



# Competition Bulletin

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**To:** All AMA licensed Supercross Riders  
**From:** AMA Racing  
**Date:** 04/21/2017 (Revised for clarification 10/09/2017)  
**Re:** CB2017.05.SX, 250SX Class Eligibility

This will be a change to the 2018 Monster Energy AMA Supercross and FIM World Championship Rulebook. It will effect 250SX class eligibility beginning with the 2018 season. Any current or past riders that were advanced by the prior guidelines will remain advanced. Changes are in ***bold italic type***. Items that are indicated with a strikethrough are no longer valid.

## Updated Rule:

### 5.2 250SX East/West Championship Guidelines

- a. Riders must designate the region in which they intend to participate prior to the first event of the season.
- b. Once a rider has designated their region, they may not transfer to the opposite region in the 250SX class unless the rider is injured at the first event that they are competing in, and failed to start any part of the evening program. The request must be submitted in writing to AMA. The rider must remain in the new region for the rest of the season.
- c. Riders who have earned an AMA 450MX class Championship, AMA 450SX class Championship or FIM MX1 World Championship are not eligible to compete in the 250SX East/West Championship.
- d. Effective with the 2007 season points, riders earning at least 135 250SX Championship points in a nine-race season, 120 250SX Championship points in an eight-race season, or 105 250SX Championship points in a seven-race season, in ***four*** ~~three~~ seasons of 250SX competition will be ineligible for the 250SX class.
  1. If the number of events in each of the 250SX class regions is different, the number of events used for points will be based on the smaller number. (i.e. if there are eight West events and seven East events, the West riders would throw out their worst finish for a maximum total of seven events)
  2. A rider may move to the 450SX class at any time provided he/she is eligible for the 450SX class, as outlined in the AMA Supercross licensing regulations.
- e. AMA 250SX Regional Champions may defend their championship's the following season, with the following clarifications:
  1. Champions may ride either region the following year but must only compete with the no. 1 plate when defending in the region in which they won the Championship.
  2. A rider that wins a 250SX Championship will be eligible to participate in the 250SX class for a maximum of ~~three~~ ***four*** seasons total.
    - a. ***If a rider wins the 250SX Championship in their fourth season but has not reached the max point threshold in four seasons, that rider will be eligible to compete in the 250SX class the following season only.***
    - b. ***If a rider wins the 250SX Championship in their fourth season but has reached the max point threshold in four seasons, that rider will be ineligible for the 250SX class.***
    - c. ***A rider must earn at least five points for it to count as a season.***

- ~~2. A rider that wins a 250SX Championship will be eligible to participate in the 250SX class for a maximum of three years total regardless of what year he/she won the title. (i.e. if a rider wins the Championship in their third fourth year of 250SX competition, they will be ineligible for the 250SX class regardless of points and therefore not eligible to defend their 250SX Championship title)~~
- 3. A rider that wins a second 250SX Championship will be eligible to participate in the 250SX class for a maximum of three years total regardless of what year he/she won their second title. (i.e. if a rider wins their second Championship in their third year of 250SX competition, they will be ineligible for the 250SX class regardless of points and therefore not eligible to defend their 250SX Championship title)**
- ~~4. After a rider wins a second Championship, in either region, the rider will be ineligible for the 250SX class, regardless of points or number of years in class.~~
- f. Riders who are advanced to the 450SX class through points or Championships won will not be eligible to return to the 250SX class.
- g. Riders finishing **in the top 15** ~~inside the top 20~~ of the 450SX class points in 2016 or 2017 will not be eligible to ride the 250SX class. Riders **finishing in the top 15 in 2016 or 2017** that have self-advanced themselves to the 450SX class ~~that wish to return to the 250SX class~~ may appeal their **250SX** eligibility to the AMA. This appeal must be submitted to the AMA in writing and can take up to 30 days for the final hearing. All decisions of the appeals panel are final.
- h. Designated 250SX riders who competed at events outside of their region in the 450SX class in select 2017-18 events will remain eligible for the 250SX class in 2018-19, regardless of where they finish in the 450SX class points, provided that after the completion of the 2017 Championship season they are not advanced to the 450SX class through 250SX points or 250SX championships won.
  1. A Designated 250SX rider is defined as a 250SX-licensed rider who has declared a region and is actively competing in that region. AMA in its sole discretion will determine if a 250SX rider meets the “designated 250SX rider” criteria.
- i. 250SX East/West riders may compete in the 450SX class, provided they are eligible for the 450SX class as outlined in the AMA Supercross licensing regulations. Riders may only compete in one class at each event.