

SAND CROSS COUNTRY 2024 REGULATION

Art. 1 - GENERAL.

1. SAND CROSS COUNTRY events are endurance races with group starts.
2. Riders will be required to complete a number of laps within a time set by the organizers and indicated in the Supplementary Regulations.
3. It is possible to divide the race into several heats as provided in the Supplementary Regulations.

Art. 2 - TRACK

1. It must be "off-road" with a length of about 5/7 km.

Art. 3 - MOTORCYCLE CHARACTERISTICS / TECHNICAL CHECKS.

1. The technical characteristics of motorcycles and quads must comply with the respective FMI technical regulations of Motocross, Enduro, Quad.
2. During Preliminary Operations a minimum of 10 vehicles for each category must be verified (technical + phonometric).

Art. 4- RIDERS CATEGORIES / LICENSES ALLOWED.

1. JUNIOR :

- . (a) Junior 1 motorcycles: minimum 13 years old; maximum 17 years old;
- . b) Junior 2 motorcycles: up to 250cc 4-stroke: minimum 15 years old; maximum 17 years old;
- . (c) Quad Junior: minimum 14 years old maximum 17 years old.

Riders holding Elite Off-road, Off-road, Off-road One Event and Mini-offroad licenses.

2. MASTER:

- . (a) Motorcycles: minimum 18 years old;
- . (b) Quad: minimum 18 years old.

Riders holding Elite Off-road, Off-road and Off-road One Event licenses.

3. VETERANS:

- . (a) Motorcycles: minimum 50 years old;
- . (b) ATV: 50 years old minimum.

Riders holding Elite Off-road, Off-road and Off-road One Event licenses.

4. FEMALE

- . a) Motorcycles: minimum 18 years of age;
- . b) Quad : minimum 18 years of age.

Female riders holding an Elite Off-road, Off-road and Off-road One Event license.

5. The limit for the rider's minimum age coincides with the day of the rider's birth, while the limit for the maximum age ends at the end of the year in which the rider's birthday comes.
6. Riders registered with foreign federations are allowed to participate with a license and a starting permission of their federation.

Art. 5 - CLASSES.

1. MOTORCYCLES:

- a) Junior 1: up to 125cc 2T;
- b) Junior 2: up to 250cc 4T;
- c) Master 1: up to 125cc 2T and up to 250cc 4T;
- d) Master 2: 175cc to 250cc 2T and 250cc 4T to 450cc 4T;
- e) Master 3: 251cc to 300cc 2T and 451cc 4T to 600cc 4T;
- f) Master 4: 601cc 4T to 700cc 4T and multi-cylinder over 500cc.

2. QUAD:

- (a) Junior: up to 125 2T and 250 4T with manual transmission and up to 350 4T with automatic transmission;
- (b) Master: up to 350 2T and 700 4T with manual transmission and up to 500 2T and 1,000 4T with automatic transmission.

Art. 6 - RACE FORMAT.

1. Motorcycles: Minimum duration of 45 minutes and not more than 3 hours.
2. Quads: minimum duration of 1 hour and not more than 2 hours
3. If the number of riders in the Junior categories exceeds 25 riders will be held separately from the Master, otherwise if the minimum number is not reached will be made a single start and will be stopped the Juniors after the time 45 minutes plus one lap.

Art. 7 - DURATION OF MANCHES

1. MOTORCYCLES:

- . (a) Master 1 / Master 2 / Master 3. Maximum total duration 3h: Race 1 (Saturday) 1h30' and Race 2 (Sunday) 1h30';
- . (b) Junior 1 / Junior 2. Maximum duration 1h30': sum of Race 1 (Sat) 45' and Race 2 (Sunday) 45';
- . c) Master 4. Maximum duration 1h30': sum of Race 1 (Sat) 45' and Race 2 (Sunday) 45'.

2. QUAD:

- Master/ Junior. Maximum duration 2h: sum of Race 1 (Saturday) 1h and Race 2 (Sunday) 1h.

Art. 8 – PARC FERME'.

It will be defined in the Supplementary Regulations and in any case, must be closed within 2 hours before the start of the race.

Art. 9 - EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE.

1. Outside assistance and receipt of spare parts or equipment will be allowed exclusively in the pit/refueling area, except when provided on the track by the organizers. No outside assistance is allowed outside the above designated areas. The penalty for failure to comply with this rule is

exclusion. Riders may work on their bikes on the track with the tools and equipment they are carrying on them.

Art. 10 - DEPARTURE PROCEDURE.

1. The riders will start in groups that will be decided by the organizers, (e.g. in classes), and indicated in the Supplementary Regulations.
2. The number of riders in each group shall be decided by the organizer taking into account the layout of the track and indicated in the Supplementary Regulations.
3. The organizers shall ensure that all participants can start together and leave the starting area before the previous riders start the next laps unless an appropriate filtering system can be incorporated to allow riders to join the track without hindering existing riders.
4. There will be a collective start with engines running that will occur in line in category sequence with 30-second intervals between categories (the categories will start as follows: Master 1, Master 2, Master 3 and Master Quad).
5. The Marshal who will order the lowering of the starting grid is appointed by the Clerk of the Course.
6. The riders are free to choose their position on the starting grid according to their starting order and the places available.
7. A rider goes to the starting grid with the bike/Quad he/she will use for the race in question.
8. Once rider has taken his place on the starting grid, he/she can no longer change it, nor return to the waiting area, or receive help before the start.
9. Necessary Officials, photographers and cameramen are the only people allowed in this area.
10. The starting must accommodate at least 30 motorcycle or 20 quads (unless otherwise provided in the circuit homologation).
11. For Junior categories, entry to the track will be done in the order of the numbers.
12. For the other categories, the grid of the riders will be carried out according to the results obtained during the timed tests (if timed tests take place, e.g.the rider who has achieved the best time in the test will enter first, then the second and so on until the last qualified rider.)
13. Signs "Cut Engines", "15 seconds" and "5 seconds" must be provided.
14. TWO types of starts are allowed: collective start in line or start in waves.

Art. 11- Timekeeping.

1. Timekeeping must be carried out by qualified company under the responsibility of the Clerk of the Course.
2. In order to perform his functions the timekeeper shall use:
 - (a) An automatic device with a printer synchronized with real time and the time recording to 1/100th of a second
 - (b) Photoelectric cells or transponders connected to the stopwatch activate the start and end of time.
3. The equipment must be efficient and accurate to function under the conditions in which it is to be used. A monitor, connected directly to the timing system, will indicate the time recorded by the riders as they cross the finish line. A timekeeper in an international event must have a reserve stopwatch with real time available to check the readings of the instruments used. The use of an electronic timing system is mandatory..

Art. 12 - ARRIVAL / CLASSIFICATION

1. After the specified time/number of laps, riders will be diverted through the finish area and then off the track. The finish of the race occurs when the leading rider crosses the finish line after the allotted time has elapsed.
2. The overall winner and the winner of each respective class will be the rider who has completed the most laps after the allotted time. In case of force majeure the race may be completed with ii 75% of the allotted time. To be classified the rider will have to complete ii 50% of the laps completed by the winner.
3. The riders who have crossed the finish line within 30 minutes of the first rider when the track is up to 10 km and 45 minutes when the track is over 10 km will be classified. For safety reasons, the Clerk of the Course may change the duration of the event.
4. The Race Director in case of an early end of the event shall present to the riders a panel with ii number 1, indicating them early end of the event. The checkered flag will be shown on the first rider who crosses the finish line after completing a full lap.
5. Checkered Flag:
 - a) If the checkered flag is erroneously shown later than the official time/distance the classification of the event will be established according to the order of passage at the official time/distance;
 - b) If the checkered flag is erroneously shown earlier than the official time/distance, the classification will be established according to the order of passage at the time the flag was shown.
6. Red Flag
 - a) If it is necessary to stop a race immediately because of an accident that makes its progress dangerous, a red flag will be shown by the Clerk of the Course or his deputy. The decision to stop the race can only be taken by the Clerk of the Course. At the presentation of this flag, riders must immediately reduce their speed and join the refueling park at a moderate pace;
 - b) In case of interruption of the race, the classification of the event will be established according to the order of passage of the riders on the finish line in the lap preceding the race interruption.

Art. 13- RESULTS.

1. The riders who follow the winner will then be stopped when crossing the finishing line.
2. The crossing of the finish line will be recorded at the moment when the most advanced part of the vehicle, in contact with the rider, crosses the line.
3. The rider who achieves the lowest total time is proclaimed the winner in the general classification, the next one being second and so on.
4. Classification by category are drawn up in the same way.
5. Riders must cross the finish line within the time limit, otherwise the last lap will not be counted in their result.

Art. 14 – TIME CHECKS.

1. The start/finish line will be the only time checks.

Art. 15 - OVERVIEW OF THE TRACK.

1. The Organizers must arrange for marshals over 18 years of age with member cards to be placed along the track by the Clerk of the Course.

1. Article 16 - REFUELING.

1. A suitable and reserved area shall be demarcated adjacent to the track as the Pit Area. Access to this area must be restricted to marshals, riders and authorized helpers. The organizer must provide a fire fighting point, clearly marked and with appropriate fire extinguishers present. Each rider must ensure that his Team has a fire extinguisher in the refueling area.
2. "No Smoking" signs must be displayed. The use of the environmental mat is mandatory during each refueling.
3. Refueling may only be done in the 'designated area with the engine off.
4. Smoking is strictly prohibited in the refueling area.
5. In the refueling park, it is mandatory to respect the one-way direction and speed is limited.

Art. 17- PRIZE GIVING.

The following awards/awards will be presented at each event by the organizer:

- (a) The first 3 riders in each category;
- b) From the overall standings of Master 1, Master 2 and Master 3 Classes, the best three riders in the Veteran and Female categories will be drawn and awarded;
- c) From the overall standing of the Quad class, the best three riders of the Veteran and Female categories will be drawn and awarded.

Art. 18 - ONBOARD CAMERA.

1. It is prohibited to mount any camera or any additional device (including mounts) on any part of the rider or his equipment, especially on his helmet.
2. It is not allowed to install an on-board camera during the entire event, from the beginning of practice sessions until the end of the event.

Art. 19-MARSHALS.

Marshals on the track :

- (a) must be at least 18 years old;
- b) must be registered with a Moto Club regularly affiliated with the FMI;
- c) are designated in the performance of their respective duties directly by the organizing Moto Club;
- (d) are arranged on the track by the Clerk of the Course ;
- e) are responsible for the track zone assigned to them by the Clerk of the Course.

Article 20 - BRIEFING.

1. The Clerk of the Course shall hold Briefings with the riders and all Officials event .

Art. 21 - OFFICIAL SIGNALS.

1. Flags and/or signs shall be used both during practice and during the race.
2. The minimum size of the flags shall be 60 x 80 cm.

Signal Meaning	
RED FLAG	Obligation for all the riders to stop the race and go to the place indicated by the Officials.
BLACK FLAG and sing with the rider's number	Obligation for the rider in question to stop the race and leave the circuit via the Pit Lane
YELLOW FLAG FIXED	Danger, drive carefully
(A fixed yellow flag will be displayed for a maximum of 5 minutes at the start of the first free practice session and during the sighting lap) .	
YELLOW FLAG WAVED	Drive with extreme caution. Riders must drive through each jump individually without overtaking until they have passed the area of concern.
MEDICAL FLAG	Medical staff on the track; drive with extreme caution. Riders must ride each jump individually without overtaking until they have passed the area of concern.
(A medical flag (White with St. Andrew's Red Cross, must be available at each track marshals' station). (The medical flag has priority over the fixed and flown yellow flags.).	
BLUE Flag WAVED	Be careful, you will be overtaken by a rider who is one lap ahead of you. Keep your race.
(The blue flag must be used by track marshals and specialists only for this flag). (A fixed blue flag will be displayed during the sighting lap preceding a qualifying heat or race.)	
GREEN FLAG	In caso di sessione combinata di Prove libere e Prove cronometrate: inizio delle Prove cronometrate. In caso di gara: pista libera per la partenza della gara.
BLACK and WHITE CHECKRED FALG	Finish training, qualifying and race

Article 22 – ASSISTENCE AND REPAIRS.

1. The motorcycle can be repaired by the assistance and the rider. Repairs must be carried out in the pits.
2. All parts may be changed, except those marked by the Technical Steward, with the exception of another marked silencer.
3. Outside the pits, on the track, only small repairs (spark plug, chain, lever, etc.) are allowed .
4. Repairs and changing of gloves and/or goggles must be carried out by the rider with the tools or equipment he is carrying on him, on the edge of the track, provided that the motorcycle is tidy and does not present any danger to the safety. of the riders.
5. To carry out these repairs only a rider regularly in the race can assist another rider.
6. Any other outside help of any kind is prohibited under penalty of 5 minutes on the race time.
7. The rider's radio communication with his manager, mechanic or any other person is strictly prohibited under penalty of sanction.
8. Any movement in and around the park must be done with the engine off and pushing the motorcycle. Any breach of this rule will be subject to sporting sanctions.

Art. 23 -SIGHTING LAP

1. Unless the Clerk of the Course makes it mandatory, the sighting lap is optional.

Art. 24 - "STOP AND GO" PROCEDURE

1. In case of non-compliance with certain points of the REGULATION, the "stop and go" procedure may be applied according to the decision of the Clerk of the Course: the rider will have to stop for one minute.
2. An area will be set up near the finish line where Riders must stop.
3. This area will be indicated , by a display located upstream of the stopping area
4. Upon order of the Clerk of the Course, the "stop and go" officer will display the number of the sanctioned rider who will then have a maximum number of 3 laps to stop at the "stop and go". If the "stop and go" is presented in the last 3 laps, the rider will have to stop before the checkered flag is presented. In case of non-compliance with this rule will be applied a time penalty of 60 seconds by the Clerk of the Course.

Art. 25 - PRE-RACE PARC FERME.

1. Each rider must place the motorcycle in the parc fermé at least 2 hours before the starting time of the race, after this time it will no longer be possible to participate in the race.

Art. 26 - PARC FERME' ON THE ARRIVAL

1. The creation of a closed parc fermé is mandatory.
2. This parc fermé must be placed as close as possible to the finish area and fenced so that no unauthorized person can access it.
3. At the end of the event, the vehicles of the top five of the general classification will be placed in the parc fermé by the rider or an accompanying person to carry out the technical control.
4. The vehicles may be checked for compliance with sound regulations in accordance to the Phonometric Check Regulations .

Art. 27 - POINTS

1. Points counting will be awarded to riders in each race, in each category and class, according to the following scale:

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1	25
2	20
3	16
4	13
5	11
6	10
7	9
8	8
9	7
10	6
11	5
12	4
13	3
14	2
15	1

Art. 28 - PROTEST/APPEALS

Any protest must be presented according to the procedure of the FMI RMM and accompanied by the security deposit.

Art. 29- REFERRAL RULE

1. Pursuant to the provisions of art. 22 paragraph 7 letter p) and u) of the Federal Statute, the validity of this Regulation is subject to its approval by the Federal Council and its publication on the institutional website.

2. The Motocross Committee reserves the right to propose to the Federal Council, within its jurisdiction, modifications and/or additions to this Regulation.

3. For anything not explicitly provided for, please refer to the provisions of the FMI Statute, the Code of Ethics and all the intra-federal legislation approved by the Federal Council, in particular the Justice Regulation, the Federal Organic Regulation, the Motorcycle Events Regulation, the Environment Regulation, the Sports Circular and the FMI Circular.

4. The FMI Code of Ethics represents the fundamental guarantee of correct and transparent functioning, aimed at protecting the ethical expectations and moral conduct of all stakeholders.