District 36 Motorcycle Racing

2026 Sanctioning Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2026
Call to Order: 9:00 AM
Meeting Called By: Kolby Butcher

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

President Kolby Butcher called the 2026 District 36 Sanctioning Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Roll call was conducted for attending clubs, promoters, and District representatives.

2. Opening Remarks

President's Message

Kolby Butcher thanked everyone for their participation and support during his first nine months as President. He expressed appreciation for the cooperation and efforts of clubs, promoters, and District members.

3. 2027 Charter Applications and Elections Reminder

A reminder was provided that all **2027 District 36 Charter Applications, fees, and security deposits must be submitted prior to the election of the 2027 Board of Directors and before receiving sanctioned meet dates.**

4. Board of Directors Nominations

Current Board Members

- Ted Cabral
- Tim Adkison
- Al Fitch
- John Davis
- Ryan Gouldthread

Nominated Board Members

- Kerri Holeman
- Katie Pond
- Mike Fowler
- Billy Goodno
- Dave Byrkit
- Brad Rosbach
- Kelly Gouldthread-Accepted Nomination
- Randy Wensman — Accepted nomination
- Mike Parson — Declined nomination
- Marco De Marco — Declined nomination

5. AMA Congress Updates

Promoters were reminded to pre-order required materials, including:

- Youth waivers
- Adult waivers

- Referee forms
- Referee Form
- Risk Management Injury Reports
- Needed Posted Signage.

An email checklist will be distributed outlining required postings that must be displayed at all races. The order form for forms can be found on the AMA website- Under >Organizers> Event Operations> Supplies and Logos. Most items are shipped free of charge.

6. Sanctioning Schedule Discussion

Presented by Brian Garrahan

Charter Status and Sanction Forms

Brian reported that three clubs were not yet chartered:

- RUTS
- Motoclimb
- One additional club pending confirmation

A $50 late fee applies for late charter submissions.

Promoters hosting Cross Country events were reminded that a host agreement is required.

District 36 Event Schedule Forms were made available at the meeting and remain available on the website. Clubs were reminded to:

- Submit forms to the correct recipient.
- Verify mailing instructions before sending.
- Calculate fees accurately.

7. Scheduling Guidelines

Brian emphasized the need for clubs and promoters to remain flexible with requested dates.

Discussion points:

- Historical dates are considered but cannot always be guaranteed.
- Permits and venue requirements may affect scheduling.
- The District must avoid back-to-back race weekends.
- Historically, racers have adapted successfully when events move from traditional dates.

Brian referenced **Sanctioning Rule 1.5**, emphasizing respect for promoters who request dates in advance.

8. Event Schedule Updates

CERA Event

Time Keepers will be taking over the CERA event. Final personnel assignment is pending.

MTF

Date remains open for discussion.

Ghost Riders

Ghost Riders submitted their sanction application shortly before the meeting.

9. Rulebook Discussion

Brian reviewed the current rulebook and noted that the existing “Spring Series/Fall Series” language is not reflected in the rules.

A proposal was made to remove separate Spring/Fall Series categories and create **one unified District 36 Series** consisting of:

- Youth racers
- Adult racers

10. Multiple Event Clubs Discussion

Discussion was held regarding clubs hosting multiple events.

Brian noted that John Davis previously proposed a rule addressing multiple event scheduling, but the proposal did not pass.

11. Date Conflicts and Schedule Adjustments

Redding Dirt Riders

Redding Dirt Riders discussed potentially changing dates for 2028 and possibly flipping their event date.

Phantom Cross Country Event

The Phantom promoters stated they had limited flexibility regarding their scheduled date due to permitting resrtictions.

Ted Cabral was identified as a possible resource for assistance and offered to communicate with Hollister SVRA regarding potential support.

Brian explained that exact requested dates cannot always be accommodated due to the requirement preventing back-to-back races under **Rule 1.5.6**.

Discussion occurred regarding a possible exception allowing four consecutive race weekends. Affected clubs discussed potential moves; however, no clubs were willing to move dates.

The Phantom promoters requested another promoter trade dates with them in March.

Brian Garrahan agreed to trade dates for March 6.
This change required approval by vote.

12. Director of Competition Meeting

Opened at 10:15 AM

Discussion was held regarding movement of dates on the proposed calendar.

Scoring Trailer and Schedule Discussion

The logistics of moving the scoring trailer were reviewed.

Scoring representatives explained that:

- More than three consecutive race weekends create logistical challenges.
- Three consecutive Fridays may be required to prepare and relocate equipment.

Tim Adkison offered assistance with scoring for future races if needed.

Scoring agreed to support four consecutive race weekends.

13. Voting Clubs Present

The following clubs participated in voting:

- CERA

- Dirt Diggers
- E Street
- GOT
- Ghost Riders
- Hayward MC
- MTF
- Nor Cal
- North Bay
- Oakland MC
- Polka Dots
- Redding Dirt Riders
- Richmond Ramblers
- Salinas Ramblers
- Timekeepers
- Valley Climbers
- Women's Dirt Bike Racing Association
- WSRA

14. Schedule Motion and Vote

Motion:

- Move Phantom event to the 20th.
- Move Western States event to the 6th.

Motion Passed.

John Davis clarified that historically December dates were reserved as rain dates.

15. Director of Competition Meeting Continued

The meeting reconvened at 10:21 AM.

Rule 7.31 Discussion

Kolby Butcher made a motion regarding a change to Rule 7.31:

Motion: Establish the first weekend of December as a sanctioned race date.

Seconded by: Billy Goodno

Opposed:

- Jeremy Carlin

Motion Passed.

16. Return to Sanctioning Meeting

Time: 10:28 AM

A past racer survey was discussed indicating that racers prefer not to have back-to-back race weekends.

The district agreed this should be considered during future scheduling.

Brian confirmed all clubs approved the finalized calendar dates.

17. Finalized Schedule

Final dates and events were approved and entered into the official District 36 calendar.

18. Cross Country Discussion

Presented by:

- Kolby Butcher
- Brian Garrahan

No additional Cross Country discussion was held.

19. Enduro Update

Tim Adkison reported that a potential new Enduro venue is being explored with the **Far West Motorcycle Club**.

The location has been inspected to determine viability.

20. Risk Management and Safety Discussion

Jeremy Carlin discussed nationwide lawsuits involving motorcycle events and emphasized the importance of risk management.

Recommendations included:

- Consider obtaining at least a $2 million insurance policy when operating on private property.
- Maintain clear spectator boundaries with signage.
- Clearly identify District officials and club personnel authorized on the course.
- Use experienced sweep riders.

Kolby Butcher agreed the concerns were legitimate and encouraged promoters to complete thorough due diligence.

Additional reminders:

- Proper waiver procedures are essential.
- Incidents in pits and camping areas occur more frequently than racing incidents.
- Promoters should document safety measures.

Johnny Davis recommended promoters photograph posted signage and send documentation to Jones Birdsong.

Promoters should document efforts to relocate equipment away from hazards and course areas.

Kelly (AMA Representative) recommended assigning a **Risk Management Officer** at each event responsible for AMA injury reports.

Jesse Van Roekal noted that much of the required information can be collected during registration.

21. Rule Discussion

Brian recommended tabling four proposed rule changes until the October meeting.

John Davis agreed with tabling the rules.

22. 2027 Annual Meeting Date and Location

Brian Garrahan proposed:

August 28–29, 2027

The Dirt Diggers will investigate venue availability.

No objections were raised.

Approved: Dirt Diggers received approval to host the 2027 Annual Meeting on August 28.

23. 2027 Banquet

Proposed Date:

January 9, 2027 at 2:00 PM

The date needs to be secured as soon as possible at venue.

24. 2027 Board of Directors Election Results

Elected Board Members:

- Kerri Holeman
- Billy Goodno
- Randy Wensman
- Kelly Gouldthread

Term Begins: December 1, 2027

25. Sanctioning Meeting Continued

11:00 AM

Discussion was held regarding GP Series requirements.

It was determined that there are not five races scheduled to meet GP Series requirements.

There will be no GP Series for 2027.

26. Dual Sport Discussion

Kolby Butcher discussed the potential profitability and growth opportunity of hosting a District 36 Dual Sport event.

A new Dual Sport ride is scheduled:

Rip to Tahoe Dual Sport Ride

Dates: May 8–9, 2027

Chris Real from DPS Technical will assist with technical inspection at Lilliputian to provide training and support.

27. Spark Arrestor Requirements

Discussion was held regarding California requirements for spark arrestors.

A closed-course exemption requires:

- Recognition under an approved sanctioning body
- Permit approval from the local fire authority

Ted Cabral suggested requiring spark arrestors at District events.

28. Hosting Agreement Update

Jeremy asked about updates to the hosting agreement, specifically the $100 fine for failure to provide required personnel.

It was reported that Bill McGibbon has not yet updated the online agreement.

A revised agreement will be distributed.

29. Adjournment

The 2026 District 36 Sanctioning Meeting was adjourned at:

11:15 AM