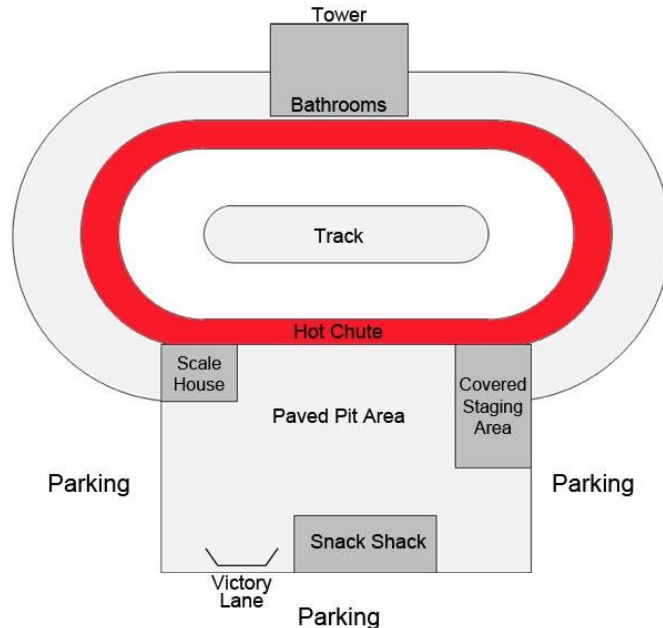




NCQMA Basic Race Day Rules

(Please refer to your current USAC Rulebook for complete rules and regulations.)



ALCOHOL

Alcohol consumption is prohibited from the time that race day registration opens until completion of tech.

DRIVER/HANDLER MEETING

Drivers and handlers must be present at the Driver/Handler meeting and at least one handler from each family must be present at race day club meetings. Random roll call may be taken. If the driver or handler called upon is not present, the driver will start at the back of the field in the heat race and receive no passing points or, when batch or single car qualifying, will start at the back of the field in the main event for the class for which roll was called.

CLASS PROGRESSION & "MOVE UP"

If you wish to move your NCQMA driver to a new class (Red to Blue or Blue to Competitive), you must fill out this form at least 1 week prior to your date of move up. Your request is reviewed by the Rookie Director in consultation with the NCQMA President and Vice President. You will be notified if you are approved to move up. If you are not approved, you will be given what exactly needs to be worked on or improved before you can move up to the next class. *Please note that approval to move to competitive classes given from another track does not indicate automatic approval to move up to competitive classes at NCQMA.*

RETIREMENT REQUIREMENTS

A driver must compete in a competitive class for at least one point eligible year or they must reach the age of 17 years old while racing in a competitive class to be considered eligible to "retire".

HOT CHUTE/STAGING RULES

- No one under the age of 16 years old (drivers included), is allowed in the hot chute area while cars are on the track at any time. See USAC Race Procedures for specific exceptions.

- Only handlers that are USAC members and have signed the insurance waiver and received a wristband are allowed in the hot chute area.
- There will be no smoking/vaping in in the vicinity of the track, and should be done in designated smoking areas, behind the tower.
- Absolutely, no open toed shoes are allowed in the hot chute or on the racing surface.
- There is to be no running of engines or fueling under the covered staging area.
- There will be two (2) line-up lanes in the covered staging area. The next class or practice session needs to be lined up in a lane in the covered staging area ready to take the track. The cars in classes following the next class should be parked in the paved pit area.
- Pit carts must be removed from the covered staging area after a car is in line on the ground and put in the hot chute.
- Using the covered staging area as a pit area is not permitted.
- After practice or racing is over, all cars must exit the hot chute area and proceed into the pit area.
- When there are more than three (3) cars on the racetrack, a flagman and corner workers are required. Caution lights will also be used.
- Adults are not permitted to operate track owned quarter midgets or personal motorized equipment on the track at any time.

BIKES/SCOOTER RULES

- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hoverboards, etc. are not allowed on the track until all racing is completed and tech director has cleared the track. Tech director will make announcement when track is clear.
- Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hover boards, etc. are not allowed in the hot chute, the covered staging area, and any other areas where signs are designated during practice and/or racing.
- No motorized scooters/bikes/carts (2 or 4 wheel) of any kind are permitted on the grounds of NCQMA.
- Anyone riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards, hover boards, etc. MUST always have a helmet on, NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to do so could result in loss of privilege to ride.

VOLUNTEERING/RACE OFFICIATING

- The Chief Steward will officiate the races from the tower or a location they deem acceptable.
- Handlers from the first four starters in each race (the cars utilizing papers 1 through 4) must work corresponding corner during their race (i.e. the handler for car number one works the first corner, car number two works the second turn, etc.)
- All handlers entering the track surface MUST wear a bright colored shirt or a safety vest.
- Handlers are not permitted to approach the race director, corner workers and/or flagger during race conditions.
- **The Chief Steward Advocate – Ryan Brown and Colt James**
 - Will be your point of contact for issues with race calls. Race directors would not be approached at any point on a race day with disgruntled issues about a call made during a race. Corner workers may be approached for clarification or immediate action only. If yelling, cursing or any otherwise negative behavior occurs, that person is subject to disciplinary action.
 - After at least 24 hours, the concerned handler can contact the advocate with information with their concern. Such as:
 - Video of the incident
 - What they think happened
 - What race and what race director
 - Etc.

- The advocate can discuss the call with the concerned handler and perhaps help them understand why a call went one way or another. While this will not change the outcome of a call or a race, the advocate will then use the evidence to coach race directors, building their competency and thus leading to better officiating. In opposition to being yelled at and resulting in refusing to volunteer further.
- AT NO POINT IN TIME ARE YOU ALLOWED TO GO INTO THE TOWER TO QUESTION A CALL OR TO APPROACH THE FLAGGER.

PLEASE NOTE: USAC Raceday rules apply to NCQMA club races. Please refer to the full USAC rulebook for more information.

NOTE: Basic Racing Rules are Subject to change

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