

To: All AMA Licensed Supercross Riders
From: American Motorcyclist Association
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Re: CB2023.02.SX, 2023 AMA Supercross Rule Updates

2023 Rule Updates

Section 1

1.17 Rider Apparel **Also updated in Section 5.8*

- r. All riders competing in the 450SX class must display the AMA logo **and SMX logo** on the upper left front torso or left shoulder area of their jersey. The minimum size of the combined logo is 2½ inches wide by 2½ inches high.
- s. If the rider uses a chest/back protector, the AMA logo **and SMX logo** must be located in the center front on the chest/back protector. This is in addition to the logo located on the jersey.

1.18 Display of the AMA Logo **Also updated in Section 5.9*

- b. The following logos are the approved image to be displayed on the front and side number plates, and rider apparel. The logo is also a part of the front number plate design, which will include the series title sponsor **Supercross discipline designation**.

Front number plate:



Side number plates and jersey:



Section 2

2.3 Numbers and Number Plates **Also updated in Section 5.8*

- n. The top area on the front number plate is reserved for the current ~~Monster Energy AMA Supercross Championship title sponsorship logo~~ **Supercross discipline designation**. The front number plate sticker must be a minimum height of 1 inch and a minimum width of 8 inches.
- o. For the 450SX class, the approved front number plate design will contain the **SMX AMA** logo followed by the ~~Championship Title Sponsor logo~~ **Supercross discipline designation**, and again followed by the AMA logo.
- p. For the 450SX class, the AMA logo **and SMX logo** must be displayed on both side number plates. The minimum size of the combined logo is 2½ inches wide by 2½ inches high.
- r. Only numbers and the approved AMA **and SMX** logos ~~or series sponsorship logos~~ are permitted on the number plate display area.

Section 3

3.3 National Numbers

- c. Numbers 2-9
 - 1. Past 450SX, 450MX, 250MX, **450SMX and 250SMX** Champions from the previous competition year may choose a permanent single-digit career number if available.

- d. Career Numbers 10-99
 1. Riders who finish in the top 10 in Championship points from the combined 450SX, 250SX, 450MX, 250MX, **450SMX and 250SMX** classes from the previous competition year will have priority for the selection of a National two-digit available number for their career number.
 3. Riders who fail to earn at least 25 championship points during the season preceding the new season will lose their career number and be issued a new number based on current points.
 - a. **Riders may submit to the AMA an appeal in writing for consideration of retaining their career number. Riders may only appeal their career number eligibility one time.** Special consideration is given to a rider if they are confirmed with a season long injury or other special circumstance, which prevents them from competing that season.
- e. Numbers 10-99
 2. The total combined points from the 450SX, 250SX, 450MX, 250MX, **450SMX and 250SMX** classes will be used to determine the order. National numbers are then issued according to highest to lowest total points. In case of riders having the same amount of total points, the tie is first broken by the rider that competed in **all three SX, MX and SMX** series. If a tie remains, **it will then be broken by the rider that competed in both the SX and MX series.** If each rider competed in a single series, the rider with the best Moto/Main Event finish will be awarded with the number.

Section 4

4.8 Motorcycle Usage

- d. For Triple Crown Format only:
 3. ~~During a race,~~ The rider may NOT replace motorcycles after the ~~start of the sighting lap~~ **30-second board has been displayed** on that **each** specific race.

4.18 450SX Supercross Qualifying (Standard Format) *Also updated in Sections 4.21 & 5.12

- f. **In the event there are less than 40 total riders attempting to qualify, a rider may be denied the option to compete in the program (whether it be a Heat or Last Chance Qualifier) based on lap times at the sole discretion of Race Direction.**

4.23 Starting Procedures

- p. ~~When using a dirt starting pad area, only loose dirt found in the designated starting area may be used to form an elevated pad under the rider's feet. The use of starting blocks, stones or other foreign elevating devices is prohibited.~~
- p. When using a starting pad made of steel, **dirt** or other material starting blocks may be used. All starting blocks must be silver or black in color ~~and approved by AMA Tech.~~

4.25 Restarts

- b. The race is stopped (with 3 laps completed by the leader and less than 90% of the total distance completed by the race leader, ~~rounded down to the nearest whole number of laps /~~ whether it be a Heat, Last Chance Qualifier, Triple Crown Race or Main Event).
6. Riders will be restarted from a staggered standing start in the starting area.
 - e. Any rider that does overtake the rider in front of them before the starting line will have been deemed to have jumped the start and will be penalized.
 1. **During a Heat, Last Chance Qualifier or Triple Crown Race, the penalty will be the loss of two positions in the final results for that race.**
 2. **During a Main Event, the penalty will be the points and purse equal to two positions in the final results for that race.**

Section 5

5.1 250SX Class License Eligibility

- i. Qualifying through the 250 Futures class:
 1. Four (4) points are required to earn a license.
 2. 250 Futures points will be earned in a continuous 24-month period.
 3. **Supercross licensed riders that have qualified in the top 40 at a Monster Energy AMA Supercross event in the past three seasons are not eligible to compete in the 250 Futures class.**
 4. **Specific AMA Road to Supercross information and point earning races can be found at: www.amasupercross.com.**
 5. **Supercross Futures event information including the Supercross Futures Supplemental Regulations can be found at: <https://www.supercrosslive.com/supercross-futures>.**

5.2 250SX East/West Championship Guidelines

- ~~d. Effective with the 2007 season points, riders earning at least 135 250SX Championship points in a nine-race season, 120 250SX Championship points in an eight-race season, or 105 250SX Championship points in a seven-race season, in four seasons of 250SX competition will be ineligible for the 250SX class.~~
 - ~~1. If the number of events in each of the 250SX class regions is different, the number of events used for points will be based on the smaller number. (i.e., if there are ten West events and nine East events, the West riders would throw out their worst finish for a maximum total of nine events)~~
- d. A rider may ~~move~~ **self-advance** to the 450SX class at any time provided they are eligible for the 450SX class, as outlined in the AMA Supercross licensing regulations.
- e. AMA 250SX Regional Champions may defend their championship's the following season, with the following clarifications:
 1. Champions may ride either region the following year but must only compete with the no. 1 plate when defending in the region in which they won the Championship.
 2. A rider that wins a 250SX Championship will be eligible to participate in the 250SX class for a maximum of four years total.
 - a. If a rider wins the 250SX Championship ~~but has not reached the max point threshold in four seasons~~ **in their fourth or more season**, that rider will be eligible to compete in the 250SX class the following season **only**.
 - ~~b. If a rider wins the 250SX Championship but has reached the max point threshold in four seasons, that rider will be ineligible for the 250SX class.~~
 - b.** A rider must earn at least five points for it to count as a season.
 3. A rider that wins a second 250SX Championship will be eligible to participate in the 250SX class for a maximum of three years total regardless of what year they won their second title. (i.e., if a rider wins their second Championship in their third year of 250SX competition, they will be ineligible for the 250SX class ~~regardless of points and therefore not eligible to defend their 250SX Championship title~~)
- f. Riders who ~~are~~ **have been** advanced to the 450SX class through points or championships won will not be eligible to return to the 250SX class.

Appendix A

A4 Protests *Also updated in A5 Appeals

- b. Protests must be lodged according to the following procedures and be accompanied by a fee of U.S. \$800, returnable if the protest is justified. Any protest fee must be presented in U.S. currency or a certified bank check **only**.