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Subject: Staging Procedures, Violations and Penalties

This bulletin supersedes all previously published rules, bulletins, or approvals. The posted 2025 Progressive American Flat Track Rulebook has been updated to include this information as well as the previously corrected AFT SuperTwins machine weight typographical error, AFT Technical Bulletin 2025-01 posted 12/20/2024.

1.8.8 Staging Procedures

Riders must proceed to the staging area with their motorcycle to line up for their session prior to the leader of the previous session taking the checkered flag or when called by Race Officials.

Riders without a motorcycle, or crew members arriving to the staging area without their rider, are not an acceptable substitute for a Rider and their motorcycle, except in the case where a Rider is participating in a podium interview from the previous session.

Any rider that qualifies for the Main may request and must be granted a five-minute break between the start of the Main and the previous race in which that rider competed.

When a Rider arrives in staging, an AMAP official will record the frame number of the motorcycle presented and that motorcycle will be deemed as the Rider's only allowed machine for that race. For the remainder of that race, Riders are not allowed to switch to a second machine.

Tire warmers and small generators (2200 watt or smaller) may be utilized in a neat, uncluttered fashion.

Battery powered handheld blowers may be utilized to prevent machines from overheating in staging or on the grid. This includes the designated Hot and Cold Box and single file restart areas during red flag stoppages. Gas powered blowers are prohibited. All blowers must be removed from the grid when requested by AMAP. Any crewmember that prevents a timely race start may be penalized and their rider may be required to start from the penalty row.

Defined Staging Violations and Penalties

- a. Races: Riders who fail to report to the staging area before the leader of the previous session takes the checkered flag or before the staging area is declared closed may start from the penalty row.***
- b. Practice and qualifying: Riders that arrive at staging after bikes are released and the track is declared HOT may not participate in that session. Final determination will be made by AMA Pro Racing officials.***
- c. If a prolonged delay is anticipated prior to a session, Race Control may announce when riders are required to report to staging and when staging is closed.***
- ~~1. Riders who fail to report to the staging area before the leader of the previous session takes the checkered flag or before the staging area is declared closed may receive the following penalty:~~
- ~~d. Heat or LCQ: Start from the penalty row.
Main or Triple Challenge Race: Fine.~~