this flag is an immediate disqualification. Pull off the track immediately and safely. Riders are not allowed to stop and talk to flagmen at the finish line. For questions, go to the start flagman. A penalty will be assessed after the race.
  - a. Please be advised that all such calls will be made solely at the discretion of the race director. Should you disagree, you may fill out a “challenge form” and Michigan Snocross will review the form. It is Michigan Snocross’ sole discretion whether to reverse the call or leave as is. There will be no discussion with the Race Director during racing as this will distract them from the racing in progress. Your argument, when presented in an appropriate manner, will be duly considered and, should your protest have merit, the decision of the officials could be reviewed.
  - b. Note: if the clutch side panel comes open exposing the the clutch, it will prompt a black flag as it is a potential safety hazard. This may also occur if the hood opens or if it comes off completely as it would block the riders vision and be considered hazardous. The rider may pull off the track, close the panel, fix the hood, etc. and rejoin the race. No outside assistance can be used. If no attempt is made to fix the problem, a rider will be black-flagged and given last place.
  - c. Disqualification under a black flag: Regardless of the situation, all attempts will be made to notify a rider in competition of a black flag. Should it not be possible, for whatever reason, the rider will be informed as soon as possible after the race.
6. **Blue flag:** Blue flags will be displayed to riders who are being lapped, please move out of the way of the leaders.
7. **White Flag:** One lap remaining.
8. **Checkered flag:** The race is over. Follow through “race speeds” past the landing of the finish line jump. Ride slowly when exiting the track.
  - a. The race is not over until the checkered flag has been displayed. Each rider must cross the checkered flag to earn full finishing points for their respective position.



## Rider and Machine

### Machine

1. All machines must be suitable for competition. Any machine deemed unsafe for competition by Michigan Snocross officials will not be allowed to race.
2. Brakes must be in good working order, properly adjusted, and capable of locking up the track.
3. Throttles must be spring return and in proper working order.
4. No part shall protrude from the machine in such a way as to present a safety hazard to riders.
5. All machines must have a working tether/kill switch. Track officials will be checking riders to prove that they have a proper working tether/kill switch before practice.
6. All riders must have the ability to control the machine using all features/functions of the machine.
7. Track and Traction technical rules can be found in the [ISR Rulebook](#).
8. Ignition and Electrical technical rules can be found in the [ISR Rulebook](#).
  - a. All lenses must be taped over with transparent tape.
  - b. Tail light must be operational at all times. Headlights not operational at the start of the event will be allowed to compete but must be repaired before the next heat/final is entered. Lighting required for the class must be operational at the start of the race. Light failure during a race is not grounds for disqualification.
  - c. Wet cells must be enclosed in a non-conductive box. The positive terminal must be shielded. The battery box must be securely held in place.
  - d. All headlights must be OEM. No substitutes.
  - e. Flashlights shall NOT be used as headlights. Refer to line 4 above.
9. Ski Suspension and Steering technical rules can be found in the [ISR rulebook](#).
  - a. Maximum ski distance is 43.5" measured under the spindle.
  - b. The carbide runner must be centered on the ski board.
  - c. Bar risers may be used.
10. Ski technical rules can be found in the [ISR Rulebook](#).
  - a. Aftermarket skis are allowed. Skis must be commercially available.
  - b. Minimum ski width is 3.5". Main keel and ski runner must be centered on the ski board. Main keel maximum depth is 1.5" without runners. Other keel(s) maximum depth is 5/8". No sharp edges are allowed on skis.
  - c. You may reinforce the ski on the top side only.
  - d. Skis and ski loops must be intact at the start of the race. In the interest of safety, a rider may be black-flagged if a ski loop is damaged in such a way as to cause a hazard. Ski loop leading edges not 1" in width may be padded.
  - e. Ski skins are allowed.
11. Ski Runner technical rules can be found in the [ISR Rulebook](#).





- a. Runners must be commercially available.
  - b. Only one cutting edge is allowed. The minimum cutting angle is 60 degrees. No grinding or modification of the host bar or cutting edge is allowed.
  - c. Host bar may be any shape that conforms to the rules. Except for the cutting edge and groove for affixing cutting material, the edges must have a minimum radius of 45 degrees.
12. Frame and body technical rules can be found in the [ISR Rulebook](#).
- a. Dulled foot traction devices are allowed on the running boards.
  - b. Running board blocks are allowed.
  - c. The rear snow flap must be in contact with the course surface when the rider is seated.
  - d. The rear snow flap must be held down and restrained for rearward movement.
  - e. Snow flaps must be retained with non-elastic material.
  - f. The rear snow flap must be constructed of a semi-rigid material.
  - g. Snow flaps must overlap the widest part of the rear tunnel opening by at least 1” on each side.
13. All classes/sleds must conform to [ISR Rules](#).

### **Rider Protection Equipment**

1. Full-coverage helmets are mandatory. Helmets must be securely fastened on the track, violation of the helmet strap will result in disqualification for that race.
  - a. While it is no longer a requirement, It is highly recommended that riders utilize an orange or high-vis color on their helmet. All helmets must be intact and no modification may be made to their construction that alters the helmet from the condition it was tested and approved. The helmet is made to provide protection and not a platform for foreign objects - no cameras or other accessories are not permitted to be attached to the rider's helmet. See the ISR Rulebook for more information.
2. Eye protection is mandatory. Goggles or full-length face shields. If you require corrective lenses to drive a motor vehicle, you will be required to wear them while racing.
3. At least one hundred forty-four (144) square inches of visible area on both the riders front and back (upper body) must be international or blaze orange in color at all events. Jackets/pullovers/jerseys will be teched laying flat on the ground front and back.
4. Gloves and appropriate clothing, including at least above-ankle leather boots, are mandatory. Note: Above ankle boots must have a minimum of 6 inches of leather above the ankle.
5. Upper body equipment is mandatory. Michigan Snocross strongly recommends using snocross-designed protection such as TekVest. If necessary, motocross vests that provide both front and back protection will be allowed.





6. Shin and knee guards are mandatory and are to be worn on both legs. The shin guard must extend from the instep to above the kneecap and be constructed of impenetrable material.
7. Elbow pads, mouth guards, kidney belts, chin guards and neck collars are highly recommended.
  - a. **Mouth guards are mandatory for Kitty Cat and 120 Competitors** and must remain in place for the duration of the race.
8. Racers with long hair must tuck hair inside of the helmet.
9. Hoodies are not allowed outside of the jacket it is considered hazardous.
10. Pit coats are not allowed during racing.

### **Technical Infractions**

- Driver or team found in non-compliance with the rules concerning fuel, sled construction, specific dimensions, materials used, or components used not conforming to the rules for each specific class, the following will be the procedure:

Tech Director or Race Director determines the infraction and make the appropriate decision considering the gravity of the offense. The Director(s) may:

1. Verbally warn driver or team.
2. Disqualify driver from event for the class specified.
3. Disqualify driver from all events entered in a days competition.
4. Suspend driver or team for the season.

### **Staging Area**

- Maintain a reasonable speed (zero track spin) in the pit and staging area. %mph maximum. Failure to comply will result in a disqualification for that heat. The order of events will be posted on the board in the staging area. The rider and one (1) crew member are the only persons allowed in staging. It is the riders responsibility to be aware of what heat they are racing in and be in the staging area when their respective heat is called. Anyone who misses their heat and runs in the subsequent heat will be given their finish position, but no year-end points for that heat. A rider will not be able to run in another heat if they miss their designated heats. It is the riders responsibility to be there on time and ready to race. All riders and pit crew will be required to have tethers securely attached to their bodies while driving through the pit and staging area as well as eye protection.

### **Warm-Up Stands**

- Snowmobile stands that catch and retain traction components and other items that may be thrown by the track are mandatory. A proper stand must be used whenever the machine is raised to clean out the engine or track and must always be used in the



pit/staging area. No full throttle is allowed while the machine is on the warm-up stand. Whenever the sled is running on the warm-up stand a tether must be attached to someone for safety.

#### **Race and Start Line**

1. The rider and one (1) crew member are the only persons allowed at the start line.
2. Once the machine reaches the start line on its own power, the machine is considered to have started the race.
3. A rider may raise his/her hand if there is an equipment problem on the start line. The starting flagman will wait a maximum of two minutes for the rider to correct the problem.
4. Riders may be penalized at the start of the race for jumping the start. Riders will be lined up in the back row behind another machine.

#### **Pit Vehicles**

- No unauthorized motor vehicles are allowed in the pit or staging areas. Pit bikes are not allowed.