

# MDR Volunteer Point Motion

## Background

MDR is a volunteer-based club and, as such, relies heavily on a volunteer spirit. As fast as some racers are, it is not professional racing. No one is quitting their job to race in MDR championships. MDR aims to ensure sustained off-road riding in a family-based atmosphere. The club's most significant issue is having volunteers come to work parties to help set up the track. It is a regular group of people who continually put in all the hard work at these events, and while we cannot thank these members enough, we need more riders to attend these events. It is not fair to expect the same people to put in all the work repeatedly, and if we lose these people because they are too overwhelmed, we start to lose venues. The volunteer spirit is no longer common, so we must do something to incentivize riders to volunteer to attend these work parties.

## Motion Put Forward

At the 2024 AGM, a motion was made to award one championship point for riders who volunteer at a work party. Discussion followed, a vote was taken, and the motion passed. The motion represents a change to the constitution for the 2025 season. It will be reviewed at the 2025 AGM to decide how effective it was and whether the club wishes to proceed with this change, alter it, or remove it from the constitution altogether.

## Implementation

- Volunteer points are awarded at the discretion of the board.
- One (1) championship point will be awarded to any rider participating in any work party.
- This point only applies to the Saturday work parties.
- A maximum of one (1) point can be awarded per season.
- A column will be added to the moto-tally championship results page to show this point separately from race day points.
- In a result of a tie based on overall points, the current Series Championship Tie Break Policy will still apply.

## Example

Rider B and Rider C would have been tied for second place at 84 points. However, since only Rider B attended a work party and gained a point for attending said work party under the VOL (Volunteering) column, Rider B now gets second place, and Rider C will be third.

Rider D and Rider E have now tied because Rider E gained a VOL point. The Series Championship Tie Break Policy will be applied to decide the final position.

Rider G and Rider H were also close, but since they both got the VOL point, their positions did not change.

Place	Rider #	Rider Name	Brand	FB2	SO2	MN2	BD2	CSL2	VOL*	Total
1	1	Rider A	HUS	<del>42</del>	16	22	25	25		88
2	2	Rider B	KTM	22		18	22	22	1	85
3	3	Rider C	YAM	<del>43</del>	25	25	20	14		84
4	4	Rider D	HON	18		15	15	18		66
5	5	Rider E	KAW	16	<del>43</del>	16	13	20	1	66
6	6	Rider F	GG	14	18	<del>43</del>	14	15	1	62
7	7	Rider G	SCO	20	22		16		1	59
8	8	Rider H	BTA	15	14	12	44	16	1	58
9	9	Rider E	SUZ		15	14	12			41
10	10	Rider J	COB			20	18			38

'.' denotes points carried from another class. '4' (strike through) denotes low points dropped.

\*VOL is a single point awarded for Volunteering at any Saturday work party.

## Conclusion

Anyone competitive enough to show up for an entire racing season should be dedicated enough to attend at least one work party. Any rider capable of racing an entire season clearly has the ability to help set up at least one track. Having the point show up in the VOL column will also serve as an additional way of giving recognition and visibility to those who have contributed efforts to a work party. Other forms of racing have similar programs that include optional points, and since anyone can do this, the competition remains fair. Looking back at the 2024 season, there were a lot of riders who ended the championship very close in overall points standing. If these riders could gain one more point by volunteering, we may have seen more participation at work parties.