



2012 National Short Sheet

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Based on the voting outcome of the RCPs, the following is being distributed to the general membership of QMA to be **effective April 1, 2012 unless otherwise noted**. If any member has specific questions regarding the process, they must **first** contact their Club President and then if necessary their Regional Director, who will contact a member of the National Board of Directors. All regions were represented at the meeting. The approved changes are listed below with any addendums or motions to clarify wording.

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

RCP CHANGES:

RCP #3

Article 2 Sec 3 The National Meeting will be held the first Monday through Wednesday of November of each year.

RCP #13

Junior Animal will be a competitive class beginning 4/1/11 and will run at the States Race and Grand National Events. The Junior Honda class will remain unchanged per the 2011 QMA Rule book. Senior Animal will be competitive classes beginning 3/1/12 and will run at the States Race and Grand National events. The Senior Honda and Heavy Honda classes will remain unchanged per the 2011 QMA rule book. The Light 160 and Heavy 160 classes will remain unchanged per the 2011 QMA Rulebook.

RCP #17

Article 5 Section 2 1. B In Quarter Midget classes, the age limit is 17 years old. Drivers who turn 17 during the race year can finish the current calendar year (Dec 31). Specific ages and weights for divisions are found in Table 5-1, page 27.

Table 5-1 Drivers Ages and Weights by Class/Division.

CLASS	DIVISION	DRIVER AGE	DRIVER WEIGHT (MIN) in lbs	COMB. WEIGHT (MIN) in lbs	CAR WEIGHT (MIN) in lbs
Novice	Junior	5-8	N/A	250	160
Novice	Senior	9-17	N/A	260	160
Animal	Junior	5-8	N/A	250	160
Animal	Senior	9-17	N/A	275	160
Honda	Junior	5-8	N/A	250	160
Honda	Senior	9-17	N/A	275	160
Honda	Heavy	8-17	100	325	160
Super Stock	Junior	5-8	N/A	250	160
Super Stock	Senior	9-17	N/A	275	160
Mod		7-17	N/A	295	160
Honda 160	Light	8-17	N/A	270	160
Honda 160	Heavy	8-17	100	325	160
B		8-17	N/A	315	160
AA		9-17	N/A	325	160
Half	Junior	11-18	N/A	350	170
World Formula	Light	9-17	N/A	295	160
World Formula	Heavy	9-17	100	340	160

*NOTE: Eleven to thirteen-year old drivers must have approval from the Novice Committee with the final approval from your Regional Director for the Half Class.

RCP #24

Article 3 Section 5 - 9 Soft walls are recommended for all Grand National Events, subject to review by the National Board of Directors. "Soft Wall" suggestions are posted on the QMA website. QMA National Board will make the determination if soft wall's are needed at host clubs track.

RCP #33

Handler is not allowed on the track. At any event (Local, Regional, or National) all 8 qualifying laps may be "on the clock" to be determined by the Race Director. Timing will begin the first time the car the passes the start finish line. Otherwise QMA Grands National format is 5 warm up laps followed by 3 laps on the clock. The handler may stand next to the Race Director to change the number of warm up laps wanted before the car enters the track or to put the driver "on the clock" at any time prior to the finish of the warm up laps. If a handler doesn't state otherwise, it is assumed 5 warm up laps for regular qualifying.

Membership:

- Online QMA applications will begin for the 2013 Racing Season. (Hard copy applications will be available upon request.)
- Club Presidents and members need to update their club information including officers, track directions, and club website. Your email address needs to be "up to date" to get QMA National emails.

Tech Notes:

Engine Platforms

- Briggs Platforms

- Junior Novice Animal and Senior Animal will be added to the 2012 Racing season. Slides will be available from Karen at the National Office by Mid February.
- Briggs Platform Junior Animal will receive an updated slide for the 2012 Racing Season which will improve performance and speed. Slides will be available from Karen at the National Office by Mid February.
- QMA Tech expects to release the Heavy Animal, Light Wild Animal and Heavy Wild Animal for the 2013 season. There is a possibility of class restructuring for those categories.

- Honda 120

- The new Honda GX120 (UT2) will be allowed in QMA as soon as the engines are available.
- The new Honda GX120 (UT2) is the same engine as past, which require the Japan cylinder head (available from HPD) to be installed.

- Honda 160

- QMA Tech will be introducing the new GX160 (UT2) after the 2012 Grands Events once testing is complete.
- The new Honda GX160 (UT2) is a completely redesigned engine.
- No intermixing of engine parts from the current Honda GX160 (UT1) to the new Honda GX160 (UT2) is allowed.
- Tests have shown the new Honda 160 (UT2) as having equal performance and horsepower to the current Honda GX160 (UT1) engines. Further testing will continue and if the Honda GX160 (UT2) is not comparable to the current Honda GX160 (UT1), steps will be taken to correct the situation. **The introduction of the Honda GX160 (UT2) is not in any way intended to make the current Honda GX160 (UT1) obsolete or to force the membership to purchase a new Honda GX160 (UT2) engine.**
- The Honda GX160 (UT1) and (UT2) will race together in the Honda 160 classes.
- Regional Directors and/or Club Presidents have the right to disallow the entry of the Honda GX160 (UT2) until the end of their 2012 Racing Season.

- Honda classes will continue all platforms as written.
- Deco engine rules will remain unchanged for the next 5 years.
- The RCP process will no longer be used for future changes of the QMA engine platform. All engine platform changes will come from the QMA Tech Committee, per QMA rulebook.

Tires

- National Spec tire will be the Vega MBM for the 2012/2013 seasons.
- The RCP process will no longer be used for future changes of the QMA spec tire.
- The QMA National Board will send a Request for Proposals (RFP) to tire manufacturers who will then submit proposals to the NBOD for review based on the RFP criteria by September 1st. The QMA National Board will distribute the appropriate information to the Regional Directors for presentation and voting at the National Meeting. All spec tire changes will take effect September 1st of the following year.

Safety Notes:

- Seat belt certification will stay at a 2 year interval per SFI Certifications. Unless the results of the ongoing testing concludes that the longevity of the belts can be extended beyond this time frame.
- Wristbands need to be applied to handlers at a local level as proof of signing QMA waiver. Signage must also be placed per K & K clearly marking Wristband Only Areas.
- Drivers of "AA" and half midgets using alcohol are required to wear SFI 3.3 rated Head Sock under their helmet. Drivers using the CMR2007 are now required to wear a SFI 3.3 rated head sock. All CMR2007 helmets will have a sticker to distinguish them from SFI helmets obtained from QMA National Office. Failure to comply will be a DQ at the scale.

Procedural Changes and Future Proposals:

- The 2012 QMA National Rulebook will be available to club members in electronic form from the QMA National Website. Paper copies are available upon request for a nominal fee from the QMA National Office.
- Due to the National Meeting date changing to November. The RCP submission process will end August 15 for the Presidents submissions and September 15 for the Regional Directors submissions. All submissions must be sent electronically, instead of being sent via certified mail.
- We as leaders (RD's and NBOD) of the QMA organization would like to propose the ability to race additional cars up to 4 cars in a way to increase car counts since there are additional car classes. It will be increased to 4 quarter midgets and one half. *This proposal will be taken to the membership.

2012 Grand National Events

Grands Event	Location	Event Dates	Registration Opening Date	Club Website
Eastern Grands	Michigan QMA	June 23 – July 1	Feb 15	www.michiganmidgets.com
Western Grands	Portland QMA	July 21 – July 29	Feb 26	www.portlandqma.com
Dirt Grands	Capitol QMA	August 4 – August 12	Feb 29	www.capitolqma.com

2013 Grand National Events

Grands Event	Location	Event Dates	Registration Opening Date	Club Website
Western Grands	Tri-Valley QMA	June 29 – July 7	TBA	www.tvqma.org
Eastern Grands	Georgia QMA	July 20 – July 28	TBA	www.ngqma.com
Dirt Grands	Terre Haute QMA	August 3 – August 11	TBA	www.thqma.com