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Texas Offroad Racing Organization

**Series Handbook  
2008-2009 Season**

**Event Policies**

**General**

1. **Weekend Schedule.** Every TORO event will follow the same schedule for the weekend:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
11:00am – 11:50am Long Course Practice	7:30am <b>Rider's Meeting</b>
12:00pm – 12:50pm Short Course Practice	Parade Lap immediately following Rider's Meeting
1:00pm – 1:50pm Minis and Ladies Practice	8:00am Parade Lap Sweeper Leaves
2:00pm – 2:50pm Big Track Open Practice	<b>9:00am First Race</b>
11:00am – 2:20pm Open Pee Wee Practice	
2:30 – 2:50 PW 65 Practice 3:00 – 3:20 PW 50 Practice <b>3:30p – PW First Race</b>	

2. **Race Length.** Each event will consist of a Short Course race, a Mini/Ladies race, and a Long Course race. The Short Course event will be 1 hour plus 1 lap, the Mini/Ladies event will be 45 minutes plus 1 lap, and the Long Course program will run 1.5 hours plus 1 lap. The white flag will be displayed no more than 10 minutes before the time limit for the Long Course and Mini/Ladies events and no more than 15 minutes before the time limit on the Short Course events. The PeeWee race will run 20 minutes plus 1 lap on the PeeWee track.

<b><u>Course</u></b>	<b><u>Race Length</u></b>
Pee Wee	20 min + lap
Short	1 hour + lap
Mini/Ladies	45 min + lap
Long	1.5 hours + lap

3. **Race Rotation.** The order of the Sunday competition programs will shift at each race in order to give everyone an opportunity to have a fresh track during the season. The table below shows the rotation schedule.

Event	Race Order
1	Mini/Ladies, Long Course, Short Course
2	Short Course, Mini/Ladies, Long Course
3	Long Course, Short Course, Mini/Ladies
4	Mini/Ladies, Long Course, Short Course
5	Short Course, Mini/Ladies, Long Course
6	Long Course, Short Course, Mini/Ladies
7	Mini/Ladies, Long Course, Short Course

4. **Track Length.** Minimum track length shall be 7 miles unless the TORO staff determines that weather or safety concerns dictate removal of sections on race weekend.
5. **Signup.** Signup will be available at each event from 10am until 1pm on Saturday, from 7am to 9am on Sunday, and from 11am to Noon on Sunday. Riders are required to sign up before practicing.
6. **Practice.** Riders will only be allowed to practice according to the schedule and must practice with the correct group.
7. **Colored band.** At signup, riders will be given a colored band that must be placed on the chin piece of the rider's helmet. Bands will be a unique color each event.
8. **Rider's Meeting.** The Rider's meeting will be held a 7:30am Sunday. All competitors are required to attend.
9. **Parade Lap.** There will be a controlled parade lap Sunday morning starting immediately after the riders meeting, with the last rider leaving no later than 8am. A TORO staff member will lead the parade lap, and another will bring up the tail. All competitors participating in the parade lap must be between these two riders at all times.

10. **Trail Markings.** All turns will be marked on the inside at a minimum, either with an arrow or a ribbon. Dangerous areas will be marked with an "X".
11. **Caution Areas.** All caution areas are considered no passing zones. Caution areas are designated by yellow flags or by track officials signaling riders to slow down. The entrance to a caution area will also be marked in front of the scoring chutes, and will be considered the official finish line flag point.
12. **Event Awards.** All TORO A and B classes will receive medals through the first 3 places. All C classes, Minis, Pee Wees, and Jr. Beginner will pay medals through the first 5 places. AA riders will not receive medals. All riders in the Jr. Beginner Class who place 6<sup>th</sup> or lower will receive a Participation Medal.
13. **Series Awards.** The Men's AA class will be awarded a minimum of a \$1000 series end purse to be split between the top 5 finishers in the Men's AA class. A Ladies AA class pro purse will be established and split between the top five finishers in the Ladies AA class. All TORO classes will receive series awards through the first 5 places. All racers must earn points in 6 out of 7 races to qualify for series end awards/purse.
14. **Overall Awards.** At the conclusion of the series, awards will be given to the Overall A, Overall B, Overall C, Overall Mini/Ladies/Woman, Overall Senior (including +45B, +50A, +50B, and +60) and Overall Pee Wee - calculated by average laptime and assignments of points using the Overall Points System below. The Jr. Beginner class is not eligible for overall awards.

Overall Position	Overall Points
1	20
2	19
3	18
4	17
5	16
6	15
7	14
8	13

<b>9</b>	12
<b>10</b>	11
<b>11</b>	10
<b>12</b>	9
<b>13</b>	8
<b>14</b>	7
<b>15</b>	6
<b>16</b>	5
<b>17</b>	4
<b>18</b>	3
<b>19</b>	2
<b>20</b>	1

Racers must earn points in 6 of 7 races to qualify for series end overall awards. AA, A, B, and C riders will be eligible for MSR/Answer Racing/Pro Taper Overall Awards. The following year, winners will run the corresponding number plate in the series as shown below.

Award	#Plate
AA	1
Ladies AA	L1
Overall A	1A
Overall B	1B
Overall C	1C
Overall Senior	1S
Overall Mini	1M
Overall Ladies	1L
Overall Woman	1W
Overall 65	1P
Overall 50	1K

Awards will be as follows:

AA	Pro Purse Split
Ladies AA	Pro Purse Split
Overall A	Custom Helmet
Overall B	Ring
Overall C	Ring
Overall M/L/W	Ring
Overall PW	Ring

15. **AA Class Payback.** The AA Class (Men and Ladies) payback will be 100%, split according to the total number of riders in the class as shown below.

Number of Entries	Payback Split
1-3	1 Place: 100%
4-7	2 Places: 60/40
8-10	3 Places: 50/30/20
11-15	4 Places: 40/30/20/10
16+	5 Places: 40/30/15/10/5

16. **Pets.** All animals must be kept on a leash.

17. **Noise.** The rule here is, "be respectful of others." Specifically, after 10:00 p.m. all *excessive* noise must cease, including generators. All generators must be within 10 feet of the camper, motor home, trailer, etc. that they belong to. No riding of bikes or four wheelers will be allowed after 10 pm Saturday, except for track staff conducting official business.

### Equipment

1. **Safety Equipment.** Approved safety equipment (helmet, boots, shirt or shoulder pads, and full pants, motorcycle riding shorts may be worn only if knees and legs are covered by other protective gear no bare skin may be showing on the legs) must be worn at all times when on the track. Protective eyewear is highly recommended.
2. **Numbers.** TORO number must be displayed on front and side number plates to receive points. Letters and numbers on number plates must be a minimum of 3" tall and in a color of high contrast to the background.
3. **Silencers.** All motorcycles must be silenced to the satisfaction of TORO officials.

### Competition Rules

1. **Pit Stops.** All gas stops must be made off the track and inside the designated area, which will have a maximum speed limit of 10mph. Pit stops for any other purpose

may be made anywhere other than within the finish line caution area.

2. **Starts.** All starts will be dead engine, with the rider either on or off of the motorcycle. Prior to starting each row, the starter will give a 10 second warning by raising a "10 Second Board," followed by a visual check of each rider on the front row. Within 10 seconds after the "10 Second Board" is shown the green flag will be waved, signaling the start of the race. All Classes will start at a minimum of 45-second intervals. Pee Wees will have live engine starts.
3. **Scoring Chutes.** All riders must enter the scoring chute at the finish of each lap in order to be scored. No passing is allowed inside the chute unless instructed by track staff. Passing in the scoring chute may carry a penalty of up to disqualification from the event. Riders who break through the scoring chute will be considered off the track and may be passed by other riders. Riders that damage the chute may be penalized by a 15 second black flag.
4. **Following the Course.** Turning inside a corner marker will constitute cutting the course. If a section is marked on both sides of the trail, riders are required to go between the markers. In straight sections marked only by a single ribbon or arrow, riders must not travel more than 15 feet to either side of the main trail. If a rider leaves the boundaries of the course, they must reenter the course at the same point they left it, except where bottlenecks are concerned. If a rider encounters a situation where the track is blocked by other riders, alternative lines are permissible providing they do not shorten the track and are no more than 25 feet outside the main line. If the bottleneck is clear on subsequent laps, riders must return to the marked course.
5. **Changing Motorcycles.** Riders must finish the race on the same motorcycle they started on.
6. **Sweepers.** A sweeper(s) will ride the track after the race leader crosses the finish line. This sweeper will not be allowed to pass any rider currently completing his final lap. Once the sweeper comes through the finish line, the race is over, and the next race may be started.
7. **Results.** Scoreboards will be posted for viewing at either the finish or sign up area.

8. **Protests.** All protests must be lodged – in writing - within 30 minutes of the time the scores are posted after each race. At least 2 witnesses are required, and those witnesses must be registered TORO competition members. Protests must be taken to the Competition Referee Team, which consists of the TORO Series President, Vice-President, and Scoring Director. Any decision rendered by them is final.
9. **Machine Protests.** Machine protests must also be lodged within 30 minutes of results being posted. If a teardown is required to settle the protest, there will be a Machine Protest Fee of \$200, which will be returned to the protester if the complaint is upheld. Otherwise, the fee will go to the protested rider. All Machine Protests will be monitored by the Competition Referee Team, and any rider found to be violating the displacement limits (either over or under size) for their class will lose all series points accumulated to-date.
10. **Flags.** Flags are defined as follows:
  - **RED: “STOP”.** Signifies the track is closed. Shut off your engine at the start area.
  - **GREEN: “GO”.** Used to start race.
  - **YELLOW: “CAUTION”.** Used to slow down riders.
  - **WHITE: “ONE LAP TO GO.”** Hang in there!
  - **CHECKERED: “FINISH”.** Congratulations!!
  - **BLACK: “STOP NOW!!”** An official wants to talk to the rider. Being given the black flag does not necessarily mean disqualification, but failure to stop can result in a disqualification.

## Scoring

1. **Throwaway Race.** The TORO series will consist of a 7-race season with each rider's highest 6 event scores counting towards cumulative championship awards.
2. **Tiebreakers.** In any case where there is a tie for a series finishing position, finishes including the dropped race will be used to break the tie (example, number of first, number of seconds, number of thirds and so on). If a tie still exists the rider that started the most races will win the tie (a DNF 0 will beat a no show 0). If attendance is equal between the riders, then the rider

with the fastest average lap time for all events attended by both riders will win the tie. For the overall awards, a tie will be broken by adding in the dropped race and calculating the fastest overall laptime of all the races including the dropped race. If one rider involved in the tie did not race the drop and the other did, the one that raced the additional race will win the tie regardless of laptimes.

3. **Finishing.** A rider must finish the event to be eligible for points. "Finishing" constitutes completing at least half the number of laps completed by the class leader in the time allotted for each race. For example, if the winner in the Lite A class (Long Course) does 7 laps, all other riders in the Lite A class must have completed at least 4 laps to receive any points. Pee Wee riders completing one lap will receive finishing points.
4. **Points.** Points will be awarded as shown in the following table. Note that all positions after 19<sup>th</sup> will be awarded 1 point.

<b>Finishing Position</b>	<b>Class Points</b>
<b>1</b>	25
<b>2</b>	22
<b>3</b>	20
<b>4</b>	18
<b>5</b>	16
<b>6</b>	15
<b>7</b>	14
<b>8</b>	13
<b>9</b>	12
<b>10</b>	11
<b>11</b>	10
<b>12</b>	9
<b>13</b>	8
<b>14</b>	7
<b>15</b>	6
<b>16</b>	5
<b>17</b>	4
<b>18</b>	3
<b>19</b>	2
<b>20</b>	1

## Classification

1. **Engine Sizes.** For riders wishing to be classified by bike size, motorcycles must be ridden in the class dictated by their bike's engine size according to the table shown below. Riders in Age Classes, Ladies Classes, or the AA Classes may ride any size motorcycle.

Class	Eligible Motorcycles
<i>Jr. Beginner</i>	<i>Entry level air cooled bikes, no race models.</i>
Pee Wee 50	0-50cc
Pee Wee 65	0-65cc, PW80, XR70, JR80, TTR90, KLX110, CRF80F
Mini	0-107cc 2-Stroke, 0-150cc 4-Stroke
Lite	250cc 4-Stroke and below; under 250cc 2-Stroke
Heavy	Over 250 4-Stroke; 250 2-Stroke and up

2. **Age Classes.** To be eligible for age classes, riders must be the correct age on or before the day of the first event they compete in. However, there will be no forced promotion due to a birthday during the season. If a rider wishes to transfer to an age class, or to a different age class due to a birthday, they will be charged an additional TORO Competition Fee for each class move.
3. **Changing Classes.** A rider may voluntarily change classes either laterally or by moving up at any time during the season. However, they will not carry previously earned points into their new class, and they will be charged a \$10 Change Class Fee for each class move.
4. **Additional Classes.** If riders wish to participate in more than one program, they may do so by signing up for additional classes that are available and paying an additional entry fee for each one.
5. **Promotions During the Series:** If a racer shows lap times that place he or she in the top 4 of the next higher class in any two of the first three races they participate in, the TORO Competition Referee Team will promote them to that class. No previously earned points will be carried into the new class. The Woman +30B class will be compared to the Ladies Expert classes for promotions. The +35B class will be compared to the +30A class and the +45B class will be compared to the +40A class for promotions. No additional competition fees will be charged unless the rider chooses to make a

lateral move after being promoted then they will pay a \$10 Change Class Fee. Example: Ricky Racer rides the +30B class at race 1, 2, and 4. Ricky is out of practice, but he used to be a local pro motocrosser back in the day. At races 1 and 4, his lap times place him in the top 4 of the +30A class. He will be promoted to that class immediately and notified either in person, by phone, website or email. If Ricky feels his oats and decides to ride the AA class instead of +30A, he will pay an additional \$10 change class fee. The Competition Referee Team reserves the right to use committee discretion in cases that are out of the norm. (Example: Class that have less than five members.)

6. **Promotions After the Series Ends.** At the end of each series, the Competition Referee Team will collect lap times from all races that can be used for promotions. Those events will be races where the ground was consistent all day – not dusty in the morning and snotty in the afternoon, for example. *If a race is to be considered a "Mud Race," that decision will be made by the CRT at the track on race day and it will not be used for promotions.* For each event, riders will be grouped together by age or displacement and ranked from fastest to slowest, i.e. All Lite riders will be ranked together, all Lady/Woman riders will be grouped together, etc. Each group will be divided into three classes: the fastest 20% (A), middle 30% (B), and slowest 50% (C). If a rider's times place him in a higher class than he or she competed in at any two events, the rider will be promoted to that class for the next series.
7. **Moving Down.** Once a rider has moved or has been promoted to a higher classification, they may not move back down unless they have filed a written petition with TORO and that petition has been unanimously approved by the Competition Committee. The only exceptions are for riders moving from Pee Wee 50cc to Pee Wee 65cc, riders moving from the Pee Wee program to the 45 minute + lap Course, or for riders moving from the 45 minute + lap Course to either the Long or Short Course. For example, young Robby Rocket, wins the Mini A class, then puts on a growth spurt and decides to ride a YZF 250 the following year. Ricky may join the Lite B or Lite C class. However, the same promotion rules still apply –

if Ricky is fast enough, he will be promoted and will lose all points earned to date.

8. **AA Classes.** Participation in the AA Classes will be strictly voluntary.
9. **Jr. Beginner Class.** This class is for riders on 50cc entry level motorcycles who are 6 years old or younger and who are in their first year of racing (no race model motorcycles).
10. **Pee Wee 50cc and 65cc.** Racers may race both the Pee Wee 50cc class and the Pee Wee 65cc class in a single season. Riders in the 50cc class may contest a lower, equal or greater level on the larger bike. Rider in the 65cc B or A class must contest at an equal or greater level on the smaller bike.
11. **Any racer registered in any Mini or other big track class is not eligible to compete in any Pee Wee classes with the exception of 65A riders approved by the Competition Committee.**
12. **Bike Numbers.** Racers may pick 3 choices for numbers from their class number list with a paid registration; one will be assigned. The top 10 finishers from the previous series can choose to take their earned number or another number from their class number list.
13. **TORO Classes.** The series will include the classes on the following table.

TORO Classification Table			
Class	Number Designation	Age	Course
AA	1-99	Any	Long
Ladies AA	L11-99	Any	Long
Heavy A	A101-A199	Any	Long
Heavy B	B101-B199	Any	Long
Heavy C	C101-C199	Any	Short
Lite A	A201-A299	Any	Long
Lite B	B201-B299	Any	Long
Lite C	C201-C299	Any	Short
+30 A	A401-A499	30 and older	Long
+30 B	B401-B499	30 and older	Long
+30 C	C401-C499	30 and older	Short
+35 B	B501-B599	35 and older	Long

+35 C	C501-C599	35 and older	Short
+40 A	A601-A699	40 and older	Long
+40 B	B601-B699	40 and older	Long
+40 C	C601-C699	40 and older	Short
+45 B	B701-B799	45 and older	Short
+45 C	C701-C799	45 and older	Short
+50 A	A801-A899	50 and older	Short
+50 B	B801-B899	50 and older	Short
+50 C	B801-B899	50 and older	Short
+60	901-999	60 and older	Short
Ladies A	L101-L199	Any	45 min +1 lap
Ladies B	L201-L299	Any	45 min +1 lap
Ladies C	L301-L399	Any	45 min +1 lap
Woman +30 B	W201-W299	30 and older	45 min +1 lap
Woman +30 C	W301-W399	30 and older	45 min +1 lap
Mini A	M101-M199	15 and under	45 min +1 lap
Mini B	M201-M299	15 and under	45 min +1 lap
Mini C	M301-M399	15 and under	45 min +1 lap
Pee Wee 50 A	K101-K199	9 and under	Pee Wee
Pee Wee 50 B	K201-K299	9 and under	Pee Wee
Pee Wee 50 C	K301-K399	9 and under	Pee Wee
Pee Wee 65 A	P101-P199	12 and under	Pee Wee
Pee Wee 65 B	P201-P299	12 and under	Pee Wee
Pee Wee 65 C	P301-P399	12 and under	Pee Wee
Jr. Beginner	J111-J199	6 and under	Pee Wee

14. **Starting Grid.** The Starting grid at all TORO events will be set up according to the table below:

(Grid on following page...)

TORO Starting Grid				
Long Course	Short Course	Minis/Ladies	Pee Wee 1	Pee Wee 2
AA	+50 A	Mini A	PW 65 A	PW 50 A
Heavy A	+45 B	Ladies A	PW 65 B	PW 50 B
+40 A	Lite C	Mini B	PW 65 C	PW 50 C
+30 A	Heavy C	Ladies B		Jr. Beginner
Lite A	+30 C	Woman +30 B		
Heavy B	+50 B	Mini C		
+30 B	+35 C	Ladies C		
Lite B	+40 C	Woman +30 C		
+35 B	+60			
Ladies AA	+45 C			
+40 B	+50 C			

### Penalties

In a perfect world, there would be no need for penalties in racing, but we all know the reality. In order to maintain fair and safe competition for all participants, TORO will not hesitate to assess penalties when required. The following is a list of the things that can get a racer in trouble and what the result will be, if a complaint is filed by a TORO staff member, a member of the promoter's staff, or two TORO members. Note that in the event of disqualification from an event, all fees paid will be forfeited.

1. **Track Cutting.** Intentionally cutting the track and/or eliminating or cutting around obstacles (i.e., log crossings, jumps, ditches, etc.), will result in loss of one lap. Unrealistic lap times will be considered proof of track cutting.
2. **Hanging Your Own Ribbons.** Anyone found to be modifying the track other than a TORO official will be expelled from the property for the weekend.

3. **Unsportsmanlike Conduct.** Verbal and physical abuse between riders and/or crew members will not be tolerated. While a certain amount of rubbing is expected in racing, intentionally attempting to harm another rider by ramming, t-boning, or any other takeout move is unacceptable. This includes any act that may put a competing rider in undue danger (i.e., pit vehicle(s) crossing the track in front of a racer, pit vehicle(s) or person(s) crossing the track during the start of races, or anything that could cause the racer harm). Any such conduct will result in immediate disqualification from the event. If a rider is involved in such behavior on a second occasion, all points earned to-date will be lost. If there is yet a third occurrence, the rider will be removed from the series altogether. Racers are responsible for their families and guests.
4. **Ignoring the Red Flag.** When the red flag is displayed at the starting line, the track is closed. Riders found on the track when it is closed will be disqualified from the event.
5. **Jumping the Start.** Riders who jump the start will be docked 1 lap. This penalty will only be enforced if the rider proceeds with the lap, and does not return to the start line.
6. **Ignoring the Black Flag.** Disqualification from the event.
7. **Ignoring a Caution Area.** Disqualification from the event.
8. **Starting in the Wrong Class.** If a rider advances his position by leaving the starting line before his or her correct class, they will be penalized one lap. A rider may leave the line any time after his class has left with no penalty.
9. **Illegal Engine (Over or Under-sized).** Loss of points earned to-date.
10. **Improper Bike Identification.** Riders with numbers and/or letters not displayed according to TORO standards may result in disqualification.
11. **Switching Riders or Motorcycles.** The penalty for changing riders or motorcycles during a race will be immediate disqualification and loss of points earned to-date.
12. **Speeding in the Pits.** Breaking the speed limit of 10mph in the pits will result in loss of a lap if the rider

has not yet competed that weekend. If the rider has already competed, 1 lap will be docked from their score. Riders are responsible for their guests and family members.

13. **No Band.** Starting either the race or a practice session without a colored band may result in disqualification.
14. **Pitting for Gas other than in Designated Pit Area.** Pitting for gas in any area other than the designated pit area will result in a loss of lap.
15. **Practicing with the Wrong Group.** Riding practice on your race bike or any other bike with the incorrect group will result in a loss of lap.

## **TORO and the Promoter**

In any sanctioned racing series, the relationship between promoters and the sanctioning body is one of great importance. They are, in effect, partners in creating a product that will provide enjoyment for racers, prestige for the series, and profit for the individual promoters. As such, a solid working relationship must be built on mutual understanding of the needs each party brings to the table. This section of the TORO Staff Handbook defines what this organization expects of each promoter that chooses to host a TORO event, and describes the value of purchasing a TORO Promoter Package.

### **The Promoter Package**

In order to host a Texas Offroad Racing Organization event, a promoter must first be selected from the available prospects. Once selected, promoters must purchase a TORO Promoter Package and sign the TORO Promoter Contract. The Promoter Package cost will be defined in the contract and – in addition to the rider draw of a points-paying series - will include the following at a minimum:

- All rider awards defined in the Competition Rules.
- Copy of the TORO Handbook.
- Entry Forms.
- Gate Receipts.
- Use of TORO scoring equipment and personnel.
- Use of TORO flagging equipment.
- 8 Portable toilets for Saturday and Sunday.
- Race flyer creation and posting on TORO website.
- Track marking supplies.
- EMS and ambulance service for Saturday and Sunday.
- Insurance.
- TORO staff for conducting races, scoring, resolution of conflicts on race weekends and distributing awards.
- TORO expertise in building tracks and hosting first-class off-road motorcycle racing events.
- Advertising on the TORO website.

In effect, all the promoter is required to supply is the land, the track, and the staff to conduct the event, while TORO provides the recipe for how to get it done. This strategy not only reduces the expense and labor required to promote an off road motorcycle race, but it maintains the event-to-event consistency that racers appreciate.

### **Promoter Selection**

Veteran TORO promoters and any new promoters approved by the TORO Board of Directors will work together to set a schedule that best suits all involved. If a schedule can not amicably be determined in this manner, dates/promoters will go to a draw system determined by the TORO Board of Directors.

### **Ambulance Service**

TORO will purchase ambulance service for all events in the series as a package. Not only will this relieve the promoter of the labor associated with securing EMS, but TORO purchasing power will also enable us to secure EMS at a more competitive price. TORO will solicit bids from area providers and choose the one that provides the most value. Savings will be passed on to the riders in the form of higher quality Series Awards.

TORO will provide ambulance service at the track Saturday from 11:00am to dusk with at least one certified EMT and one crewmember, along with an ATV for injured rider transport. Sunday ambulance service will consist of a minimum 2 vehicles, their crews, and an ATV at the track by 7:30am. At least one EMS crew must be on location until the sweeper has come in after the last race. Ambulance service includes transport of riders to the hospital, excluding Care Flight.

### **Insurance**

TORO will provide event insurance as part of the promoter package.

The following section contains the actual wording of the TORO Promoter Contract.

### **Promoter Contract**

This contract defines the agreement between the Texas Off-road Racing Organization (TORO), based in Denton, TX, and **Promoter** for promotion of a TORO Championship Series race and the required purchase by the promoter of a TORO Promoter Package. The agreement covers the seven-race series to be held by TORO during the period from November 2008 and March, 2009.

### **What TORO Provides**

**The Promoter Package.** In order to host a Texas Off-road Racing Organization event, a promoter must first be selected from the available prospects. Once selected, promoters must purchase a TORO Promoter Package and sign the TORO Promoter Contract. The Promoter Package will include the following at a minimum:

1. **Promoter Package.** TORO will supply each event promoter with a "Promoter Package" which will include all items specified in this contract. The price of the Promoter Package will be \$3750. TORO will collect \$1500 of the package price at the time this contract is signed by both TORO and the promoter. The balance of \$2250 will be collected by the end of racing activities on Sunday at each event.
2. **Awards.** TORO will supply awards for each event and for the series. Specifically, TORO will select the suppliers, the style of awards and the number of places to pay. Awards may be trophies, plaques, medals, or some combination thereof and will be designed, ordered, and inventoried by TORO. For the TORO Championship Series, TORO will provide medals for the top three finishers in each class at each event, with the exception of the C classes, Mini, and PeeWee classes, which will receive awards for the top 5 finishers, and the AA class, which will have cash awards provided by the promoter. TORO is responsible for distributing the awards for each race. They will be available to the riders at the scoring

trailer 30 minutes after scoring has been posted and any protests have been resolved. At the end of the series, TORO will provide plaques to the top 5 finishers in each class who qualify under the rules.

3. **Ambulance Service.** TORO will purchase ambulance service for all events in the series as a package and ensure that EMS personnel are on site at each race. TORO will be responsible for soliciting all bids and will make the final selection based on price and service. At each event, TORO will provide ambulance service at the track on Saturdays from 11:00am to dusk with at least one certified EMT and one crewmember, along with an ATV for injured rider transport. Sunday ambulance service will consist of a minimum 2 vehicles, their crews, and an ATV at the track from 7:30am until dusk. At least one EMS crew must be on location until the sweeper has come in after the last race, and will only leave the premises when released by TORO. Ambulance service includes transport of riders to the hospital, excluding Care Flight.
4. **Portable Toilet Service.** TORO will provide portable toilet service at each event. Specifically, TORO will solicit bids and select a provider for 8 units to be on site no later than 9am on Saturdays at each event. The provider will be selected on the basis of price and service. TORO will ensure that all portable toilets are properly stocked with toilet paper at all times.
5. **Insurance.** TORO will provide event insurance. Everyone entering the property on race weekend must sign an insurance release form at the gate. All insurance releases must be turned in to the TORO Membership Director by the end of activities on Sunday.
6. **Flyers.** TORO will be responsible for all event flyers.
7. **Track Marking Supplies.** TORO will provide all supplies necessary for marking the promoter's racetrack no less than 60 days prior to each event. Supplies will include ribbon, directional arrows, danger markers, and wrong-way markers. On Saturday of the event by 9am, TORO will post a sign at the scoring trailer that says, "This is a TORO sanctioned event. All TORO rules must be observed at all times."
8. **Paperwork.** TORO will supply each promoter with the required paperwork necessary for event signup and collection of funds. Documents will include official TORO

gate receipts, insurance waivers, and event signup forms.

9. **Equipment.** TORO will supply starting line markers, all necessary flags, and all equipment needed for signup and scoring.
10. **Staff.** TORO will provide staff for all scoring, signup, and refereeing that may be required on race weekends.
11. **Advertising.** TORO will provide advertising of the series via the TORO website at [www.race-toro.org](http://www.race-toro.org).
12. **Track Design and Construction.** TORO will provide track design consultation on request by the promoter, and may assist in actual construction of the track.
13. **Entry Fee Split.** Promoters will pay TORO \$5.00 per entry sold excluding AA entries. Funds will be collected by the TORO Treasurer on Sunday. Promoter will give the pro purse to TORO to distribute to the AA winners at the scoring trailer following their race's protest period.

### **What the Promoter Provides**

#### **General Track Requirements**

1. **The Track.** Promoters will construct a race course according to the requirements set forth in this contract.
2. **Track Location.** All tracks will be located a maximum distance of 100 mile radius from the middle of the DFW metro area. Mileage extension may be granted upon TORO discretion.
3. **Land Authorization.** Each potential promoter must provide a Land Authorization Form to the TORO Secretary at or before the Promoter Contract signing. This form must state that the promoter has permission to use the property for a TORO race and must be signed by the landowner. A TORO staff member will contact each promoter 6 weeks before the scheduled race to verify that the property is still available. If it is not, and the promoter cannot get another property agreement signed within 1 week, the race will be given to an alternate promoter.
4. **Track Length.** All TORO sanctioned events will run on tracks of at least **7** miles in length. Exceptions may be made by TORO if weather or safety dictates shortening the race course.

5. **Track Inspection.** Tracks will be inspected by TORO staff prior to competition events taking place. Changes stipulated by TORO will be made prior to competition.
6. **Marking Deadline.** All track marking will be complete prior to 9am on Saturday.
7. **Start Location.** Starting line must be off the track with a minimum of 60 yards in width and 60 yards in length.
8. **Trail Riders.** Race track will be closed to trail riders on race weekends.
9. **ATV Riders.** No three or four wheel ATV's will be allowed on the marked course on a race weekend except for emergency purposes.
10. **Mowing.** Grass on the starting line, camping and pit areas will be less than 6" tall, or mowed within one week prior to the race weekend. All work must be ready for inspection no later than 9am Saturday morning.
11. **Wooden Stakes.** Promoter will provide 3 dozen (36) 48" wood or plastic stakes for construction of the scoring chute by 9am Saturday.
12. **Road Crossings.** Places where the racetrack crosses an active road will be marked with at least 1 barrel or 2 stacked hay bales. The road crossings should be marked showing mileage to the closest tenth mile and direction of the track.
13. **Other Events.** A TORO sanctioned promoter agrees not to have any other off-road event on the same date as any TORO sanctioned race without TORO approval.
14. **Trash Bags.** Promoters will provide at least 1 large trash bag to each vehicle entering the race area.
15. **Scoreboard.** Promoter will supply two 4' by 8' sheet of plywood for posting race results unless some other TORO approved facility exists. Unless approved otherwise by TORO, the scoreboard will be located at the main track finish line or signup area by 3pm Saturday.
16. **Track Map.** The promoter will provide TORO with 10 copies of an 8 1/2 X 11 map of the track, noting mileage and the location of the road crossings, by 9am on Saturday.
17. **Barbed Wire.** Any section of the track where an exposed barbed wire fence is present requires a minimum of 10 feet clearance from the main trail, except where the track passes through a gate. Otherwise, plywood sheeting must cover the fence for the entire length of the subject sections.

## Marking the Track.

1. **Track Marking.** The promoter will mark the track every 50-100 feet with TORO supplied ribbons, arrows, and danger markers as required. All turns will be marked on the inside of the corner, at a minimum. All ribbon used for marking the track shall be provided by TORO as part of the Promoter Package. *Jumps that may be unsafe if rolled will have a viable alternate of equal time to protect the jumpers as well as the non-jumpers. All jumps that have a landing that is not in plain view through the complete approach to the jump must have two flaggers, one at the take off to warn that a rider is down and the track is not clear and one on the landing side to help clear the track and/or redirect oncoming traffic.*
2. **Open Fields.** Course markers in open fields without trees, bushes, etc., must be attached to 1" x 2" wooden stakes protruding at least 30" out of the ground. Open fields may also be marked using weighted barrels or hay bales with course markers attached.
3. **Mileage Markers.** Every 1/2 mile there must be a visible mileage marker.
4. **Alternates.** Mini/ Ladies alternate cut-offs – if used - must be clearly marked with a minimum 1' by 2' sign with white background and pink/orange lettering.
5. **Old Ribbons.** All existing ribbons from any prior race within sight of the current course must be removed.
6. **Remedial Track Work.** Any track work which must be performed by TORO staff as a result of noncompliance by the promoter may be charged at \$25/hour, with a \$50 minimum.
7. **Creek Crossings.** Safe materials must be used to rebuild a damaged water crossing. TORO recommends a sheet of chain-link fence secured by sandbags or other method that will not injure fallen riders.
8. **Restricted Areas.** Promoter may restrict access to certain areas of the property. Any such areas must be clearly marked prior to 9am Saturday.
9. **Care Flight Pad.** Promoters will mark a 100' diameter circular landing spot for Care Flight helicopters. Marking will be unconnected pink florescent ribbon attached to individual stakes. The area will also be marked with "No Parking" signs.

## **Pee Wee Track**

1. **The Track.** The PeeWee track, a minimum of 1 mile in length, may *not* be part of the main track, but will be marked every 50-100' with ribbon of a different color than that used for the main track.
2. **Scoring Chute.** The Pee Wee track must be constructed such that it can share a common scoring chute with the main track unless otherwise pre-approved by the TORO Scoring Director.

## **Promoter Staff**

1. **Gate.** Promoters will provide a minimum of 3 people at all times to work the entrance to the property on race weekend.
2. **Road Crossings.** Promoters will provide 1 person to act as a road crossing guard at any location where the racetrack crosses a road or trail that may be used by public traffic or spectators on motorized vehicles.

## **Advertising**

1. **TORO Logo.** The TORO logo(s) will not be used by promoters in any artwork, promotional items, or advertising without prior written consent by TORO.
2. **Usage.** All usage of the TORO logo(s) must follow approved style guidelines set forth by TORO.

## **Towing**

Promoters must supply a vehicle (such as a tractor) that is capable of towing large motor homes that are stuck in the mud. Promoters will not charge a fee for towing, nor will they allow any other vendor to charge racers who need to be towed as a result of muddy conditions.

## **Cancellations or Postponements**

If a race is postponed due to weather it will be re-scheduled by mutual agreement of the TORO Board of Directors and the promoter, with the following weekend being the default date. All weather postponements must be by **mutual agreement**

between TORO and the promoter. In the event of a weather postponement, TORO will cover any costs incurred by an unused EMS crew. TORO will also transfer the event insurance policy to the new date. If a promoter must postpone a race for any reason other than weather, all costs of rescheduling will be covered by the promoter. If a race is canceled by a promoter without the consent of TORO, the event will be considered forfeited. In the event of an unauthorized cancellation, the cost of the Promoter Package will not be refunded, and the promoter may lose promoter status.

### **Awards**

TORO is responsible for distributing the awards for each race. They will be available to the riders at the scoring trailer 30 minutes after scoring has been posted and any protests have been resolved.

### **Money**

1. **AA Purses.** Promoters will pay a minimum of 100% of AA entry fees for the AA purses (Men and Ladies). Promoters may give any additional amount they wish and/or have sponsors help with this amount.
2. **Entry Fee.** Race entry fee will be \$15.00 per rider for all classes except AA. AA Class riders will pay \$30.00 per rider (Men and Ladies). Refunds will be given until 9am on Sunday morning.
3. **Gate Fee.** Saturday/Sunday gate fee will be \$5.00 per person. Age six and under and age 60 and over will be admitted free.
4. **Bike Fee.** Motorcycle/ATV Fee will be \$5.00 per motorcycle or ATV.
5. **Vehicle Fee.** Vehicle fee for Saturday/Sunday will be \$5.00.
6. **Friday Fees.** Promoter may charge \$5.00 vehicle fee for Friday entry, but there will be no other additional fees.
7. **Toro Staff Fees.** All TORO staff members are exempt from Gate, Bike, and Vehicle fees at all events.
8. **Electrical Hookups.** Electrical hook-ups (where available) will be a maximum of \$10.00 per weekend per plug-in.

9. **Collection.** Promoters will collect all money at the gate except for Series Competition Fees.
10. **Refunds.** Cash refunds for race entry fees must be given by promoter for cancellations. Riders may only receive refunds by turning either their entry form. No "rain-checks" will be allowed.
11. **Checks.** All checks issued by TORO will be cashed within 60 days of the day issued, or by the end of the same calendar year, whichever expires first. Failure to comply with the above will result in forfeiture of this payment.

**Promoter:**

**Promoter Name**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREED AND ACCEPTED THIS**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

**Texas Off-road Racing Organization (TORO)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## General Series Policies

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the TORO Offroad Series is to develop a system of competitive off-road motorcycle racing events in North Texas. Points will be earned at each event during the season and will accumulate towards awards for individual class champions.

### **Organization**

The management structure of the TORO sanctioning body will consist of a 7-member Board of Directors and a Race Staff. The Race Staff is comprised of the Series President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Scoring Director, Technical Director and Track Director at a minimum. The Board may add or delete positions as necessary. The Series President and the Secretary will also serve the Board of Directors, with the President acting as Chairman of the Board. All decisions made by the Board of Directors will be final.

### **Meetings**

1. **Annual Meeting.** At a minimum, there will be one annual meeting of the Series Committee prior to the start of each season, no later than 60 days prior to the first race, to formulate or revise any rules or policies that are in the best interest of the TORO series.
2. **Voting.** At meetings, each member of the Board will have one vote, with the exception of the Chairman, who will only vote to break ties.
3. **Quorum.** A quorum will consist of 4/7 members of the Board of Directors.
4. **Promoter Meeting.** A meeting with all potential promoters will be called by the Board of Directors prior to the beginning of each season. The Promoter Meeting may be held on the same day as the Series Annual Meeting. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss Promoter Policies, announce rule changes, and to determine the schedule for the upcoming season, if necessary.

## Financial

1. **Revenue.** Revenue will be generated by TORO through sales of Promoter Packages, Competition Fees, and a portion of each Entry Fee received by promoters. Revenue may be generated through sales of promotional items such as clothing and stickers. All fee amounts are set by the TORO Board of Directors.
2. **Promoter Packages.** Promoter Packages must be purchased by any individual or club wishing to promote a TORO sanctioned event. Items included in the package and the cost is described in the TORO Promoter Policies.
3. **Competition Fee.** Competition Fees must be paid by any person wishing to compete in a TORO sanctioned event. The Competition Fee is \$20.00 if you sign up online and \$50 if you sign up at a TORO event. It is paid only once per season.
4. **Transponder Fee.** Transponders are mandatory and are \$25 each.
5. **Change Class Fee** If a rider voluntarily changes classes during the season they will be required to pay a Change Class Fee of \$10.00
6. **Entry Fee.** Entry Fees will be \$15.00 for all competitors except for AA riders. AA class entry fees (Men and Ladies) will be \$30.00 with 100% payback. Promoters will be required to pay \$5.00 of each Entry Fee except AA (No entry fee split on AA entries), collected to the TORO treasurer at the end of the race weekend.
7. **Other Fees.** Other fees, such as Gate Fee and Bike Fee may be charged by each promoter according to TORO Promoter Rules, but such fees will not be subject to any assessment by TORO.
8. **Funds Carried Forward.** No less than 10% of each year's gross revenue will be set aside for the purchase and/or upgrade of required equipment.