



## 2018 Maine Balance Bike Racing Rules and Regulations

### **Class Structure:**

These are the current classes offered for competition purposes:

#### **Balance Bike**

3 yrs old & Under

4 yrs old

5 - 6 Yrs old

#### **Bicycle**

7 yrs old & Under

8 - 10 yrs Old

*Classes are subject to change on race day depending on participation.*

### **Qualification Process:**

Qualifying schedule for each class will be as follows

2 Heats

1 LCQ (if needed)

1 Main Event

A "main event" will be made up of no more than 12 racers.

If a class has 12 or less entries, qualifying races will be used to determine gate pick.

The number of entries will decide qualifying positions from each heats total score and LCQ.

If 12 or less entries, all will qualify straight to main from the heats. (No LCQ)

If 12 - 24 entries, top 5 will qualify straight to the main from the 2 heat classes.

Heat gate picks will be randomly picked.

LCQ will take the top 2 finishers to the main.

If 24 - 36 entries, top 3 will qualify straight to the main from the 3 heat classes.

Heat gate picks will be randomly picked.

LCQ will only race the overall place 4th - 8th from the heat race totals for a 12 racer gate. Top 3 finishers will qualify to the main.

Points from each heat will be added to determine the results from both heat races.

Heat point structure:

1st - 15 points

2nd - 13 points

3rd - 11 points

4th - 9 points

5th - 8 points

6th - 7 points

7th - 6 points

8th - 5 points

9th - 4 points

10th - 3 points

11th - 2 points

12th - 1 point

Point example.

Heat 1 - 2nd = 13 points

Heat 2 - 4th = 9 points

Heat race total = 22 points

### **Spring Championship Points:**

Only points earned in a main event will count towards the spring championship series.

Championship Point Structure:

1st - 15 points

2nd - 13 points  
3rd - 11 points  
4th - 9 points  
5th - 8 points  
6th - 7 points  
7th - 6 points  
8th - 5 points  
9th - 4 points  
10th - 3 points  
11th - 2 points  
12th - 1 point

**Rider Identification:**

Numbers will be “first come first serve” during registration. Numbers allowed are 1 - 999.

Two of the same numbers will require a number change or an additional character on the plate.

All handlebar-mounted number plates shall have legible numbers at least 3” in height. The number shall be unobstructed by other decals so as to be read clearly.

Numbers must be placed on the number plate so that they do not overlap.

The number plate must be attached securely to the front of the bicycle handlebars.

**Award Structure:**

1st through 5th in each class will be awarded plaques.

Championship awards will be given out at the conclusion of the race awards on the final event day.

**Equipment:**

All “Balance Bike” classes require a two wheel bike that does not have pedals or a motor.

All “Bicycle” classes require a two wheel bike that must have pedals. No motors are allowed.

**Apparel:**

All riders must wear helmets with a permanent strap attached; snaps are not allowed. Helmets must have sufficient padding and be of good quality. The Sanction highly recommends a full-face helmet or a helmet that covers the ears.

All riders must wear enclosed shoes, which cover all toes, and are sufficient to protect the rider's feet.

It is recommended that riders wear long pants. Loose fitting short pants made of tear-resistant material are permitted when used in combination with knee/shin pads. All combinations of knee/shin pads are subject to the approval of the Sanction and/or Track Operator.

It is recommended that riders wear long sleeved shirts. Short sleeved shirts and sufficient elbow protection is allowable subject to the approval of the Sanction and/or Track Operator.

**Rules of conduct:**

Every rider must at all times observe such conduct as reflects the ideals of good sportsmanship and avoid any conduct which may bring himself or the sport of BMX into disrepute.

A rider may be disqualified or suspended for his/her actions or the actions of his/her parent(s), or accompanying party.

A parent/guardian or accompanying party may have their event attendance privilege revoked for their own actions or actions of their rider(s).

Any parent, team member, pit crew or other person may physically assist their rider on the track during any qualifier or main as long as it does not affect other riders.