



## 2018 Summer Heat Series Racing Rules

NCQMA will have two separate and distinct point series, the Championship Series and the Summer Heat Series. To be eligible to accumulate points for either series, the participant must be a member of NCQMA and in good standing. If an individual becomes a member of NCQMA after a series has begun, points will begin accumulating at the next series event.

### Non-NCQMA Members

Only NCQMA members receive a key, are awarded points for race finishes and receive a vote at track meetings.

Any family that is a member of USAC and also a member of any other USAC sanctioned track may race at NCQMA, by paying regular race registration fees. Proof of USAC membership must be presented at race registration.

Open practice will be offered to non-NCQMA members for a fee of \$100 per day and must be arranged at least 3 days in advance with the NCQMA Board of Directors.

### Series Format

The Summer Heat Series will consist of eight (8) scheduled races. Drivers must sign-in and participate in seven (7) of the eight (8) events in their class to qualify for year-end awards; however, points from different classes or divisions may not be combined.

### Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, the NCQMA BOD will send a mass email and/or utilize other social media (Facebook) indicating whether racing has been canceled or not. If the message does not state that racing has been canceled, assume that we will be attempting to race. If the race day is cancelled or shortened due to inclement weather, the points policy for rain shortened events will be used.

### Lap Counts

The following lap counts will be used for all local NCQMA point series races; however, the number of laps, race order, and time limits may be adjusted at the Chief Steward's discretion.

| CLASS         | DIVISION | LOWER MAINS* | B MAIN* | A MAIN* |
|---------------|----------|--------------|---------|---------|
| Rookie        | Red      | ---          | ---     | 20      |
| Rookie        | Blue     | ---          | ---     | 20      |
| Honda 120     | Senior   | 25           | 25      | 40      |
| Honda 120     | Junior   | 20           | 20      | 30      |
| Honda 120     | Heavy    | 25           | 25      | 40      |
| Animal        | Senior   | 25           | 25      | 40      |
| Animal        | Junior   | 20           | 20      | 30      |
| World Formula |          | 25           | 25      | 40      |
| Honda 160     | Light    | 25           | 25      | 40      |
| Honda 160     | Heavy    | 25           | 25      | 40      |

\* For the Summer Heat Series, all mains will have a 20 minute time limit.

## Qualifying

**Driver-drawn**, random qualifying numbers will be used to determine A Main line-ups when the maximum number of cars or less are registered for a class and/or qualifying batches when there are more than the maximum number of cars registered for a class. **Maximum number of cars per class will follow USAC rules.**

- Line-ups for all classes having an A Main or less of registered cars will be created based upon driver-drawn random qualifying numbers instead of participation in batch qualifying. The car with the lowest number will start on the pole and the car with the highest number will start last.
- All classes having more than an A Main of registered cars will batch qualify to determine starting position and lower main lineups.
  - Batch Qualifying will consist of a maximum of four (4) cars on the track at the same time for 1½ minutes. Each lap is recorded and the fastest lap time will be used as the qualifying time. (Please see NCQMA's Batch Qualifying Rules for more detailed information.)
  - If there is a tie in qualifying times, the second fastest lap time for each driver will be used to break the tie.
  - **After qualifying is concluded, a class will be selected and the top 5 qualifiers will report to the tower to draw for the starting lineup. The lineup drawn will be used to set the order for the top 5 qualifiers in all classes for that event.**
  - NCQMA will be using the Mylaps QM Race Scoring Software; therefore all cars will be required to have a functioning transponder registered in the system and mounted to the car with an appropriate bracket and clip anytime they enter the track on race day **during qualifying**, unless otherwise directed by the Chief Steward. (Please refer to the separate Qualifying Rules for more detailed information.)
- Track Records will be **not** be open during the Summer Heat Series events.

## Points

Rookies will not be awarded points for finishing positions since the Rookie class is considered a noncompetitive, learning class.

Points will be awarded to NCQMA drivers participating in competitive classes based upon finishing position as delineated in the table below:

| All Classes with at least 10 cars                                       |                |
|---|----------------|
| Batch Qualifying – Transfer 6, Invert Per Random Draw                   |                |
| Maximum # of Cars in A Main Will Follow USAC Rules                      |                |
| Finishing Position  | Points Awarded |
| 1   | 60             |
| 2   | 57             |
| 3   | 54             |
| 4   | 51             |
| 5   | 48             |
| 6   | 45             |
| 7   | 42             |
| 8   | 39             |
| 9   | 36             |
| 10  | 33             |
| NOTE: 1 <sup>st</sup> thru 10 <sup>th</sup> Place decrease by 3 points. |                |
| 11  | 31             |
| 12  | 29             |
| 13  | 27             |
| 14  | 25             |
| NOTE: 11 <sup>th</sup> thru Last Place points decrease by 2 points.     |                |

No extra points will be awarded for fast time.

| Code        | Situation  | Action   |
|-------------|--|--|
| -----       | Engine Change  | Starts at tail of next race in order of engine change.<br>Award points based upon finishing position.*   |
| <b>DNF</b>  | Did Not Finish, including Strikes                        | Award points based upon finishing position.  |
| <b>DNS</b>  | Did Not Start<br>Attempted, but did not take green flag. | Award points based upon finishing position.  |
| <b>DNA</b>  | Did Not Attempt  | Award NO race points if driver registered but did not qualify.<br>Or will receive last place points if driver/car participated in qualifying for that class and event.                             |
| <b>DQ</b>   | Mechanical (dropped part)                                | Award points based upon finishing position.  |
| <b>DQ</b>   | Safety (loss of safety item)                             | Award points based upon finishing position.  |
| <b>DQ</b>   | Flagrant Call  | Award points based upon finishing position.  |
| <b>DQ</b>   | Illegal (engine/tech item)                               | Award NO race points.<br>Subject to suspension rules.<br>Illegal engine/tires/fuel may NOT be used as a drop.<br>Can be referred back to the BOD   |
| <b>DNTA</b> | Did Not Participate in Tech – Drop Allowed               | Award NO race points/DQ.<br>May be used as a drop. Decision will be at Tech Director's discretion.<br>Can be referred back to the BOD  |
| <b>DNTN</b> | Did Not Participate in Tech – No Drop Allowed            | Award NO race points/DQ.<br>May NOT be used as a drop. Decision will be at Tech Director's discretion and Can be referred back to the BOD<br>Refusal of Tech could result up to 30 day suspension. |

\*Original engine subject to inspection at discretion of the Tech Director.

### Points Tie Breakers

Tie breakers will be determined by the following:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Tie Breaker: Number of A Main wins.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tie Breaker: Number of A Main 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tie Breaker: Number of A Main 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes.
- Etc.
- In the event of a tie, the best dropped finish will be considered as a tie breaker.

### Rain Out Policies

NCQMA will follow the following procedure for events shortened by rain.

- If an entire event is rained out, we will cancel the event.
- If lower mains have been completed and some or all A Mains are rained out, A Main drivers will be awarded 45 points in the classes where A Mains were not completed.
- All drivers that completed their events will receive appropriate point as they finished.

### Trophies

Rookie drivers participating in at least three (3) Championship Series and/or Summer Series races will receive a rookie recognition trophy. The number of races may be combined between the Championship Series and Summer Series to meet the minimum race participation requirement. Rookies meeting the minimum race participation requirement will receive one (1) trophy at the yearend banquet.

If a driver raced in both the rookie and competitive classes and between the two (2) classes meets the minimum rookie participation requirement of three (3) races, that member will receive a competitive class recognition trophy in the competitive class in which they finished the season. Rookie drivers finishing the year in multiple competitive classes will only receive one (1) recognition trophy but will be called to stand with the drivers in all competitive classes in which they participated.

If a driver changes classes during the season and at year end has met the minimum race participation requirement between the two (2) classes, the driver will receive a participation trophy for the class in which he/she completed the season.

The top three (3) finishers in each class will be recognized during the drivers' meeting of the next Championship Series or Summer Series race.

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