

**2003 NATIONAL SHORT SHEET**  
**CIRCUS-CIRCUS LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**  
**February 6-8, 2003**  
**Submitted by Patty Abbott- QMA National Secretary**

Based on the outcome of the voting of the RCP's and motions from the floor, the following is being distributed to the general membership of QMA and to be effective April 1, 2003 unless otherwise stated. If any member has specific questions regarding the process, they must **first** contact their Regional Director and then if necessary a Board of Director member. All regions were represented at the 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.**

**USAC**

There was a meeting between USAC and QMA and the result of the meeting was for a few negotiations to be added to the existing contract between USAC and QMA.

- USAC will sign a Non-Compete clause with QMA that states that they will not work with any other Children's Racing Organizations under the age of 16 years old.
- Asked for a 5-year Business plan, goals and objectives.
- The position of QMA's everyday business will be reassigned by USAC.
- The only duty of USAC is to administer QMA's everyday business.
- USAC has the ability to start helping QMA with Incentive Promotions such as Scholarships and Sponsorships, the person that will be working with us on this will be Steve Farmer.

**K&K Insurance**

- If a club needs a Certificate of Insurance, K&K would like a 72-hour notice or a charge of \$50.00 will be charged.
- K&K needs an updated list of address's and names of each club to send Insurance information to, please get these lists to Patty Abbott as soon as possible and she will forward on to K&K.

**RCP Forms**

- All RCP's **MUST** be on the correct RCP form and are to be typed. (Handwritten RCP's will no longer be accepted)

**QMA Forms**

- All QMA forms will be revamped i.e.: all addresses will be changed that are incorrect, logos will be inserted. A letterhead will be produced so that all information that is sent out will be official if on QMA letterhead.

**QMA Clubs By-Laws**

- All clubs By-Laws must be sent to the National Secretary not the QMA National office. If clubs have sent their By-Laws to the National office please send a copy to the National Secretary. If you are not sure if the National Secretary has a copy of your By-Laws please email or call her and she will let you know if she has them.

**QMA Logo**

- The QMA Logo has been trademarked.

**QMA Sticker**

It was determined that the QMA Sticker that was sent out in the *Quarter Reporter* was to big and that members did not want a car on the sticker that was to be placed on their cars. The sticker will be redone, it will be the logo that is on .org and will say QMA only. There will not be a car on this sticker.

- The new sticker will be mandatory when complete and there will be a date of compliance when completed.

#### **National Meeting Date**

- The National meeting will take place during the first Wednesday thru the first Saturday of February each year. The location will be announced when determined.
- **THERE WILL BE NO RACES ALLOWED TO BE SCHEDULED DURING THE NATIONAL MEETING.**

#### **Heavy Stock Class**

- The Heavy Stock class will be eliminated as of January 1, 2004.

#### **JR. Half age limit**

- The age to run a Jr. Half has been reduced to 11 years of age.

#### **QMA Publicity**

- An official QMA Patch will be designed for driver's suits.
- QMA will donate \$500.00 to each 2003 grands host for a Get Together/Bar B-Que to introduce important people, invite the media and to also invite alumni.
- *Quarter Reporter* – a determined amount of issues will be decided that will be sent out in the existing format that QMA has now and there will also be sent out a determined amount of issues of the *Newsletter Quarter Reporter*.

#### **Fuel Testing Procedure**

- The Digatron improved model was discussed. There will be a committee formed to research and develop new fuel testing procedures.
- Digatron DT-47FT fuel tester approved for use. Will add to rule book page 40 Sec. 3 #1.

#### **Refueling**

- As of April 1, 2003 all AA's and Half's will run 80 laps before they stop for fuel.

#### **Regional Director Conference Calls**

- RD's may have up to 10 hours of Conference calls to be paid by National.

#### **New Club Start-Up Packet**

- Jim O'Meara will design a new packet with the help of Patty Abbott.

#### **Staggering Elections By-Law change**

- QMA By Laws were opened and the terms of office for the BOD were changed as follows:
- "Term of office (two years) for President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Publicity shall begin on Jan 1 of even numbered years. Term of office (two years) for Vice President, Safety Director, and Technical Director will begin Jan 1 of odd numbered years."
- The terms of office for RD's was changed as follows:  
"Odd numbered Regions will elect directors in odd numbered years. Even numbered regions will elect directors in even numbered years."
- Implementation will not be complete until 2006, and will require some RD's and some BOD's to run for one-year terms to implement the stagger.

#### **Electronic Scoring**

- The Electronic Scoring will be readdressed and pursued by the National board.

### Scoring Procedures

- Page 36 Rule book. 11.A remove the word “disqualified” and add words “will be scored as a DNF”. The rule will read as follows: Any car (or cars) going dead on the track more than twice for any reason (while under green flag racing conditions), will be scored as a DNF.

### National Judging Video

- Jim O’Meara will take the existing judging video produced by Andy Camp and the QMA Digital Movie Camera and edit and make changes where necessary and then submit to all RD’s and QMA National board members for approval before sending out to clubs.

### Coast 2 Coast subscription form

- The subscription form for the *Coast 2 Coast* magazine will go back into the *Quarter Reporter*, and also a copy of the *Coast 2 Coast* will be put into each new Novice Packet.

### Heavy AA awards for 2003 Grands

- QMA will sponsor Heavy AA awards at all 3 Grands for 2003 in Memory of Bob Nervo. Each club will receive up to \$500.00.

### Official QMA Weights for Classes

- A committee will be formed to look into this.

### 2004 Grands

- **Eastern Grands** Custom/Little T CT.
- **Western Grands** American CA
- **Dirt** Hagerstown MD

### RCP Changes

- **There will be no smoking allowed in work and Hot Chute areas.**
- **All Grand National events shall have Track Records open.**
- **Grands Awards - A Mains pay all places, B - Last Mains 6-10 for Senior and 5-8 for Junior.**
- **All clubs hosting the Grands must provide a digital countdown clock that is visible to the participants in the Hot Chute.**
- **Anyone found using illegal fuel or fuel additives when track fuel is provided, discipline will be as follows: First Offense 30 days suspension from all racing, Second Offense 1 year suspension from all racing and Third Offense will be a lifetime suspension from all racing in QMA.**
- **Safety Signal lights may be used around the track and controlled by the flag person. Additional lights may be added at the clubs discretion.**
- **Fuel tanks can not be replaced during a race**
- **The Novice and Jr. Honda, classes will run the following restrictor plates at all times: 1.A Jr. Novice Honda .3125” (5/16). Novice Jr. & Sr. Deco .375” (3/8). 1.B. Sr. Novice Honda/Jr. Honda .4375 (7/16)**
- **A claim in cash or certified funds must be submitted to the Race Director (or his/her designate) before the end of the race the engine is claimed in.**
- **Page 29 1.J No change or adjustments to car or engine settings may be made to any Quarter or Half midget race car by any method, while it is on the racing surface. ( the word chassis has been replaced by the word car)**

### Safety Clarifications

- Clubs should be receiving new 2003 Incident Reports with new address and Fax #. The forms should be filled out and sent to the National Safety Director within 30 days of the incident.
- All clubs are required to have at least 5 canisters of F500 or Fuel Buster or equivalent; available for fire fighting anytime a car is on the track.
- Socks are mandatory on drivers feet (preferably NO ANKLE SOCKS) No bare skin between the shoes and the bottom of the pant legs.

- Effective January 1, 2003 Neck Collars will be made of Nomex or equivalent with a Recommended rating of SFI 3.3/A. Shiny like nylon karting collars are not legal.
- Effective January 1, 2003 Two layer Nomex driving gloves or equivalent to a SFI 3.3/5 rating must be worn.
- Effective January 1, 2003 Page 20, Section 3, 5.C (3) NYLON is removed from this sentence and the word CORDURA is replaced in the orange rulebook.
- Helmet: Any new novice after April 1, 2002 is required to use a SA90 or newer helmet. Effective January 1, 2004 everyone will run a SA rated helmet. SFI standards coming soon, in regards to new helmets.

### **Tech Clarifications**

#### **Deco/Continental Suspension Rules**

For all engine spec. accept for stock ignition timing

1. Handlers and drivers guilty of having an engine declared illegal at technical inspections shall be disciplined as follows:
  1. 1.A. First offense – 30 day suspension for handler and driver from participating in the respective class.
  2. 1.B. Second offense within one year of first infraction- one year suspension for handler and driver from participating in the respective class.
  3. 1.C. Third offense within two years of last infraction- suspended for life from QMA.
2. Suspension for life is open to review by the QMA National Board.
3. For the purposes of this rule only, if a handler has multiple cars competing in the class (Stock, Mod, B, AA, Honda 120, Honda 160) 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.
4. Refusal of tech shall be interpreted as an admission that the engine is illegal and a suspension from the class will be immediate with all awards, qualifications being revoked.

#### **Change to Filter and Adaptor Rules (Honda)**

- Stock air cleaner must be removed.
  - Any air filter may be attached to the outside of the approved air filter adaptor.
  - Outerwear style or equivalent can be used over carburetor only with no adaptor.
  - The approved air filter adaptor may be run with or without an air filter. Any air filter may be used with adaptor as long as there are **no** devices inside the air filter or adaptor that will alter the airflow into the carburetor. ( IE : Springs not aloud )
  - Hose from valve cover must go into a catch can. ( We are using outerwear to define a style not brand name)

#### **Change to Filter and Adaptor Rules (Super Stock)**

- **Last sentence**  
The approved air filter adaptor may be run with or without an air filter.

#### **New tech items**

- 1) Add (\*) to the 120 and 160 engine serial numbers in tech manual and rule book
- 2) HX2 6 will be added as a legal QMA Honda motor
- 3) Remove the .020 cam profile limit on both the intake and exhaust specs for the gx120 and gx160. page 12

- 4) Remove the -0.015 & -0.016 maximum piston depth spec from gx120 and gx160 tech manuals page 11
- 5) Filter rule from page 4 of the Honda and page 5 of the Deco tech manuals has changed. See new filter rules on this short sheet for description
- 6) New Deco block approved. Add to page 3 Deco tech manual (new style Deco DE7R)
- 7) New Deco head (DECO 512) approved.
- 8) No liquid cooled motors allowed in any QMA class. Air cooled only.
- 9) New suspension outline for Deco program. See this short sheet for definitions.
- 10) All valve seals to be removed from all Honda 120 and 160 motors by June 27, 2003

### **Tail-cone rule change**

#### **P37 Remove #3**

#### **P36 Add Section 19 to read:**

Anytime a tail-cone falls off a car, a yellow flag will be thrown and the car sent to the pits (work area) to replace tail-cone. This will be charged as a DOT unless a call is made on another car. The car will be allowed to resume racing assuming if it's not their 3<sup>rd</sup> DOT and they make it back out before the green flag. They must tag the back of the line-up. If the tail-cone falls off on the last lap of the race and the checkered flag has been thrown, they will be charged with a DNF whether or not it is their 3<sup>rd</sup> dot. The tail-cone may be replaced to cross the scales.