



## 2009 NATIONAL SHORT SHEET

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Based on the outcome of the voting of the RCPs and motions from the floor, the following is being distributed to the general membership of QMA to be **effective April 1, 2009 unless otherwise noted**. If any member has specific questions regarding the process, they must **first** contact their Club President and if necessary then their Regional Director who will then contact a National Board of Director member. All regions were represented at the meeting. The approved changes are listed below with any addendums or motions to clarify wording included.

**Rule Change Proposals (RCPs) and any changes from the annual meeting are to be incorporated into the existing QMA Racing Rules and Administrative Guidelines.**

### **RCP CHANGES:**

**RCP #2** – Page 23 Article 5 Sec. 1 1H. In order to run 160, MOD, B, AA or WF a driver must run one 12 month period upon graduation from the novice class, in a lower class or combination of lower classes or obtain the unanimous approval of the Novice Committee with the final approval from your Regional Director before competing in these classes. In addition, you must be the appropriate age to run these classes before competing. ADDED MOD and removed the wording, “not including novice year”.

**RCP #4** - If a car from the original line-up is officially disqualified or scratched prior to warm-up for any reason by the handler, the alternate car will be allowed to enter the track and participate in warm-up. Cars not going through the safety check from the pit stewards prior to the start of warm-up will not be allowed to enter the track and race.

**RCP #11** –Under existing rule 4B Minimum of one practice session for Novice at Grands.

**RCP #12** – Drivers of “AA” and half midgets using alcohol are required to wear an SFI 3.3 rated head sock under their helmet.

**RCP #13** – Shoulder belts must not be retained by shoulder loops or epaulettes on driver suit.

**RCP #20** – Honda 120 & Honda 160 engines may be claimed for \$600 cash only.

**RCP #31** – World Formula to run as is in 2009 with the addition of an exhibition Light World Formula class beginning August 15, 2009. Light class to have a minimum weight of 275 lbs. car and driver combined and a maximum weight of 300 lbs car and driver combined. Exhibition races to be run at the local club level only and not at a Regional or Grands Level. Some type of speed control to be implemented by National Tech Advisory Committee as needed for observation and determination of rules to be implemented as an Official QMA Competitive class as of 1/1/10 with separately defined light and heavy weight divisions including driver weights.

### **SAFETY ISSUES**

- **National Safety Inspections** – RESCINDED and will not be implemented as per the 2008 Short Sheet.
- **Soft Wall specifications** – Specifications were written and have been posted on the QMA website **effective 1/1/09**.
- **Helmets** – New CMR2007 added to the approved helmets. No external decorative covering allowed on helmets or face shields. (Example: Skull Skins or similar products). This does not preclude paint or vinyl graphics as long as they do not cover the face shield.
- **Seatbelts** - Rotary Cam Lock device seatbelts are not allowed. Must use latch & link buckle style, **effective 1/1/10**
- **Seatbelt Location** – Seatbelts are not allowed to pass through the firewall.
- **Roll Cage Extensions** – No bolt on halo extension bars are allowed above roll cage. Welded on extensions or “halo” bars that are added above the original roll cage top may not be used as the measurement point for the helmet clearance requirement of 1”.
- **Battery/Electronics** – Battery and electronic ignition equipment is not allowed on or in cars running in the Honda or World Formula classes.
- **Mainframe Rails Clarification** – The mainframe rails on a quarter midget are considered to be a straight and parallel line from front to rear of the car.
- **Hot chute safety** – It is recommended that lifting the car up onto front bumper in the hot chute not be permitted.
- **New Car Construction Approval Process** – Procedures have been put together and are available on-line.
- **Novice Kill Switch (ignition)** – It is **mandatory** that a novice kill switch be mounted on top of the car and it is recommended that it be mounted on the right side.
- **Liberation of fluids** – Add: under yellow or red flag conditions onto the track, without being repaired before returning to the track, DQ (Race Director Only).
- **REMINDER: Effective 1/1/09** per 2008 Short Sheet – All cars must be down tube style frame.

## **TECH ISSUES**

### Honda 120

- Effective 1/1/09 per 2008 Short Sheet – All Honda GX120 motors must have the new Tier III flywheel (part #31100-ZEO-020). The QMA offset key will no longer be legal
- Ring Thickness – New Spec 0.036

### Honda 120 (continued)

- Surface of head to valve guide - New Spec 0.915
- Powder Jet – legal, silver in color

### Honda 160

- Ring Thickness – New Spec 0.036

### Deco Classes

- No changes

### World Formula

- It is **mandatory** that all WF engines have a protective shatter shield on the front. Penalty is a DQ at scales. (This includes ANY and ALL WF engines even if running them in the Half Class). These can be purchased through Scott Racing Engines 913-724-7121.

### Tires

- New Tire Testing Procedures are posted on quartermidgets.org.
- Tire Tester Number for Dirt Tracks – To be determined at each event/track.
- Tire Confiscation Bags – Available for purchase from the National Office.
- Plastic Wrap – No plastic wrap, factory wrap or any other material left solely on mounted tires allowed outside the trailer at all QMA tracks and events.

Exhaust Clarification – Any exhaust infraction (i.e. pipe/muffler) is an automatic DQ at the scales.

## **Rulebook Clarifications**

- RCPs that are submitted, must state page # of present rule and what the proposed procedure or solution would be for that specific RCP.
- A car may be entered as an AA & ½ only.
- Half Class: Coming out of novice must have final approval by RD.
- Page 30, Sec 4 #2, Should read "Stock/Honda".
- If holding multiple events on a States Race weekend, the States Race must be completed before beginning another race event that weekend. An attempt must be made and Grands format must be followed.
- Only in half class under red, can you use an electric starter to start the car on track. 4 Wheelers or any motorized vehicles will NOT be allowed to push start any car.
- It is mandatory that all track records be open at all States & Grand National events.
- SFI Belt – 1 ¾" minimum – Page 20 #20.
- No decorative/distractive lights or any non-essential racing items (i.e. flags, stuffed animals, license plates, etc...) 1<sup>st</sup> offense warning, 2<sup>nd</sup> offense DQ.
- Anytime a tail cone falls off a car, etc... ADD – or other body parts.
- Unsafe or damaged parts on car under yellow or red, DQ (Race Director Only).
- Nerf bars must extend outward to a minimum of center of rear tires, but must not extend beyond the outside edge of the tires. This will be checked with a straight edge at each wheel while the wheel is parallel with the frame.
- Maximum fuel tank – capacity 140 ounces – all classes.

## **NATIONAL OFFICE/SECRETARY**

- Club Change Form – A new form is available which must be completed when changing a home club membership.
- Late Fees – QMA memberships are due by 10/31 and late after 12/31 (from 2008 Short Sheet).
- Elections – All QMA members must be renewed for the new year by 10/31 in order to: run for a QMA office, receive a QMA ballot for voting, receive the end of the year quarter reporter and to access some QMA website privileges.
- Memberships – Club memberships will not be processed at the National Office until the Club Insurance and Charter is paid.

**GRANDS REGISTRATION** – All Grands registration start dates will be February 15<sup>th</sup> of every year and not before.

**KANSAS** – All existing and new Clubs within the State of Kansas will be a part of Region 7.

### **Congratulations to the 2010 Grands Host Clubs**

**Eastern Grands** – 6/26 – 7/3 Mini Indy, Indianapolis, IN Region 4

**Western Grands** – 7/25 – 7/31 River City, Austin, TX, Region 6

**Dirt Grands** – 8/7 – 8/14 Capital, Rio Linda, CA, Region 10