



## 2021 Space Coast Quarter Midget Racing Association Policies & Procedures

### I. General Rules

1. SCQMRA members must also be members of USAC.25; but your home track does not need to be SCQMRA. Any USAC family may join and participate at SCQMRA.
2. Family membership to SCQMRA includes a primary handler, spouse OR alternate handler, and up to four (4) drivers in the immediate family. Annual family membership is \$150.00. Additional handlers may be added to the family membership for \$25.00 annually.
3. Non-members may race one (1) club race annually without the need to join SCQMRA. Upon registration for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) race non-members will be required to register for full membership or their race registration will be canceled. Special events and “series” races may have separate rules.
4. The SCQMRA track is on shared grounds with a RC Airplane Club both of which are located on Brevard County land. SCQMRA members MAY NOT use the RC grounds/facilities unless invited by a member of that club. SCQMRA members and guests may not drive or park on their grounds, including their runway area without special permission.
5. *Club Practices* are defined as practice events that are open to all members in good standing, including rookies cleared to race.
6. *Private Practices* are defined as one or more families using the track facility when not otherwise scheduled for club events. Rookies must be cleared to race to be eligible for private practices.
7. Only SCQMRA members in good standing may use the facility for club and private practices. Members MAY NOT bring guests to use the track unless arranged in advance with the board. Arrive/drive, special events, and “series” race practices may be exempt from this rule at the discretion of the board.
8. USAC .25 members that are not members of SCQMRA may request use of the facility for \$100 per day but must make arrangements at least 3 days in advance.
9. As a volunteer organization each family is expected to volunteer for work duties to run safe and efficient events. The board may assign duties as needed to fulfill this expectation.

### II. Track Rules

1. Track hours are seven (7) days a week from dawn to dusk unless otherwise directed by the board.
2. DO NOT drive street vehicles on the new pavement.
3. SCQMRA does not provide trash barrels, dumpsters, or pickup. Each family is required to remove their own trash from the grounds. You bring it in, you take it out. Please ask a board member for a trash bag if you need one.
4. Tires, oil and trash MAY NOT be left on SCQMRA or Brevard County grounds.
5. Glass bottles are not allowed on the grounds.
6. Alcohol is not allowed during race events.
7. Smoking is ONLY allowed south of the newly paved surface (i.e. parking area). DO NOT throw cigarette butts on the ground! Please be considerate of those around you.
8. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, and other non-motorized vehicles are allowed except within 25 feet of the racing surface during race events.

9. Motorized recreational vehicles (ATV, UTV, etc.) are prohibited unless specifically authorized by the board of directors.
10. RC cars may be used in designated areas only.

### III. Club Practice Rules

1. At least one (1) board member must be present during all club practices.
2. Cars may be grouped by class with no more than 4 cars on the track at one time.
3. Raceceivers are mandatory when more than one car is on the track.
4. A qualified flagger will be used when more than one car is on the track.
5. Rookie drivers must be cleared to race to participate.
6. There may be a nominal charge per family and will be disclosed when the event is posted.

### IV. Private Practice Rules

1. Coordinate with Randy Davidson to schedule track requests.
2. All requests must be made 24 hours in advance of arrival.
3. There is no cost for club members.
4. Only club member drivers/handlers are allowed use of the track. Guests may not participate.
5. Cars may only run daylight hours (dawn to dusk). Track lighting will not be used unless specifically authorized by the board.
6. All reservations are semi-private. This means that exclusive use of the track is not guaranteed. Multiple families may request the track at the same time. In such cases be courteous of all members present and share track time.
7. At least one (1) named handler for each driver (family) represented is required to be present during all private practices. You may not assume responsibility for drivers from other families.
8. ONLY ONE (1) car may be on the track at a time during private practices.
9. Rookie driver/handlers must be cleared to race prior to private practice sessions.
10. The entrance gate (Valkaria Road) must always be kept closed during private practices. Lock it behind you on the way in and on the way out.
11. All other rules in this document remain enforceable.
12. If any abnormal events occur during a private practice (i.e. accident requiring medical, wall damage requiring repair, etc.) please contact a board member as soon as practical.

### V. Racing Rules

1. SCQMRA will follow all USAC .25 rules and procedures unless otherwise specified. All members are encouraged to be familiar with the USAC .25 rules.
2. Individual and/or series races may be governed by rules other than listed here and will be posted specific to those events.
3. Authorized fuel will be 89 octane must be purchased within 24 hours of the event from the RaceTrac at 5995 Babcock St NE, Palm Bay, FL 32907.
4. All running of cars will be during daylight hours (dawn to dusk). Track lighting will not be used unless specifically authorized by the board.
5. Only designated handlers may be in the hot chute, pit area, or on the racing surface.
6. No open toed shoes allowed in the hot chute, pit area, or on the racing surface.
7. Mandatory driver/handler meetings will be held prior to the start of all events. Both driver and a handler must attend.
8. Raceceivers are MANDATORY for all club sanctioned races and practices.
9. You must provide your own Raceceiver and ear buds or helmet speakers.
10. Raceceivers will be checked for functionality prior to each race. If a driver does not have a functioning Raceceiver they will not be allowed to race.
11. If communication with a driver by Raceceiver is questionable the race director may stop the driver for a radio check. If the Raceceiver is found working, the driver will rejoin the field and retain their position. If

the Raceceiver is found inoperable, the driver will be sent to the pits for repair. Standard work rule applies. If repaired, they will rejoin at the tail of the field. If not repaired, they may not rejoin.

12. Time Limits:
  - a. Lower mains and heat races will be time limited to 10 minutes from the initial green flag.
  - b. Feature races will be time limited to 15 minutes from the initial green flag.
  - c. Time will be stopped for all red flag conditions.
  - d. If the time limit expires under green flag conditions:
    - i. The next flag ends the race.
    - ii. If the red or yellow flag is displayed due to a caution, the cars will be lined up based on scoring order from the previously completed lap. Cars that received a DOT will be placed in their appropriate positions based on race procedures.
  - e. If the time limit expires under yellow flag conditions:
    - i. The race will be restarted.
    - ii. 12.d.i and 12.d.ii apply.
  - f. The Race Director may change the time limits due to weather and/or other time constraints but must be consistent throughout all classes.
13. 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. The Race Director may elect to provide hot laps but must be consistent throughout all classes.
14. Laps
  - a. Rookie: Heat and Lower Mains – 15; A-Main – 20
  - b. Jr. Animal / Jr. Honda: Heat – 15; Lower Mains – 20; A-Main – 25
  - c. All Other Classes: Heat – 20; Lower Mains – 25; A-Main – 30
  - d. The Race Director may elect to change the lap counts so long as they are announced at the driver/handler meeting prior to heats/mains.
15. Random draw (driver pick, or computer generated) will be used to set the field for heats.
16. All races will be hand scored, no transponders will be used.
17. Mains will be set using the passing points and finishing position in the heats based on USAC .25 rules.
18. Heavy class drivers may be weighed immediately after the driver/handler meeting without any racing gear per USAC rules. Drivers not making weight will be transferred to the tail of the non-heavy associated class.
19. You will have three (3) attempts to make combined weight after the race. You must remain near the scales between attempts. Driver may not consume any food or drink between attempts. No modifications to the car may be made between attempts. Failure to make correct weight after three attempts will result in race DQ.
20. Every attempt will be made to race; however, weather delays/cancellations will happen from time to time. Any decision to cancel the race will be made by the race director, safety director, and the president.
21. If bad weather occurs after the start of an event and racing is ended the following will apply:
  - a. All classes must complete their heat races, or no points will be awarded for any class.
  - b. If all classes have completed heat racing but no mains have started points will be awarded based on heat finishes.
  - c. If a class completes its A-main, points will be awarded based on that class's A-main and lower main finishes.
  - d. For classes in which A-mains have not been completed, points will be awarded based on heat race finishes.

## VI. Zero Tolerance Policy

**We are very 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 (ZTP). 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 SCQMRA Board of Directors (BOD) are final.

- ZTP complaints must be submitted in writing (i.e. email) within 24 hours after incident to a board member.
- All information involving ZTP violations will be kept confidential between the BOD and the parties involved.

<b>Violation/Action</b>	<b>Suspension Term*</b>
Deliberately damaging, destroying or defacing SCQMRA and/or Brevard County property.	Minimum (1) year plus cost of damages
Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol during racing conditions (i.e. from start of registration to tech completion)	Minimum (6) months - 180 days
Making any physical/verbal threat or contact to any person at the SCQMRA facility (including drivers)	Minimum (2) next race events
Throwing objects in pit area or hot chute	Minimum (2) next race events
Excessive yelling, comments or obscenities directed at a track official, handler or driver	Minimum (1) next race event
Driver: Deliberately ignoring instructions from a track official	Same Day DQ
Handler: Deliberately ignoring instructions from a track official	Same day DQ
Violating SCQMRA rules and regulations	Same day DQ
Driver deliberately hitting another driver while on racetrack or in hot chute	Same day DQ from class (driver only)
Driver making an offensive or derogatory hand gesture to track official	Same day DQ from class (driver only)
Disrespectful conduct toward the Race Director or other track official	Same day DQ from class (driver and handler)
Violating USAC .25 conduct policies, and/or technical/safety rules	See USAC rules guidance

#### **\*Suspension Terms**

- SCQMRA BOD can choose to suspend member, driver, and/or handler at their discretion. All driver suspensions are for that individual driver only.
- All suspension terms begin the following race date on the schedule or as noted above. All suspensions will be approved by the BOD in attendance at the race event. Suspension term can carry over to next calendar year.
- All Suspension Terms may be adjusted due to the severity of the violation by the BOD.
- Written Notification of Suspension will be sent within 5 days of a decision.
- Appeals must be received in writing within 7 days of receiving the written Notification of Suspension.
- Any DQ or suspension in response to the ZTP may not be used for a “drop” in points.
- An appeals committee will be set up by the Board of Directors. This committee will consist of 3 SCQMA club members (in good standing with the club), a race day official, and a Board member.