



# MCQMRC

Montgomery County Quarter Midget Race Club



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## RULE BOOK 2024

**Disclaimer: For the purpose of clarification, the contents of this document is not an exhaustive list of every requirement that governs the operation of the Club. From time to time, the Board of Directors may communicate clarifications or modifications to existing rules and regulations or additional rules and regulations (“Changes”). Provided that Changes are adequately communicated and not in conflict with USAC rules and regulations, it is incumbent on all club members to know and comply with Changes and failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.**

### **I. MEMBERSHIP**

A. Any adult 18 years of age or older is eligible for membership in MCQMRC (the “Club”) upon completion and submission of the Club’s official membership application (along with any supporting documents such as driver birth certificates) and USAC application to the Club secretary, submission of applicable fees, and two thirds majority of members present and voting of the general membership present at any general or special meeting of the Club.

#### B. Types of Membership:

##### 1. Family Membership:

- i. Includes parents/legal guardians and drivers listed on the application. In the case of one-parent households, the parent who has legal guardianship of the driver child(ren) must complete the application.
- ii. Family memberships include voting privileges (one vote per family)
- iii. Insurance is provided to all parents and drivers listed on the application for racing activities at the Club’s facility.
- iv. FEES – Annual fee of \$85 (includes one (1) Alternate Handler). Late fees for renewing members of \$75 apply if renewing AFTER February 28 of the current membership year (all fundraisers for the year are still required). (NOTE: USAC annual fees are in addition to the aforementioned fees).

##### 2. Alternate Handler Membership:

- i. Individual membership for those wishing to be a handler and/or car owner and is permitted in the racing area.
- ii. No drivers are included in this type of membership. \*  
\*Jr. Alternate Handler – Upon retiring, a driver who is not 18 and with permission from legal guardian may become an alternate (if under 16 - special permission from USAC is required, with Board’s approval). All other individuals must be 18 years of age.
- iii. Must be 18 years of age or older.
- iv. Does not include voting privileges.
- v. Insurance is provided for racing activities at the Club’s facility.
- vi. FEES – Annual fee of \$25 (note one (1) Alternate Handler is included in the Family Membership fee above). (NOTE: USAC annual fees are in addition to the aforementioned fees).



3. Lifetime Members:
  - i. Graduated Drivers are Lifetime members of the Club.
  - ii. Lifetime membership can also be decided at the Board's discretion.
  - iii. Lifetime members carry all rights and privileges as a family membership.
4. Temporary Memberships:
  - i. This type of membership shall be granted by majority of the board of directors and will be valid until the next scheduled club meeting where membership shall than be accepted or rejected by two thirds majority vote of the members present and voting. This can be granted for both family membership and alternate handler membership.

## **II. MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **A. WORK DETAIL**

1. Every Family Membership is required to perform the beginning of year work detail to open and prep the racing facility for the year's events.
2. Every Family Membership is required to perform at least one Event Work Detail.
  - i. Each Event Work Detail participant is responsible for track prep, opening the facility, clean up, and close down of the facility at the conclusion of a racing event.
  - ii. Event Work Detail is served the Tuesday and Wednesday of your assigned week.
  - iii. The penalty for failure to perform Event Work Detail is two (2) weeks family suspension of all cars.
3. Every Family Membership is required to volunteer and serve on at least one committee or two where required (see section VI.C. below). If a Member does not sign up for a committee, one will be assigned to him/her by the Board. If a Member fails to substantially participate on the committee(s) he/she is subject to suspension at the discretion of the Board.
4. Every new Family Membership is required to volunteer on assigned committees.
5. If the Thursday night rain date is used, you are required to perform your Committee and Work Detail responsibilities on Thursday, if you are racing. This means if you were scheduled for Committee responsibilities and/or Work Detail responsibilities for Wednesday night and the Thursday rain date is utilized, you must perform those scheduled responsibilities on Thursday if you are racing.

### **B. FUND RAISING**

1. Fundraising activities are the financial life-blood to the success of our organization. As such, all Family Memberships are required to participate in ALL fundraisers during the membership year.
2. LOTTO – Each Family Membership shall receive a predetermined number of LOTTO tickets to sell three (3) times per year. It is the responsibility for the Member to sell ALL tickets and remit ALL proceeds back to the Club. Any unsold tickets must be purchased by the Member.



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3. LOTTO Buy-Out – Members may “buy-out” of the LOTTO obligation above by electing to do so by the February general meeting and remitting \$300 not later than the March general meeting.
4. Other fundraisers may be added at the direction of the Club’s board of directors.
5. Any Member having any outstanding balance for any fundraiser may be suspended by the board of directors until such time that all outstanding amounts have been satisfactorily paid.

## C. BANQUET, PERFECT ATTENDANCE, GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for full banquet participation, Drivers and Members must meet certain requirements:

1. Drivers must attend and participate in at least 50% of the Wednesday events.
2. Members must be in good standing (financially, work detail, committee participation), and must attend a minimum 8 of the 12 monthly meetings.
3. General rules:
  - a. Drivers **MAY NOT** sign in to receive credit for Perfect Attendance, Banquet requirements, or any other award if they are not physically present and able to race at that event.
  - b. Handlers **MAY** sign their driver in and pay the entry fee if the driver is on a class trip, sports conflict, etc. and planning on making it to the event in time to race. If the driver **DOES NOT** arrive in time for their race, it **DOES NOT** count towards the requirements for Perfect Attendance, Banquet requirements, or any other award. However, they will receive a sign-in credit for the next time they race.
  - c. If a driver attempts to race and can't due mechanical issues, etc., they will receive credit for attempting to race which will count towards Perfect Attendance, Banquet requirements, etc. They will **NOT** receive a sign-in credit for any future sign-in.
  - d. If a Wednesday night race of which you signed-in is postponed to Thursday night, and your driver **CANNOT** race on the Thursday night rain date, it **DOES** count towards the requirements for Perfect Attendance, Banquet requirements, or any other award. In addition, they will receive a sign-in credit for entry fees paid for the next time they sign into race.
  - e. If both Wednesday and Thursday nights are canceled and we have started or completed sign-ins, all drivers signed in and paid will receive a sign-in credit the next time they sign in. This week will not count as a race week for any award or Banquet requirements.
  - f. To receive credit for perfect attendance you must make every attempt to take the track for warm-up and/or to race.
  - g. Drivers who do not meet the requirements for full banquet participation may attend the banquet through the “Buy-In” process. To Buy-In to the banquet the driver’s handler must notify the Club Secretary of his/her intention to do so. The handler shall purchase and pay for the gifts for the driver(s) for an amount and payment due date determined annually by the banquet committee. Ticket costs for the banquet will be determined by the committee annually.



D. Graduation:

1. Drivers may graduate or retire from MCQMRC by notifying the Club's Secretary by stated time frames. The graduating/retiring driver's family membership must be in good standing, and the driver shall receive their final checkered flag. Graduated/retired drivers are no longer eligible for travel-trophy awards.

**III. ACCESS TO CLUB PROPERTY AND ADMISSION**

A. RACING AREA:

1. Only USAC members are permitted in the Racing Area (fenced in areas). Members who allow non-USAC member guests in the Racing Area of the facility are creating a potential liability issue to MCQMRC and USAC and will be subject to suspension at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
2. To be permitted in the Racing Area, all handlers and drivers must sign in by showing their valid USAC membership ID and sign the appropriate waiver form(s). Each handler or driver will be given a wristband to wear showing they have properly signed in.
3. Wrist bands must be worn in clear sight and be displayed to enter the Racing Area.
4. There is no smoking or vaping permitted in the Racing Area, Handler/Drivers meeting and Snack Shack seating area.
5. All personnel in the Racing Area must wear closed-toe shoes. No open shoes such as sandals or flip flops are permitted.
6. Members whose driver(s) are causing a safety hazard anywhere in the Racing Area (including the "Hot Chute") are subject to at least one week suspension at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
7. For the safety of all involved, videotaping and/or photography of any kind will not be allowed inside the fenced in area under any conditions without permission from the board of MCQMRC, except during the National Anthem and Checkered Flag laps. In these two situations only, videotaping and/or photography will be allowed inside the fenced in area as long as the person taking them is behind a concrete wall.

B. GENERAL:

1. Driving racecars in any area on the Club property other than the Racing Area is strictly prohibited (including entering and exiting the Racing Area).
2. Race Day Pit Parking - The first four parking spots on both sides of the center aisle of the pit area closest to the track are reserved and not for general use. The Board of Directors may designate specific uses for these spots. Members who park in these spots without prior approval from the Board of Directors may be required to move immediately upon request.
3. Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc. are not permitted for use on the track property.
4. Pets or other animals are not permitted on the track property on Wednesday nights, national events, or series events. Dogs are allowed at regular Saturday shows, must be confined to your trailer, and your leash may not extend outside your trailer including



the ramp door. Except: Dogs are permitted to take short walks to go potty but must be on a leash and you must clean up after them.

5. Ball playing, Frisbee throwing, RC cars, etc. are not permitted in the pit areas, parking lot or racing areas. These activities are ONLY permitted behind the snack shack.
6. ONLY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ARE PERMITTED IN THE TOWER.
7. Combinations lock codes to secured areas and Club equipment are for MCQMRC Members only and are not to be given out to any non-members of MCQMRC.

#### **IV. RACING RULES & PROCEDURES**

- A. Event dates and related times and entry fees will be posted on the Club's website for each event.
- B. Except for national events, race distances and time limits are subject to the Race Director's discretion based on total number of cars and classes present, weather conditions and curfews.
- C. Track/Racing Conditions: Racing condition of the track and the decision of event postponement shall be determined by the Track Committee in concert with the Race Director.
- D. Rain Out Procedures for Wednesday Events (rain dates are Thursdays):
  1. If sign-ins have closed and races have not begun at the time the rain out is called, anyone who wishes to sign in on the rain date may do so but will be placed in the rear of the field.
  2. If races have begun, then there will be no further sign-ins allowed for the rain date.
  3. If the rain out decision is made prior to sign-ins closing, then a completely new sign-in process will commence on the rain date including pill draw for starting positions.
  4. Members are advised to sign up for rainedout.com alerts and follow our Facebook page, rain outs will be communicated through rainedout.com and our social media account.
- E. Tech Inspections:
  1. The Tech Committee may inspect any car, motor, tire, or any other component of a race car at any time for any reason under the USAC guidelines.
  2. Refusal to submit to any technical inspection procedure will result in suspension per USAC rules.
- F. Safety Inspections:
  1. All cars will be inspected each year in accordance with USAC requirements by a member of the Safety Committee prior to being permitted on the track for any club and/or USAC sponsored event.
  2. Cars that have passed inspection will display a club sticker (or other emblem) indicating the car has passed its annual inspection.
  3. Cars that have successfully passed safety inspection at a USAC sanctioned track will be honored at MCQMRC.
  4. MCQMRC reserves the right to re-inspect any car for safety at any time for any reason.





5. Any car competing in an event found to be unsafe (either prior to or during the event) by the Race Director, Pit Steward, or member of the Safety or Tech Committees will be barred from competing further until the unsafe condition is acceptably corrected.
  6. Any car that fails safety inspection(s) will not be permitted on the track until the failed component(s) are corrected and confirmed by a member of the Safety Committee or Race Director.
- G. Transponders shall be used for qualifying and racing:
1. Transponders must be affixed to the car using an approved transponder clip.
  2. Transponders may not be taped or glued to the vehicle.
  3. Location of the transponder on the car shall be as follows:
    - i. 40 inches minimum to 44 inches maximum, either left or right side
    - ii. No greater than 6 inches from bottom of frame rail to top of transponder within the nerf bar.
  4. Failure to comply with these rules and specifications shall result in disqualification during racing, or a “No Time” during qualifying.
- H. All racing rules and regulations regarding Tech, Safety, Judging, Scoring, Age Limits, Classes, Format, etc. are those of USAC. Exceptions to those rules for non-national events are as follows:
1. Courtesy laps – for feature races only cars in the work area are given three courtesy yellow laps to make repairs and are counted down by the flagger once the restart lineup is set.
  2. Any race that has gone 2/3 of the total required laps shall be deemed complete if, in the judgment of the Race Director, the condition of the track is unsafe for further racing.
  3. If at any time while a driver is on the track and they experience a safety issue, they MAY stop at the Race Director and request to be checked. The driver WILL retain their position in the lineup. If the Safety Equipment is not working thereafter; drivers must come into Hot Chute to correct per USAC Rule 1707.
  4. Minimum age for Flagger, corner worker or to enter the fenced in area beyond the staging area is 16 years old or older, unless approved by USAC and MCQMRC Board of Directors
  5. All drivers must have a working raceceiver when entering the track surface. If communication is found not to be working during the race, one attempt to replace the raceceiver with a track provided raceceiver will be made. If the issue is corrected the driver will retain position. If the exchange of raceceiver does not work driver will return to the tail of the field. Track raceceiver MUST be returned immediately after the race.
  6. No cars will be allowed to be stood on their front bumper for ANY reason. DQ at the race director’s discretion.
  7. Recording Device
    - i. the use of a recording device will be permitted at local level and regional race. This must be mounted safe and securely within the USAC guidelines NO duct taping, Velcro and or zip ties allowed.
    - ii. Live streaming of on-track activity from these devices is not permitted.



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Recording device is not a form of instant replay and shall not be used to contest calls, disrespectful manor on social media. This could result in suspense or disqualification.

8. Any driver wishing to run Light 160 MUST be 9 years or older.
9. Handlers Race

Handlers and Retired Drivers:

- i. Must be 18 years or older, a USAC Member, and wear Safety Gear, (Jacket/Long Sleeve Shirt, Helmet, Arm Restraints, Neck Brace/Collar, Flat Shoes (not Opened toed) & Gloves). Head needs to safely fit within roll cage.
- ii. Handler or Corner Workers only in the Hot Chute. This race is for fun; however, there is no horse playing on track.

Current Drivers:

- i. Allowed to push their handler off but once done, they need to go back to staging lane.
  - ii. If interested in helping run the race, there will be a sign-up sheet at the registration table for the following positions: Race Direct from top tower, score in tower, announce races in tower & pit steward in Staging Lane
  - iii. NO current drivers allowed over by Scale House iv. NO current drivers allowed to corner work (unless 16 or 17)
  - v. NO current drivers allowed in Hot Chute area (unless 16 or 17)
  - vi. NO current drivers allowed to flag (unless 16 or 17)
- I. Hot Laps, if any, will be determined as needed by the Race Director.
- J. Unless otherwise indicated, initial line ups will be determined by number draw at driver sign-in.
- K. Driver Sign-In:
1. Drivers who miss the sign in period and did not call ahead and obtain explicit permission to late sign in will not be permitted to race.
  2. Drivers who miss the sign in period and did call ahead and obtain explicit permission to late sign in may result in starting from the rear of the field.

L. Corner Workers:

1. Handlers for the first six (6) paper numbers in a race must work the corners during their respective race according to the position their car starts as indicated on the track wall for the full duration of the race. Failure may result in black flag for your car at the discretion of the Race Director.
2. Corner workers MUST wear a safety vest, safety yellow, green, orange or pink shirt.
3. Corner workers must remain at their post the entire race. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary actions by the race director.

M. DURING ALL RACING AND WARMUPS ALL HANDLERS ENTERING THE TRACK SURFACE ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR A SAFETY VEST OR FLORESCENT SHIRT (YELLOW, GREEN, ORANGE, OR PINK SHIRT). FAILURE MAY RESULT IN YOUR CAR STARTING/RE-STARTING FROM THE REAR OR BLACK FLAGGED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE RACE DIRECTOR.



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## N. Car numbers:

1. MCQMRC members will be provided one set of laminated numbers per driver.
2. MCQMRC members must use the laminated numbers only for race positions 1-10 (paper numbers are provided ONLY for visitors as well as any cars starting in 11<sup>th</sup> position).
3. Replacement packs of laminated numbers can be purchased for \$5 each.
4. Numbers are to be adequately secured and visibly displayed on the hood, left side, and on each side of the tail cone so they can be easily seen by the tower for scoring.
5. Cars not properly displaying their numbers will not be scored.

## O. Judging / Officiating: Refer to USAC Rulebook, Appendix II.

P. System to be used: No hot laps unless approved by the Race Director. When cars are pushed off, they must stay in line. Anyone going off the track will go to the rear. Drivers not in the current race are not allowed in the hot chute or hot pit areas. If a car is not on the track when the green comes out, it must go to the pits. No passing under yellow unless directed by flag person. Restarts are single file. When exiting the track at the end of a race, all drivers are required to remain securely fastened in their cars and keep all safety gear on until after being pushed over or past the scales for weigh-in. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Q. Corner persons, Flag person, Race Director and required personnel are the only people allowed on the track during the race (only exception is under red flag).

R. All complaints regarding procedures on the racetrack must be directed to the Race Director in writing and within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the event by the handler/parent. Any other issues need to be addressed to a Board Member in writing and within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the event and will promptly review by the Board of Directors. All parties concerned will be promptly notified of the Board's final decision.

## V. PRACTICE RULES

While we understand the importance of track time and practice for our drivers, we also need to follow guidelines as to not place undue burden on our track crew and or ruin our racing surface for our regular race shows. In order to start and continue open practice at MCQMRC the following guidelines must be followed:

- A. All USAC and MCQMRC safety rules that apply during a normal race day must be followed without exception.
- B. Practice will be the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month during our regular season.
  1. If we are racing on Thursday ie: rain out on Wednesday or our racing night is moved to Thursday there will be no practice.
  2. No practice the week prior to big races - Regional, National, Beat the Clock etc.
- C. Practice times will be from Noon until Dark (lights may not be turned on)
- D. Must be a current member of MCQMRC in order to practice.
- E. Must be an MCQMRC and USAC member to be inside the fenced area of the track.
- F. You must have 2 adults on the property while practicing.
- G. Must be 16 years old to be in the hot chute and track area unless in a quarter midget with full racing safety equipment on.
- H. There will be sign in sheets in the scale house. Drivers and handlers will need to sign and date.





- I. Racing surface must be maintained during practice. (if you are not sure what this means or how to do this please ask and we will be happy to help you learn)
- J. If the track is not suitable for practice due to weather conditions or other circumstances membership will be notified the morning of via FaceBook and or Telegram.
- K. If these guidelines are not followed, the Board reserves the right to cancel practice at any time.

## **VI. GENERAL**

### **A. Board of Directors & Officers:**

- 1. Criteria and description of Club officers and trustees (“Board Members”) is in the MCQMRC Bylaws.
  - 2. Only Family Members in good standing are eligible to run for and hold office, and no Member shall hold more than one (1) elected office at any one time.
  - 3. Nominations of Officers and Board Members may be made at any time to the nominating committee, with floor nominations open at the October and November general meetings.
  - 4. Elections of Board Members are held at the November general meeting. Individuals running for office must be active (paid) members for the coming year, and be physically present during the meeting where the elections take place.
  - 5. To vote in the Board Member elections Members must be active (paid) members for the coming year, be physically present at the meeting where the elections take place (no proxy votes), must be in good standing and a member for at least six months.
  - 6. Elections are determined by simple majority of voting members present.
- B. Voting - As a general practice, the Board of Directors (“BOD”) will involve club members in good standing in decisions of major importance by way of voting. The voting may take place at regular meetings, special meetings or other means the BOD deems appropriate. The BOD will determine the method of voting including but not limited to secret ballot or show of hands. Acceptance or rejection will be determined by simple majority unless the MCQMRC Bylaws require otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this section shall limit the authority of the BOD under the MCQMRC Bylaws.

### **C. Committees:**

- 1. Various committees for the Club as are necessary shall be appointed by the Board of Directors from time-to-time for the purposes of executing the Club’s purpose. Such committees include, but are not limited to, Track, Tech, Safety, Novice, Publicity, Outreach, Fundraising, etc. (see section II.3. for Members committee participation requirements).
- 2. Rookie Committee:
  - i. The Rookie Committee will set up a training course for beginners each year following the USAC guidelines and approved by the Board of Directors. ii. All Rookies must complete the course with and/or obtain sign off by the Rookie Director before being moved into the junior/senior racing classes. Upon moving up, Rookies are required to start in the back of the field for three (3) events in order to observe and learn.



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iii. A new driver who is experienced will be placed in his/her proper division but must start from the rear for three (3) events at the discretion of the Race Director and Rookie Committee. D. Racing Schedule and Fees:

1. Racing schedules will be determined by the Board of Directors with the approval of the membership.
2. FEES:
  - i. Racing fees will be determined by the Board of Directors annually or as needed.
  - ii. Returned check fee is set at \$45 per returned item. Members will have two (2) weeks to reimburse the Club for returned items and such fees after which disciplinary action will be taken.

## VII. CODE OF CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- A. MCQMRC strictly follows the USAC Participant Conduct policy located in Appendix V on the USAC .25 website.
- B. The use of intoxicants or controlled substances by car owners, mechanics, driver, spectators or track official is strictly prohibited on club property. Any member of the club found to be under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance in the pit or track area during an event will be suspended (whole family) by the Board of Directors.
- C. All Members are directly responsible for the conduct of their driver(s), pit crew, alternate handlers, family members and other spectators.
- D. Any driver, car owner, mechanic or member who is involved in a physical or verbal altercation shall be subject to suspension, expulsion, & prosecution.
- E. Any driver, car owner, mechanic or member who at any time or place shall use improper language or gesture toward any member/driver of the Club, Flag Person, Judge, Race Director, Score Keeper or Board of Director shall be subject to suspension.
- F. Any driver, car owner, mechanic or member who at any time or place shall cause a scene or disturbance before the public shall be subject to suspension by the Race Director, President or Board of Directors.
- G. Any person who is considered an undesirable character or an agitator against this club may be denied membership or if already a member may be expelled from this club by action of the Board of Directors with NO refund of dues.
- H. All members of the club are expected to know the rules and regulations and shall govern themselves accordingly. Violations of any rules or regulations or failure to comply with the rules or regulations shall be reason for forfeiture of any points and or any other penalty prescribed by the Board of Directors.
- I. Suspensions – Any suspension levied by the Board must be approved by a simple majority vote.
- J. Social and other media – The volunteers at our Club donate their time and talents in order to achieve the Club’s purpose for all of the children who participate or wish to participate in quarter midget racing, and therefore should not be subject to ridicule or disparaging comments by others. As such, Members and non-members who post disparaging comments on social media about the Club, the Board, the Officers, or other Members of the Club, occurrences at the Club, etc., on social media or other media including, but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter,



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and Instagram, will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension at the discretion of the Board.

- K. Members of MCQMRC understand that disciplinary actions for code of conduct violations or failure to meet membership obligations levied by MCQMRC MAY be enforced at the other USAC clubs. As a member of MCQMRC you are representing our organization and will be held accountable for your actions, disciplinary actions levied at one of the other USAC clubs MAY be enforced at MCQMRC. Anyone that owes a club money anywhere, you will not be allowed to race at any of the six dirt tracks in the area.