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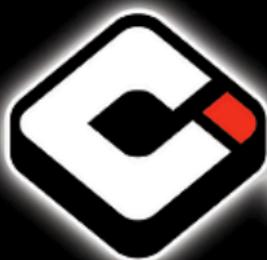
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BMX Freestyle Competitions

BMX Freestyle Competitions are judged events, in which riders are scored based upon their skill at executing a routine, including one or more of a variety of different maneuvers, that are known as “tricks”. Within the context of these regulations, BMX Freestyle Competitions or Events shall refer to as “Park Contests”.

As BMX Freestyle Competitions are not races, only those elements of Part I of the USA BMX Freestyle Regulations, “General Organization of Cycling as a Sport” that are specifically mentioned in Part VI bis “BMX Freestyle Competitions” shall apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions. In case the words “race” or “races” are used in any other parts of the UCI Regulations that also apply to BMX Freestyle Competitions, these words shall be taken to mean a BMX Freestyle Competition or Competitions. Likewise, the words Competition and event can be used interchangeably.

The season for BMX Freestyle shall begin on 1st January and end on 31st December.

USA BMX Freestyle was formed to provide organized amateur competitions and give national prominence to the sport of BMX Freestyle. The following rules were created based on a culmination of more than 30 years of BMX Freestyle knowledge and experience, and the sanction reserves the right to change these rules at anytime. Under the Sanction’s rules, riders may accumulate State level points via any State (Digital) event. Additionally, a National level points program is offered for an increased interest of competition resulting in a National Overall Ranking. Each BMX Freestyle event is a separate entity with the common goal of providing competitive yet safe and fun BMX experience. The staff of each event is committed to operating under the Sanction’s guidelines to ensure those goals. It is, however, the riders and his/her parent’s responsibility to understand and follow USA BMX Rules and Regulations. With these ideals in mind, the only requirements needed to excel are skill and determination.

2021 USA BMX Freestyle Points Payout Chart

Placing	State	National	Grand Final
1st	50	150	250
2nd	47	140	240
3rd	45	130	230
4th	43	120	220
5th	41	110	210
6th	40	100	200
7th	39	95	190
8th	38	90	180
9th	37	85	170
10th	36	80	160
11th	35	75	150
12th	34	70	140
13th	33	65	130
14th	32	60	120
15-20th	31	55	110
20-30th	30	50	100
31-100	29	40	90

CATEGORIES AND LICENSES

Age of Participants and Level of Proficiency

For participation in USA BMX Freestyle events, rider categories are determined by the age of those competing and classification they choose at time license is issued. A rider's age is defined by the age they are at the time of the event/competition. A rider must be at least 3 years of age to compete in a BMX Freestyle Competition. The minimum age of 3 refers to the real calendar age on the day of the event.

Competition Categories

The levels of category proficiency are defined for BMX Freestyle Competitions.

These categories shall be offered at all competitions at USA BMX Freestyle national events.

1. Sport Class, per Age breakdown (Separate Female, Male).
2. Expert Open Age (Separate Female, Male).
3. "Masters" 40+ (Separate Female, Male).

2021 USA BMX Freestyle Sanctioned Amateur Categories are as follows:

- a. Amateur Men aged 10yrs and under.
- b. Amateur Men aged 11-14 yrs.
- c. Amateur Men aged 15yrs and older.
- d. Amateur Women aged 10yrs and under.
- e. Amateur Women Aged 11-14yrs.
- f. Amateur Women Aged 15yrs and older.
- g. Amateur Masters Men 40+ years.
- h. Amateur Masters Women 40+ years.
- i. Expert Class Men 15+ years and older.
- j. Expert Class Women 15+ years and older.

A rider can participate in both the Amateur and Elite categories during the same season IF THE RIDER IS NOT CURRENTLY RANKED TOP 50 in UCI ELITE WORLD RANKINGS. Once a rider has participated in a UCI Elite Competition, they are only allowed to enter the USA BMX Freestyle Amateur class of EXPERT-OPEN only and no other class offered by USA BMX Freestyle.

A USA BMX Freestyle competition can only be held for categories in which 3 or more riders have completed the registration and riders' confirmation process. In case a category has less than 3 riders registered and confirmed, that category may be combined with a different age group at the discretion of the USA BMX Freestyle. If adequate numbers of three riders are registered and confirmed during the riders confirmation, the category will be run even if less riders show up at the start, for whatever reason.

Proficiency Advancement

1. If an "Expert Class" is available for the pertaining age group, after attaining 3 (three) National level age group SPORT CLASS wins, the competitor must advance to Expert proficiency and can no longer compete at the standard age group (Sport Class) proficiency level.
2. A rider may advance to the next higher proficiency voluntarily without acquiring the total amount of wins by registering to compete in the higher proficiency. No Sanction approval is required for this action; the right to reclassify is forfeited for one (1) full year.
3. Pertaining to the "UCI Elite Class" level of competition, please see "Competition Categories" above.

Memberships

Everyone participating in USA BMX Freestyle Competitions, in whatever capacity, must have a USA BMX Freestyle Membership. Failure to become a member results in no overall ranking. No exceptions.

CALENDAR AND THE ORGANIZATION OF BMX FREESTYLE EVENTS

Calendar

USA BMX Freestyle management shall set and confirm the USA BMX Freestyle Calendar, in the interest of promoting growth in the discipline. All events on the USA BMX Freestyle Calendar shall comply with the USA BMX Freestyle Regulations for the USA BMX Freestyle Category. USA BMX Freestyle has the sole authority to allocate any Competition on the USA BMX Freestyle Calendar.

The USA BMX Freestyle Calendar shall consist of the following types of Competitions:

- Park Competitions.

Additional Comments regarding USA BMX Freestyle Calendar:

- At times, Elite level Park competitions/events (UCI C1 and or USA Cycling National Championships) will or may be scheduled during the USA BMX Freestyle National Championship Series.

Organization of USA BMX Freestyle Events

USA BMX Freestyle may decide to limit the number of entries in any competition, but only if this limit is announced prior in the Official Competition Announcements.

In principle, BMX Freestyle Competitions are open competitions, in which

riders of any nationality who have a valid USA BMX Freestyle membership may enter. USA BMX Freestyle is not allowed to accept any entries after the riders' confirmation deadline which is advertised and announced in the final event schedule. The head official appointed to supervise the Competition shall rule in the event of a dispute. The Head Judge shall rule in any scoring dispute.

Course and Safety

In no case can USA BMX, USA BMX Freestyle or its sponsors be held responsible for defects in the course or installations or for any accidents that may occur. This responsibility lies with the course/facility owner. Riders shall study the course / Competition facilities in advance.

Awards

All information on awards (number, nature, amount, conditions of awarding) shall be clearly stated prior to the event. USA BMX Freestyle may set minimum award levels for competitions per event. Awards shall be awarded to the beneficiaries or their representatives no later than 90 days after the finish of the competition. Unless otherwise stated prior to the event. USA BMX Freestyle is responsible for providing the awards.

If there is any dispute that might influence placing and hence entitlement to an award, the award and final event ranking shall be withheld by the organizer until a decision has been reached. Should a rider lose the place that entitled him to a prize, the prize must be returned within one month to the organizer who shall proceed to its redistribution.

Riders Meeting

If USA BMX Freestyle decides that it is necessary, they will call a riders' meeting. If it is not mentioned prior to the event, a notice announcing the time and place of the meeting shall be announced at the Competition venue (example: posted in the riders area at the Competition, or an announcement is made). Registration and Riders' Confirmation.

The registration process is controlled by USA BMX Freestyle and is described prior to the event. Riders shall enter BMX Freestyle Competitions by completing the entry process required by the USA BMX Freestyle. This is done prior to the event only (PRE-Registration) via the USA BMX Freestyle website/on-line (USA BMXF.com/Events). In the event that a field limit is in place as defined prior to the event, priority will be given to qualified riders via a qualifying round. USA BMX Freestyle will charge an entry fee; this fee must be paid at the time of registration at the latest. Entry in the Competition implies agreement with the competition schedule and all provisions event rules. Participants under the age of consent must provide parental consent.

Riders Confirmation

Riders confirmation is the process done under the responsibility of a USA BMX Freestyle appointed staff member or official by which entered riders

complete the registration process. USA BMX Freestyle shall have the exclusive authority to decide whether a rider's entry is valid or not. Riders confirmation is done at the times and place described prior to the event. During riders' confirmation, each rider or their representative must attend to verify their intention to start in the Competition. A valid USA BMX Freestyle membership shall be required and must be shown at riders' confirmation (if requested) to verify their identity. A national identity card or passport may also be required. Only after paying the entry fee (prior to the event), signing any waiver, and completing riders' confirmation is a rider considered to be fully registered for the Competition. At this point, the rider is then given their accreditation allowing them to participate. Riders must be completely registered before beginning their first practice; they are not allowed in the Competition venue until they are completely registered. As a condition of registering in the Competition, all riders accept and agree to follow the USA BMX Freestyle Regulations and likewise accept the layout and form of the field of play on which the Competition will be held.

USA BMX Freestyle shall provide the Officials and panel of Judges with a final list of riders in each category who have completed the registration and confirmation process.

No further entries shall be accepted following the end of riders' confirmation. Likewise, any riders who entered but did not attend riders' confirmation, shall be removed from the list of entries and not allowed to start (unless previously arranged). A rider whose membership could not be verified and whose status as a non-suspended membership holder cannot be established in any other manner may not start and may not figure in the classification of the Competition.

Following the end of riders' confirmation USA BMX Freestyle shall draw up the start lists and practice groups (if any) for the Competition.

Classification and Results

Following the end of a BMX Freestyle Competition, the results (final classification) for each category will be announced in the riders area at the Competition venue at the time the awards ceremony is held. In case any categories were combined following riders' confirmation, the results for the combined category shall be split back into the original categories for the purpose of awarding prizes and points.

Without prejudice to any changes resulting from the application of the regulations by the competent bodies, in the event of material errors in the recording of the riders' results, the classification of the Competition may be corrected by USA BMX Freestyle in the case of an event registered on the event calendar. This can only be done within 30 days of the end of the Competition.

Awards Ceremony (Podium)

All riders concerned shall, in accordance with their placing, classifications and performances, participate in official awards ceremonies (Podium). Unless otherwise stated, riders shall appear at official ceremonies wearing

Competition clothing. Shirts and Pants MUST be worn at all Awards Ceremonies (Podium).

Supervision of BMX Freestyle Competitions

The proceedings at BMX Freestyle Competitions shall be supervised by USA BMX Freestyle and panel of Judges. USA BMX Freestyle shall take particular care to ensure that these officials may work in optimum conditions.

The Head Official shall be appointed by USA BMX as appropriate. The Head Official shall act as Competition director and is appointed to supervise the sporting aspects of the event according to USA BMX Freestyle rules and regulations. The Panel of Judges is responsible for evaluating the performance of the riders during the Competition and for delivering their scores. The Head Judge, Panel of Judges and representatives of the organization will meet before the start of the event/Competition. They shall also attend any riders' meeting.

The Head Official shall draw up a detailed report on the Competition to include:

- The start lists (following riders' confirmation)
- The final results for each of the USA BMX Freestyle Categories
- An injury report.
- Any communication describing decisions taken to manage the event (for example, changes to the schedule).

For events on the UCI International BMX Freestyle Calendar, the Head Official shall also ensure that the final results are sent to the UCI by e-mail at latest no more than 2 hours following the end of the Competition.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

General Rules Concerning the Bicycle

Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall comply with the spirit and principle of cycling as a sport. The spirit presupposes that cyclists will compete in Competitions on an equal footing. The principle asserts the primacy of man over machine. Bicycles and their accessories used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall be of a type that is sold for use by anyone practicing BMX Freestyle as a sport. It is up to each member to check the conformity/safety of their equipment.

The Head Official has the authority to refuse any equipment that he considers will place the safety of the rider or any other person at risk.

Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions are vehicles with two wheels of equal diameter. The front wheel shall be steerable; the rear wheel shall be driven through a system comprising pedals, a crank-set and a chain, without electric or other assistance. Fixed gear bicycles are not permitted.

Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall be of a type that is gener

ally taken to be a BMX bicycle. This position requires that the only points of support can be the following: the feet on the pedals and the hands on the handlebars. A saddle is required. The bicycle should have handlebars which allow it to be ridden and maneuvered in any circumstances and in complete safety.

With the exception of riders entered in Youth categories, all bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions must be equipped with matching wheels that are nominally 20" in diameter. The total diameter of the wheels, inflated tires included shall not exceed 22 3/4" (58 cm). The bicycles of riders in Youth categories may be equipped with wheels smaller than 20" nominal diameter; however, such wheels shall not be smaller than 12" nominal diameter.

Bicycles used in BMX Freestyle Competitions may be equipped with one or more hub axle extenders, also known as "pegs", provided that these are securely attached.

Safety Equipment

Wearing a helmet certified for cycling is an obligation attached to all categories. This helmet must be worn at all times while riding. Only accessories approved by the helmet manufacturer may be attached to helmets. The helmet strap must be securely fastened at all times when riding, whether during Competition, warm-up or practice. It is strongly recommended that riders wear:

- a. back, elbow, knee and shoulder protection.
- b. protection of the cervical vertebrae.

Clothing

Riders in BMX Freestyle Competitions shall wear clothing that is traditionally associated with BMX Freestyle. Such clothing in its design or construction must not constitute a danger to the safety of the rider (example: exceptionally loose clothing which could become caught in the rider's bicycle). Likewise, the design or advertising printed on such clothing must not contain any offensive statement or image which could damage the public image of the organizer, USA BMX Freestyle, nor of BMX Freestyle as a sport. For avoidance of doubt, riders must wear a shirt (either with or without sleeves) during official practice, Competition, and during official ceremonies and press activities.

Identification of Riders

Riders must at all times wear the visual identification provided by the organization (sticker, wristband, bib or strap, whatever the case may be). Riders not doing so may be refused access to the Competition venue or may be refused their start.

Should the bicycle or one of its components break during a run, then the rider may decide whether to continue, to stop, or to replace their bicycle with another. In no case will a time-out or extra time be given.

CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS, AND PENALTIES

Conduct of Participants

Each participant is engaged on their own behalf and those of their employees and agents, and must observe all the provisions of the USA BMX Freestyle Rules and Regulations. Every participant shall follow the directions of the organization and appointed officials, and any penalties that may be applied. Anyone signing the registration form declares that they have acquainted themselves with and accept the USA BMX Freestyle Rules and Regulations. Fair play and respect are two indispensable values at all USA BMX Freestyle Competitions. In keeping with these values, riders may not add extra elements to the field of play defined by the organizer for a BMX Freestyle Competition, nor may they alter it in any way; likewise, they shall not start a run from outside the boundaries of that field of play.

Penalties

Without prejudice to any specific provisions of these regulations, the Head Official appointed to manage the BMX Freestyle Competition has the right to give an official warning, disqualify or refuse the start of a rider who violates the following standards of safety or good conduct:

- a. Failure to respect the equipment regulations
 - b. Failure to respect the published event schedule
 - c. Failure to respect restricted areas or the time limits of the Competition.
 - d. Failure to respect the start order for the Competition
 - e. Deliberately causing damage to equipment, the venue, or the environment
 - f. Participating in the event (regardless of the stage) under the influence of alcohol or other illegal substances
 - g. Smoking is prohibited within the rider's area, on the field of play and in secured zones around it
 - h. Behaving in an inappropriate manner (for example: use of obscenities, insults, inappropriate language, obscene gestures)
 - i. Any other behavior that is against the interests of the fair conduct of the Competition, or which damages the reputation of the sport, the promotor, or USA BMX Freestyle.
- In particular, any insults or disrespectful behavior directed at or against the riders, judges, the promotors, USA BMX Freestyle, or other officials may be penalized.

Without prejudice to any other disciplinary measures that may apply, in relation to this point neither verbal nor physical aggression will be tolerated; exclusion from the Competition or event area will be immediate. The decision of the Head Official in warning, disqualifying or refusing the start of a rider can not be protested. An official warning shall be noted on all results in which the rider concerned is listed. In case an official warning is given, any further misconduct by the rider concerned within the same event shall result

in disqualification. The Head Official will make an official report to USA BMX Freestyle following the competition concerning the circumstances of each official warning, disqualification or refusal of start.

BMX FREESTYLE COMPETITIONS

Within BMX Freestyle Competitions, riders perform timed routines, and are scored based upon various factors, including the difficulty and quality of execution of their run.

Competition Format

Riders registered to compete in a Competition will be classified and entered into every BMX Freestyle Competition according to their age, gender, and Competition level.

A BMX Freestyle Competition for each category may be composed of the phases (Qualification and Final or straight to Final) described below, and within each phase, a number of heats. A heat is a group which comprises 5-10 riders. At the discretion of the organizer, periodic breaks may be inserted into the program in order to allow for rider rest and warm-up. The combination of phases and heats (if applicable) for a category depends on the number of entries, and is found in the following table.

Number of Entries	Comp Phases	Qualification Rule	Number of Heats
3-9 entries	1 phase: Two 45sec runs.	No Qualification: Straight to finals. Best of 2 runs count.	1 heat. 2 runs per rider.
10-15 entries	1 phase: Two 45sec runs.	No Qualification: Straight to finals. Best of 2 runs count.	5 riders per heat. 2 heats. 2 runs per rider.
16 or more entries	2 phases: • Qualification • Finals	Top 12 rider's advance to finals: Best of 2 runs count.	6 riders per heat. 2 runs per rider. Best of 2 runs count.

Number of heats: The number of heats in each round is found in the table above. For the Qualification phase, the number of heats should be chosen such that as many heats as possible have 5-6 riders. Whenever it is not possible for all heats to have 6 riders, a number of heats will have either 4, 5 or 6 riders, whichever must be done to maximize the number of heats with 5-6 riders. By preference, heats should be formed with the highest number of riders possible. Any heats that do not have 6 riders, will be at the start of the heat order.

A run is the individual unit of Competition in a BMX Freestyle Event, during which a rider performs a routine consisting of various tricks, which is evaluated by the judges. At all phases of the Competition, within each heat, each rider shall do 2 (two) 45 second runs. In general, riders do their first run in the start order defined published heat list.

Once the final rider in the order within each heat has taken their first run, the riders will do their second run in the same order.

Start Order

Within the Qualification and Straight to Finals phase, riders are randomly assigned to each heat. However, in case a class/age group has a finals round (see above: "2 phases"), the Finals rider order shall instead be done in reverse order.

Within each phase of the Competition, the riders in each heat are entitled to a group warm-up before their heat begins. A minimum 3 warm-up must be given.

The Final: any rider who is not present within the park or the riders area by the start of the 3 minute warm-up period preceding that phase, shall not be allowed to start. They will be scored as DNS ("Did Not Start") for the phase in question.

Scoring and Results

Each judge shall give each rider a score of between 0.00 and 99.99, taking into account the rider's entire performance.

Non-starters and Withdrawing from Competition

Within each phase it is possible that one or more riders may not start, or withdraw from Competition. In case a rider is refused his start for any reason or withdraws or simply does not show up before beginning their first run, he shall be scored as "Did Not Start" for the phase in question. Such a rider is not eligible to transfer to the next phase of the Competition. Should a rider withdraw after completing part of his first or second run, he shall be considered as having started in that phase of the Competition and will be scored on the portion of the run(s) that they were able to complete before withdrawing. In case a rider registered for the Competition does not show up at the Competition venue for a Semi-final or Final within the time-lines, their DNS shall be converted to a disqualification unless the rider withdraws for an ac

ceptable reason such as injury or an act of god beyond their control. It is the responsibility of the rider or their representative to contact the organization and provide acceptable proof of this.

Results for Each Phase

Within each phase, a result shall be established in order of the highest score to the lowest.

In case of a tie, the judges shall discuss the performance of each rider concerned, and will decide which rider had the better performance before reporting the scores in question.

In the Qualification phase, results shall be reported at most 120 minutes after the Qualification phase is finished. In the Semi-final, results shall be reported at most 30 minutes after the Semifinal is finished. In the Final, results shall be reported at most 15 minutes after the Final is finished.

Within the results established for each phase, riders who are scored as DNS ("Did Not Start") are put in last place for the phase in question. In case of multiple DNS riders, they will be placed after the riders who started, in the order of their results in the previous phase. In case one or more riders do not start in the Qualification phase, they shall automatically be considered as Disqualified (DSQ) and will not be ranked in the final results of the Competition.

Competition Classification

After the Final of a BMX Freestyle Competition is completed, a Competition classification accounting for the results of all phases of the event is produced as follows:

1. All riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Final, in order of their scores in the Final (from highest score to lowest). If it was held, all riders not Disqualified (DSQ) who qualified for the Semifinal but did not qualify for the Final, in order of their scores in the Semifinal (from highest score to lowest). If it was held, all riders not Disqualified who started in the Qualification phase, in order of their scores in the Qualification phase, but who did not qualify for the next phase of the Competition. 4.

Judging System

A panel consisting of 3 judges (including a head judge) shall be appointed to each BMX Freestyle Competition. They shall independently evaluate the performance of each rider based upon the judging criteria.

No scores shall be released as official until verified and approved by the Head Judge.

No riders nor their family members, team representatives, members of the press, nor spectators should approach the judges stand or speak with the judges during the Competition or when calculating scores.

The judges shall operate from a position where they can witness the entire performance of each rider.

Each judge must ensure of the discretion of their scoring. Judges must not communicate with any riders during Competition.

The judges shall deliberate with each other before any score is published. After the Final, the judges shall remain at the Competition venue until the award ceremonies are concluded. Likewise, the judges shall remain at the Competition venue until 15 minutes after the list of results from each previous phase is published.

The judges must act in a professional and impartial manner, and in doing so must put aside all preconceptions such as style preferences, or past performances. The performance of each rider during each run shall be judged entirely on its own merits. Judges may not discuss their individual scores nor the scores given by other judges with anyone outside of the judges' panel, nor may they comment on the specific process by which the scores were assessed, nor ties broken.

Judges may not independently change their scores either on the computer terminal or on the manual judging sheets. In case a mistake has been made, only the Head Judge can authorize a correction.

Judging Criteria

The overall composition of the runs is most important as the judges evaluate the sequences of tricks, the amount of risk in the routine, and how the rider uses the course. The judges take errors such as falls and stops into consideration.

The performance of each rider is judged on overall impression including, but not limited to:

- a. Difficulty (refers to not only the tricks performed but also the placement of the tricks within the course and the combinations used)
- b. Height (amplitude of the tricks performed)
- c. Flow
- d. Originality (tricks and lines) and versatility
- e. Style
- f. Consistency (refers the stability, fluidity and control of maneuvers performed)
- g. Variety of tricks (refers to a good mix of standard airs, rotations, grinds...)
- h. Control of the tricks
- i. Bike control
- j. Landings
- k. Use of the course

Errors are defined as interruptions in a run or losses of control such as those listed below. Each judge may deduct a number of points from a rider's score in case that rider commits one or more errors. The number of points

deducted depends on the quantity and severity of the errors, and their overall impact on the rider's performance.

Park Errors

- a. Minor errors can include flat landings, deck landings, sliding, light foot touches and other instabilities.
- b. Medium errors can include stopping in full or heavy foot touches.
- c. Major errors can include actions such as "throwing away" the bicycle or crashing.

Procedure for Managing the Competition

In General

The Head Official appointed to manage the Competition is responsible for timekeeping.

Park Competitions within each heat, each rider shall do 2 runs. Each run will have a duration of 45 seconds.

Starting a Run

Riders are responsible to follow the progress of the Competition and must be ready to begin their run at the point in time when their position in the start order arrives.

Riders may begin their run from any position within the boundaries of the field of play, and must be ready in their chosen starting position prior to beginning their run. The time for each run will be started when in the opinion of the Head Official, the rider begins moving in case he starts on a flat surface, or drops in from an obstacle or higher level of the park. In this regard, the decision of the Head Official responsible for time-keeping shall be final and may not be protested. Any riding taking place outside the boundaries of the field of play shall not be considered by the judges. For avoidance of doubt, railings along the edge of the field of play shall be considered as part of the field of play. The time for each run will begin when in the opinion of the Head Official, the rider begins the very first movement in the first trick. The decision of the Head Official responsible for time-keeping shall be final and may not be protested. At the point in time when the clock reaches 0 time, the judges shall begin their deliberation and ignore any additional movements of the rider in question.

Finishing a Run

A run ends when the time for the run has elapsed. If a rider is stationary when the time runs out, nothing else will be scored. If a rider is in motion when the time runs out, any remaining trick that is fully completed within 3 seconds after the time elapses shall be counted. A completed trick is one in which both wheels are in contact with a flat (horizontal) part of the park surface.

Time-out for Mechanical Problems, including Flat Tires.

During a run, if a rider's bicycle suffers any kind of a breakage or mechanical problem, including a flat tire, the rider has until the time elapses for his run

to either fix the problem or to get another bicycle and / or continue riding. If the time for his run elapses before he continues riding, then his run shall be declared finished, and he shall not be allowed to start riding again. Whether or not the rider is able to restart his run before the time elapses, the judges shall only consider any riding that was done within the time limit.

Outside Interference

The Head Official may decide to allow a rider to re-start a run in case of outside interference which, in the opinion of the Head Official, has a visible impact on the rider's progress through the field of play, or on his performance. Such interference must be physical in nature such as debris blowing into the boundaries of the field of play and making physical contact with the rider, or coming in to his path causing him to alter his direction of travel, or lose control of his bicycle. For avoidance of doubt, background noise and weather conditions such as wind are not considered as outside interference. Likewise, the presence of other riders within that heat, or event staff normally allowed within the boundaries of the field of play shall not be considered as interference unless there is a deliberate attempt or obviously careless movement which blocks the rider's progress. In case the rider believes that he has been unfairly interfered with, he must immediately stop his run and complain to the Head Official, who will review the situation and render a decision. In case the rider decides not to stop his run at that moment, no later complaint concerning interference shall be considered. The Head Official's decision is final and may not be appealed. In case a run is restarted, it shall be done after the end of the second run for all riders within the heat in question. In case the run to be re-started is the final run of a heat, then the rider concerned will be allowed a 2 minute rest break before re-starting the run in question.

The Head Official and the Head Judge together may decide based on their assessment of the riding conditions whether or not a weather time-out is necessary. If the Competition is stopped at any point during a heat, then the entire heat shall be re-run once the Competition is started again. However, the results of any heats that have been fully run before the Competition was stopped shall stand; no such heats will be re-run. If the Competition can't be later restarted, the below article applies.

Cancellation

The Head Official and Head Judge together may decide based on their assessment of the riding conditions whether or not a Competition can be finished. For whatever reason, in case a Competition can't be finished after it has started, the results of the last phase completed shall form the final result. If the Competition is stopped before the Qualification phase is completed, there shall be no result; in this case, no prizes will be awarded.

COMPETITION OFFICIALS

BMX Park Competitions shall be controlled by the following officials:

- a. Head Official, referred to as the Head Official or USA BMX Freestyle Event Manager.
- b. A panel of 3 judges, including a Head Judge.
- c. USA BMX Freestyle President.
- d. USA BMX Freestyle Staff and Appointed Volunteers.

Competition Schedule

The schedule for each event will be published prior to the event.

Each event schedule will include (at minimum) the following amount of practice time:

- a. The day before the Qualification phase, a practice session will be provided for each category. The amount of time allowed must in the opinion of the Head Official be the minimum needed to allow the riders to become reasonably familiar with the park.
- b. On each Competition day, a minimum 15 minutes warm-up will be provided before the start of Competition for each category. Riders may be divided into several practice groups in case of a large number of entries. In this case, riders are not permitted to practice outside of their assigned practice group.

In case the schedule must be changed, an adequate amount of practice time, as decided by the Head Official shall be provided for each category, even if it takes place immediately before the Competition; in this case, the 15 minutes warm-up need not be provided.

In both Competition specialties, the Women category during any event shall be given a separate practice from any Men's category. The amount of time allowed for this practice will be the same as that allowed for each group of the Men Elite category. In case the Women category is large enough to be split into groups, each Women practice group shall receive the same amount of practice time as each Men practice group.

In case a category has more than 20 riders entered and confirmed following riders' confirmation, the category will be split as evenly as possible into two or more practice groups each consisting of not more than 20 riders. The amount of time allowed for each practice group shall be the same, and will be decided by the technical delegate, as will the method used to decide the composition of the practice groups.

Riders must train in the practice group to which they have been assigned. Riders training in a different practice group, or outside of the official schedule, may be disqualified.

In case the field of play is completed prior to the start of the event schedule, it shall remain closed to all riders. No one other than registered and confirmed riders shall be allowed to ride on the course; such riding may only take place within the confines of the official schedule for the event. In this way, all riders within each Competition category have an equal opportunity to practice on the field of play.

Delays

If an event is delayed, all athletes and staff must stay at the Competition venue until informed otherwise by the organizer. The riders will be notified of the new schedule as soon as it has been decided. Riders are responsible to read the schedule and for checking to see if it has been amended. USA BMX Freestyle shall be held responsible in case a rider misses the Competition due to a change.

Schedule Changes

In case the schedule must be altered, the Competition format may be altered as follows, depending upon the number of entries and the situation:

- a. The Qualifying phase may not be held, and only a Final held
- b. If the Final is not held, the results of the Qualifying round will be used as results of the event for the awards and overall series points
If an entire event and/or discipline is stopped and can't be resumed before the conclusion of the Qualification phase, neither awards nor points will be awarded.

USA BMX Freestyle may decide to change the schedule before the start of the event.

During the event, the Head Official and the Head Judge acting jointly, will decide together if the schedule must be changed.

If there is a schedule change prior to the first day of practice, the adjusted schedule will be posted on the event web site, social media and at the Competition venue. In case of a change during the event, the revised schedule will be posted, at minimum, at the Competition venue and social media.