

HUNTSVILLE QUARTER MIDGET ASSOCIATION

2010 CHAMPIONSHIP RACING RULES

I. CHAMPIONSHIP RESTRICTIONS

1. The HQMA 2010 Championship is open to all current HQMA full and associate members. If a driver from another club races, the awards will remain as the cars finish. The championship points will be assigned as follows:

1st Place – HQMA driver – 50 points

2nd Place – Other club driver – 0 points

3rd Place – HQMA driver – 48 points

4th Place – HQMA driver – 47 points

5th Place – Other club driver – 0 points

6th Place – HQMA driver – 45 points

And so on through the last place eligible finisher.

ONLY HQMA MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS! Please refer to the HQMA by-laws under Article I for membership eligibility. If a driver is not an HQMA member at the time of a race, but later joins as a Associate member, points will not be given retroactively.

2. There will be no extra charge to enter the HQMA 2010 Championship. Only the normal pit fee will apply.

3. The 2010 schedule contains 11 Championship races. A driver's best 8 finishes in the same division will count toward the Championship. A driver must compete in 6 races in the same division to be eligible for championship points. In case of an unforeseen cancellation and/or rain out of one or more races, the rain out or cancellation will reduce the number of championship point's races by 1 for each cancellation or rain out.

In the case of rain, the first option should be to postpone or reschedule a local race for the next day. A local event will be considered complete if the heats are completed in each class. If some classes are able to complete their mains, their finishing positions will be based on their finishes in the mains. For any class that is unable to complete their main, the finish will revert to the finish of their heat race. In the case of more than one heat race in a class and where the mains cannot be completed, finishing positions will be awarded based on heat race finishes and will, therefore, result in multiple 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. places depending on the number of heat races run. In the case where lower mains (D,

C, B, etc.) must be run, ALL mains must be completed for any main finish to be counted.

4. The Homeworx Championship Series, Scaretona 500 (if held), Turkey Gobbler, and Region races (Dixie 250 and Rocket City) will not count toward the HQMA Championship points.

5. All local races as posted with these rules and regulations will count toward the Championship. A race format change will not alter the finishes for the Championship.

6. Cars not signed-in prior to the close of registration will start in the rear of the field. Drivers are not allowed to register themselves; handlers must register their drivers. All applicable waivers and forms must be signed as required by national QMA rules.

7. Cars that do not finish the race will be scored as follows:

If a car does not start a heat race (DNS), that driver will start in the rear of the lowest main for that division.

If a car starts a main or heat race and does not finish (DNF), that driver will finish ahead of DNS cars for that race. If more than one car is DNF, the finishing position will be awarded according to the order the cars drop out. If 2 or more cars leave the track at the same time their position will be determined based on the position the cars were running on the last complete lap.

If a car takes the initial green flag and is disqualified (DQ) for any of the below offenses, that driver will receive zero championship points for that race day. THIS CAN BE COUNTED AS A DROP FOR THE FIRST VIOLATION ONLY. The second violation of this type must be counted toward the championship and the driver will receive zero points for the day.

unsportsmanlike conduct

protesting to someone other than the Race Director

a driver displays inappropriate action(s) to the Race Director, Flagman, Judges or other drivers

disqualified for illegal engine

If a driver is disqualified (DQ) for any of the below offenses, that driver receives last place position of the heat or main of occurrence:

two (2) incidental calls by the judges

weigh-in too light

too wide at the scales

liberation of parts

If a driver does not attempt to race (DNA) a heat or main, that driver will receive zero points; however, if a driver attempts to race (on the track during warm-up) for the heat or main but does not start (DNS) the race, that driver will receive last place championship points for the highest main he/she qualifies into.

II. CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES/DIVISIONS

1. There will be NO novice championship, regardless of the number of races run or the number of participants.
2. Points cannot be transferred from one class/division to another; a driver who turns nine (9) during the 2010 season may elect to run in the senior division all year. Once he/she runs in a senior division, he/she may not return to a junior division (Jr. Half is not included). Once a driver turns nine (9), he/she will move to the senior division on the day he/she turns nine (9).
3. Drivers competing in a lower class that move to an upper class during the year and between both classes have a combined total of races that meet the minimum for Championship qualification will receive a Championship finishing position in the upper class into which they moved. No points of any kind will be carried over from the lower class. Points will be given in the upper class only for the purpose of determining the position of any drivers' who qualify for this move. This will allow drivers that move up at the same time to compete against each other and in no way affect the points system of those running the entire year in the upper class. This rule will apply to drivers who must move up because of their age, NOT their weight or other circumstance. This rule is written with the intention of allowing drivers that turn 9 DURING a racing season to receive positive recognition for their dedicated year of competition
4. The 2010 Championship will be a "winner takes all" type format. Finishing positions in heat races will only determine starting positions for the Mains. For each local race, the Race Director and Scoring Director will draw a number to determine if Mains will be inverted or run straight up.
5. The finishes of the Mains will determine the overall finish for each class/division. The finishes of the Mains will determine championship points. Fifty (50) Championship points will be awarded to the winner of

each Main, forty-nine (49) to the second place finisher, and so on through the last place finisher in each class (pending tech). Points will only be awarded to HQMA members. If a finisher is not a HQMA member, he/she will not receive any points for that race.

6. Tie-breakers for Championship points will be (1) number of 1st place finishes, 2nd place, 3rd place, etc. (2) fast times (3) whoever won the first race.
7. Once these Championship Rules are approved by the club, they cannot be changed or altered for any reason for the 2010 season. However, the HQMA Board of Directors (club officers) has the right to make any and all decisions regarding circumstances not covered or foreseen by these rules. The HQMA Board of Directors also has the right to enforce the INTENT of any rule.

III. DRIVER'S AWARDS

The Driver's Award Banquet will be held for all drivers of HQMA at a time and place to be determined each year by the HQMA BOD. Funds for all awards shall be provided by HQMA. The Banquet will be open to all members of HQMA. A Banquet Committee will be appointed by the President and will be responsible for all arrangements for the banquet.

Each driver will receive a plaque for each class in which he/she participates. The plaque will show a record of the driver's finish for each race in which he/she participated and their place recognition. Trophies will be presented to the top three finishers of each class and will be presented to those drivers who meet all the requirements for Championship participation.

In addition to the driver's finishes on the plaque, any track record broken by a driver during any race event or being broken after paying the club for a successful attempt, should also be engraved on the plaque. To clarify: the driver would not be considered as breaking a track record if his time was beaten within the same race event. The driver would receive recognition for the date and fast time the record was beaten on the plaque, even if later in the year it was broken again. A distinctive award will be presented to any driver shown to be the 2010 track record holder. No award for any previous year's track record holder if still holding the record.

The first place finisher of each class will be given a special award flag to be selected by the Banquet Committee.

IV. RACING RULES

HQMA will abide by current QMA racing rules and regulations.