

**NOTE:** The following, along with the “Performance matrix,” was developed as a means to help “fairly and consistently” evaluate riders for bump to the next higher-level skill classification. The “Performance Matrix” alone is not the “answer” to the final decision, merely a “tool” that should help those evaluating the rider’s skill level (race director/committee, the board, and the membership). Other factors that need to be considered other than a rider’s “average performance (podium points),” but not limited to, include the following:

Factors to be considered

- Length in class (ex: 10 year Beginner)
- Prior skill classification (ex: was a Pro, now a Novice)
- Frequency of competing (ex: races only nationals vs. more frequently on a variety of tracks)
- Type of track (SX or MX – ex: Starwest vs. Glen Helen – jumpy vs. long and rough)
- Number competing in same class (ex: average size is 4 vs. 15)
- Other (ex: home track, coming off injury, “beginner’s luck,” etc)

### **OTHG Bump/Watch list criteria (not all inclusive)**

- 1) OTHG Perf Matrix (bump podium finishes or watch at top 6 finishes – averaging 30 pts)
  - a. BEG – 5 events
  - b. NOV – 7 events
  - c. INT – 9 events
  - d. EXP – 11 events
  - e. MAS – done deal
- 2) Catching 50% of class (when double gating)
- 3) Bump down
  - a. Must return to “original” class upon return from injury and may “red shirt” after trying class for 4 events
  - b. If bumped “down” in class skill, will move back “up” after 3 podium finishes or sooner
- 4) Scorekeepers – ask for bump/watch list based on lap sheets and observation
- 5) Transponder times
- 6) Lap times (stop watch)
- 7) Point out of class like “lites” class
- 8) Moving through pack after “bad start” or “crash”
- 9) “Beginners” aren’t consistent at getting holeshots, cornering, braking, and jumping – should be reviewed very frequently (see above)
- 10) Riders should be required to move up in “bump up” skill classification for their age bracket vs. opting for the same skill classification in a lower (younger) age bracket. Minimum is four rides in new skills classification before “red shirting” to lower skills/age classification.