

BQMRC Racing Rules and Procedures

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- A. A photocopy of the BQMRC Racing Rules and Procedures shall be provided for, by the club secretary, in a separate document and signed by all members and non-members at the first time they sign in that they have received and understand the rules set forth in this document.
- B. BQMRC has a ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY on behavior. Acts detrimental to Blackbird Quarter Midget Race Club (hereafter known as BQMRC) or its members, property or drivers will be dealt with by the BQMRC Board of Directors and Race Director in accordance to BQMRC Disciplinary Procedures outlined in 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 their rules and procedures unless noted in this document. Please note these changes are for regular club shows only. We will adhere to USAC rules strictly when a National or Regional 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 shows, 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 at the time of sign in. Once sign-ins is closed heat race lineups will be determined using the current Moscore system. Heat races will be run as a 3 minute warm-up directly to the heat. Any time during the warm-up period you may bring your car in the hot chute to make adjustments. 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. It is the discretion of the race director to start the features heads up or inverted.
 - 3. If lower mains are necessary they will run in that classes order (IE when it is Senior Hondas turn in the racing order we will run the D-main directly to the C-main directly to the B-main, ect.) . Between one main and the next there will be a three minute break. If a driver cannot make it out after the three minute time period, the X car will be sent onto the track.
 - 4. A maximum of 4 cars will transfer from lower mains into the A Main. It is at the Race Director's discretion to adjust the number of cars.
 - 5. Extra Distance/Cup races will be run with a time trial format. No practice will be given prior to time trials, which will be run 1st after Rookie races, and track records will be open. Time trials will then determine the Main line ups. Every car will start heads up.

In Extra Distance/Cup races the lower mains will transfer 5 in the Senior classes and 4 in the Junior classes. 10 car Junior fields will transfer 5 in the Jr. Classes. It is at the Race Director's discretion to adjust the number of cars.

1704 Judging & Authority & Official Responsibility

- a. BQMRC will be using Judging. Judging rules will be as follows:
 1. A maximum of three judges will be assigned to each race. One judge will be the head judge and be responsible for watching the whole field or "the hot spots". One judge will be assigned to watch the front half of the field and one judge will watch the rear half of the field.
 2. Any car the causing a caution will be assigned a strike. When a driver accumulates three strikes they will be disqualified from the event.
 3. Any car stopping 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 other cars will be sent to the rear but will not receive a strike at that time. If no driver is determined to be 100% at fault any car that stops on the track will be assigned a strike and be sent to the rear.
 4. Majority rules on the judges stand. If less than 2 of the judges agree a car is 100% at fault, all cars stopped will go to the Rear with a strike.
 5. Judging calls are final and not subject to protest.

1708 Flag Procedures

- a. Minimum age for the flagger will be 18 years old and must be a member of USAC.

1712 Class Division and Structure

- a. All heat races will be ten laps. All lower 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.
- c. When cars (including weight and fuel) or engines are found illegal the trophies for the race will not be given to the driver. In addition the BQMRC Board of Directors will review the offense and determine what additional penalties will be assessed.
- d. The only additional class that will be allowed is the Half. Half rules will be as follows:
 1. Chassis dimensions will mirror regular car dimensions.
 2. 4 cycle engines only, Single cylinder engines only.
 3. 253 CC maximum displacement
 4. No blowers or fuel injection
 5. Single crankshaft only
 6. No water cooled engines
 7. No free spinning flywheels

8. Engines must be based on current engines that are run in USAC. Modifications are allowed but the block Must be from Honda, Briggs or Deco/Continental.
9. Fueling rules will mirror the “AA” rules.

1713 Racing Rules and Procedures

- a. BQMRC will run the AMB Transponder system to assist with scoring and line-ups. Members and visitors are required to purchase a “personal transponder” or rent one from BQMRC for the day. Any renter failing to return the transponder to BQMRC shall not race at BQMRC until the transponder is returned. In the event that the rental is lost or damaged, the renter must reimburse BQMRC the retail cost of the rented transponder.
- 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 official USAC rules.
 2. All transponders, rental or personal, must be mounted with the mounting clip.
 3. All rental transponders can be acquired during sign-ins for a charge of \$5.00 per transponder. The transponders may be swapped from car to car as long as you do not have two drivers racing in the same class. If you do, you will be required to rent a second or third transponder.
- c. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers of each feature race unless other arrangements have been made (I.E. Year-end plaques in place of trophies.)
- d. It is at the Race Director’s discretion to adjust the racing schedule (I.E. warm-ups, heats, timing, transfers, ect.) if changes need to be made with the input of the BOD present (I.E. weather).
- e. Any driver that is injured at the track that requires medical attention cannot participate in any further racing activity at BQMRC until a doctors release is presented to the Board of Directors.
- f. Any car that places all four wheels into the infield must stop. If the car does not stop, it will be disqualified from that event. This includes all practice sessions, warm-ups, timing sessions, heat and feature races. This call will be made by the judges.
- g. BQMRC reserves the right to have a point series for any or all of the classes and crown a track champion for those classes 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 of conduct violations, tech violations or failure to meet membership obligations levied by BQMRC shall be enforced at the other four clubs (Montgomery County, Hagerstown, West End, and South Jersey) as per the agreement between the clubs’ boards of directors created in 2014. In turn, any violations levied at any of the above mentioned clubs shall be enforced at BQMRC.

BQMRC Specific Regulations

- A. Racing Regulations dictate the flow of the race day and are adjustable to club needs. Racing rules can be changed by majority vote at a club meeting when a motion is made OR adjusted by a majority vote of the Board at a Board meeting.
- B. Racing fees shall be as follows:
 - 1. Regular Show BQMRC Drivers \$20 per car / Cup Races BQMRC Members \$25 per car.
 - 2. Regular Show Visiting Drivers \$25 per car / Cup Races Visiting Drivers \$30 per car.
- 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. If during a race a member has a dispute concerning the race that dispute must be taken to the Race Director ONLY. The Race Director will then handle the dispute immediately by contacting the flagger, judge, corner worker, tower, ect. To address the members dispute.
- F. AT NO TIME is a member to approach the tower, Flagger or Judges Stand with any kind of a dispute. Any member who approaches the tower, judges or flaggers stand or speaks or motions to them in an inappropriate manner may be disciplined by being disqualified from the rest of that even or more depending on the race director/board.
- G. Under green flag conditions the center of the helmet cannot pass the Jersey bar. This will result in a black flag to the driver that can be called for by the judges or race director. No body part will stick passed the body panels on the right side.
- H. No handler shall use a cell phone or video camera while in the hot chute, acting as a corner worker, flagger, judge or race director.
- I. The handlers of the top eight cars must work their respective corners and wear a safety vest or approved brightly colored shirt. Handlers for starting positions one and five shall work corner one, starting positions two and six shall work corner two, starting positions three and seven shall work corner three and starting positions four and eight shall work corner four.
- J. Open practice at the BQMRC facility will be open only to members in good standing and will be scheduled and announced to general membership well before the practice date. A Board member must be present at all practices.
- K. When races are called for inclement weather attendance for award and banquet credit will be given accordingly:
 - a. If the green flag drops for the start of the first race then racing credit will be given to everyone that has signed in 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 be carried over to the following race season.
 - b. 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 be carried over to the following race season.

- c. Only drivers attempting to start a heat or feature, in their car on the track, will receive attendance credit for banquet purposes. Signing in by itself does not qualify you for attendance credit.
- L. 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 for banquet privileges and receive a dinner ticket and such awards as deemed appropriate. The races on the schedule denoted with a (*) indicate perfect attendance, banquet eligibility and most wins.
- M. Special event 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.
 2. The Feature Winners race will be run yearly. There will be ONE sign-in for this event starting 2 hours earlier than the normal Sunday start time. The last chance qualifier race will be a complete event (warm-ups into heats then features) which will mirror a normal Sunday event with the exception that it begins 2 hours earlier than normal start time. At the intermission of the last chance qualifier event the feature winners will do a pill draw for the feature winner's portion of that event with a three minute warm-up. Winners of the non-qualifier events will start at the rear of the feature winner portion of the event. Feature winners races will be held directly after the conclusion of the non-qualifiers event. Feature winners race length will mirror extra distance event lengths. There will be no Rookie feature winners race. The races on the schedule denoted with a (*) indicate perfect attendance, banquet eligibility and most wins.
 3. The end of the year two day event (known as "Sleep under the stars" or "Spooka Palooza" event will be a Monza style event. Points will be compiled in three heat races based on finishing position. First heat race will be lined up based off of pill draw. Second and third heat races will be lined up based on points totals, with high point gainers in the back and lowest point gainers in the front. After the third heat race features will be lined up based on total points of the three heat races, with high point totals starting on the pole and every other driver positioned based on their points total highest to lowest. Large classes will transfer cars based on normal Sunday race procedures. All ties will be broken by pill draw number. Three minute warm-up into the first heat and then the second heat on the first day, three minute warm-up into third heat and mains on the second day. Drivers may sign in for the second day only but will receive no points for the first day and will start at the rear of the heat on the second day.
- N. 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 attempt to qualify for every starred (*) show with the exception of any show in November.
 3. Most Competitive Wins: Year-end award that will be presented to the driver who won the most races in a given division, counting only starred (*) shows. There must be three or more cars in the division (Cars must attempt to qualify) in order for that event to count toward

most competitive wins. There must be three 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 is a year-end award. The Board will select three to five drivers that are BQMRC members and those drivers will be placed on a ballot. Each BQMRC member family will get one vote and the driver(s) receiving the most votes will be selected as Most Improved Driver(s). The qualifications are; must be BQMRC member with at least two full seasons of experience. Has displayed good sportsmanship throughout career and exhibits clean driving and control of vehicle. Driver has also shown a significant marked improvement in driving skills and technique.
 5. Driver of the year: This is a year-end award. The Board will select three to five drivers that are BQMRC members and those drivers will be placed on a ballot. Each BQMRC member family will get one vote and the driver(s) receiving the most votes will be selected as Driver(s) of the Year. The qualifications are; must be BQMRC member with at least 3 full seasons of experience. Has displayed good sportsmanship throughout career and exhibits clean and controlled driving skills. Is also a role model for other drivers on and off the track. Takes care and pride in their equipment and with others. Exhibits self-respect and respect for others. Exhibits interest in helping other drivers to succeed. Is an all-around experienced driver with exceptional driving skills.
 6. Handler of the Year: This is a year-end award. The Board will select three to five handlers that are BQMRC members and those handlers will be placed on a ballot. Each BQMRC member family will get one vote and the handler receiving the most votes will be selected as Handler of the Year.
 7. President's Award: An award presented to a BQMRC member for outstanding service to the club. The 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.
 8. Lifetime Member: One family yearly will be presented the Lifetime member award. The Board will 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 reserves the right to not award a Lifetime Membership.
 9. Retiring Drivers: Drivers that are declaring their retirement from Quarter Midget racing will be honored at the year-end banquet. These drivers are eligible to compete in racing the following season(s) after retiring, however, does not benefit in any way as a "qualified driver" at the annual awards banquet (I.E. perfect attendance, most wins, special awards, meal tickets, gifts). This driver will be considered a guest and permitted to purchase tickets to attend the annual awards banquet like all invited guests.
- O. BQMRC Reserves the right to offer a scholarship program as determined by the Board of Directors. Guidelines for this program will be as follows:
1. All applicants will be reviewed and selected by the BQMRC Board of Directors.
 2. Families that are awarded a scholarship will be loaned cars in "Race Ready" condition. Said cars are the property of the car owners and must be returned in like or better condition at the conclusion of the BQMRC racing schedule.

3. Cars are to be used initially in the Novice Class and may be used in progressive classes in accordance with Novice graduation procedures.
4. Recipients are responsible for the maintenance and repair of loaned cars while they are in their possession.
5. Recipients are responsible for storage and transportation of loaned cars during the BQMRC season.
6. Cars are eligible to be used at other USAC Dirt tracks as the families schedule may permit. Please note these cars are NOT to be used at any asphalt facility.
7. Recipients must participate in 20 events at BQMRC (80%) and cannot miss more than two events in a row. Missing three consecutive events will revoke the agreement and the car must be returned to the owner.
8. BQMRC will pay all QMA fees and all weekly sign-in fees at BQMRC.
9. Recipients must attend all club meetings and work parties at the beginning and end of the season. Recipients must also be a member in good standing on one of the track committees.
10. Recipients are responsible for all driver safety equipment that is required by USAC.
11. Painting and decaling must remain unchanged on the car throughout the season. BQMRC and the car owner reserve the right to revoke this agreement at any time and pursue any means to ensure the return of donated property.
12. RACING IS A DANGEROUS SPORT. BQMRC and the owner(s) of the car claim NO responsibility or liability for any injuries or death that may occur in the participation of this program. This program is designed as a goodwill program and final responsibility for safety and security of the driver and the drivers handlers is the sole responsibility of the participating family.
13. There may be additional disclaimer forms the scholarship recipient(s) may be required to sign in order to participate in the program. Failure to sign these forms will result in forfeiting the scholarship.
14. Any donations made towards any scholarship car, or to the scholarship program, shall be made to BQMRC and not to any individual car owner.