

2021
Rulebook
Black Jack



Enduro
Championships

2021 Updates in Red

0. Purpose

The purpose of the Black Jack Enduro Championships (BJEC) is to develop and maintain a system of competitive enduros, primarily in Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, and Oklahoma, whereby a point accumulation process will determine awards for Overall Champion, Overall "A", Overall "B", Overall "short course," and awards for all BJEC classes. The season is a calendar year.

1. Organization

- 1.1. The organization of the Black Jack Enduro Championships will consist of the following officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Scoring Chairman, Contingency Officer, Webmaster, marketing chair, and Kids' Circuit Chairman. There shall also be two (2) representatives from each club sponsoring a circuit event that calendar year. These officers and representatives will comprise the Circuit Committee and will handle all circuit business for that year.
- 1.2. The rules that govern the BJEC shall be updated annually based on circuit needs. The rule changes will be approved by a majority of the Circuit Committee. Votes can be collected electronically or verbally and do not need to occur at official meetings.

2. Membership

- 2.1. Everyone is invited to become a member of the BJEC, however membership is not required to participate in a BJEC sanctioned event. Prospective members may sign up for the circuit using the BJEC website or on a race weekend. An annual BJEC membership costs \$20, or \$10 for women, youth age 16 and under, and seniors age 60 and over.
- 2.2. An annual BJEC Membership must be obtained before an event in order for the member to receive circuit points for that event. The membership will be good through the calendar year. No memberships will be accepted on the day of the event prior to start time for a Sunday enduro. In the event of a Saturday enduro, memberships MAY be accepted on event day before the race at the discretion of the Circuit Committee. Prior to race weekend, potential members should check with a member of the Circuit Committee to verify the availability of sign up on race day.
- 2.3. If a rider has trouble signing up for BJEC membership prior to event, send an email to blackjackenduro@outlook.com or

contact the BJEC scoring chairman, and we will still count your event results in the season standings once issue is resolved.

3. **Meetings**

- 3.1. There will be an annual meeting of the Circuit Committee prior to the start of each season to formulate or revise any new rules or policies that are in the best interest of the BJEC. Election of officers for the coming season will also take place at this meeting.
- 3.2. A Circuit Committee meeting can be called by the Chairman or Vice Chairman exclusively, in written form only, to all officers and sponsoring clubs.
- 3.3. (70%) of the sponsoring clubs must be in attendance at a given meeting to constitute a quorum.

4. **Financial**

- 4.1. Sources of Funds - Expenses for the operation of the circuit shall be derived from an entry assessment for each entry at each affiliate's event, individual membership dues, and from other donations and contributions that may be realized.
 - 4.1.1. **Entry fees for each event are to be set by the sponsoring club there is no limit.** Late entries are to be limited to 150% of the pre-entry fee. Refunds and entry-swapping are the hosting clubs decision, BJEC will not facilitate refunds.
 - 4.1.2. Clubs - There will be no dues as such for affiliation by a club or organization to the BJEC.
 - 4.1.3. Individuals - An annual BJEC membership costs \$20, or \$10 for women, youth age 15 and under, and seniors age 60 and over.
- 4.2. Event Assessments
 - 4.2.1. An assessment of \$6.00 for each entry in each affiliate's enduro, including non-BJEC members, will be included in the sponsoring club's entry fee. The sponsoring club is to act in the best interest of the BJEC to forward the collected assessments to the Circuit Treasurer as soon as is possible after event completion. Failure to submit the assessments within two (2) calendar weeks following the event will result in forfeiture of all work scores for persons working that event and may be grounds for voting the event out of the BJEC.
 - 4.2.2. An assessment of \$2.00 for each entry will be included in the sponsoring club's entry fee to be paid to the Scoring Chairman for distribution to the Event Scorekeepers. The Scoring Chairman will be responsible for collecting this assessment from the sponsoring club and distributing it fairly to the individual Event Scorekeepers.
- 4.3. Use of Funds
 - 4.3.1. All revenue derived shall be expended for the operation of the circuit.
 - 4.3.2. There will be no wages, salaries, nor any form of remuneration paid to any person for any duties. (Exceptions see 5.3.3 and 5.3.4.)

- 4.3.3. BJEC Volunteer Officers will be given free BJEC Membership and free entry at any BJEC sanctioned event.
- 4.3.4. Event scorekeepers will be paid from a \$2 per rider assessment at each event where the BJEC is the primary sanctioner.
- 4.4. Financial Report - The Treasurer will provide a complete financial report at the BJEC annual meeting.

5. **Championship Recognition**

- 5.1. Awards - At the end of each season's circuit enduros, the points shall be tallied to determine overall class placements. An annual Awards Banquet shall be held to recognize and award prizes and trophies to the winners. The location and date of the Awards Banquet will be as near as practical to the start of the racing season.
- 5.2. At the annual planning/rules meeting the clubs will discuss number of drops for the upcoming year. There will no longer be a percentage tied to the number of drops. The circuit committee and club representatives will make the best decision for the upcoming year based on how many events are scheduled, NEPG events, 2-day events, co-sanctions, etc.
- 5.3. AA (pro class) will no longer be required to have a pay-out. Each individual club can choose to have a payout at their event if desired.
- 5.4. AA riders will be assigned the "A" slot on rows 15-30 at BJEC events. If the slots are not full on the morning of the race, the hosting club can fill in the slots. In the case of a non-BJEC hosted co-sanction the sanctioning circuits rules apply (TSCEC, SERA, NEPG, etc.).

6. **Rider Classes**

- 6.1. The BJEC will keep points for, and all BJEC-sanctioned events shall score the following classes:

Class	Description	Course
AA	85 th -100 th percentile	Long
Open A A30+	50 th -84 th percentile	Long
A40+ A50+	Age 40 and older, 50 th -84 th percentile	Long
Open B B30+	0-49 th percentile	Long
B40+ B50+	Age 40 and older, 0-49 th percentile	Long

		Short
Expert Short	All ages/skills/bikes- short course class	Short
60+	Age 60 and older	Short
65+	Age 65 and older	
Open C	Novice, 0-89 th percentile	Short
C30+	Age 30 and older, 0-89 th percentile	Short
C40+		
C50+	Age 50 and older, 0-54 th percentile	Short
C Junior	Ages 16 and under, unlimited bike size	Short
Women	Women Super Short	Super Short
Youth	Age 15 and under Super Short Up to 19" front wheel size, up to 200CC	Super Short

- 6.2.** Age for classes is determined by the participant's age as of the date of the first event. Kids circuit is age as of Jan 1.
- 6.3.** Youth Classes are run only in events where law allows.
- 6.4.** Events where property owners or regulations prohibit all riders from participating will not be a points paying event.
- 6.5.** If the sponsoring club chooses to have a Trailrider class or any other non-BJEC sanctioned class, it should have no restrictions on age or bike size. Recommended entry fee is 50% of regular entry fee.

7. *Hosting a BJEC Event*

- 7.1.** Any club wishing to sponsor an event in the BJEC must be represented at the BJEC Annual Meeting. Any club not in attendance must notify the BJEC Chairman, in advance of the meeting, and provide justifiable reason for non-attendance. The BJEC Chairman may allow representation by written proxy so long as it is received prior to the meeting. Any club not represented will not be included in that season's schedule. The

schedule will be set at the annual meeting and no additions will be made after that date.

- 7.2.** Co-Sanctioned Event - It will be up to the sponsoring club if they wish for their event to be co-sanctioned with another enduro circuit. At a co-sanctioned event, any differences between the co-sanctioning circuit's rules and the BJEC's rules must be posted at the event or online. At BJEC hosted events, BJEC rules apply.
- 7.3.** Event Removal from BJEC Sanctioning - Upon written notice to the Circuit Chairman by a club representative of disfavor with a particular event, the Circuit Committee will decide, at the Annual Meeting, the future of that event. If the Circuit Committee for any reason votes an enduro out of the circuit, re-entry into the BJEC schedule will require the vote of the Circuit Committee.
- 7.4.** New Clubs - A new club desiring to schedule an event in the BJEC must be sponsored by a BJEC club representative. A BJEC club representative, the BJEC Chairman, or his appointee, must have ridden an event sponsored by the new club before their event can be considered for admittance into the BJEC schedule. This new club must also be in attendance at the Annual Meeting. The new club will be permitted to vote at annual meetings AFTER they have hosted 1 BJEC hosted event- eligible the following year to vote at circuit meeting.
- 7.5.** Race dates - Current circuit clubs will have preference of event dates over new clubs applying for circuit enduro dates. It is recommended that there be at least two (2) weeks between events.
- 7.6.** Awards
- 7.6.1.** The minimum number of awards to be provided is 3 per BJEC class. It is recommended to provide more awards to class based on pre-entry data. EX: If a class has 15 pre-entries it is recommended to provide 4-5 awards.
- 7.6.2.** It is mandatory that all BJEC events recognize and award:
- Overall Event Winner
 - Overall "A" Winner
 - Overall "B" Winner
 - Overall "Short Course" Winner
- 7.7.** Flyers - Flyers for the sponsoring clubs event should be made available at least four (4) weeks in advance.
- 7.8.** Row Request - Any BJEC member may request any specific row for himself and any additional BJEC members. If the requested row is not available, the next available row will be assigned. Pre-entry postmark will be used for priority of row assignments.
- 7.9.** Super Short Course Start Rows – Super Short Course riders should start last regardless of row request. In the event the last rows are full, the hosting club may add rows to accommodate Extra Short Course riders.

- 7.10.** Route Sheet- A formal route sheet with time schedule is required. Sprint format, requires a run-down of the day.
- 7.11.** Pre-Race Riding
- 7.11.1.** There will be no riding at enduro headquarters or campgrounds by anyone except in the designated warm-up area. This rule will be strictly enforced for the comfort and safety of other people. **It is up to the hosting club if they will allow mountain bikes to ride on the trails prior to the event.**
- 7.11.2.** Under the penalty of disqualification, no riders, other than those of the host club or organization, may ride the enduro course prior to the start of the event until their designated start time the day the event is scheduled. Participation in a scheduled event on Saturday that uses part of, or all of the enduro course to be used on Sunday is not grounds for disqualification.
- 7.12.** Quiet Hours - There will be QUIET HOURS in all BJEC campgrounds from 10:00 P.M. until 6:00 A.M. NO BIKE SHOULD BE STARTED OR RIDDEN DURING THIS TIME PERIOD. Loud and offensive behavior on the part of the campers, foul and/or unsportsmanlike conduct at any point could result in the disqualification from that event and any future BJEC events.
- 7.13.** Littering - The BJEC prohibits members from littering the campgrounds or any properties that are crossed before, during, and after any event.
- 7.14.** Course Length - It is recommended that the super short course be approximately 20 miles in length, the short course be approximately 40 miles in length, and the long course be a minimum of 50 miles for restart enduros. **Sprint course must be 24 miles minimum for short course.**
- 7.15.** Course marking
- 7.15.1.** Trail markings will be arrows a minimum of 4" by 6" in size. Surveyor's tape may be used in tight sections and to supplement the arrows. The color of course arrows and other markings should be highly visible in the conditions they will be used in.
- 7.15.2.** The only markers to be visible to the rider shall be those markers that constitute part of the enduro course being ridden in the enduro.
- 7.15.3.** Loop enduros must have progressive mileage. Mileage numbers must be a minimum of 2" tall. Mileage markers are mandatory every mile.
- 7.15.4.** Keytime should be displayed at camp
- 7.16.** Sponsoring clubs will be entitled to initiate whatever action appropriate to collect entry fees (checks) which cannot be processed as a result of insufficient funds, etc. No BJEC competitor will be included in overall or class scoring for that year if any checks are outstanding. Sponsoring clubs should notify the Circuit Chairman if this situation exists.

8. Sound Testing

- 8.1. Sound Test Recommended - It is up to the race promoting club whether they do sound test or not. It is not required by BJEC. However, it is strongly recommended.

9. **Event Scoring**

- 9.1. The AMA Enduro Rules apply except as modified by BJEC Rules at all BJEC events. AMA Enduro Rules and NEPG supplement rules take precedence over BJEC Rules at NEPG events.
- 9.2. BJEC events will utilize the Start Control/Restart format. A restart format allows riders to ride into a check, wait for their number to flip, be scored and then motor on. Restart formats also use "transfer sections" to get riders from one "points taking" section to another. These are essentially "free time" sections in which there cannot be a check.
- 9.3. BJEC events can utilize the Sprint enduro format for championship races
- 9.4. When a BJEC event utilizes the sprint format the race will feature at least two special tests with racers making multiple attempts on each test and the total, cumulative, time being used for race results. There will be no "drops" or "re-rides" of special tests- all test scores count.
- 9.5. All check "outs" in a specific test will be scored as emergency or tie-breaker checks with minutes and seconds recorded for both sprint and restart format. Sprint format races will start the test with minutes and seconds recorded.
- 9.6. If riders "zero" a check or "burn" a check they will be scored a "0" for the test section with the restart format.
- 9.7. Event Results
 - 9.7.1. Enduro results will be posted thirty (30) minutes prior to the trophy award presentation to allow proper time for protest and/or questions. The results will be final after thirty (30) minutes have elapsed from the time the results are posted.
 - 9.7.2. New option for 2021- Clubs can choose to mail out awards. Scores will be posted by 8PM on raceday- A 48 hour online protest period will be given for riders to review scores
 - 9.7.3. All scorecards for every class shall be posted and visible to all riders. If electronically scored, the summary sheets will be available for review (either hard copy or displayed via monitor).
 - 9.7.4. No circuit points shall be awarded to any rider at any circuit event which is disallowed by the Circuit Committee.
- 9.8. Losing a scorecard - When a rider carries his own score card and loses it, 10% of points lost will be assessed with a minimum of one point and added to the rider's score; any fractional points will be rounded up to the next highest whole

number. The affected rider must be scored from the back-up sheets upon his request to the referee.

- 9.9.** In the event that 25% or more riders miss a course split the test will be tossed from the overall event results. Protest sheets are available at the end of each test, if a rider knows of a course problem they are encouraged to sign their name with complaint in the protest book.
- 9.10.** Backup sheet verification - Trophy winners need not be checked against the backup sheets. Backup sheets will be used in case of a protest only, in which case the event referee will make the ruling on any discrepancy.
- 9.11.** The BJEC Scoring Chairman will provide the sponsoring club with a means of scoring each event. The scoring information shall be submitted to the Scoring Chairman within seven (7) days after the event. All work scores for that event will be forfeited if the results have not been forwarded to the Scoring Chairman by this time.
- 9.12.** Special Appeals - If the decision of the event referee is not satisfactory, the protesting party may make a special appeal. Such an appeal must be in writing and filed with the Circuit Chairman within one (1) calendar week after such decision has been made. A special appeal shall be heard by the BJEC officers. They will respond in writing, within thirty days. That decision will be final.
- 9.13.** Disqualification - Disqualification of a rider will be up to officials of the host club or organization, however, each person in any BJEC club will be responsible for helping enforce regulations even when in another club's campground.

10. Circuit Scoring

- 10.1.** In order to be scored by the BJEC, a rider must be a paid BJEC Member prior to the event.
- 10.2.** Any rider who reaches the first timed check point (excluding Start Check) on the course within their hour will be eligible for and receive circuit points according to his/her placement.
- 10.3.** BJEC members will be scored separate from non-BJEC members for class points and overall points at all BJEC events. The scoring system will be as follows:
 - 10.3.1.** Overall Classes are scored as follows:
 - 1st Place - 25 points
 - 2nd Place - 22 points
 - 3rd Place - 20 points
 - 4th Place - 19 points
 - 5th Place - 18 points
 - 6th Place - 17 points
 - 7th Place - 16 points
 - 8th Place - 15 points
 - 9th Place - 14 points
 - 10th Place - 13 points
 - 11th Place - 12 points
 - 12th Place - 11 points

13th Place - 10 points
14th Place - 9 points
15th Place - 8 points
16th Place - 7 points
17th Place - 6 points
18th Place - 5 points
19th Place - 4 points
20th Place - 3 points
21st Place - 2 points
22nd Place - 1 point

10.3.2. Individual Classes are scored as follows:

1st Place - 20 points
2nd Place - 19 points
3rd Place - 18 points
4th Place - 17 points
5th Place - 16 points
6th Place - 15 points
7th Place - 14 points
8th Place - 13 points
9th Place - 12 points
10th Place - 11 points
11th Place - 10 points
12th Place - 9 points
13th Place - 8 points
14th Place - 7 points
15th Place - 6 points
16th Place - 5 points
17th Place - 4 points
18th Place - 3 points
19th Place - 2 points
20th Place - 1 point

10.4. All AA, A, and A40/50 classes will be included in the Overall.

10.5. Work Bonus/Averages

10.5.1. Work Bonus - All participating BJEC members (must be a BJEC member at the date of the event, all members are eligible) who work promoting club events will receive first place overall points and first place class points for working at that club's event.

10.5.2. Work Average - At the discretion of the Circuit Committee and in the Championship Division only, there can be a second work average of a BJEC member's (must be a member at the date of the event, all members are eligible) best three scores if that BJEC member works an event in addition to his bonus points paying event. Scoring for this work average will be as follows: the best 3 scores from the season events in which the rider scored points shall be totaled and divided by 3, rounded to the nearest whole number. The bonus points will not be used in this calculation. The work average points and bonus points will be counted in a rider's total events. A rider can only receive bonus points from 1 promoting club and can only receive 1 work average. If there are less than 10 races in the season a rider can receive only 1 work average for the season.

10.5.3. It will be up to the promoting club's president and referee to determine which members receive work averages.

- 10.5.4.** Workers of an event that is voted out of the circuit for whatever reason will still receive their work bonus/average.
- 10.6.** Ties - If any overall or class standings have a tie at the end of the year, it will be broken by who has the most first place points. If a tie still exists, it will be broken by who has the most second, third, etc., place points until the tie is broken. Should the tie not be broken after all of the races have been taken into account, work points do not count, the tie will be broken by the better score from the last race both riders competed in.

11. Rider Advancement

A rider advancement system will be used based on the following:

- 11.1.** Both BJEC members and non-BJEC members will be counted for the purpose of calculating advancement percentiles at all BJEC events. Non-BJEC members will be advanced just like BJEC members (members of other co-sanctioning circuits will be advanced according to the rules of the other circuit)
- 11.2.** Advancement Sets - There will be three sets of advancement percentiles calculated, one for all long course riders, a second for all "C" class riders (excluding C Senior classes), and a third for A Masters, B Masters, and C Senior classes. A percentile will be calculated for each rider, at each race. At the end of the season, the top 70% of the rider's percentiles will be averaged, and this will be the rider's advancement percentile for the season.
- 11.3.** Event Percentiles - Advancement percentiles for each event will be calculated in the following manner: The percentile calculation will be based on the rider's finish placement compared to all other riders in their advancement set (not on their score). Riders must make it to the first check without houring out to be counted in the advancement percentile. Example: Joe raced the "A" class and finished 15th out of all AA, A, and B riders. There were a total of 85 riders in the AA, A, and B classes. 5 of those did not make it to the first check, leaving 80 riders to be included in the percentile calculations. The percentile can now be calculated as: $[(\text{Last Place} - \text{Rider Place} + 1) / \text{Last Place}] \times 100$, or $[(80 - 15 + 1) / 80] * 100$, which is equal to 82.5 and is rounded down to 82.
- 11.4.** Season Percentiles - Advancement percentiles for the year will be calculated in the following manner: At least 70% of the rider's advancement percentiles for each event will be used to calculate the season end advancement percentile. These top 70% of the races are averaged, and rounded down to get the season end advancement percentile. The following table summarizes how many races will count toward the rider's season end advancement percentile:

Events Raced	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Events Counted	1	2	3	3	4	5	5	6	7	7	8	9	10	10	11

11.4.1. Example - Joe raced 5 races and received advancement percentiles of 82, 91, 78, 63, and 32. The top 4 races will be counted toward the season end advancement percentile. The 32 gets dropped, and 82, 91, 78, and 63 are counted, resulting in an average of 78.5, which is rounded down to 78.

11.5. Once a rider is advanced to a faster class, they must remain there for AT LEAST two racing seasons. If the rider 'points out', or has season end advancement percentiles below the cut-off for the class they are in TWO seasons in a row, then the rider may move back down.

11.6. A rider has the right to petition the circuit committee concerning their advancement, and state the reasons why they should not be advanced. The circuit committee will review and vote on any requests and provide a response to the rider within 2 weeks. The circuit recognizes that no advancement system is perfect, hence, the right to petition is granted.

11.7. Work bonuses/averages will not count toward advancement percentiles.

11.8. Women, Junior, and Youth Classes will not advance.