



Huntington Beach Motorcycle Club

Pit Guidelines and Helpful Suggestions

- 1) Take duct tape and marker. Label all the fuel containers, nozzles, goggles, and plastic bags with the riders name and riding number.
- 2) Pit area must have a 3 x 5 'Gas Recovery Sheet' (**Piece of carpet is acceptable*) to catch over-spill gasoline for the bike that is currently being serviced in the pit area. It would be a good idea to have (2—3) 'Gas Recovery Sheets' just incase you have multiple racers show up at the same time.
- 3) Safety in the pit area is a major factor... Make sure to have at least (1) large ABC fire extinguisher or multiple small ABC fire extinguisher nearby and visible.
- 4) Pits are best run best with six (6) persons—assignments are as follows: (**This of course this ONLY if there are extra hands available*)
 - i.) One person to pour gas... Two if possible just incase multiple riders show up at one time
 - ii.) One person to switch out the quick-fills, and to keep items given to the pit crew by the riders with the proper gas cans
 - iii.) One person to place a rag in the riders lap in case of gas spillage and hand the rider water
 - iv.) One person to switch out goggles, and hold the throttle to keep the bike from stalling
 - v.) One person to relay riders numbers via radio as they enter the pits... They can be up to a 1.0 mile ahead on the course
 - vi.) One person to flag the riders in the right direction as they approach the pit area
- 5) Set gas cans in three (3) rows starting with the experts in the first row, second row for amateurs and third row for novices. As the cans get used, place them in the pit truck so that they do not interfere with riders cans that have not come in yet. Try to line them up in a logical order based upon the riders true skills.
- 6) Only a maximum of (35) gallons of gasoline can be on the ground at one time, which is roughly (7) containers. Example: Set out an expert riders fuel first, and as they come through for pits, put their fuel containers in the back of the pit vehicle and cycle it out with an Amateur riders fuel.
- 7) Read what each rider has written on the pit roster. Some of them ask for unique items, like a power bar or special drink, etc.
- 8) Open all the bags ahead of time so that you are not trying to untie a knot as they are sitting in the pits. This also helps avoid misplacing items, such as goggles, due to bags being torn open in a panic to get the items in the bag to the rider rendering them useless after the pit.
- 9) Lay out assorted tools incase a rider comes it with a problem. Flat head screw driver, Phillips head, ratchet with a small extension, an 8mm, 10mm, and 12mm will be most requested. Zip-ties and a roll of duct tape is always handy.
- 10) Finally, relax.... you will make less mistakes if you are relaxed. If you start running about and freaking out, people tend to forget and drop things. Don't be so relaxed though that you are sitting on your butt when a rider comes in for a pit! GOOD LUCK