

## Texas State Trials Championship at City Park FAQ

### Do I have to be an AMA member to ride this event?

- Yes. All riders must be current AMA members!
- You must have proof of AMA membership or join the AMA (\$39/yr) at the event – no exceptions!
- Joining at the event makes sign-up take longer, please join online prior to the event and print your temporary membership card!
- This is an AMA sanctioned event. This allows us to also purchase insurance (required by the City of Austin) in case your or your dependents decide to sue the city or us...

### I am a minor. Do I have to come with a parent?

- Yes. Minor children (riders) must be accompanied by a legal guardian or have an AMA Annual Release Verification Card!
- The easiest solution is to complete the annual form, submit it to the AMA and receive an Annual Release Verification Card; this card means you'll only have to deal with this once a year. It takes about 6 weeks to get a card...

[http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Libraries/Racing\\_Documents/2012\\_MINOR\\_Annual\\_Release\\_1.sflb.ashx](http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/Libraries/Racing_Documents/2012_MINOR_Annual_Release_1.sflb.ashx)

### I am a minor or parent of a minor. How can I make sign up go faster?

- If you do not have an annual Minor Release card and you have access to a color printer, please bring a **completed** Minor Release with you to the event!

<http://www.americanmotorcyclist.com/asp/organizers/resources/forms/Releases/OffRoadMINOR.pdf>

### I forgot my #\$\$%@! AMA card. Do I have to re-join?

- Yes.

### Can I camp at the Trials Site (aka parking lot at Emma Long Motorcycle Trials)?

- **Probably.** A limited amount of camping is available at the trials site; **by pre-arrangement and pre-registration only!**
- **Call or email Ben Dagleish** (512) 743 - 656five, ben "at" dagleish.net to reserve a spot.
- If your tow rig is a pickup, you will be asked to park it in the overflow lot during the trials; you may park it by your trailer at night.
- You may ride your bike between the overflow lot and the main parking lot. We'll even mark the route for you!

### Is there any other camping nearby?

- **YES.** Camping is also available at the main campground within Emma Long City Park. The main campground is about 2 miles further down City Park Rd. from the motorcycle park. The main campground at Emma Long is very nice. It is on Lake Austin and the campsites include hookups; it is priced at \$15/night, plus an \$8, one-time, entry fee. You will be subject to the same fees, if you are camping at the trials site.
- More info on Emma Long is available online: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/parks/emmalong.htm>

### Are there any rules at Emma Long Municipal Park?

- Yes. Like "Duh". This is a major metropolitan park...
- The park is now surrounded by a neighborhood. Please be quiet and respectful of our neighbors.
- Park closes at 10:00PM! The gate may be locked at 10:00PM.
- It may not be possible to enter or exit the park after 10:00PM.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO DUMPING OF ANY KIND WILL BE TOLERATED!** A dump station (\$8) is available at the main site.
- Glass bottles are frowned upon.
- Your cooperation is needed to enforce these rules. We must be good citizens in order to continue to hold events at Emma Long City Park! Complaints could jeopardize future events!
- **Since the drought, there are now signs indicating that spark arrestors are required. Bring a sparky.**

### Can I have a big ol' bonfire in the parking lot?

- No. We are in a drought! Open ground fires are not allowed. You may bring/use a gas or charcoal grill.

### **Do I have to have an OHV sticker?**

- Yes, it is highly recommended. Texas has enacted an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) program. Emma Long participates in this program. This OHV sticker program funds the purchase of riding areas in Texas and improvements at Emma Long. While the sticker program may or may not be enforced at Emma Long, any law officer may issue a \$25 - \$500 ticket to any one riding at Emma Long without an OHV sticker. More info online at: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/ohv/index.phtml>
- Buy a sticker for \$16.

### **I am a spectator. Can I ride my trail bike or 4-wheeler?**

- No spectator motorcycles or ATVs will be allowed – competitors' (trials) bikes only.
- ATVs are not allowed at Emma Long.

### **Do I have to judge? Can I show up late or leave early and my skip judging responsibilities?**

- All riders must observe if asked.
- We will attempt to give judging preferences to riders that pre-enter.
- If you are camping at the site, expect to judge...
- Do not leave the park without checking the judge's list!
- Attend the riders meetings on Saturday and Sunday – 9:15AM!

### **Do I have to wear a helmet?**

- Yes. Motorcycle helmets are required, bicycle helmets are not allowed.

### **Do I have to have a number plate?**

- Yes. Riders MUST display current class on a number plate! If you need a (FREE) number plate see Tom Batchelor.

### **What rules does the event use?**

- Contrary to popular belief, each judge does not make up his or her own rules.... We use NATC rules, i.e. stop and hop allowed without penalty.
- However, don't forget the "hand-off-handlebar" exception, i.e. you may take your hand off the handlebar with a foot on the ground to push your glasses back up on your nose after that near get off... or you may wipe the sweat off your face, if you do that sort of thing... however, you may not use the free hand to move the motorcycle! Doing so will earn you a FIVE.

### **Does Austin have hotels?**

- Yes. There are numerous hotels in Austin... and you are encouraged to take advantage of Austin's nightlife, music scene and great restaurants. The Arboretum area, which is relatively near the trials site, has hotels, restaurants and shopping. Here's a web site with a list of hotels in NW Austin and the Arboretum area: <http://hotelguides.com/texas/austin-tx-nw-arboretum-hotels.html>

### **Will I be able to park at the event?**

- Yes. There should be adequate parking for spectators and competitors at the trials site, assuming that everyone doesn't ask to camp... with large rigs...
- Please do not park on the roads adjacent to the motorcycle park; the park administrator has warned that violators will be ticketed and/or towed!
- You may be asked to park your tow vehicle at the overflow parking. If asked, compliance is required!

### **Given all of this AMA and camping BS... does anyone actually manage to have fun at this event?**

- On occasion... it has been rumored that some folks actually enjoy the events at Austin.
- Seriously, we hope you will come. We'll try our best to make this a well run, well laid out, and "fun" event.
- Hope to see you there!