

Proposed Code Of Ethics for Hosting Club and Promoters of Off-Road Racing in Alberta

A. Pre-Event

1. Obtain Permits as early as possible. We must have permits in hand before the race can be held!
2. Verify with Alberta Sustainable Resources the proposed date and time of race, staging location, and map of proposed racecourse. If unsure of exact race layout, give a general plan using land descriptions.
3. Notify other user groups of the area (as necessary) such as grazing association, out-fitters, and weekend recreational users. (Post signs with info of event at entrance to area, staging areas, and trail crossings)
4. Notify residents in area if racecourse will be near their property.

B. Course Layout

1. Design the course using hard bottomed trails- avoiding muskeg, riparian, and other soft-based trails. This will lessen the impact on the trails due to high traffic of race day.
2. Avoid water crossings, and use bridges or cross on hard bottoms when ever possible.
3. Try to stay off open fields (primary range) and hill faces to reduce visible damage especially near roads and staging areas.
4. Use gates when crossing fence line, if not possible, build gate at crossing. We have been posting – PLEASE CLOSE GATE- signs at all gates when a racecourse goes thru so if anyone rides the racecourse after the event they will see the sign and hopefully respect it.

C. Post Event

1. Remove all course markings within one week, weather permitting.
2. Repair all fences and close all gates on racecourse.
3. Remove all garbage from staging site.
4. Repair any significant trail damage.

D. Miscellaneous

1. All of the above is covered in the temporary field authorization letter that the organizer receives from Alberta Sustainable Resources. This is covered by section 20 of the Public Lands Act (as per schedule A).
2. Organizers should GPS the proposed race route, and have it approved before the event if they are unsure of any land infringement issues.
3. The organizers need to take before and after pictures of parts of the course to keep as references in case of post race concerns. This will prove real-time impact as the seasons change.
4. Organizers should consider cancelling or rescheduling the event if the weather would soften the ground enough to severely increase the impact of many motorcycles creating ruts and trail braiding.
5. All organizers should consider the noise level impact and discuss the future possibility of sound testing of the motorcycles for noise limits.
6. Common sense, along with these Ethics, needs to be exercised with every aspect of holding these events. We are judged as an entire group based primarily on large numbers of riders in one area at one time.

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