

**2000 NATIONAL MEETING SHORT SHEET**  
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Based on the outcome of the voting of RCP's and motions from the floor, the following is being distributed to the general membership of QMA to be effective April 1,2000. If any member has specific questions regarding the process, they may contact first their regional director and if necessary a Board of Director member. All regions were represented at the meeting which included the tech committee. Each region was entitled to submit a total of five (5) RCP's for this years meeting. The approved changes are listed below with any addendum's or motions to clarify wording included.

**Rule Change Proposal's to be incorporated into the existing QMA Racing Rules and Administrative Guidelines.**

**HONDA 120 CLASS/DIVISION RULE CHANGES** - Based on the Honda Tech manual.

- Cylinder head thickness 2.912 min. (changed from 2.907 min.)
- Intake flange retainer .100 max. (changed from .095 max.)
- Piston weight 106 grams min (changed from 108 grams min.)
- Piston weight with rings and retainers 121 grams min. (changed from 123 grams min.)
- Compression ring and scraper ring .057 min. (changed from .060 min.)
- Lifter tappets .930 min. (changed from .945 min.)
- Carburetor gasket thickness .025 max. (changed from .040 max.)
- Valve seats cannot be replaced.
- Remove all pull-starts (re-coil) from the Honda GX120 and GX160 only.
- Cannot remove or alter throttle shaft, butterfly or screw on Honda carburetor.
- Motor claims will be in a division of a class only (Junior 120, Senior 120)
- Add to line 7 "handler/owner may not claim their own motor".
- All references to 120 will be removed from GX160 tech manual and vice versa.
- Both claimer and claimee have the option of being present at the time of inspection. (This line will be added to the top of the Claimer Rule".

**HONDA 160 CLASS/DIVISION RULE CHANGES**

- The 140 valve spring (P/N 14751-ZE1-000) will be allowed in the GX160 only and is the handlers option to use.
- Motor claims will be in a division of a class only (Light GX160, and Heavy GX160)
- Engine may be claimed for \$450 cash or certified funds or a complete new Honda GX160K1H2 QMA type engine. This is the option of the person being claimed.
- Reference: (General rules Page 4 2e) in the Honda GX160 Tech Manual to remove "grind marks are" and insert "grinding is" and excluding suspension.

### **HONDA SUSPENSION RULE -**

Handler(s) and driver(s) guilty of having a Honda engine declared illegal at Technical Inspection shall be disciplined as follows: First offense - 30 day suspension for handler(s) and driver(s) from participating in that Honda class (GX120 or GX160). Second offense within one calendar year of first infraction - one year suspension for handler(s) and driver(s) from participating in that Honda class (GX120 or GX160). Third offense within two years of last infraction - suspension for life from QMA. Suspension will start immediately (unless there is an appeal) at which point the illegal part(s) will be sent to the Regional tech Director for review. If part(s) are found to be illegal, suspension will start at that time. Verified illegal part(s) will be sent to the National Tech Director. Suspension for life is open to review by the QMA National Board. For the purpose of this rule only, if a handler has multiple cars competing in the Honda class (GX120 or GX160) at one race event and more than one engine is found to be illegal at that event, it will be considered to be one offense. **Suspension in one class does not carry over to the other. Example: Handler(s) and driver(s) from a family are suspended in GX120 class, they can still participate in GX160 class and vice versa.**

### **OTHER TECH DIRECTIVES -**

- Discontinue use of Honda gold restrictor plates. Use only red/blue restrictor plates available through the National Office.
- No cool cans or devices for cooling fuel allowed in any classes.
- A minimum of one (1) 4hp to 8hp B&S type muffler required on all quarter midgets.
- All cars **must** have a catch can. If the engine is vented it must be vented into the catch can.
- All weight rule requirements remain as they are currently stated.
- Maximum height of quarter midget body 28" from bottom of frame. Maximum height of body panels 22" from bottom of belly pan.
- All ½ midget engines will be based on a single crank shaft.
- No titanium radius rods allowed to be used on quarter or ½ midgets.
- Technical Committee to submit directive regarding the confiscation of illegal parts that cannot be repaired.

### **SAFETY DIRECTIVES:**

Effective 1/1/03 all drivers suits (1 or 2 piece), be constructed of the same material to meet SFI 3.2A-5 rating or higher. Recommends that left arm sleeves constructed of Kevlar material and recommends that racing gloves meet SFI 3.2A-5 rating or higher.

Effective Jan. 1, 2002 all helmets be full-face Snell rated (K, M, or SA. 1985 testing standard or newer and in good condition.

Effective 4/1/00 - Four (4) 10 lb. ABC fire extinguishers and two (2) 5 gallon water containers be available and clearly marked at any time there are cars on the track.

(Recommends that all members be informed of the location of the extinguishers and instructed on how to use them in case of fire.)

Front bumper hoops are to be welded in two places with tubing.

**REASON FOR DISQUALIFICATION** - Defensive driving. Definition: Radical change in driving pattern in order to block another car. (will be incorporated into Judging Procedures)

**ALTERNATES IN ALL LOWER MAINS** - In all lower mains, an alternate car will be allowed based on the drivers' finish in a previous lower main, i.e. D main to C main; C main to B main; B main to A main. (This rule will be incorporated into the Scoring Procedures.)

**RE-ENTRY OF CARS AFTER YELLOW AND BEFORE COMPLETED GREEN LAP** - On a restart, if a car is in the pits and does not get back on the track before the green flag is given and there is yellow thrown before the lap is completed, the car in the pits would be allowed to rejoin the race.  
(QMA scoring procedures mandate that this car would be lined up in the last position based on re-entry after a line up has been called for. This rule change will also be incorporated into the Scoring and Flagging Procedures.)

**INITIAL START LINE UP AFTER WARM UP** - Cars not on the track and not rolling past the designated line will start at the back of the pack - in the order they return to the race track. Exception: AA and ½ classes after refuel and warm up. (This rule will be incorporated into the Scoring and Judging Procedures)

**YELLOW SAFETY LIGHT IN TURN THREE OF TRACK** - A yellow safety light may be placed in turn three and controlled by the flag person. This is at the clubs discretion and is not mandatory. (This rule will be incorporated into the Flagging Procedures.)

**RULE CHANGE EFFECTIVE DATE** - Any new rule changes will be officially documented and distributed to the general membership of QMA by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the proposed rule change year. If the rule changes are not documented in print by April 1<sup>st</sup>, the rule will not be implemented until the following year. The only exception will be emergency rule change proposals.

**DRIVER AGE TO COMPETE IN B, AA, OR GX160 CLASS** - All drivers must be at least eight (8) years of age to compete in the B modified, AA modified or Honda GX160 class. The driver must have run in a lower class or combination of classes (stock or

modified) for at least one (1) season or the unanimous approval of a committee of club officials must be obtained before competing in these classes.

**CLOSURE OF TRACK BY GRANDS HOST CLUB** - The host club track is required to have the track closed to any cars eight (8) days prior to the event. Effective year 2001.

**SANCTIONING PROCESS:**

The requirement for a driver to qualify to run a states race is waived. However, driver is still required to run states race in order to attend grand national event.

**Grand National Event Dates for 2000:**

(Clarification due to misprint from 1999 short sheet)

**Eastern - June 25 - July 2 - Mid Florida**

**Western - July 23 - 30 - Portland**

**Dirt - August 6 - 13 -Hagerstown**