



FIRST TIME

DESERT RACER GUIDE

What do I need to race? Where do I go?? Where do I start???

The first thing you will need in order to participate is your AMA card (American Motorcyclist Association). If you don't have an AMA card yet, you can purchase one online at <http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com> or you can purchase one at sign-ups payable via check, cash or credit card. The cost is \$49 for individual \$98 for family up to 4 members, \$29 for riders 11 and under or \$20 for a one day event. If the rider is younger than 18, you will need to fill out an AMA minor release form. If the rider is "special needs", please inform the Club Referee and Rescue 3 (or on site medical provider). This rider will also need a parent or legal guardian on site. If you sign up for your AMA card online before going to the event, make sure you either print or take a photo of the "receipt" showing that you paid and show this to the officials at sign-up.

Once you have an AMA card, you may also purchase a District 37 license to earn points. You may purchase one online at <http://www.district37ama.org> or you can purchase one at sign-up, check or cash only. Purchasing a license at sign-up is \$40 and you will be given a temporary number for your number plate. Use this number at all future events until your permanent number arrives in the mail. If you do not care to earn points or a trophy, you may purchase a pie plate at sign-up for \$10 in addition to the entry fee and you will be given a number to use for a single event.

Now that you have your AMA card and your District license, you will need to fill out an entry form. These can be found on the tables in front of sign-ups. To properly fill out an entry form, check the One Loop Option only if you want to do 1 loop and ride with red numbers*. Otherwise leave it blank. This does not apply to European Scrambles as you can not choose the number of laps you complete. The D37 box is where you list your riding number(s) and your AMA number. To the right of this box, check the appropriate box for skill level and class you are competing in. Below these boxes, enter your name, your age, your telephone number, your address, the brand of motorcycle you are entering, and it's engine size. CLUB is for the club you belong to. If you are not a member of a club, leave it blank. Fill in your email address and an emergency contact number. List any sponsors you may have. In the EVENT section, list the hosting club's name (it will be on the race flier). The location is where the race is being held. The team section only applies to team racing events. Sign and date in the pink section. Below that, circle your skill level and then sign and date below that.

*For Desert Scrambles, Hare & Hound and Enduro type events, you have the option to race either 1 loop or 2 loops—determined at the time of sign up. If you are riding 1 loop, you will want to make sure the numbers on your number plate are **RED**. If you are going the full distance of 2 or more loops, you will need to have **BLACK** numbers on your number plate.

Classes that normally ride only one loop are:

- All Beginners
- 60+(Masters)
- 70+(Legends)
- All ATV's at Hare & Hounds; Only Novice ATV at Desert Scrambles
- Mini
- Novice 50+(Magnum)
- Novice Women

All other classes go the full distance, but have the option of racing just one loop. If you elect the one loop option, you will be scored behind everybody who completes two loops and will earn 70% points. If your class is required to do 1 loop only, you will receive 100% of your points.

You need your helmet at sign-up with you. You will need a transponder sticker. The transponder sticker is \$10—a one time fee as long as you leave the sticker on. Place the sticker on the underside of your helmet visor. This is how you get scored. Once you put the sticker on, do not take it off.

Once you have filled out your entry form and have your helmet in hand along with your AMA card and D37 card (if you pie plate, you will purchase that at the end), find the line that starts at the beginning of sign ups. The officials will ask to see your AMA card, D37 license and your entry form. They will guide you through the line where you will pay your entry fee via check or cash only. Every event will have printed rider instructions with information specific to that event. Please pick up a copy and read them after you complete sign up. At all desert races, except for European Scrambles, after the official takes your entry form you will be given a fender card. Tape the fender card, blank side up, on top of your front fender. When you go through a check, you will need to make sure you get a color marked on the card or a time written on the card for Enduro type events by the check workers. Your fender card will be taken by the officials at the finish line.

After you finish sign ups, you will need to go through tech inspection and possibly a sound check. Determination of sound testing will be based upon your riding number (odd or even). Random testing shall be based upon the month number of the Sunday on the weekend of the event (even or odd). If Sunday's month number is an odd number then those who have an odd riding number will need to pass sound test prior to the start of the event. If Sunday's month number is an even number then those with an even riding number will need to pass sound test prior to the start of the event. All riders will need to pass tech inspection. To pass, you need to have a forestry approved spark arrestor and a green or red sticker.

Most races will allow you to practice the bomb. The bomb is usually the first 1-2 miles of the race course. Going any further on the course will disqualify you from the event. Look for the bomb return to get back to the start. Never go backwards on the bomb!!

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to ask anyone at signups. We are all here to help you and make sure you have a great race day!! Good luck and have a great time!!!