

Topeka Kansas Quarter Midget Association Racing Rules and Regulations

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A. QMA and TKQMA

1. **QMA Charter:** The Topeka Kansas Quarter Midget Association (TKQMA) is a member club of the Quarter Midget Association (QMA), an association of clubs in thirteen regions across the United States and Canada.
2. **Rules and Regulations:** The TKQMA follows all specifications and rules as printed in the QMA rulebook and appropriate technical manuals and procedure manuals. In order to accommodate the membership of the TKQMA, additional rules, specifications, or procedures have been adopted by the TKQMA and approved by the QMA Region Seven Director. These rules and regulations are detailed in sections C and D of this document. These rules and regulations may be changed at any time to meet the requirements of our local needs and must be approved by the majority of the currently paid and active members present at any regular or special meeting and by the Region Seven Director of the QMA.

B. QMA and TKQMA MEMBERSHIPS:

1. Any membership class described in Article II, Section C of the TKQMA Constitution and Bylaws includes similar membership status with QMA. TKQMA will remit the appropriate dues to QMA from the fees charged for membership in the TKQMA.
2. Annual individual family TKQMA membership dues are \$150.00 and are due October 31st of each year for the following year. Any renewal membership applications not completed in full with all required information by December 31st of each year will be considered late with a late fee assessed of \$25.00.
3. Annual alternate handlers' TKQMA membership dues are \$75.00.
4. TKQMA club reserves the right to vote on removal of any membership and the right to participate in TKQMA, following the QMA Code of Conduct. The TKQMA Board of Directors shall first review any request for removal of a membership. Should TKQMA Board of Directors deem the request valid, it will be placed on the next general membership meeting agenda. Fifty-one percent (51%) of the general membership present at the meeting shall be required for removal. Vote will be by hand ballot only. TKQMA will not refund local membership dues to memberships removed from TKQMA.
5. TKQMA will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, ancestry, physical or mental handicap in the operation of race program or TKQMA related event
6. TKQMA reserves the right to deny membership or participation in any of the TKQMA events to any one person or persons if his or her participation would be detrimental to TKQMA's objective of providing safe and quality activities.
7. All club members, upon joining or renewal of membership, shall receive the most current copy of the QMA Rules and Regulations, TKQMA Bylaws and TKQMA Racing Rules and Regulations. Upon receipt, all participants agree to become

familiar with the all National and Local QMA Rules and Regulations and conduct themselves accordingly.

C. TKQMA Additional Race Rules and Regulations for All TKQMA Race Events:

1. Cars will NOT BE DRIVEN UNDER POWER in the pit area or in the parking lot.
2. TKQMA and its members will not be responsible for any accident or medical expense occurring at any race event since they are covered by QMA insurance. Non-TKQMA members will be responsible for any accident or medical expense occurring at any race event.
3. Intoxicants, their use or persons under the influence of them will not be tolerated on the track premises before or during race meets.
4. No bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and etc. are allowed on any concrete surfaces at the TKQMA facility.
5. Track lighting shall not be used except for scheduled night practices and races.

D. TKQMA Additional Race Rules and Regulations for Club Race Events Only:

1. TKQMA club race line-up, scoring, and time limits shall be as specified in the TKQMA Weekly Scoring and Line-up Procedures document.
2. Unleaded, 89-Octanne fuel from John's Food Center, 5812 S. Topeka Blvd. (862 2342), is the specified track fuel. A sample of fuel will be secured by the Tech Director no more than six hours prior to the start of the race event for comparative testing as per QMA rules.
3. TKQMA utilizes radio contact between the Race Director and drivers on the track – handlers' option except for Novice and Junior Classes. Radio contact is required for Novice and Junior classes. This radio contact is one-way allowing the Race Director to assist with line-ups and verbal announcement to the drivers when the yellow flag is out. Receiving radios are provided to drivers for each race by the Pit Steward. Drivers are responsible for their own headsets compatible with these receivers. TKQMA members will receive one set of earphones for free. Earphones may be purchased from TKQMA for \$5.00.
 - i. No handler shall communicate with drivers using this equipment during any organized practice or race event. Violations will result in immediate disqualification from the event and possible Code of Conduct sanctions.
4. TKQMA utilizes electronic timing and scoring. The Race Director has authority to specify other timing and scoring methods for a race event with notice to all handlers at the Handlers' Meeting. The following rules apply to events timed and/or scored via electronic means:
 - i. All cars must have a working AMB transponder attached to the car for qualifying and all races.
 - ii. The transponder identification number must have been assigned to a driver or drivers at the time of the driver sign-in.
 - iii. Transponders are available for rent from the TKQMA on an event-by-event basis on a first come first basis. The transponder rental fee is \$10.00 per race day. Renters are responsible for returning the transponder in working condition without any damage. If the transponder is lost,

stolen or damaged, the renter is responsible for replacement (estimated replacement cost \$300).

- iv. The location of the transponder mount on the car must comply with QMA rules.
 - v. A car on which a non TKQMA-owned (rented) transponder is not working during warm-ups will be allowed to enter the pit area where a rental transponder may be affixed to the car. If the car makes it to the designated line before the warm-up period is complete, the car maintains its scheduled line-up position. If the car does not make the designated line before the warm-up is completed, the car starts at the back of the line-up. If a transponder is being replaced in the pits, the flagman will wait for the car to make the field.
 - vi. A car on which a TKQMA-owned (rented) transponder is not working during warm-ups will be allowed to enter the pit area where another rental transponder may be affixed to the car. The car maintains its scheduled line-up position. If a transponder is being replaced in the pits, the flagman will wait for the car to make the field.
 - vii. A car on which any transponder is not working during a race will be scored manually.
 - viii. A race will be placed under caution any time a transponder falls off a car. The car that lost the transponder will be allowed to pit and reaffix the transponder. The car will maintain its last scored position in the restart line-up.
5. Any car receiving a No Time (NT), Did Not Start (DNS) or Disqualification (DQ) will start at the back of the field for any inverted or non-inverted race line-ups. Cars with No Time (NT) or Did Not Start (DNS) will start ahead of Disqualified (DQ) cars. In the event of more than one car in any of these categories, pill draw will be used to determine the lineup (the car with the lowest pill draw number will start before the other car in the same category).
 6. Any decision rendered by the TKQMA Board of Directors in regards to the running of an event will be final. The TKQMA Board of Directors will interpret these rules locally and on a QMA basis, without any outside help, unless a majority deem it necessary.
 7. All drivers will be in good physical condition when competing as determined by the Safety Director or his designee.
 8. Drivers, handlers, or owners will not be allowed to stand in the pit entrance or exits.
 9. The pit fee of \$10 per car must be paid prior to all TKQMA racing events except National or Regional races, for which the pit fees identified in the QMA rule book and/or by Region Seven shall apply. The tower will accept pit fees in the timeframe included in the annual club race schedule.
 10. The racing schedule will be determined by the Board of Directors.
 11. Starting time for the race program will be determined by the Board of Directors.
 12. Rain dates will be determined by the Board of Directors.
 13. Any member who is running a car in a certain class can call a weight inspection on any car and driver in that class only. However, this must be done before the

race, and must be inspected by the Safety Director. A fuel check can be called for from the Technical Director.

14. All classes will be allowed three minutes warm up, except "AA" and "1/2 Midgets," which will get five minutes. Each minute remaining will be shown from the scoring stand. When time is up, the flagman will throw the yellow flag and call for the line up. It will be the handler's responsibility to see that his car is under power when the yellow flag drops, if a car is not under power and at the designated line when time is called, he will start in the scratch position.
15. In the "AA" class, there will be a red flag after a yellow flag. NO REFUELING UNTIL 80 LAPS ARE EXPIRED.
16. All late arrivals will run scratch after timer has been taken down. The timer will be taken down and will not be made available to anyone during the week for use in practicing.
17. If only one car is signed in for a class on a qualifying day, that car may be timed in the qualifying session or the handler may seek a refund of the entry fee and not time the car.
18. After a car has at least one time on the clock, you cannot pull the engine without the approval of the Race Director and supervised by the Technical Director. If this happens without the knowledge of the Race Director, the car will be disqualified. If a car is allowed to change an engine after time, he will run scratch.
19. Any car setting a track record will be torn down automatically if the recorded time is to be official. The time will not be entered pending the outcome of the engine inspection. The car owner, at his option, may choose not to tear down if he feels that the time will not stand as the yearly track record.
20. The flagman is always in control of the racing surface. All drivers must watch and obey him.
21. The judges for each race will be drafted from the ranks of the membership, in a sequence or format established by the tower.
22. There will be no changes in these rules before or during a meet, unless due to an oversight of safety factors involved.
23. A driver is not allowed to go the opposite direction on the race track carrying the checkered flag. (No polish victory lap). If this rule is violated, the driver will lose all points for that day and is subject to the Code of Conduct Rules adopted in the National QMA bylaws. The Board of Directors will determine the appropriate level of Code of Conduct action.
24. Classes to be tech'd will be chosen by random drawing or at the discretion of the Technical Director.
25. Top three finishers in each class and fast qualifiers will report to impound.

E. TKQMA Club Points Championships:

1. Any disputed matter involving TKQMA Club Points Race Championships will be resolved solely by majority vote of TKQMA Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must have a quorum of members present to convene any meeting.
2. The scheduled number of point races will be identified in the TKQMA Race Schedule. This schedule will identify the number of "throw-out" races and "make-up" race events.

3. Points scored for each TKQMA race event shall be per the TKQMA Weekly Scoring and Line-up document and will be awarded to each driver for each completed TKQMA points race. There will be no points awarded to a car for TKQMA Points races for which that car was the only car signed in for a class, even if that car received at time in the qualifying session.
4. A presentation of each day's race results will be made at the conclusion of each Points Race based upon total points for the event.
5. The TKQMA shall maintain a running total for each driver, for each class except Novices, throughout the club season. Any protest of the accuracy of this official TKQMA Points Championship scoring must be made in writing to the Club President within 14 calendar days of this document being posted on the club website. The Club President has 14 calendar days from receipt of a protest to review the matter and respond to the protester in writing of the findings. The Club President's response is not reviewable.
6. A year-end award of final points standings will be made for each class in which two or more cars participated after the points totals are adjusted to reflect the elimination of points from the number of throw-out race events specified in the race schedule.
7. Any ties in total points will be left as ties and the subsequent position(s) in race results will be left vacant (i.e. two cars tied for 2nd place will result in two 2nd place awards and no 3rd place award for the year).
8. A racing disqualification will result in zero points for the qualifying, heat, or feature race where the disqualification occurred.
9. A tech disqualification subsequent to the feature will result in zero points for the day.
10. Novice drivers will receive participation awards for any club races they race. There will only be participation awards for novice drivers at the conclusion of the Points Race season.
11. Novice driver points will be moved up as follows: The average points for each scheduled points race including and subsequent the novice drivers first points race in a competitive class will be calculated. A missed points race will be included in calculating the driver's competitive class average. This average for points races after the driver joined the competitive class will then be included as the driver's points totals for each novice race the driver participated in. If the driver did not participate in a novice points race the total points for that race event in scoring the competitive class total points will be zero. The driver will be allowed the same number of throw outs specified in the race schedule and these throw outs are made subsequent the calculation of averages for novice race events.
12. Any driver that moves up from Novice to a competitive class must run 5 points races in that competitive class to be eligible for that class' end of the season awards.
13. All drivers that have raced in at least 6 weekly points races will receive year-end awards - exceptions reviewed by the Board.
14. Should a race season conclude with less that the scheduled number of points' races, the season points will be based upon the total for the races concluded less the number of throw out races specified in the schedule.

15. There will be no changes in these rules before or during a meet, unless due to an oversight of safety factors involved.
16. Any suspended TKQMA driver will not be allowed to use throw-out points during the term of the suspension. A race missed during a suspension is scored as a zero for that event in the Season Points Championship. Drivers and/or handlers lose all membership privileges during the suspension.
17. Attempt to Qualify Defined: Any car taking the racing surface will receive qualifying points unless disqualified (DQ). If the engine does not fire or the car for any reason other than a DQ does not take the green flag, the driver will still receive last place points. QMA rulebook defines end of starting effort. Multiple cars with “no-time” for a class will be scored points in the order they took the racing surface to qualify, with the last car with no time being scored with last place points for the qualifying session.