



5 Lap Work Rule

NCQMA uses the *5 Lap Work Rule* on a local level only and at the discretion of the Race Director. NCQMA will adhere to USAC Rules and Regulations whenever dictated by a racing event. USAC has a 2-lap work rule.

The NCQMA 5 Lap Work Rule is as follows:

1. The Race Director will communicate the 'work rule' at the Handlers' Meeting.
2. When the tower announces the lineup as correct, the flag person will begin the 5 Lap countdown and all drivers in the Hot Chute will be charged as having used their 5 Laps. If there are no drivers on the Hot Chute, the countdown will not be used and racing will resume.
Note: *Only one (1) 5 Lap countdown will be given per driver.*
3. If a driver enters the Hot Chute during a 5 Lap countdown they will be charged as having used their 5 laps and must exit the hot chute before the green flag drops.
4. If you enter the pits while another driver is receiving their 5 Lap countdown, you will be charged with using your 5 Lap countdown.
5. A driver that has been charged under the 5 Lap Work Rule may enter (or remain) in the Hot Chute under another drivers' 5 Lap countdown prior to the green flag being dropped. Once the car(s) that initiated the 5 Lap countdown exit(s) the hot chute, the work rule countdown is considered over and any cars remaining must exit the hot chute before the green flag drops.
6. If a caution comes out after the restart and a lap has not been completed, any car still in the Hot Chute can reenter the race before the next green flag drops. If they do not reenter the track before the green flag drops they will be scored as a DNF.
7. The cars in the pits must be past a predetermined 'late out' point at the exit of the pits, under their own power, before the lead car crosses the start finish line at the 'one to go' flag indication. Local track configurations may alter timing at which the cars can be past the late out point. There will be only one courtesy countdown per yellow flag period.

If you have any questions about this rule or need further clarification please see an NCQMA Club Official.

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