

# 2010 Team USA Trial des Nations Rider's Guide

## INTRODUCTION

The **Trial des Nations** is the annual Observed Trials **World Championship**

Each team participating in this event is authorized to have four riders representing their country. The Championship is determined by totaling the best three individual rider's scores per section for each country. The team will participate in the **A** class which is considered the World Championship for teams in Observed Trials.

The women's Trial des Nations team competition for women consists of up to three riders representing their country. This TdN Women's team Championship will be determined by totaling the best two individual rider's scores per section from each country, with the lowest total score being declared the victor. The team selection process for both men and women will be similar.

Candidates who feel that they can be an integral part of a **TEAM** effort representing the United States at the Trial des Nations are encouraged to submit a Letter of Intent to apply for a position on the **TEAM**. You must be able to put aside the concept of individual competition that dominates rider attitudes at every other Trials event. Although individual scores are important, only the Team result is posted. Therefore riders must.

## THINK TEAM

If you know you can add value to the USA TDN Team effort in any position, e.g. Team mom, scheduling, minder, fund raising, let us hear from you. Please let the team manager know as soon as possible. Please review the **TEAM** information and requirements pages.

## RIDER COMMITMENT

By accepting a position on the TdN team a rider agrees to bring to the TdN **the highest level of commitment**. The funds raised to finance the TdN team come from the hard work of donors solicited from all over the U.S. In return for this effort, team members must have the appropriate level of commitment and desire to do their best for their country. They must also be willing to commit to assisting in the US TDN fund raising effort.

## TEAM SELECTION

The United States **Trial des Nations Teams** rider committee, chaired by Bruce Bolander, NATC COO will select both the women's and men's team.

The **TEAM** will be selected using the following criteria:

1. Only candidates that have filed a **LETTER OF INTENT** (LOI) with the NATC postmarked before May 31 will be considered. There are **NO LOCKED IN** positions on the **TEAM**. Every rider must earn the privilege to be on the team each year
2. LOI riders who finished first and second place in the previous years National Championship class or top women riders will be top candidates to be selected for the team.
3. The committee will select a team to represent the United States using the above criteria and the riders' participation in previous National and World Championship meets such as the American World Trials. Additionally, the riders selected, including

their support personnel, will have demonstrated their ability to work well with others generating a supportive, enthusiastic and competitive team spirit. The selection process will result in choosing riders who the committee feels will be the most successful team.

4. The team will be selected in **June**. This is to insure sufficient time needed for fundraising, and logistical arrangements for a team of 10 to 15 people.

### **RIDER REQUIREMENTS**

1. LOI submitted in a timely manner.
2. Each rider selected for the team must personally arrange for a motorcycle to be available at the event. This should be coordinated through the U.S. importer of your current brand. The motorcycle (and minders bike) should be available at the site Wednesday or Thursday before the event. Written confirmation with the (1) name of motorcycle provider, (2) name of person responsible for delivering the motorcycle (with cell phone, fax contact ) and (3) date/location of delivery, must be provided to the team manager NO LATER than **August 1**.
3. Each team member must be available and able to travel with the team from the United States departure point and commit to 7 to 10 days for the trip.
4. All riders must possess enough mechanical ability to perform basic maintenance to their motorcycle. These skills include setup and break-in of a new bike (if available), tire changing, oil changes, carburetor and air filter cleaning, changing clutch plates, brake pads and bleeding brakes. If a rider feels unsure of their skills in these areas, they should find someone to teach them before they go to TDN
5. Each rider is required to bring one set (2) tie-down straps, tire repair kit, a fanny pack with enough tools to do any trail-side repair that may be necessary. Also, it would be advisable to bring some basic spare parts, handlebars and levers, master link, foot pegs, throttle, brake pads, cables, etc. This is a team event but you need to be able to take care of yourself. COME PREPARED.
6. Riders must have a valid driver's license in their possession issued from the state in which you reside.
7. You will be responsible for any personal expenses not covered by the TdN Support Fund.
8. All team members must fill out any forms that may be required by the team manager, AMA or the organizer for the event.
9. All team members must be willing to assist with autograph sessions and assist in other TDN fund raising activities.
10. If a team uniform is provided, riders must wear uniform unless a written contract with other sponsors is provided in advance.

### **RIDERS BEHAVIOR**

During the entire trip, event riders, their family and/or friends must keep in mind that they are representing the United States of America and the USA Trials community and therefore, act accordingly and responsibly.

### **REMOVAL FROM THE TEAM**

If during the course of the trip or the trial itself, a rider, their family and/or friends behavior becomes detrimental to the team effort, that rider may be removed from the USA TDN Team at the sole discretion of the team manager and not allowed to begin or complete the event and will not be eligible for reimbursement.

## **DRUG TEST**

The FIM conducts random drug tests at the TDN. Any rider/minder who fails a drug test will be banned from any future US TdN teams and removed from the current team.

## **MINDERS**

All minders must be FIM licensed & insured exactly the same as the rider. The team support funds generated by the team will pay the license and insurance fees for a total of 5 minders who will support both teams.

## **AMERICAN MOTORCYCLIST ASSOCIATION**

1. Issue FIM licenses for team members & minders.
2. When available, ship team color helmets to team members.
3. Process all **Trial des Nations** entry forms.
4. Provide a jury representative for the American riders.

## **TEAM MANAGER**

1. Communicate to team Members all matters of operations.
2. Coordinate and direct team minders and support personnel.
3. Assist in administration and distribution of team support funds.

## TRIP CHECK LIST

### DOCUMENTS: (must have)

- Valid U.S. Passport
- Medical Insurance Forms
- FIM License
- Other forms (Team Mgr.)
- FIM Anti-Doping Code form signed by the AMA
- Airline Tickets
- Current drivers license.

### RIDING GEAR: (must have)

- Team Helmet
- Jacket
- Socks
- Jersey
- Gloves
- Pants
- Boots

### TOOLS & SPARES: (MINIMUM RECOMMENDED)

- Fanny Pack
- Two (2) tie down straps
- 8/10" Crescent wrench
- Chain breaker
- Folding Allen (metric) set
- Master links (2)
- Slot screwdriver
- Short length of chain
- Phillips screwdriver
- Tie wraps
- Tire repair kit
- Valve core tool
- Tire irons
- Tire lube
- 21" tube
- Tape (elect/duct)
- Handlebars
- Levers (left & right)
- Foot pegs (left & right)
- Brake pads
- Carburetor jets
- Spark plug
- Control cable(s) you have previously broken
- Water bottle and carrier (for on the loop)

### PERSONAL CLOTHING:

- As required (don't over pack)
- Blue Jeans for podium (faded and torn jeans are not allowed)
- Team apparel will be provided at the event by Team Manager.

### OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- Camera
- Anything you can't do without
- Extra money
- Comfort foods – special diet requirements

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