

About BMX Racing

When is racing?

We hold a local race night Wednesday evening with racing starting at 7:00pm. Practice time available by 6:30pm (as long as we have volunteers on the track).

In July and August racing will be Monday evenings as well as Wednesday evenings.

What license does my rider need?

The General Non-Competitive Rider License will only allow you to participate in local home club activities.

If you plan to race in other events such as the Alberta provincial series, Western Nationals, other tracks or charity events. You must have a valid UCI license. The 2 types of UCI Licenses are as follows:

- **Youth UCI Racer License - Over 18**
- **Adult UCI Racer License - Over 18**

You will then be able to race at all Alberta Bicycle Association (ABA) and Canadian Bicycle Association (CBA) tracks nationwide. If you plan to attend these events you will be required to pay a registration/race fee specific for these events.

Do I have to register?

Yes, you have to register for every race event you are going to participate in.

How do I register?

For local night races you can call OR text 504-7372 between 5:15pm and 6:15pm on race day. Provide your name, age, class and plate number. You must register on time so we can have the moto sheets ready and posted by 6:45 pm. For other events and out of town races you will be provided with the time you have to register by and will need to provide your license number.

Who will I Race?

The information you provided when registering is used to create the motos. It is the responsibility of every rider or their parent to check the motos once they are available. If you find a mistake, go back to registration and they will make any necessary corrections prior to the start of the races. Failure to do this can result in your rider being disqualified and not receiving the points earned at that race.

Races are organized as best as possible into girl's classes and boy's classes, and then subdivided into age groups and skill levels. The age groups range from the 5 & under classes to the 19 & older. Within these age groups there are three skill levels: Novice, Intermediate and Expert. All riders start as Novices and must work up to the more advanced levels by winning races. A Novice will move up to the Intermediate class after they have 10 wins in the Novice class. An Intermediate will move up to the Expert class after they have 20 wins as an Intermediate.

There is also competition in the Cruiser class for boys and girls. The age groups for the Cruiser class are 10 & under to 51 & older. All Cruiser riders compete at the same skill level.

At a Provincial or National level you will be racing other riders your age and skill level. Boys will race boys and girls will race girls. Usually, a rider will race within his/her own class both age and skill level at every race, but there will be times when it won't happen. At the discretion of the race organizers and following an international format, riders may be moved up in class or over in age to form complete motos. This is more common at a local level.

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Race Time

Sqorz is a race event management system which utilizes the latest technology, integrating with smartphones. This software was used in 2022 for provincial races and will now be available at local races. Locate your rider's age and class and follow the results. This will list your name & plate number as well as your age, class, and gate assignment. Remember it is extremely important for you or your parents to check the moto information to confirm it is correct. If you find any mistakes immediately go back to registration (moto shed) and they can make any necessary corrections.

Now you have registered for today's race, you have done your practicing, got your bike totally tuned (inspected) in for the track and most important of all you have checked your moto to make sure everything is correct. It's now time to start racing.

The races are run in numerical order by race or moto number. Each rider will have to race 3 motos or rounds. Normally we will race the first 2 motos, take a short break and then race the third and final moto.

When all races are finished, we will announce the final results, stick around there may be something for you. We may also need to let you know about schedule changes or upcoming activities.

How Are Points Calculated

	Novice	Intermediate	Expert
1st	50	100	150
2nd	40	80	130
3rd	35	70	110
4th	30	60	90
5th	25	50	70
6th	20	40	60
7th	15	30	50
8th	10	20	40

How Many Wins Does a Rider Need to Change Classification?

Males need 10 wins to move from Novice to Intermediate, and 20 wins to move from Intermediate to Expert, with no early move-ups. 30-39 and 40+ males need 15 wins to move from Intermediate to Expert.

Females need 20 wins to move from Novice to Expert. There is no Intermediate female class at this time.

How do I qualify for year-end awards?

Every licensed racer who is a member of Medicine Hat BMX can qualify year-end awards. There are also awards that are determined in many ways by sportsmanship and effort, so remember to try your best and more importantly have fun. Every year we have a year-end banquet to celebrate the successes our riders have had each season. This event is held after the season is complete.