

# 2022 NSQMRA Policies & Procedures

*(REVISED 2/3/2022 FOR RACE TIME LIMIT, RAIN POLICY AND MEMBERSHIP CLARIFICATIONS)*



## ***New Smyrna Speedway Big Track Rules***

1. You must sign in daily at the track entrance (back gate) and get an armband. Absolutely no admittance without signing a waiver and proof of an armband. NO EXCEPTIONS!!
2. No cars are to be driven on the big track. Cars are to remain parked in the designated parking area.
3. No adults, children, spectators, etc., are allowed on the upper level of the big track property and grandstands.
4. No one is allowed on the equipment on or around the big track's tire building, pit office or tech areas.
5. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, hover-boards, RC cars & power/motorized vehicles are strictly prohibited.
6. Everyone is responsible for their own trash. A trash bag is to be kept at your trailer and deposited into the dumpster at the end of the evening. Trash barrels belong to the big track and are not to be used by us on race nights. If you need to be provided with a trash bag, see a NSQMRA board member.
7. Glass bottles are not allowed on the premises.
8. Please keep the bathrooms clean. If there is a problem or supplies run out, contact any NSQMRA board member for assistance.
9. Guests are NOT allowed to leave old tires at the track. Guests ARE allowed to discard used oil in the used oil bin at the track.

## 2022 Work Detail Policy

- The NSQMRA Secretary, Kristen Kelley, will be responsible for the 2022 Work Detail Schedule.
- Track opening, race duties, and closing duties are included in the 2022 Work Detail Policy. Example duties: blowing off track, pit steward, scales.
- NSQMRA will post work detail dates on our website and in the Families Facebook Group. It will also be distributed electronically via club e-mail.
- Each member is required to find a replacement or volunteer to fulfill their work detail if they cannot serve on the day they are assigned.
- It is the handler's responsibility to perform their work duty or to notify a board member of the replacement who will be performing their duty, if they cannot. Handler must notify board member a minimum of TWO HOURS before racing begins. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND YOUR REPLACEMENT!**
- The estimated number of work duty assignments per member will be based on the number of race events, divided by the number of club members.
- If a member is assigned to track opening, they must arrive 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the event. (For example: if practice starts at 6pm, arrive by 5:30pm)
- All NSQMRA members are required to participate in the weekly work detail, with the exception of Board Members.
- **Failure to perform weekly work detail will result in all registered drivers and cars starting in the rear for the heats and features at the following points race you attend!**
- **Each member must also volunteer for one Arrive & Drive AND one Work Party. Failure to do so will result in a \$250 fine per event. A member must attend a minimum of 4 hours for the attendance to count. If a member has unpaid fines for failure to attend their required events, that member will no longer be counted as "in good standing" and will not be able to renew their NSQMRA membership for the following year until the fines are paid in full.**
- Breakdown of weekly work details are as follows:
  - o Opening/Closing – putting out AND taking in vests, fire extinguishers, and dollies. Putting AND taking in cones to block access to the big track. For daytime races, putting out AND taking in hot chute tent.
  - o Track Blowing – blow off track, hot chute and pit lane and inspect for debris prior to the start of practice and then again during intermission.
  - o Scales – set up scales, scale cars after both heats and features, close gates in front of and behind scales before the start of each race, put scales away after final feature race.
  - o Pit Steward – check seatbelts, neck harness, brakes, steering wheel, helmet, Raceceivers & transponders.
  - o Trash/Clean Up – Pick up loose trash around the track, stands, hot chute, etc. Make sure all trash/bags have been put in to the dumpster. If any barrels have been used, empty them.

## 2022 NSQMRA Racing Procedures

- Gates will open at 5:30pm for Friday night races and at 8:00am for Saturday/Sunday races.
- A current USAC membership is required in order to have access to the hot chute and track area.
- Registration
  - Registration will be from 5:45-6:30pm on Friday nights and from 9:00-9:45am on Saturday/Sunday. We reserve the right to change times as necessary.
  - If you are going to be late and miss registration, you must call a fellow club member and have them notify registration. If you come late and do NOT have someone notify registration, your driver will start at the back of the lowest heat.
  - Handler (at a minimum) must come to the table to register.
  - Heat races will be seeded via pill draw, which will be done at registration.
  - No one can sign-in or register for another driver.
  - If you have not registered by the time registration closes, your driver will start at the back of the lowest heat. Please be aware that late registration causes a strain on the tower and could delay race line-ups being posted. Please be kind to fellow racers!
- Local Race Entry Fees
  - The price per car for local races will be \$25.
- Practice
  - Practice on Friday will be from 6:00-6:40pm. For Saturday & Sunday races, it will be from 9:00-9:45am.
  - **Practice will be controlled by class, in race order. If you miss your class, you will not have a chance to practice.**
  - If the start of practice is delayed due to the track not being ready (weather, track blowing, etc), it will not be extended past 6:40pm or 9:45am.
- Driver/Handler Meeting
  - The driver/handler meeting will begin at 6:50pm on Friday nights and at 9:50am on Saturday/Sunday. All drivers and handlers are **REQUIRED** to attend this meeting.
- Racing Begins
  - Racing will begin immediately following the driver/handler meeting.
  - Raceceiver Policy

- Raceceivers are **MANDATORY** for all events and classes.
- You must purchase your own Raceceiver and have ear buds or speakers in the helmet.
- The Chief Steward will test the working condition and function of the Raceceivers.
- You must have a properly working Raceceiver to race. If a driver does not have a Raceceiver, they will not be allowed to participate in the event.
- Per USAC Rules – If communication with a driver on the track, be Raceceiver, is found not responding, that driver shall be called into the pits by the Chief Steward. If it is found that the Raceceiver is not functioning properly, they will be required to go into the pits and fix the problem. They will be given three (3) courtesy yellow flag caution laps to correct the problem once the on-track line-up is set and cars are in race order. They will be required to tag the tail of the line-up. If not fixed, they're out.

○ Time Limits

- Heat races will be timed at 10 minutes max per race (after the first green flag)
- Lower mains will be timed at 15 minutes max per race (after the first green flag)
- A-Mains will not be subject to a time limit
- Chief Steward may change the time limit due to weather or time restraints, at his/her discretion.
- The time clock will be started at the initial green flag start.
- The time clock will be stopped under red flag conditions.
- If the time limit expires under green flag conditions:
  - The race will end at the next flag, either checkered or yellow due to a caution.
  - If it ends under a caution, once the cars are in the correct order, the checkered flag will be displayed and the race is officially over.
- If the time limit expires under yellow/red flag conditions:
  - The race will be restarted.
  - The race will end at the next flag, either checkered or yellow due to a caution.

- If the yellow flag is displayed due to a caution, the cars will be lined up based on scoring order. Cars that receive a DOT will be placed in their appropriate position.
    - Once the cars are in the correct order, the checkered flag will be displayed and the race is officially over.
  - All races will be roll and go. As soon as all cars are on the track and the line-up is good, the green flag will be thrown.
- Laps
  - Number of laps per class will be as follows:
    - Rookie
      - Heat – 15
      - Lower Main – 15
      - A-Main – 20
    - Jr Animal/Honda
      - Heat – 15
      - Lower Main – 20
      - A-Main – 25
    - All Other Classes
      - Heat – 20
      - Lower Main – 25
      - A-Main – 30
  - The Chief Steward can change the number of laps run in the heats or mains, so long as he announces it to the handlers before the heats or mains begin.
- Transfer Cars
  - If there are 2 heats, the top 3 cars will go to the A-Main and the next 3 to the B-Main, and so on. This will allow 4 cars to transfer up from the lower main, with the exception of Jr. Classes which will only transfer 2.
  - If there are 3 heats, the top 2 cars will go to the A-Main and the next 2 to the B-Main and so on. This will allow, again, 4 cars to transfer up from the lower mains, with the exception of Jr. Classes which will still only transfer 2.
  - If there is more than one heat for Red or Blue Rookie, then the drivers who raced in heat 1 will race Main 1 and the drivers who raced in heat 2

will run Main 2. We do no transfer cars, since the Rookie division is a learning, non-competitive class.

○ Invert

- An invert will be randomly done at every club race. The procedure for the invert will be as follows.
  - The Scoring Director will flip a coin to determine if there will be an invert. The coin flip will be witnessed by a third-party with no kids racing that evening (i.e. EMT or equivalent)
  - If the coin flip dictates an invert, a six-sided die will be rolled to determine the number of cars that will be inverted (1 through 6). If a 1 is rolled, there will be no invert.
  - The results of the invert will be confidential and will not be known until main event line-ups are posted.

○ Scale Procedures

- You will have 3 attempts to weigh your driver and car after the race.
- The driver must remain seated in the car.
- You must NOT leave the scale area.
- If the correct weight is not made, take the car and driver off the scales and zero out the scales. Re-weigh and if correct weight is still not made, isolate the car and driver off to the side with a club official (no food or drinks while waiting) and weigh again after the rest of the class has weighed.
- Only 3 attempts will be given. If weight is still light after third attempt, the driver will receive a DQ for that race.
- Tech Director will be notified after second attempt at not making weight.

○ Track Fuel

- All classes will run the track specified fuel, per the race week announcements.
- Fuel must be purchased from the gas station across the street from Little New Smyrna.
- Fuel may be taken and sent to a third-party laboratory through the USAC national office for testing in addition to the standard testing performed during tech on race days.
- Penalties assessed for tire and fuel infractions can vary from Race Day suspension to a suspension of up to one (1) year, based upon the defined

process for tire and fuel testing and infractions outlined in Appendix 1, Sections 714 and 733 in the USAC national rule book.

○ Rain/Cancellation Policy

- Every attempt will be made to race. Any decision to cancel the race will be made by the board by majority rule by 3pm on Friday. TBA for Saturday and Sunday.
- If it should rain during the event, it will be up to the board.
- In the event that racing begins and all heat races have not been completed due to a weather cancellation, no points will be awarded for that race date.
- If all heat races have been completed, but none of the mains have been run, points will be awarded based on the results of the heat race for each division.
- If a division completes its A-Mains, the results of that race will count and points will be awarded based on those results. For any divisions in which the mains have not been complete, points will revert back to the results of the heat races.

○ Work Rule

- Under a yellow or non-medical red flag condition, a car (or cars) may go into the designated work area for repairs, using any piece of equipment for those repairs, but may not add fuel or gasoline (except by track officials to "AA" cars during refueling stops). Refueling of cars during race will result in a DQ.
- Three (3) courtesy yellow flag caution laps will be given per caution once the car is in the pit area and once the on-track line-up is set. Once the three laps have expired, the green flag will be thrown. The car may get additional time in the pit area, past three laps, only if the line-up is not good.
- Any car going to the designated work area will automatically be put to the back of the pack.
- If more than one car is in the designated work area, positions will be determined by the order of the cars returning to the track.
- Cars that enter the work area for anything other than repairs that would otherwise keep them from returning to the track will not receive courtesy laps (USAC Rulebook 1707 Designated Work Area – USAC Work Rule).

- In the event of rain during a race, cars do NOT leave the designated work area and do NOT go outside the fence until the Chief Steward gives specific instructions. Drivers who do so will receive a DQ.

○ Points/Banquet Policy

- Only NSQMRA Members will be eligible to earn points.
- Points are awarded to competitive divisions only. Rookie division will not receive points.
- The points system begins at 30 points to the winner of the A-Main Feature event. 2<sup>nd</sup> place will decrease by two points and each position thereafter will decrease by one point.
- All drivers who “attempt to race” in the feature event will receive points EXCEPT for any driver who receives a technical DQ, as per the USAC Rulebook. Drivers who receive a non-technical DQ will receive last place points for the event.
- Drivers who turn nine (9) on or before May 31<sup>st</sup> of a racing season must move up on their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday, but have the option of moving up to and racing in the senior division at all local, regional and national events at any time prior to his or her ninth birthday. Once he or she has made this decision and raced in a senior level class, he or she shall not be allowed to return to the junior division of that class for any reason. If this option is used, the USAC National Office must be notified and documented.
- Drivers who turn nine (9) after May 31<sup>st</sup> of a racing season must remain in the junior class until their 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. He or she may choose to remain in a junior level class for the remainder of that racing season.
- At the end of the season, the driver who has accumulated the most points will win the division championship.
  - In the event there is a tie, the championship will be determined using the driver’s total number of feature wins, then second place finishes, thirds, and so on until the tie has been broken.
- Only 80% of the races run will count toward the points championships. This allows each driver to drop a low-point night or to miss an event, if necessary.
  - Technical DQ’s cannot be counted as drops in the final points results.
  - DNS, DNF and all non-technical DQ’s are eligible to drop in the final points results.



- To receive a trophy at the banquet, a driver must participate in at least 50% of the races that they are eligible to race.

<i>Actual Points Races Completed</i>	<i>Drivers' Best 80%</i>	<i>Number of Dropped Races</i>
16	13	3
15	12	3
14	11	3
13	10	3
12	10	2
11	9	2
10	8	2
9	7	2
8	6	2
7	6	1

## Zero Tolerance Policy

We are proud of our facility, race track, club officials, members and our “family” atmosphere. To ensure that your family’s experience here is a positive one, we have instituted a “Zero Tolerance” Policy. Please review the violations below and make sure that everyone associated with your race team is familiar with them. This policy will be strictly enforced and all decisions made by the NSQMRA Board of Directors are FINAL.

- Violations
  - o There will be absolutely NO alcohol allowed on NSQMRA premises.
  - o Deliberately damaging, destroying or defacing NSQMRA property or facility.
  - o Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol during race conditions.
  - o Making any type of verbal or physical threat to any person at NSQMRA facility (includes drivers).
  - o Throwing an object in pit area, hot chute or on the track.
  - o Ignoring instructions from a track official.
  - o Violating NSQMRA rules and regulations.
  - o Violating the USAC Social Media Policy.
  - o Excessive yelling, comments or obscenities directed at a track official, handler, or driver.
  - o Driver deliberately hitting another driver while on the track or in the hot chute.
  - o Driver making a hand gesture to track official while on the race track.
  - o All families participating in NSQMRA are bound by the conduct policies and technical specifications of the United States Auto Club.
- Consequences
  - o Offender will be asked to leave and escorted from the property for the event.
  - o Violations can apply to driver and/or entire race team.
  - o Additional flagrant offences will be subject to suspensions and/or dismissal from our organization, as levied by the NSQMRA Board of Directors.

**ANY VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE POLICIES WILL, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE NSQMRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, RESULT IN ANYWHERE FROM A FORMAL WRITTEN WARNING TO IMMEDIATE EXPULSION FROM THE NEW SMYRNA QUARTER MIDGET RACING ASSOCIATION.**

## **2022 NSQMRA Tire Rule**

### **All USAC rules apply to this tire rule.**

- The goal for this rule is to make quarter midget racing more affordable and make for more equal & competitive racing. The tech committee has the right to check any tires at any time.
- This rule applies for points nights only.
- You must run Hoosier A35 NY1 tires on the right side of the car, and any available Hoosier compound and size on the left side of the car, per the USAC rulebook.
- All rules with respect to tire treatment outlined within the latest adopted edition of the USAC rulebook apply to weekly events.

## **2022 NSQMRA Track Usage or Rental**

- All track rentals are to be coordinated through Johnny Miller or appointed board member.
- A minimum of 72 hours' notice is required to schedule a practice. Any practice request within 72 hours of the desired time will be denied.
- All practices that are scheduled are open for any members to attend. Members who attend the practice sessions are expected to evenly share in the cost of the EMT(s) present for the practice session.
- For all practice sessions (except for rookie training) only ONE car is allowed on the track at a time with one EMT. Multiple cars on the track will require the presence of TWO EMT's
- Any members who arrive at a scheduled practice time, but EMT's are not present, MAY NOT PRACTICE. The first infraction of this rule will result in a minimum 6-month suspension from the property. A second infraction will result in a lifetime suspension.
- During practice sessions where multiple cars are lined up in staging waiting for access to the track, stopping cars on the track to make chassis adjustments or for driver coaching are strongly discouraged. Upon one report of impacting the flow of practice the offending family will be reminded of this policy. Subsequent reports will result in the loss of practice privileges. Please be courteous of all families who are trying to use our facility.
- Rookie families may rent the facility with approval from the Rookie Director.
- The party that reserves the practice session is responsible for the collection and payment of funds to the EMT per the EMT's agreed upon payment schedule.
- The EMT Rate for the 2022 season is \$25 per hour, shared across all families who attend the practice sessions.

## 2022 NSQMRA In Car Camera Policy

- Current USAC Guidelines allow for local clubs to set their own In Car Camera Policy. As such, the NSQMRA Board of Directors has adopted the following for the 2022 season:
  - One (1) camera will be allowed in cars at NSQMRA on a trial basis, while we see if there are negative effects from them.
  - This device must be mounted securely within the confines of the frame rails, but out of the driver's line of sight. The approval of the mounted location for the device will be at the discretion of the event Chief Steward and/or Tech Director.
  - It is the handler's responsibility to make sure that the camera is securely mounted as to not fall off while on track. Any camera that comes off of a car and causes a caution will result in a DQ for that race.
  - All cameras must have last name on them (similar to ballast).
  - Live streaming of on-track activity from these devices will not be permitted. Additionally, Handlers are STILL prohibited from filming while corner working.
  - Using video from a camera, whether mounted inside the car or from someone filming from anywhere on property to argue a call will not be tolerated.
  - Using footage to make negative posts on social media will also not be tolerated (see USAC Social Media Policy).
  - The NSQMRA Board reserves the right to change this policy at any time.
  - **THIS PAGE SERVES AS YOUR FIRST AND ONLY WARNING. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ANY ASPECT OF THIS POLICY WILL RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE LOSS OF THE IN-CAR VIDEO PRIVILEGE FOR THE OFFENDING DRIVER/HANDLER AND POSSIBLY A REVOCATION OF THE PRIVILEGE FOR THE ENTIRE CLUB.**

## Membership

- All drivers who race more than two regular season races with the NSQMRA must be members of the local club and in good standing, with local dues paid in full before you will be allowed to compete.
- All families must have a family membership with the United States Auto Club before being allowed to compete.
- Please see [www.usac25license.com](http://www.usac25license.com) for additional information.

There are two different tiers of membership offered by NSQMRA based upon the geographic location of each of the members

### Family Membership - \$110

The family membership is reserved for those families who intend on racing with the NSQMRA more than two races per-year. Families who chose this membership are subject to race-night work details as well as required attendance at work parties and arrive and drive events. Family members include access to all club-member benefits and have voting rights in club elections.

### Out-of-Town Family Membership - \$225

This membership is exclusively for members whose families and teams are based outside of the state of Florida. This membership tier includes the includes the following limited benefits:

- Inclusion on club correspondence and access to NSQMRA Families Page for local club news.
- Exemption from arrive and drive events and work parties.
- Exemption from race night responsibilities.
- Access to early club-member parking
- Out-of-town members are eligible for year-end season championship points and recognition provided they meet the attendance requirements for the season.
- Out-of-town memberships do not include voting rights. Only local family memberships will have voting rights for club-related business.

# New Smyrna Quarter Midget Racing Association 2022 Acknowledgment of Policies & Procedures Receipt

**(PLEASE PRINT)**

Driver(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Family Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Family Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have received and read a copy of the New Smyrna Quarter Midget Racing Association 2022 Work Detail Policy, 2022 Racing Procedures, Zero Tolerance Policy, 2022 Tire Rule & 2022 In-Car Camera Policy.

I understand my responsibilities as a member of the NSQMRA and I understand that our club operates in accordance to all Technical rules and specifications published by the United States Auto Club (USAC).

I will abide by the information contained within this packet, as well as all rules and regulations mandated by the United States Auto Club (USAC).

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

This packet of information is located on our website at:

[www.littlenewsmyrna.com](http://www.littlenewsmyrna.com)