



## **WNYOA 2009 HARE SCRAMBLE RULES & GUIDELINES**

Effective January 11, 2009

The Western New York Off-Road Association (WNYOA) Hare Scramble series is composed of a group of AMA Sanctioned promoting clubs engaged in the sponsorship and promotion of Hare Scrambles. It is dedicated to the betterment of the sport of hare scramble riding and to providing the individual competitor with a quality, safe, and challenging event. In addition to all AMA/ATVA Rules, the following WNYOA Rules and Guidelines will be used to govern hare scramble riding in the WNYOA Hare Scramble Series.

### **A. Hare Scramble Highlights**

1. All participants should familiarize themselves with these rules and the AMA/ATVA Amateur Rules before competing.
2. A hare scramble is an event conducted on a closed course, using trails and paths over natural terrain. The course will be a minimum of 7.5 miles for bikes, 6.0 miles for quads and at least one mile for Pee Wee & Youth Quad classes, *except* where weather and terrain conditions require course changes and length reduction. An official WNYOA odometer will be used by a WNYOA designated rider during the event. There will be an appeal process for promoters not meeting the minimum requirement.
3. The event will be run for a designated amount of time as determined by the specific promoter; however, no combination of motorcycles, quads, and mini cycles or youth quads may run at the same time on the same course.
4. Minimum race times are 45 minutes for pee wee, youth quads and mini, 2 hours for bike and 1½ hours for quads. For 2009, the peewee course will require the leader to a minimum of a 5-minute lap time, youth quads run for 45 minutes and the maximum mini course will be based on 'time' rather than length but all mini course lengths will be within 12-15 minutes per lap.
5. All riders participating in a WNYOA hare scramble will be required to be a member of the AMA/ATVA. AMA/ATVA membership is available at all WNYOA events or on line at [www.AMADirectlink.com](http://www.AMADirectlink.com).
6. The promoter undertakes the responsibility to put on a safe event that complies with the AMA/ATVA and WNYOA hare scramble rules. The promoting club referee will handle all final scoring protests and disqualifications. The promoting club referee will make the final decisions on all event disputes and protests.
7. The promoter will patrol the trail with course marshals but is not responsible for removing disabled motorcycles/quads. However, the promoter will provide a sweep crew after each event to aid disabled motorcycles/quads or injured riders. Removal of disabled vehicle should not delay the race schedule.
8. Safety is an important consideration in a hare scramble. Common sense is the governing factor. There are a few guidelines that riders must be aware of:
  - a) When approaching a slower rider, make your presence known so that the rider may pull over. Do not expect the slower rider to automatically know you are there and want to pass. When appropriate, the promoter should allow 25 feet on both sides of the trail for passing and obstacles.
  - b) If you see an injured rider, help if you can and report the location at the scoring barrels or

- c) When broken down or stalled, get off the trail. Do not attempt to fix or start your motorcycle/quad in a location that will impede traffic flow or cause a collision.
  - d) Never ride backward against the trail.
  - e) If you miss a turn, do not turn back without looking as other riders may miss the same turn and collide with you if you turn abruptly.
  - f) Pit riding/racing will absolutely not be tolerated. Riders and their families, in addition to all spectators, are in the same area. Any rider allowing another person to violate these rules will also be disqualified. Riders will only be allowed to ride in 1<sup>st</sup> gear when traveling to and from their pit area and must be wearing a helmet at all times. In addition, there will be no passengers allowed on any motorcycle or quad. Each promoter may provide a specified area for warm up or jetting.
  - g) Any infractions of these rules will be subject to:
    - i. First offense, Disqualification for the day.
    - ii. Second offense, he/she will be suspended from the WNYOA series for 1 year.
9. Any rider swapping of a bike and/or quad or riders will be disqualified for (2) WNYOA events. A second offence will be means for disqualification for the remainder of the year.

**B. Rules/Guidelines for AMA Release & Waiver Forms – updated June 23, 2009:**

**Effective May 2009**, AMA has recommended that we implement the following for all AMA Off-Road Adult Release and Waiver Of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (also known as the “Print and Sign” form), the Off-Road Minor Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (page 1, front side) and Minor’s Assumption of Risk Acknowledgement (page 2, backside) and the AMA Annual Release Verification card. In addition, only gate fee collection is required for entrance of said event.

1. **ANY ADULT or MINOR RACER** that has the **AMA Annual Release Verification card**. *Note: The AMA Annual Release card meets all AMA Release, Waiver and Assumption of Risk requirements for any type of AMA-sanctioned event.* This card is issued by AMA upon receipt and validation of the participants completed and notarized Annual Release. The AMA Annual Release is valid for one calendar year, January 1 to December 31. When the racer presents the Annual Release Verification card and any type of current AMA/ATVA membership card, they DO NOT need to fill out or complete any additional AMA waivers; including the Off-Road Adult Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (also known as the “Print and Sign” form), the Off-Road Minor Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (page 1, front side) and/or Minor’s Assumption of Risk Acknowledgement (page 2, back side). AMA promoting clubs are authorized and encouraged to allow those AMA members who show proof of a valid AMA Annual Release card to bypass completion of any additional AMA waivers on-site. The AMA Competition Card no longer serves as proof that an AMA Annual Release and Waiver is on file with AMA.
2. **ANY MINOR RACER UNDER THE AGE OF 18** participating in the event MUST submit the Off-Road Minor Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement (page 1, front side) **AND** Minor’s Assumption of Risk Acknowledgement (page 2, back side) with signature(s) by parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s). If parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) **are not** present with the minor, 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 event.
3. **ALL ADULT RACERS - ANYONE AGE 18 OR OLDER** participating in the event, MUST sign the Off-Road Adult Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (also known as the “Print and Sign” form) at rider registration/sign-up. **ANYONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18** is considered a MINOR and does **NOT** sign this form.
4. **Any minor participant without a parent or legal guardian** with them will need to have a Notarized form at **every** WNYOA hare scramble event. An authorized adult (authorized adult is any person over 18 years of age who is given the responsibility in writing and notarized, for a minor on a given day) must print and sign where designated on the Minor Release. The parent, legal guardian or authorized adult **MUST** remain present at all times during participation of the AMA/ATVA member in any

WNYOA/AMA sanctioned meet. All releases and notarized statements are then forwarded to the AMA.

### **C. General Rules and Guidelines**

1. The WNYOA Referee shall have the power to suspend, for an indefinite period of time, any rider for flagrant violation of these rules and any actions considered detrimental to the sport of motorcycling.
2. Un-sportsmanlike conduct will not be condoned at any WNYOA event. This includes, but is not limited to any of the following: cheating, use of physical force against anyone, foul/abusive language or gestures used in anyone's presence.
3. Falsifying one's name, age or ability level, or attempting to compete under any false pretenses is subject to disciplinary action by the promoting club referee, WNYOA referee and/or AMA. The penalty for riding in a lower classification than entitled (i.e. "B" class rider competing in the "C" class) will be:
  - 1 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – Warning in form of an official letter from WNYOA.
  - 2 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense - \$50.00 fine payable to WNYOA accompanied by a minimum of 30-day suspension from all WNYOA activities.
  - 3 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Report violation to AMA with a WNYOA recommendation of a \$100.00 fine and up to 6 months suspension from all AMA activities.
  - 4 4<sup>th</sup> Offense – Report violation to AMA with a WNYOA recommendation of a \$100.00 fine and at least 1 year suspension from all AMA activities.
4. No rider shall at any time ride in such a manner as to endanger the safety of other riders, scoring personal or spectators. When in violation of this rule, the rider will be subject to immediate disqualification by the promoting club referee, the WNYOA referee or the event promoter.
5. No rider may compete in a WNYOA event while under the influence of any intoxicant or drug which would affect his/her normal physical or mental ability.
6. All promoting clubs will discourage minor alcohol and substance abuse.
7. Riders must wear appropriate protective apparel when competing in WNYOA hare scrambles. Failure to comply is means of disqualification from that event. Promoters will enforce:
  - a) All helmets must be full coverage or full-face models and DOT approved.
  - b) Shatterproof goggles or face shields must be worn at the beginning of the event including practice.
  - c) Boots especially designed and constructed to provide ankle and foot protection should be worn (no sneakers, loafers, etc.)
  - d) Protective pants made of durable material and long sleeve shirts must be worn (no shorts, tank tops, etc.)
8. 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/she left the course. Failure to do so will result in the rider being penalized a minimum of one finishing position for that event. Unless otherwise instructed at the riders' meeting/starting line, riders must not ride beyond 25 feet from the course marking arrows or go to the outside of the trail marker in the case of a corner at any time. If (2) arrows are positioned on each side of the route, riders must remain between the arrows. Violation is subject to loss of a lap or disqualification.
9. Riders encountering a traffic jam or bottleneck may go more than the 25 feet off the course to get around the bottleneck only. However, the rider must re-enter the course as soon as possible and upon approaching this section on the next lap, must ride the original arrowed section of the track if it is clear. If the original marking devices are knocked down, the rider must stay on the original marked course. A "bottleneck" is a section of the track that becomes impassable for any reason with the exception of checkpoints.
10. The main course should be black arrow on orange background. Black arrow on white background will only be used where arrows are required to deviate from the main course. A listing displaying what colored arrows are used for what classes will be displayed at rider registration.
11. Due to times when the course takes on another aspect, promoters will use snow fencing with a promoter person located at this change for any major changes. Big, strong banners or different color arrows can also be used. If problems still exist, riders will be disqualified. A promoting club

- person working the event can report this possible DQ to the promoting club referee with the promoting club referee making the final decision.
12. The quad course may be separate from the bike course in whole or part but will be at least 52" wide. The mini class should use an easier or abbreviated course with no significantly difficult obstacles. The peewee & youth quad course will be separate from the mini course.
  13. A 10:00 PM quiet time curfew will be enforced at all WNYOA events for loud music, partying, howling, and loud noises. All generators will be turned off by 10:00pm on Saturday night and will not be turned on before 7:00am on Sunday morning. Starting in 2009, all portable generators are to be located at the living area entrance side. It is the promoting club responsibility to check the pit areas and to enforce the 10:00pm curfew. The promoting club referee, WNYOA referee, promoter or any of the WNYOA officers has the right to disqualify all persons involved in the violation of this ruling. In addition, the WNYOA referee has the right to suspend persons from participation in future WNYOA events. Each promoter will post a sign at the event registration area naming a contact person for all/any emergencies that arise.
  14. The promoting club referee is the principal offer of a meet, acting as general supervisor. The promoting club referee must be introduced at the riders meeting/start line and be available throughout the protest period. The promoting club referee's name will be posted at the registration area. The promoting club referee may not compete in the event. The promoting club referee duties are, but not limited to:
    - a) To determine if any changes in the course are necessary.
    - b) To direct the starter to black- flag a rider for any safety reasons or WNYOA/AMA Competition Rules.
    - c) To receive and decide all protests subject to appeal by the WNYOA referee.
    - d) To decide on rider disqualification and disqualify any rider who violates any WNYOA/AMA rules.
  15. Only the promoting club referee, WNYOA referee and/or promoter are allowed at the WNYOA Real Time Scoring trailer at any given time (during and/or after any event).
  16. Only approved gas containers will be allowed. Violators will receive a warning for not complying.
  17. Receiving any form of prohibited outside assistance, including, but not limited to, receiving radio transmission while in competition are subject to disciplinary actions. A radio may be carried only for use as help.
  18. All dogs are to be kept on a leash at all times. Failure to comply will be a warning.
  19. For 2009, WNYOA will use a "99" decimal rating. If a rider fails, either a series or day rider, they *will not* be allowed to ride that day and will be reimbursed their event fee. Any rider that appears to be in excess of 99db prior to the start of the race will be sound checked with an AMA certified sound meter to determine their sound level. WNYOA and the promoting clubs will be enforcing the sound test levels and educate riders that noise levels are expected to go down to 94dc in 2010.
  20. All areas around or near the event entrance or event registration area will be cleared of any vehicles at all times so other vehicles/ambulance, etc. can make it in or out of the pits, safely.
  21. If any WNYOA event needs to be cancelled, (due to weather, etc.) the promoter will notify the WNYOA president on Friday prior to the scheduled event so that the cancellation can be posted on to the WNYOA web site.

#### **D. Protests**

1. A competing rider may protest any matter relating to the hare scramble event by submitting a Rider Protest Form to the promoting club referee. Each protest must specify the violation of the WNYOA/AMA Rule or procedure(s) which is alleged and must be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee of \$25.00.\_
2. The promoting club referee will only accept protests that are properly made within the 30 minutes following the posting of complete event results. No protests will be accepted after this period. The promoting club referee will not accept any protest that is not properly submitted and accompanied by the required fee.
3. Final determination of the timeliness of a protest will rest with the promoting club referee and such decision will be final.
4. The promoting club referee shall render all decisions on protests as soon as possible. If the promoting club referee is not present, then the WNYOA referee will handle the protest. The

promoting club referee shall have the power to disqualify riders as a result of the protest. If the promoting club referee decides a protest in favor of the protesting party, the promoting club referee will refund the protest fee. If the promoting club referee decides against the protesting party, the promoting club referee will forward the written protest to the WNYOA referee. If the protesting party is not satisfied with the promoting club referee's decision, the rider may appeal to WNYOA. Such appeal must be in writing and filed with the WNYOA referee within 10 days of the promoting club referee's decision. Only the person filing a written protest with the promoting club referee may appeal through WNYOA.

#### **E. Classification of Riders**

1. WNYOA rider classifications are follows:
  - a) AA – the highest (you must earn AA status)
  - b) A – the classification preceding AA
  - c) B – the classification preceding A
  - d) C – the classification preceding B
2. Non-mini riders are classified by experience level as “C”, “B”, “A” and “AA” riders.
3. Advancement of “C to B” and “B to A” status will be made each year at year-end.
4. All AMA Enduro riders will be considered as equivalent or higher capability hare scramble riders.
5. The following applies to all WNYOA Hare Scramble riders:
  - a) Movement among the Hare scramble classes will go before the Hare Scramble Promotions Committee consisting of the WNYOA President, Vice President, Referee, hare scramble Points Keeper, (1) Bike Rider Rep and (1) Quad Rider Rep. This group will be chaired by the WNYOA referee and will decide on all class changes, including “AA” changes.
  - b) Annual overall results will be used as rider performance data in all decisions, but is not solely indicative of movement.
  - c) The WNYOA “AA” class will be a premier class of “A” riders that have demonstrated consistent exceptional riding ability and viewed as a role model for aspiring WNYOA riders. The “AA” hare scramble class will be limited each year to approximately 5% of the active WNYOA series for bikes and quads.
6. Eligibility to remain “AA” Hare Scramble or Advancement into the “AA” Hare Scramble class will be as follows:
  - a) Advancement is normally earned only from the “A” hare scramble class of the prior year and the rider had to clearly demonstrate consistent top 5% of the riders in an event overall performance during the prior year.
  - b) The rider has to be a WNYOA series rider and also actively participated in the minimum number of events required for a WNYOA year-end Hare Scramble award in the prior year.
  - c) Exceptions will be made for those riders that actively race in a different AMA recognized series and have earned “AA” status through their participation and performance in a class comparable to WNYOA “AA” hare scramble class.
  - d) Any rider over 30 years of age who qualifies for the “AA” hare scramble class, but also for a hare scramble age class (Vet A, Senior A, etc.) may run in that alternate hare scramble class. They will not be required to participate in the “AA” hare scramble class unless their performance qualifies them for the AA class and they chose to do so.
  - e) Day rider ‘AA’ status does not contribute towards “AA” hare scramble class eligibility with regard to the minimum number of events participated in the prior year.
  - f) The “AA” hare scramble class will be analyzed at the end of each year by the Hare Scramble Promotions Committee. Riders determined to be not well suited for this premier “AA” hare scramble class, not meeting the minimum WNYOA event participation expectations and/or a possible safety hazard during the event will be moved to a more appropriate WNYOA “A” class in the following year. WNYOA cannot enforce a movement from AA to A if a rider participated in an AA class at an AMA sanctioned event in the prior year.
7. The “AA”, Vet “A” (quad and bike), Senior A (quad & bike), Super Senior, Masters, Women (quad and bike), and Utility riders are at the top of their respective skill level. The winners of an

- “A” age class will not be moved by WNYOA to the “AA” class.
8. All rider’s who voluntary initiated movement during the season to a higher class will result in forfeiture of the points earned from the lower class and the rider will not be able to move back to the lower class.
  9. Year-end advancement will be approximately 20% of all “A”, “B” and “C” riders. The WNYOA hare scramble point’s keeper and WNYOA referee will ensure compliance. Notification of yearend advancement for all affected riders will be done in October of the year it was earned. If a rider feels he/she has been promoted unfairly, he/she may appeal to the WNYOA referee in writing. The WNYOA referee will review the case with the Hare Scramble Promotions Committee and make a final decision. The penalty for not advancing or riding in a lower class is loss of all series points accumulated after notification; one race suspension or a one-year suspension and loss of all series points for continued violations.
  10. Utility Quad riders can elect to move themselves to the “B” Quad class or, with proper age requirements, to the Quad “Vet” or “Senior” class. Movement to the Quad “C” class from the Utility class will be allowed based on demonstrated prior alignment with the Quad “C” class rider capability. If a Utility rider chooses movement to the Quad “C” class then their specific event results will be monitored by the hare scramble points keeper and the WNYOA referee to ensure proper alignment.
  11. Pee Wee, Mini A, Mini B, Teen Quad, Women, and Masters classes are not classified as to experience level in WNYOA. Points earned in these classes are not used for rider advancement.
  12. The effective date of year-end rider advancement will be effective at the 1<sup>st</sup> WNYOA event.

**F. Hare Scramble Series Points**

1. Rider points awarded at each event will be:

<u>Points Awarded</u>	<u>Placement Finish</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>	<u>Placement Finish</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>	<u>Placement Finish</u>
finish	1 <sup>st</sup>	20	8 <sup>th</sup>	8	All riders who
leader	1	18	9 <sup>th</sup>	7	< 50% of lap
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	16	10 <sup>th</sup>	6	Started Event
	0				
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	14	11 <sup>th</sup>	5	
	P	12	12 <sup>th</sup>	4	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	10	13 <sup>th</sup>	3	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	9	14 <sup>th</sup>	2	
	6 <sup>th</sup>				
	7 <sup>th</sup>				

2. Recording of accumulated points and rider advancement is the responsibility of the WNYOA Hare Scramble point’s keeper and WNYOA referee. The point keeper’s records are official for purposes of rider advancement.

**G. Year-End Award Requirements**

1. Rider requirement:
  - a) Valid AMA/ATVA membership.
  - b) Current WNYOA Membership card.
  - c) Riders will be scored for year-end awards based on their best (10) events based on (15) events. Up to (5) throw-a ways may be exercised. Minimum of (8) events are required for a year-end award. To receive points greater than “0” for an event, a rider must be recognized as finishing the event which is defined as completing 50% of the laps completed by the class leader. Exception to this rule is the Pee Wee and Mini “C” classes where the rider must have completed one lap to be recognized as finishing the event and to receive points greater than “0” for that event. All riders *except* Pee Wee, Youth Quad and Mini C riders that complete one lap and this represents less than 50% of the laps completed by the class leader, will be awarded “0” points. Events that are awarded “0”

points are counted towards the (8) minimum events required for a year-end award. Multiple “work” events are awarded “0” points are counted towards the (8) minimum events required for a year-end award.

- d) If there is a tie, it will be broken by the greater number of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, etc. positions. If you work an event and there is a tie at year-end, the rider who worked will break the tie and be given credit for the higher placement.
- e) Starting in 2009 - Double class riders will receive ‘25’ points in both classes for working one event.
- f) Starting in 2009 – An earned “P” for participating in the event will count towards a year-end award.
- g) No WNYOA series points will be accumulated until a person joins WNYOA and their dated membership application is on file with the WNYOA Secretary.

### **H. Inspection Chute**

Every rider will go through an inspection “chute” prior to the start. Inspection will include: monitor/ensure that their transponder is working; checking quads for working tether switches, full-face helmets, goggles, a cursory check of sound level, a proper barcode/helmet sticker consistency with rider numbers and class assignment. New for 2009, all bike and quad machines will need to display large rider number and all quads will need a rear number plate.

### **I. Requirements, Number & Wave Sequence**

The Pee Wee, Mini, Youth Quad and Teen Quad classes are designed to be age groupings with some equipment limitations for each group. The Pee Wee, Mini, Schoolboy, Youth Quad and Teen Quad classes age on January 1<sup>st</sup> will determine his/her age for the entire year. However, a rider may move to the next higher age class if he/she will be eligible to do so at any time during the year. Once a rider moves to the higher age class, he/she may not move back to the lower age class. Points earned in a lower age class will not be transferred to the higher age class. The WNYOA referee may ask for proof of age upon request. Quad riders must be 16 years of age or older to race, with the *exception* of participants in the Youth Quad and Teen Quad classes. Series riders will start in front of any day riders in their respective waves if the promoter considers their wave is too large or could be dangerous in the 1<sup>st</sup> turn for that particular start.

#### **PEEWEE CLASSES – Start Time: 8:45AM – 45 minutes; Parade Lap at 8:15AM**

(All PeeWee classes will start with a “Live Engine”)		<b><u># Sequence</u></b>	<b><u>Wave</u></b>
SR Pee Wee 8	50cc automatic Max wheelbase – 41” Max rear wheel – 12”	1-49	1
SR Pee Wee 7	50cc automatic Max wheelbase – 41” Max rear wheel – 12”	50-99	2
SR 4- Stroke Stock Pee Wee 7-8	50cc, Multi-speed Max rear wheel – 12”	400-449	3
SR Pee Wee 6	50cc automatic Max wheelbase – 41” Max rear wheel – 12”	100-149	4
JR Pee Wee 5	50cc automatic Max wheelbase – 36” Max rear wheel – 10”	350-399	5
JR Pee Wee 4	50cc Automatic Max wheelbase – 36” Max rear wheel – 10”	450-499	6
JR 4-Stroke Stock Pee Wee 4-6	50cc, Multi-speed Max rear wheel – 10”	500-549	7

<b><u>MINI CLASSES – Start Time: 8:45AM – 45 minutes</u></b>			<b><u># Sequence</u></b>	<b><u>Wave</u></b>
SR Mini A (14-15)	80-112cc		1-49	1
	Max wheelbase – 52”			
	Max rear wheel – 16”			
JR Mini A (12-13)	80-112cc		50-99	2
	Max wheelbase – 52”			
	Max rear wheel – 16”			
4-Stroke Mini A (12-15)	75-150cc w/modifications		300-349	3
	Max wheelbase – 52”			
	Max rear wheel – 16”			
	(all 150cc water cooled)			
Mini B (7-11)	80-85cc		100-149	4
	Max wheelbase – 50”			
	Max rear wheel – 16”			
Mini C (7-11)	<=65cc or 80cc non-motocross		150-199	5
	Max wheelbase – 50”			
	Max rear wheel – 16”			
	4-Stroke Stock Mini B (9-15)	75-150cc		
350-399				6
	Max wheelbase – 52”			
	Max rear wheel – 16”			
	(XR80, TTR90, DRZ125, TTR125)			

**YOUTH QUAD CLASSES – Start Time: 9:45AM – 45 minutes**

(Youth Quad classes will start with a “Live Engine with Right Hand on Helmet”. All Machines must have working front and rear brakes)

	<b><u># Sequence</u></b>	<b><u>Wave</u></b>
90cc Open (8-12)	71-90cc 2-stroke 71cc-125cc 4-stroke Cobra 80cc Any quad that does not fit the limitations of the 90cc limited class Modifications/changes are allowed Modified stock engines No aftermarket frames	800-849 1
90cc Limited A (8-12) (Stock)	71-90cc 2-stroke 71cc-125cc 4-stroke Maximum width 42 inches Single A arm front suspension only No modifications to factory engine, frame (except for gusseting) or suspension	850-869 2
90cc Limited B (8-12) (Stock)	Cannot widen quad from factory specs 71-90cc 2-stroke 71cc-125cc 4-stroke Maximum width 42 inches Single A arm front suspension only No modifications to factory engine, frame (except for gusseting) or suspension	870-919 3
70cc Open (6-11)	Cannot widen quad from factory specs 50-70cc modified Modifications/changes are allowed Modified stock engines No aftermarket frames Any 50-70cc quad that does not fit the limitations of the 50cc limited class	920-949 4
50cc Limited (6-11)	50cc Stock only Maximum width of 42 inches Single A arm front suspension only	950-999 5

suspension

No modifications to factory engine, frame (except for gusseting), or

Cannot widen quad from factory specs

<b><u>BIKE CLASSES – Start Time: 11:00AM – 2 hours</u></b>		<b><u># Sequence</u></b>	<b><u>Wave #</u></b>
AA		1-29	1
201-Open A	201-Open	30-99	2
125-200 A	125-200cc	30-99	3
Vet A (30+)		350-399	4
Senior A (40+)		400-449	5
Super Senior A (50+)		450-464	6
201-Open B	201-Open	100-149	7
125-200 B	125-200cc	150-199	8
Vet B (30+)		500-549	9
Senior B (40+)		850-899	10
Super Senior B/C (50+)		465-484	11
Masters (60+)		485-499	12
Women	100cc+; >=19" front wheel	900-924	12
Women Vet (30+)	100cc+; >=19" front wheel	900-924	12
201-250 C+ (23+)	201-250cc	600-674	13
201-250 C (14-22)	201-250cc	600-674	14
251 Open C	251+	800-849	15
125-200 C+ (18+)	125-200cc	700-799	16
125-200 C (12-17)	125-200cc, Min. 21" front wheel	700-799	17
Vet C (30+)		550-599	18
Senior C (40+)		950-999	19
Schoolboy (12-17)	80-112cc 2-stroke; 75-150cc 4-stroke; 19" Front wheel	675-699	20

<b><u>QUAD CLASSES – Start Time: 2:00PM – 1 1/2 hours</u></b>		<b><u># Sequence</u></b>	<b><u>Wave #</u></b>
AA		1-50	1
A		100-184	2
Vet A (30+)		51-99	3
Senior A (40+)		350-384	4
Junior B (22+)		400-449	5
College B (16-21)		450-499	6
Vet B (30+)		300-349	7
Women		185-199	8
Junior C (22+)		500-599	9
College C (17-21)		600-699	10
First Year C (16)		600-699	11
Senior B (40+)		750-799	12
Vet C (30+)		800-849	12
Teen (13-15)	91cc-200cc 2-stroke; 91cc-300cc 4-stroke production	700-749	13
Utility	0-840cc w/standard racks	385-399	14

1. Under penalty of disqualification, no rider shall compete in any WNYOA Hare Scramble event on more than one motorcycle or quad.
2. When a rider ceases to be a contestant in any WNYOA hare scramble, the motorcycle/quad on which the rider was competing is considered disqualified and may not be used in competition during that event by any other person.
3. Smaller classes can be combined, i.e., Masters with Women. A one-second start time difference will be noted on the proper Wave sequence start time.
4. Additional Youth Quad Classes requirements:

- a) All riders must wear proper protective gear.
- b) All Quads' must meet WNYOA's maximum sound requirement of 99 decibels or less.
- c) All Quads' must have working tether switches.
- d) Engine size must fall within class limits.

Only the following can be changed / added for the 50cc and 90cc Limited A&B classes:

- a) Fuel filter
- b) Handlebars (no open ends)
- c) Handlebar mounts
- d) Crossbar pad
- e) Decals
- f) Serrated foot pegs
- g) Nerf bars (if applicable)
- h) Chain / sprockets
- i) Mud screens
- j) Frame gussets
- k) Spark plug / cap
- l) Bumpers (round tubing only / no sharp edges)

The following cannot be changed:

- a) A-arms
- b) Wider rear axle
- c) Frame (gussets allowed)
- d) Swing arm length
- e) Shocks
- f) Exhaust
- g) Gas tank
- h) Wheel spacers
- i) Oil injection systems (2 strokes only) No premixed fuel
- j) Air box must have lid
- k) Carburetor

**J. Rider Registration Times - NO late registrations will be accepted after noted registration end times.**

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Saturday for ALL Participants
7:00 AM – 8:20 AM	Sunday for Mini and Pee Wee
7:00 AM – 9:20 AM	Sunday for Quad Youth
7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Sunday for Bike
7:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Sunday for Quad
1:00 PM	Registration Closes

**K. Numbering System**

1. The same bar-code numbering system will be used for only the Pee Wee and Youth Quad classes. Pee Wee and Youth Quad riders will have their bar code numbers applied at rider registration to the left side of their helmet. All Pee Wee & Youth Quad riders need to bring their helmet with them when registering for the event to verify the barcode scanning.
2. All Mini, Bike and Quad classes will be issued a helmet number label for use with the Real Time Scoring system. These labels will be free of charge and be given at rider's registration when requested. You do not need to bring your helmet to registration. You will be responsible for applying your helmet label on the "lower left chin side" of your helmet.
3. A day number will be used in WNYOA. Day riders will be issued numbers 200-299 for Mini, Bike & Quad classes and numbers 600-699 for the PeeWee and Youth Quad youth classes.
4. All riders must use large numbers on their machines that represents their WNYOA Hare Scrambles

rider number or assigned day rider number. Other numbers cannot be visible. Numbers will be expected on the front and both sides for bikes and front and on a rear number plate for quads.

5. The reserved numbers 1-3 will be earned numbers for the top "AA" Bike, "AA" Quad, SR Mini A and SR PeeWee 7 classes. Only the rider that has taken first, second or third in those respective classes for year-end will be allowed to use that number for the following year.
6. WNYOA does not use specific color numbers and/or plates for classes. Color choice is up to the rider as long as assigned series numbers are visible.

#### **L. Real Time Scoring**

During 2006, Western New York off Road Association (WNYOA) embraced a new technology that is quickly becoming the standard for scoring all off-road motorcycle events across the US. Just like anything new, it's important that you take the time to become familiar with some of the details of this system. The Pee Wee and Youth Quad riders will continue to use the current barcode/scanning system that we have been using. All other riders will use the Real Time Scoring System.

**About the Transponder** - Our transponders are manufactured by Texas Instruments – the world leader in transponder technology. The transponders are EXTREMELY durable, made from a polycarbonate material, requiring virtually zero maintenance, requiring no batteries, and having an indefinite life. They can be covered with mud or completely hidden with layers of duct tape and still have full reliability at the scoring area. When issued at rider registration, they will be programmed with your rider number, and as you change classes/rider number through the years, you need only reprogram it with your new rider number. The transponder is detected when the rider passes the "gate" at the scoring area. You will be disqualified if you run into the gate. The system isn't cheap, so we expect riders to do their part in helping us keep a quality, reliable system.

**The Real Time Scoring Area** – A remote display will be available at the scoring area, displaying the rider number, the rider's class, current event standing, and how far behind the nearest rider in his/her respective class. You'll know you've been scored when you see your information on the display and then you can leave the scoring area. If you do not see your information on the display, you must stop so that a backup scoring person can get your rider number. Since Quad riders are more prone to a signal failure due to an electrical interference problem present only with Quads, the backup person will scan the Quad riders' helmet if there is a transponder signal failure. For Quad riders only, the display will be updated if the helmet needs to be scanned.

**How fast can I ride through the checkpoint?** If properly mounted, the system will detect riders at almost any speed. Entrance speed at the scoring area will be controlled with a series of curves - enough to eliminate any possibility of passing through faster than the system can detect you. However, it is the riders' responsibility to ensure he/she has been scored by checking the display **before** leaving the scoring area.

**Inspection chute** - A starting line inspection chute will be used with a stoplight to confirm the readability of the transponder prior to the start of each race. If the transponder does not work properly, the rider will need to reposition or replace the transponder if it is damaged prior to starting the race.

**Does the transponder differentiate between me and another rider?** The system is easily able to differentiate between riders at the checkpoint – regardless how close they are together. Riders will go through the checkpoint single file, so there's no problem with proximity between riders.

**What happens if I forget my transponder at home?** We will always have additional transponders available at rider registration – allowing you to rent one for the day. There will be a \$25 charge at rider registration for WNYOA series & day riders – but you will get \$10 back if you return it by the end of the day's event.

**IMPORTANT \*\*\*\*\* Where should I mount my transponder?** Regardless where it's mounted, it **MUST** be mounted crossways, horizontal to the ground. It **WILL NOT WORK** if it's mounted on metal. Without question, the best place for bike riders is to tie-wrap it to your chest protector. While it might seem logical to mount it to the crossbar pad, that's OK, but a bit risky, since the pads are prone to rotate, bringing

the transponder in contact with the metal of the handlebar clamps. **For quad riders, the transponder must be mounted as far away from the electrical system as possible.** In all cases, be sure the transponder is VERY securely mounted. Use extra tie-wraps or duct-tape. Remember – the transponder is YOURS, so take the extra time to ensure you don't lose it.

#### **M. WNYOA Hare Scramble Membership and Fee Structure**

1. Gate fee is \$7.00 per person with no charge for children 10 and under. Twenty-five (\$25.00) for bike and quad event registration and \$10.00 for mini, peewee and youth quad. Additional five dollars (\$5.00) per rider for a day number. National, GNCC, ECEA and NETRA co-sanctioned events will be exempt from this rider fee structure. A over night parking fee will not be charged for primitive over night parking. If this creates a need to prevent any over night parking , appropriate advertising will be done prior to the event.
2. Prior to April 1, WNYOA annual membership will be \$15.00. Memberships postmarked after April 1, will cost \$25.00. If you join at any WNYOA hare scramble or WNYOA enduro event, it will cost \$50.00. A \$25.00 bounced check fee will be imposed on any bounced check from any rider. Until that fee is paid, that rider will not be allowed to participate in any WNYOA event.
3. Pee Wee and Youth Quad series riders will be assessed a \$2.00 one-time fee for a series bar code label. Pee Wee and Youth Quad day riders will be charged \$2.00 at every race. If a series rider voluntarily changes classes, damages or losses their bar code, a replacement cost of \$2.00 will be charged. When WNYOA initiates the change impacting a rider to need a new bar code label, no charge will be assessed to the rider.
4. Mini, Bike, and Quad series riders will be using Real Time Scoring (RTS) and will need to make a deposit of \$25.00 at rider registration for a transponder. The transponder should last a lifetime, but if one is misused or broken, lost or forgotten, you will be required to make another deposit for \$25.00.
5. Mini, Bike and Quad day riders will need to make a deposit of \$25.00 for a transponder. If the day rider returns his/her transponder at the end of that day, they will be reimbursed \$10.00.

#### **N. Event Guidelines & Procedure for Rider Registration**

For 2009, the following procedure will be implemented at rider registration at all WNYOA hare scramble events.

##### **STATION 1 – START HERE for Verification Process (done by the promoting club)**

If you do not have a valid AMA/ATVA membership card, proceed to Station 2.

If you do not have a current WNYOA membership card or are riding as a day rider, proceed to Station 2.

If you want to join WNYOA, proceed to Station 2.

If you are a WNYOA series member riding as a day rider in a different class (for the day only), proceed to Station 2.

If you have a valid AMA/ATVA membership card and a current WNYOA membership card, proceed to Station 3.

##### **STATION 2 – AMA/ATVA/WNYOA/DAY RIDER MEMBERSHIP (done by the promoting club)**

Issue new/renewal/lost AMA/ATVA membership and collect AMA/ATVA membership fee.

Give all participants who do not have an AMA Annual Verification card the correct AMA Annual Release form (Adult vs. Minor) for their submittal to AMA.

Issue the correct AMA (bike) or ATVA (quad) membership application.

Help participant fill out the WNYOA series membership application (except issuing a WNYOA series number).

Complete the WNYOA day rider slip (except for issuing a day number). Proceed to Station 3.

##### **STATION 3 – WNYOA**

Assign a WNYOA series and/or Day Number; enter on Wave sheets and issue transponder and/or scan able bar code helmet sticker, collect WNYOA fees, (series membership, transponder, scan able helmet sticker), WNYOA series application and WNYOA Day rider slip. Proceed to Station

4.

**STATION 4 – WNYOA RIDER REGISTRATION INPUT**

Enter rider into Rider registration.

Program (read/write) transponder.

Retain WNYOA series application.

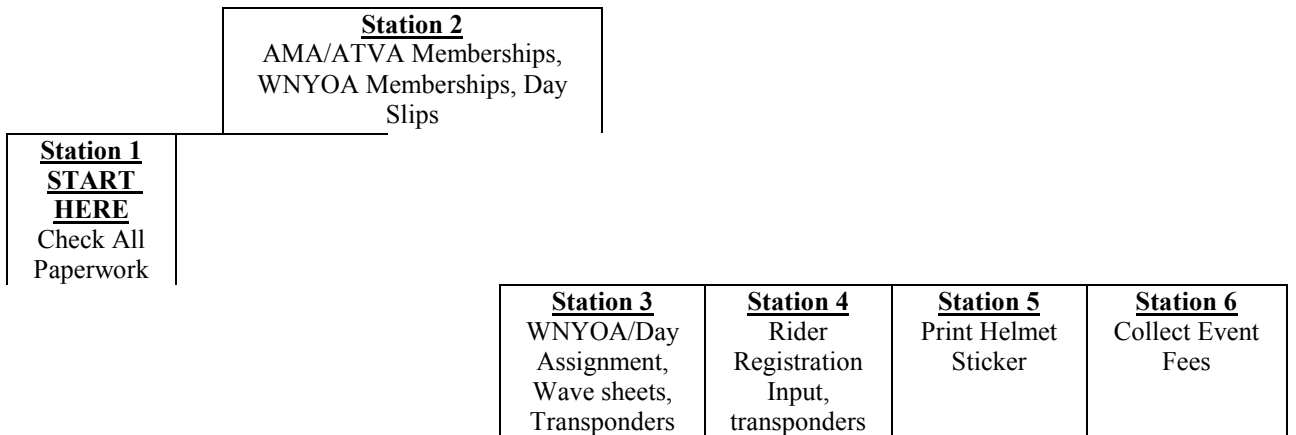
Print rider helmet labels or Proceed to Station 5 (only if promoting club/WNYOA supplies a person to do).

**STATION 5 – PRINT RIDER HELMET LABELS (only if promoting club/WNYOA supplies a person to do), if not, then Station 4 to issue.** Proceed to Station 6.

**STATION 6 – PROMOTING CLUB EVENT FEES**

Collect event fees.

Retain WNYOA Day Rider Slip (or at Station 4 if event fee is collected at Station 2).



**O. Scoring**

1. If necessary, due to the length of the course, observation checks may be set up, at the discretion of the promoter, to discourage course cutting. Such checks should be operated by experienced personnel to avoid bottlenecks at the checkpoints. Course cutting will **not** be tolerated and the penalty for it will be one lap docked or disqualification assessed by the promoting club referee.
2. If a rider has their bike/quad running when the start flag is thrown, a 5-minute penalty will be assessed against that rider at the conclusion of the race.
3. The approach and exit from the barrels should be ribbon and designated as a “**NO PASSING**” zone. In addition, there will be a promoting official present after the barrels. Exiting the scoring area will be a “**NO SPIN**” Zone. “**NO\_SPIN**” zone exiting the barrels violations are: 1<sup>st</sup> Violation = Warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> Violation = 1 Lap Deduction.
4. All Mini, Bike and Quad riders that will be scored using the Real Time Scoring System must maintain a slow speed through the scoring and verify that their lap has been properly recorded on the display prior to leaving the scoring area. If their lap information is incorrectly displayed, a backup scanning person will scan their helmet and the appropriate rider information will then be displayed
5. A rider must finish the event to be eligible for awards and points. To finish, a rider needs to complete at least 50% as many laps as the winner of his class. It is not necessary to take the checkered flag to finish. If the class winner turns an odd number of laps, the total will be rounded down to determine finishers. Example: If the winner turns nine laps, all riders completing four or more laps will be scored.
6. Prior to the barrel lanes, once the checkered flag is displayed, riders are given a reasonable amount of time to complete their final lap. It is promoter’s discretion to post and review at the starting line that a rider has up to “1 hour” after the checkered flag is displayed to finish the race.
7. Overall scoring is based on elapsed time from start to finish.
8. All Pee Wee and Youth Quad riders must come to a stop at the scoring barrels, so that their helmets may be properly scanned. The rider should not leave the scoring barrel until the scanning

- person indicates it is okay to do so.
9. Race event results should be posted within 30 minutes after the completion of the event. Any participant has 30 minutes after the posted results are posted to file a written complaint with the promoting club referee. After that time, all results are final!

**WNYOA HARE SCRAMBLE SCORING ZONE**

**RIDER EXIT**

**RIDER APPROACH**

**50-55" WIDE**

**NO PASSING  
SIGN**

**50 FEET**

**25 FEET**

**P. Event Awards**

1. Thirty minutes (30) must be allowed for final protesting after race results are posted and prior to distribution of the event awards. Posted times will be written on race result sheet(s) that will be posted at the registration area.
2. The payback for all "AA" Bike and Quad classes will be 1 Cash award for every 3 riders that registered. {100% payback guidelines: 1<sup>st</sup> 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30%, and 3<sup>rd</sup> 20%.} Promoter discretion to go beyond the minimum of **1 Cash award for every 3 riders** and/or 100% payback. It is promoter discretion to give "AA" riders a plaque.
3. For 2009, all adult bike & quad A, B, C classes, mini and 90cc youth quad classes will be a minimum of **1 award for every 3 riders plus one** for every rider that registered in each class.
4. For 2009, a 100% payback for all Pee Wee riders and all 70cc and 50cc youth quads will receive an event award with a placement tag attached on or given with every award. It is promoter discretion to use wording like "Finisher" for 13<sup>th</sup> and lower placements for all other classes except the PeeWee and 50cc and 70cc youth quad classes.
5. Each class recognized by WNYOA must be awarded a minimum of one award.
6. The event award presentation will be consistent for all classes; including pee wee, mini and youth quad riders.
7. For 2009, any participant that cannot stay at the event to pick up their plaque/award, it is promoter's discretion to give it away and not to bring it to the next event.

**Q. Supplemental Guidelines**

1. No studding of tires including screws will be allowed.
2. There will be a 100% enforcement of a "working tether type kill switch" for quad riders. No exceptions (day riders included).
3. Riders are only allowed to walk or ride a bicycle on the course prior to the event.
4. Riders should work a WNYOA event to obtain experience of what takes place to make an event happen. It is rider's responsibility to directly contact the promoting club for working the event.

5. Hare Scramble Work Rule and Timing:
  - a) All riders that provide a minimum of a four (4) week work request for working an event will receive (25) points. If the work request is made with less than four (4) weeks advance notice, the work credit will be (20) points. After the 4 weeks, all “W” work credit is final.
  - b) Promoter has the discretion to accept/deny the request. It is the promoter discretion on the number of work hours required to earn the work credit.
  - c) Work credit can only be earned for one event per WNYOA series rider per year. However, if a rider works more than 1 event, they will not receive any additional points but will receive a “0” credit towards the minimum year-end award requirement.
  - d) For 2009, a double class rider will receive ‘25’ points in both classes for working one event.
  - e) The Promoter has a “**WNYOA Event Work List**” sheet that the riders who are working an event and wish to receive credit must sign and date or **NO** work credit will be awarded. The submitted event work credit list will not be changed for **ANY reason after two (2) weeks** has passed from the date of the event. It is the responsibility of the promoter to make sure all names have been submitted to the Hare Scramble Points keeper within the two-week time frame.
  - f) If you work an event and a tie exists at year-end, the rider that worked an event would win that placement in question.

#### **R. Year-End Awards**

1. A year-end award will be given at the year-end awards banquet for each participant in the WNYOA hare scramble series that met the minimum 60% requirement for all classes in addition to a Grand Champion for both bikes and quads.
2. A WNYOA Survivor award will be given at the year-end award banquet for every participant that participated in 100% of the series events.
3. A WNYOA Tough as Nails award or similar award will be given for any rider that meets the minimum year-end award requirements for both bike and quad hare scrambles.
4. A WNYOA Step It Up award or similar award will be given for the riders that meet the minimum year-end award requirement for both Mini and an Adult class.
5. WNYOA will not be accountable for any undistributed year-end awards.
6. The 2009 year-end awards presentation sequence will be changed to alternate the current sequence of enduro, peewee, mini, youth quad, quad and bikes.

#### **S. Year-End Banquet**

1. The Year-End WNYOA Awards banquet will be a combined banquet with the WNYOA enduro series; however, each series will have separate awards.
2. A \$20.00 penalty fee per person will be enforced for banquet reservations that are postmarked and/or requested after the noted cut off date for any banquet reservations.
3. If you do not pay to attend the year-end banquet, you will not be allowed in the banquet room until after the award ceremonies have taken place.

#### **T. WNYOA Web Site**

1. The WNYOA web site ([www.wnyoa.net](http://www.wnyoa.net)) is maintained by the WNYOA Web Master. The web site contains information relating to WNYOA (event results, pictures, schedule, directions, etc.) along with links to WNYOA’s sponsors.

2. All advertisements will be removed after 60 days and all WNYOA sponsoring vendors that use the WNYOA web site to place ads in the classified section will be required to pay a \$25.00 fee to the WNYOA Treasurer for using that space.
3. No foul, abusive or slanderous language will be accepted on the WNYOA Forum.
4. For 2009, anyone that submits a comment to the WNYOA forum page will have to sign his or her real name and not use a factitious (artificial) name. If the name is not clearly identified the item will not be put on the forum page. All forum postings will be 'civil' comments.

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