

BQMRC Racing Rules and Procedures

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- A. A copy of the BQMRC Racing Rules and Procedures shall be provided to all new and existing members via email or written copy and made available at the racetrack in the tower or binder located in the scale house. A separate document will be sent for signed acknowledgement from each family that they have received and reviewed the racing rules and understands the rules set forth in this document as published.
- B. BQMRC has a Zero Tolerance Policy on behavior. Acts detrimental to Blackbird Quarter Midget Race Club (hereafter known as BQMRC) or its member, property or drivers will be dealt with by the BQMRC Board of Directors and Race Director in accordance to the BQMRC disciplinary procedures outlined in the BQMRC By-Laws. Improper behavior will not be tolerated.
- C. BQMRC is sanctioned by United States Auto Club (hereafter known as USAC) and will follow all USAC rules and procedures unless noted in this document. Please note these changes are for regular club race events only. We will adhere to USAC rules strictly when a National or Regional rave event is presented at BQMRC. This document will be laid out as a mirror to the USAC Race Procedure Manual to make understanding the differences easy. Any section not covered in these racing rules dictates we will follow the USAC guidelines directly. BQMRC specific information will be included at the end.

1701 Age Requirements:

- a. BQMRC will adhere to USAC age requirements

1702 Qualification Procedures:

- a. All regular Sunday events, with the exception of extra distance/cup races, will be run as follows:
 1. All heat race starting positions will be determined by pill draw. Once registration closes heat race line ups will be determined using the current system (MOSCORE). Heat races will be run as a 3-minute warm-up directly into the heat. Any time during the warm-up period you may bring your car into the hot chute to make adjustments. There is a set of lights mounted on the tower, when the last light is lit the buzzer will sound indicating you have 30 seconds to push off. If the car is in the hot chute at the end of the three-minute warm-up the driver will go to the rear of the starting order.
 2. Heat race finishes will dictate feature line ups.
 3. If lower mains are necessary they will run in that classes order (IE when its JR Honda's turn in the racing order we will run the D main directly into the C, to the B then to the A main). It is the race director's discretion to adjust the race day order of lower mains. In between one main and the next there will be a three-minute break, at the end of the 3-minute break the buzzer will sound. If a driver cannot make it out or a driver in the field is unable to complete a lap to start the race, the X car rule will apply per the USAC rule book.
 4. A maximum of 4 cars will transfer from lower mains into the A Main. It is at the Race Directors discretion to adjust the number of cars.
 5. Extra Distance/Cup Races will be run with a normal time trail format. No practice will be given prior to time trials. Time trails will be run immediately after rookie races. (It is the Race Directors discretion to adjust race and qualifying order) Time trials will then determine the line ups for the Mains as needed. Every car will start heads up, A-Main race will begin

with a 3-minute warm-up directly into the A Main

In Extra Distance/Cup races the lower mains will transfer 4 in the Senior classes and 4 in the Junior classes. Junior fields will transfer 4 in the Jr classes. (It is the Race Directors discretion to adjust the number of cars).

1704 Authority and Official Responsibility:

- a. BQMRC will use Race Director or Directors as follows:
 1. One or more race directors may be used. Primary race director will responsible to watch entire field or (the races hot spots). The secondary race director will watch the rear half of the field.
 2. Any car causing the caution will be assigned a strike, when a driver accumulates three strikes they will be shown the black flag and disqualified from the event.
 3. Any car that stops on the track will be sent to the rear. If a driver is determined to be 100% at fault that driver will also be sent to the rear and assigned a strike. All others cars will be sent to the rear but will not receive a strike. If no driver is determined 100% at fault any car that stopped on the track will be assigned a strike and sent to the rear.
 4. Race director or directors' calls are final and not subject to protest. You may approach a race director to ask questions (but not in protest) after the race is completed. Any form of foul language, name calling, or physical altercation will result in the zero tolerance disciplinary actions or club disciplinary actions per BQMRC By-Laws.

1708 Flagging Procedures:

- a. A minimum age for the flagger will be 16 years old and must be a member of USAC.
- b. Flagger must have a head set on and be in communication with the race director and tower at all times.

1712 Class Division and Structure:

- a. All heat races will be ten laps, all lower main and A mains will be at the race director's discretion. All Senior extra distance races will be 40 laps and all Junior extra distance races will be 35 laps.
- b. All other USAC Technical specifications will be followed strictly. Inspections on cars will be initiated by the race director, club president, or technical director. If a member feels there is a need to initiate an inspection of a particular car this matter must be taken to the race director immediately.
- c. When cars (including car weight, fuel, driver weight) or engines are found to be illegal the Win and trophy for that race will not be given to the driver. In addition, the BQMRC Board of directors will review the offense and determine if and what additional penalties will be assessed.

1713 Racing Rules and Procedures:

- a. BQMRC will run the AMB Transponder/MY Laps System to assist with scoring and line-ups. Members and visitors are required to purchase on their own or rent a transponder from BQMRC for each event.
- b. Transponder rules will be as follows:
 1. All transponders will be mounted on the side of the car based on the most up to date rules listed in the USAC rule book.
 2. If a rented transponder is damaged on your car during a race you are responsible for the damage and repair costs.
 3. All rental transponders can be rented and paid for through the sign in process per the current charge of the rental shown on the sign in form.

4. Transponders owned by members maybe swapped from car to car as long as you do not have two or more drivers in the same class.
 5. Transponders must be placed in the bucket on fence exiting the scale house after each race
 6. Transponders must be turned in at the end of the racing event.
- c. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers of each feature race unless other arrangements have been made (IE Year-end plaques in place of trophies)
 - d. It is the race director's discretion to adjust the racing schedule for each event date (IE warm ups, heats, timing, transfers, etc.) If changes need to be made with the input of the BOD present (IE Weather).
 - e. Any driver that is injured at the track requiring Emergency Medical attention cannot participate in any further racing activity at BQMRC until a doctor's release is presented to the Board of directors. Additionally, any injury that took place at BQMRC to a driver, handler, or member, requiring emergency medical attention will require a USAC incident to be completed and given to the Secretary to submit to USAC. These forms are located in the scale house binder and the tower.
 - f. Any car that places all four tires into the infield must stop per the current USAC rule. Failure to follow may result in a disqualification from that event. This includes practice sessions, warm ups, timing sessions, heats, lower mains, and feature races. This call will be made by the race director or board director if during a practice.
 - g. BQMRC reserves the right to have a point series for any and all classes and crown a track champion for each class at the end of the season. BQMRC reserves the right to adjust the classes based on USAC regulations.
 - h. Members of BQMRC understand that disciplinary actions for code or conduct violations, tech violations, zero-tolerance violations, or failure to meet membership obligations set fourth by BQMRC may be enforced at all regional dirt tracks(Montgomery County, Hagerstown,West End, South Jersey, Keystone, and Susquehanna) Any violations levied at any of the above mentioned clubs may be enforced by BQMRC.

1. IF YOU CHOSE TO SHOUT OR SWEAR AT THE RACE DIRECTOR OR ANY OTHER RACE DAY VOLUNTEERS/MEMBERS, YOU WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE.

2. If you are asked to leave, your car will be black flagged, you AND your party will need to exit the premises and are unable to come back the following week (No compensations if you are asked to leave under these circumstances)

3. If someone begins to yell during an actual race, the red flag will be thrown and you will asked to leave, again your car(s) will be black flagged and you and your party will need to leave the premises and are not able to return the following week to race.

4. This also includes any member/visitor in the stands. Shouting from the stands toward any driver and/or official is unacceptable. You will be asked to leave along with your associated party and the following actions listed above will also remain in effect.

- i. Aggressive driving will be called, if your driver enters the infield with 3 tires and exits appearing to not be in control of their car, and a wreck occurs, the driver entering and exiting the infield will receive the call and a strike.

BQMRC Specific Regulations:

- a. Racing regulations dictate the flow of the race and are adjustable to club needs. Racing rules can be changed by the majority vote at a club meeting when a motion is made or adjusted by majority vote of the board at a board meeting.
- b. Racing fees shall be in accordance to the current fees per the BQMRC sign in form (BQMRC club

member pricing may be different than pricing for a visitor racing at BQMRC).

- c. BQMRC will race on Sundays for the season and all Sunday races will be credited unless noted. BQMRC reserves the right to hold special races and events. These events will not count toward credit for the banquet and/or awards. The races on the schedule denoted with a (*) indicate perfect attendance, banquet eligibility, and most wins.
- d. All green flag starts will be thrown at the reference line in turn four. Caution speed shall be maintained until the green flag is thrown.
- e. At no time is a member to approach the race director, flagger or tower with any kind of dispute. Any member who approaches the race director, flagger, or tower by speaking or motioning to them in an inappropriate manner may be disqualified from the event at the discretion of the race director or B.O.D. and subject to disciplinary actions per club By-Laws and zero-tolerance documents.
- f. The handlers of the top eight cars must work their respective corners and wear safety vest or a approved safety colored shirt. Handler's for starting positions one and five shall work corner #1, starting positions two and six shall work corner #2, three and seven shall work corner #3, and starting positions four and eight shall work corner #4.
- g. Open practice at BQMRC will be open to members in good standing, scheduled and announced to general membership before the practice date. At the discretion of the B.O.D. the practice may be opened to non-club members as well. Cost to practice will be as defined on the practice registration form. A member of the B.O.D. must be present at any time a car is on track for any practice session.
- h. When races are called for inclement weather for award and banquet credit will be given accordingly:
 1. If the green flag drops for the start of the first race then racing credit will be given to everyone that signed in that day to that point. Monetary credit will be given to the same for the next time they race. Monetary credit must be used in the current race season and cannot carryover to the following season.
 2. If the races are called before the green flag drops and sign ins have completed, only monetary credit will be given to those that have signed in to that point. No attendance credit will be given. Monetary credit must be used in the current race season and cannot carry over to the following season.
 3. Only drivers attempting to start a heat or feature, will receive attendance credit for banquet purposes. Signing in by itself does not qualify you for attendance credit.
 4. If heats are completed and NO features attempted. Race day will be called. No trophies will be handed out. No make up features will be made up
 - 4a. If we attempt features and it rains we stop at whatever race it rains on. The rest of the Field will not make up (ONLY case where a feature race is made up is if the race is called with less than 50% laps completed, that specific race will be made up the following week. This race will start with the lap# and line up of the last completed lap.
- i. Each member driver with 50% of the credited races shall be eligible for banquet privileges and receive a dinner ticket and such awards as deemed appropriate. Each non-member driver with 50%+3 of the credited races shall be eligible.
- j. Special Events Rules are as follows:
 1. Any cup or extra distance race will be 40 laps (A-main) for the seniors and 35 laps(A-Main) for the Juniors. Any lower main will be 30 laps for the seniors and 25 laps for the Juniors. There will be no time limit for lower and or A mains.
 2. Feature Winners race will be run yearly. There will be one sign-in for all drivers of this event starting 2 hours earlier than a normal Sunday event (All qualified drivers for the feature

winner portion of the event must be present at sign ins or will forfeit pill draw at the intermission of the last chance qualifier, At pill draw drivers must be present to pull pill or will start at the tail of the field behind the last chance winner). The last chance qualifier race will be a for any driver that did not win a BQMRC feature as shown on the club schedule (exhibition races do not count as a qualifier into the features winner special event) The last chance qualifier round will be a complete event (warm ups, into heats, then features) which will mirror a normal Sunday show; with the exception that it begins 2 hours earlier. The feature winners' race will include a 3-minute warm up directly into the feature or will run a round of warm ups for each class and then features will begin (Warm up format will be announced at event registration on race day). Winners of the A main for last chance qualifiers will start at the rear of the feature winner portion of the event. Feature winner races will be held directly after the conclusion of the non-qualifiers event; once the tower is ready. Feature winner race length will mirror extra distance lengths per class with no time limits (see line #1 above) There will be no rookie classes in the feature winner race; rookies will run a normal heat and feature like a regular race day as part of the last chance qualifier round.

Clarification: Any driver that has won an A main(non-exhibition race) qualifies as locked into the feature winner round, the races on the schedule denoted with a (*) indicate only eligibility for special awards such as: perfect attendance, banquet eligibility, and most wins.

3. The Board reserves the right to hold special event races throughout the season. These races will be announced on the season schedule and the format for the race will be outlined in advance of the race and communicated to the membership via a club meeting, email, and or social media. The B.O.D. reserves the right to add a special event onto the schedule after the season has started. Any races added will be deemed exhibition and will not count a feature win or as (*) indicating eligibility for special awards such as: perfect attendance, banquet eligibility, and most wins.

k. Special awards are as follows:

1. The races on the schedule denoted with a (*) indicate perfect attendance, banquet eligibility, and most wins.
2. **Perfect Attendance:** Year-end award that will be presented to drivers who attempted to qualify by taking the green for every started (*) event.
3. **Most Competitive Wins:** Year-end award that will be presented to the driver who won the most races in a given division, counting the started(*) shows only. There must be two or more cars in the division (Cars must attempt to qualify by taking the green under power in the heat and feature) in order for that event to count toward most competitive wins. There must be two or more cars at 50%+1 events for that division to award a most competitive wins award to a driver.
4. **Most improved driver:** This award may only be won 1x per driver throughout a drivers career at BQMRC. This is a Year-end award announced at the awards banquet. Each driver with two full seasons of experience at BQMRC as a member may be eligible for this award. This award has requirements that need to be met for a driver to qualify, please consider this when making your vote:
 - a. Have displayed good sportsmanship throughout career to date
 - b. Exhibits clean driving skills and control of vehicle.
 - c. Driver has also shown significant marks improvement in driving skills and technique.Drivers' names will be placed on a ballot form. Each BQMRC family will get one vote for this award. Ballots will be received by the club secretary, counted and verified by the Secretary, President, and Vice President. B.O.D. will verify if winning driver meets qualifications. The

Board of Directors reserves the right not to award a driver of the year.

5. Driver of the year: This is a Year-end award announced at the awards banquet. Each driver with three seasons of experience at BQMRC as a member may be eligible for this award. This award has requirements that need to be met for a driver to qualify, please consider this when making your vote:

- a. Have displayed good sportsmanship throughout career to date.
- b. Exhibits clean driving skills and control of vehicle.
- c. This driver is a role model for others on and off the track.
- d. Driver takes pride in their equipment and others equipment.
- e. Exhibits self-respect and respect for others.
- f. Exhibits interest in helping other drivers to succeed.
- g. Is an all-around experienced driver with exceptional driving skill.

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6. President's award: This is a Year-end award announced at the awards banquet. This award is presented to a BQMRC member for outstanding service to the club. This recipient of this award will be selected by the current BQMRC president.

The president reserves the right to present more than one president's award as well as reserves the right to present this award to a non-BQMRC member.

7. Lifetime member: This is a Year-end award announced at the awards banquet. One family per year will be presented with the lifetime member award. The board will meet and agree on the recipient of this award. The recipient family must have proved outstanding service to the club over the period of multiple years. The board also reserves the right not to award a lifetime membership on any given year.

8. Retiring drivers: Drivers that are declaring or have previously declared their retirement from Quarter Midget racing at BQMRC may only retire 1x.

- a. Retirement Drivers may take retirement laps only once in the year they retired and will be honored at the end of year banquet once as retired in the year they retire. This is the only time a retirement award/gift will be given for retirement.
- b. Retirement Drivers are eligible and welcome to compete the following season(s) after retiring as a competitive driver.

9. Returning retired drivers as BQMRC members in good standing whose fundraiser requirements have been met, and the minimum required races have been made will be welcome to attend the banquet and eligible to receive all awards and gifts they qualify for.

10. Rookie drivers: Drivers that have run and completed requirements to graduate rookie school will only receive their rookie trophy 1x in the first year they rookie; if they choose to return as rookies the following season(s) these drivers will be recognized as a regular class driver at the next awards banquet.