

FAQ Section

1. My child is interested in joining Medicine Hat BMX, how old do you have to be to join?

Children have to be turning 4 years of age by December 31st of the current calendar year and able to somewhat sufficiently ride a 2 wheeled bike to join BMX. To race Provincially, children have to be turning 5 years of age by December 31st of the current calendar year.

2. What gear does my child need to try out BMX?

MHBMX can provide loaner bikes for trial period, as well as full faced helmets, full finger gloves and ask that you dress your rider in long pants and a long sleeved shirt. If your rider is wearing shorts, they must be tear resistant race shorts and shin pads must be worn in addition.

3. What is the schedule for MHBMX?

Our season usually starts the first week of May, weather dependant through the end of September. Practices are Tuesday and Thursday evenings, racing is every Wednesday evening. Starting July 1st through the end of August, racing is bi-weekly every Monday and Wednesday evening and practices are on Tuesday evenings only. We will hold open track on Sunday evenings with adequate notice on non-Provincial weekends only.

Schedule

Tuesday- Novice practice 6-7pm

Advanced/Provincial 645-8pm

Wednesday- Racing 7pm (Strider event starts at 645pm)

Thursday- Novice practice 6-7pm

Advanced/Provincial 645-8pm

July-August-

Monday- Racing 7pm (Strider event starts at 645pm)

Sunday- Open track- Novice 6-7pm, Advanced/Provincial 645-8pm

4. Where can I find bikes and gear?

Southland Powersports has an excellent selection of bmx gear including jerseys, pants, shorts, shin pads, armour equipment, helmets, neck braces, gloves and goggles. Fran will get you set up! Discount applies for all MHBMX members. Gravity Sports and Cyclepath carry and can order race bikes, the best time to place an order is in the fall for the following season.

5. What is the difference between the two types of memberships and licenses?

A non-Provincial license allows a racer to practice with our club, race district (local) races without accumulating points for the season. This license carries all the benefits of being a member of our club and is geared towards a new racer who is not interested in racing out of town or competing for end of season points. A Provincial license allows a racer to travel and race at all out of town events, held in Alberta. A racer can upgrade their license at any point in the season by contacting our office.

WHAT TO DO IF I WANT TO RACE

When is Racing?

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

During July & August, we also race Monday night @ 7:00pm.

Do I have to register to race locally?

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

How do I register?

For local night races you call 504-7372 between 5:15pm and 6:15pm on race day. Provide your name, 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 licence number.

Who will I Race?

The information you provided when registering is now used to create the Moto sheets. These moto sheets will be posted in a designated area at each track shortly after registration closes. These sheets tell you everything you will need to know about today's racing. It is every riders or their parent's responsibility to check these sheets A.S.A.P. for any mistakes. 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 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 15 wins in the Novice class. An Intermediate will move up to the Expert class after they have 25 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 usual at a local level.

RACE TIME

The moto sheets will be posted on the moto board. Moto sheets should be in numerical order starting with moto #1 and continuing through whatever the last moto number is. In addition to being in numerical order the moto sheets are grouped by age and class.

The moto sheets 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 sheets before the races start. Make sure that you check everything on the moto sheet, not just what moto you are in. 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 sheets to make sure everything is correct. It's now time to start racing.

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

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

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.

Females need 25 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.

Any further questions?

Please visit us on race or practice evening, send a message on Facebook! We love our ever-growing BMX family and would love to have you in our club!