



AQMA Winter Series Racing Rules

Introduction & Purpose

The intent of this document is to explicitly state the racing rules, regulations, and format under which AQMA Winter Series races are conducted.

If there is not a rule specified below USAC rules shall apply

- Hoosier D20 tires will be allowed for left side only
- On the initial start (double file) of the race if contact is made in turns 1 & 2 that causes a car to go DOT a complete re-rack will be commenced. After two attempts of a double file starting procedure, the race director will call for a single file start.

Race Series

- There are four (4) points races scheduled for the series.
- Race Day Format: Heats and Mains
- Practice: Open practice will begin on Friday once an AQMA member opens the gate and the fire extinguisher(s) are out. Open practice is also permitted prior to pit meeting for each racing event

Race Fuel

- Fuel will be tested at random.
- The official race fuel for all races at AQMA is Regular 87 octane unleaded gasoline acquired from Chevron at 1890 Prairie City Rd., Folsom, CA.

Series Points*

- Two cars constitute a class – Two cars constitute a class to earn points and/or credit for the event in the series. Single cars can earn points if they are able to run in a combined class.
- There will be no throw-out used in the total series end points calculation
- Combined Car Classes – Classes with only one driver signed up may run in all events for the day and will be encouraged to combine with like classes when allowed. Participants in single-car classes that are combined will be lined up according to regular lineup procedures (pill draw, time, etc.)

- Points Breakdown Example for Combined Classes: Heavy Honda is a single car class and is combined with Senior Honda, and a Heavy Honda crosses the finish line in 3rd place. The Senior Honda driver that crosses the finish line in 4th place will receive 3rd place points for Senior Honda, the 5th Place Senior Honda driver will receive 4th place points etc.

*Any protests regarding points for club races must be made to the Tower Director in writing within 48 hours of official points being posted on the club website. Protests will be determined by a majority vote of the club's board available for meeting or conference call upon 24-hour notice.

Series Awards

- To be eligible for Series Awards/Championship; a USAC driver must have entered and attempted to race in a minimum of three (3) races in a given class.
- Rookies: The Rookie Class will receive participation awards.
- Each class must meet the requirements of a minimum class at least three (3) or more times during the racing series.
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in points will receive championship Winter Series awards

Championship Tie Breakers

- 1st Consideration: Greatest Number of first place main event wins
- 2nd Consideration: Greatest number of first place heat race wins

Race Day Schedule & Format

- Open practice until pit meeting begins
- Sign In opens at 8 am
- Pit Meeting 8:30am
- Heat Races Begin Immediately Following Pit meeting
- Main Events begin following completion of heat races
- Awards will be handed out at the end of each race day unless otherwise stated

Racing Order (subject to change):

Red Rookie
 Blue Rookie
 Jr. Honda
 Sr. Honda
 Heavy Honda
 Light World Formula
 Heavy World Formula
 Jr. Animal
 Sr. Animal
 Heavy 160

Light 160
Jr. 160
Unrestricted Animal
Formula Mod

Club Race Fees & Sign In

- Race Fees apply to both rookie and competitive classes
- Early registration fee: \$40.00 per class, must register no later than 48 hours prior to event
- Late registration fee: \$50.00 per class, 48 hours or less prior to event
- Same Day Registration fee: \$60 per class
- All handlers must sign the waiver form and wear a wristband if wristbands are issued
- Safety: All cars must go through safety once annually
- Drivers in heavy classes will weigh in immediately following the pit meeting, minimum required weight: 100 lbs.
- Anyone in “restricted areas” must provide proof of USAC membership, sign the waiver, and wear closed toed shoes and a wristband if wristbands are issued
- During driver sign ins each family is required to fill two volunteer positions for racing events (score keeping, lap counting, track director, etc.). The Tower Director or Track Director can assign additional duties as needed if positions are not filled
- Request for refunds of sign in fees will only be honored for classes in which the driver does not attempt to race by completing one lap under power, or in the case of a “one car class” resulting from all other entries having irreparably crashed or suffered mechanical failure before the first heat race provided the class in questions had two or more entries at the start of heat races.
- Non-sufficient Fund (NSF) Checks will be charged a \$25.00 fee and need to be paid to AQMA via a cashier’s check or cash only. Any member with an NSF check returned may be asked to pay AQMA in the form of cash or cashier’s check only for any future events. If fees are not paid within 15 days of notice, the driver will lose race points for the day. All fees must be paid before the next race in order to be eligible for racing.
- All members must be in good standing with their financial obligations to AQMA before a family can sign in to race or receive Year-End Awards.

Late Sign In

- A late sign in is defined as signing in after the pit meeting starts
- All late sign ins will start in the back of their respective Heat Races or main event if heat races are missed in order of sign in

Race Day Awards

- Heat Race Winner – Medallions or Ribbons will be awarded to heat race winners

- Main Event Top 3 – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in the A Main will receive an award
- Rookie Participants – All rookies will receive an award for competing in main events
- Awards will be not handed out until snack bar tabs are paid and tech is complete

Class Transfers

- On transferring from Rookie to Honda Class, drivers will be allowed to transfer the points they have earned in the rookie class up to an amount equal to the lowest points driver with the same number of races entered
- Rookies transferring into Honda will receive transfer points into only one class, as determined by the handler. The handler is responsible for notifying the Tower Director of their choice at the time of sign ins for their first competitive Honda race. If not notified, the tower director will carry the Rookie points earned into the class with the fewest participants to date
- On transferring between class divisions (light to heavy, or junior to senior) a driver will be allowed to transfer the points they have earned up to the amount equal to the lowest points driver with the same number of races entered

Technical Inspections

- Classes to be technically inspected will be chosen by random drawing or at the discretion of the technical director or their designee
- Top 3 finishers in each class will report to impound
- Any driver/handler refusing tech inspection will be disqualified

Facility Rules

- No dumping of hazardous waste is allowed at the facility. Hazardous waste is defined as, but not limited to: oil containers, tires, fuel, fuel containers, and tire scrapings. Do not dispose of tires in the dumpsters or garbage cans
- No dumping of RV waste is allowed. Penalties and clean-up fees may be assessed by the AQMA Board of Directors
- All pits must use a pit mat to collect fuel and oil leaks in their pit area
- All bikes, skateboards, or any other type of wheeled toys are allowed in the designated areas. A helmet must be worn and all Park Rules must be followed
- All handlers and drivers are responsible for helping to clean up on race days and for cleaning up their own pit area. All pit areas should be cleared of tire scrapings and disposed of accordingly.