

Metro St. Louis Quarter Midget Racing Association

Constitution and Bylaws

Preamble

We, the membership, in order to create a clean, safe, healthy sport in which to teach, through example, a sense of fairness, generosity, responsibility, and better sportsmanship to the younger generation, to ordain and establish this Constitution and Bylaws, form Metro St. Louis Quarter Midget Racing Association.

Article I

(Name and Office)

Section 1 Name: The name of this corporation shall be Metro St. Louis Quarter Midget Racing Association (MSLQMRA)

Section 2 Principal Office: The principal office of the association shall be at a place designated by the Board of Directors.

Article II

(Purpose and Policy)

Section 1 Purpose:

The purpose of the association is:

- A) To develop a joint interest and understanding between child and parents working together.
- B) To create and maintain a clean, safe, healthy sport, which may be enjoyed by the entire family.
- C) To acquaint the younger generation with the handling of mechanical devices, coordination, alertness, and the ability to handle a motor driven vehicle.
- D) To impress the younger generation with the idea of fairness, generosity, and a sense of responsibility without envy towards others.
- E) To acquaint the younger generation with the thrill of competition in a well-regulated sporting event.
- F) To teach better sportsmanship through examples set by parents.
- G) To expand and develop quarter midget racing.

Section 2 Policy toward USAC:

- A) To maintain an alliance with and assist USAC, whose purpose is to develop, direct and promote the objections of associated clubs and their members on a national basis.
- B) To assure that all sanctioned racing schedules have been coordinated with the Regional Board of Directors.
- C) To communicate for information and interpretations directly with USAC officials.
- D) To assure that all members have received the latest USAC racing rules and specifications into the racing equipment.

Section 3 Policy (Local):

- A) To assure membership meetings are convened as required to properly and timely handle all regular and special matters important to the membership.
- B) To assure that all members have received the MSLQMRA Rules and Regulations which will include a copy of these bylaws.

- C) To assure that uniform engine, car, racing, and safety rules are adhered to by all.
- D) To maintain records of all business activities associated with the management of the Association and have those records in an available condition at all times.

Article III

(Powers of the Association)

Section 1 General: The Association shall have the general powers of a non-profit corporation.

Section 2 Powers and Limits:

- A) The Association shall conduct and carry on such recreational and non-profit enterprises associated with the corporation and its membership.
- B) The Association shall have no right to engage in and it will not engage in business of selling, keeping for sale or otherwise dispose of any liquor or other alcoholic beverages at or near the premises of the Association for use of consumption by its members or their guest.
- C) No sale or lease of Association property may be made without the authorization of the Board of Directors. Such sales or leases, evidence in writing, shall be signed by the President and Secretary of the Association.
- D) Upon dissolution of the Association the assets of the Association shall be made available to similar or like institutions under terms set by the majority vote of the active membership at that time. Also, the property may be distributed to one or more recognized members at that time.

Article IV

(Rules and Regulations)

Section 1 General Rules:

1. All participants are expected to become familiar with the Rules and Regulations and conduct themselves accordingly.
2. All USAC rules, regulations and engine specifications will be strictly adhered to at all USAC events. All decisions of the Officials will be final.
3. The flag will be flown and National Anthem played before the races begin.
4. The possession or use of intoxication beverages or illegal drugs by a driver, car owner, mechanic, pit attendant, spectator or official anywhere in the track, pit or parking area, during racing will be strictly prohibited. Anyone violating this rule will be subject to disciplinary action as described in the Code of Conduct.
5. Any decision rendered by the Board of Directors in regard to anything prior to or during the running of an event will be binding.
6. All drivers must be in good physical condition at all times in order to be allowed to race.
7. MSLQMRA or its members will not be responsible for any accident or medical expenses of any accident occurring at any race meet.
8. Any infraction of the Rules and Regulations or Code of Conduct by any member that call for a suspension or expulsion from the club will be handled in a way that is defined in the Code of Conduct.
9. An entrance fee (to be set at the format meeting) for each entry must be paid at each race meet.
10. The starting time for the weekly races will be determined at the format meeting.
11. The end of a race will be when the checkered flag is given.

12. Two (2) car races will be allowed. However, single car classes will only receive green, white, and checkered flag laps.
13. In the event of a low car count for any class or division, combination of classes and divisions will be allowed at the discretion of the Track Director. Approval of all handlers involved is required.
14. All car owners are held directly responsible for the conduct of their driver(s), pit crew and handlers.
15. A maximum of two handlers per car will be allowed in the hot chute.
16. No changes or adjustments can be made to chassis or engine settings to any quarter or half midget by any method, while it is on the racing surface; with the only exception being turning on the fuel.
17. MSLQMRA will not race when there is a sanctioned race in our Region.
18. No one at any time should approach the tower or the scorers regarding an issue. Please see the Race Director.

Section 2 Safety:

1. Any car that is deemed unsafe by the Safety Director will be barred from racing.
2. The officials have the power to decide the capability of any driver and may assign him or her, for safety reasons, a position in the rear of any event, regardless of his or her qualifying time, or drawn starting position.
3. All cars must be checked at the track by the Safety Director or Tech Committee when appearing after having a wreck. Before being allowed to compete in any race event for the first time, a car will be inspected by the Safety Director or Tech Committee.
4. Cars will not be under power in the pit area or outside the track area.
5. No drivers, handlers, or helpers will be allowed to stand in the entrance or exits.
6. From the start of a race to the checkered flag, the Flagman controls the event. All drivers must watch and obey him.

Section 3 Protest:

1. The Tech Committee may protest any car at any time and cause it to be torn down and inspected. No monies will be required to be posted if the Tech Director is protesting a car.
2. USAC's Honda claimer rule will be followed.

Article V

(Membership and Dues)

Section 1 Composition:

The membership of the Association shall consist of individual and/or families. The Association shall be an organization of members, which function locally and it is not a federation of local groups.

Section 2 Members:

- A) Any individual and/or family wishing to promote the purpose and policies of the association may become a member.
- B) Membership in the Association shall be evidence by the new member's acceptance of same and by such other evidence as membership cards and the acceptance of the member's application and payment of all dues.

Section 3 Designation:

- A) A member is one whose dues are paid in full.
- B) A driver need not be in any way related to the car owner.

Section 4 Privileges and Responsibilities:

- A) Members may have a maximum of one vote per family membership on any motion or business before the membership. Each voter must be present.
- B) No business shall be deemed official or be binding on the members unless conducted at a meeting of the general membership in which a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of 10% or more of the members.
- C) All members shall be familiar with the Rules and Regulations of MSLQMRA and USAC and shall conduct themselves accordingly.
- D) Only active USAC members may compete in MSLQMRA events and will be covered by his USAC insurance, according to the limits of the insurance policy.
- E) Anyone considered to be an undesirable character or an agitator against MSLQMRA, USAC or any USAC organization, may be denied membership or be expelled from the Association if already a member. A member may be considered an undesirable character and considered for expulsion from membership if there have been three formal complaints from different members, in writing, concerning the character of a member. MSLQMRA will have the right to refuse racing privileges to any member/non-member if that person is deemed undesirable in the eyes of MSLQMRA.
- F) When there have been three formal complaints to the Board of Directors concerning the character of any member or whenever the Board of Directors considers a member undesirable, the President shall notify the member by certified mail that his dismissal from membership will be voted on at the next meeting of the general membership. The member may defend himself at this meeting and the protesting members of the Board of Directors will appoint a prosecutor. The members present will serve as a jury and 2/3 vote of the jury is required for removal from membership. However, a member may resign at any time.
- G) All participants shall be required to purchase USAC approved insurance.

Section 5 Dues and Fees:

The following dues and fees will be paid in order to maintain membership.

- A) The annual dues and pit fees shall be determined at the format meeting of the general membership and shall be posted along with the general racing rules.
- B) Pit fees are payable prior to qualification runs.
- C) MSLQMRA membership dues shall coincide with USAC membership year expiring December 31st.
- D) All dues and fees must be paid in full for a member to have voting rights.
- E) No driver will be allowed on the track whose insurance is not paid.
- F) All dues and fees, other than pit fees, will be paid directly to the Treasurer. Pit fees will be collected by the Treasurer or by a member designated by the Treasurer.

Article VI

(Officers of the Association)

Section 1 Officers:

The elected officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President (who shall also be Race Director), Secretary, Treasurer, Technical Director, Safety Director, Training Director, Publication and Promotional Director, Tower Director, and Concessions Director. Track Prep. The Board of Directors shall consist of the above mentioned elected officers.

Section 2 Duties:

- A) President: The President shall have the usual executive powers of the supervision and management such as may pertain to the office of the President, and in such other powers and duties as are described in the bylaws and designated from time to time by the Board of Directors. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the Association; advise the Regional Board of Directors of all race schedules; execute with the Secretary all legal documents of the Association, and he shall sign all obligatory instruments, contracts and notes by which the Corporation shall become bound legally to third parties; and may countersign checks drawn upon the Corporate bank account. He/She shall appoint the chairman and members of such committees as are approved by the Board of Directors or the general membership. He/She shall call special meetings as provided for in the bylaws, and others, which he deems necessary. He/She shall represent MSLQMRA at other organizations and at public meetings and conferences, or designate his alternate. The President oversees all votes of the Board and General Membership including the elections. He/She shall only place his/her vote in the event that there is a tie.
- B) Vice-President: The Vice-President shall, in the case of absence of or disability of the President, perform the duties of the President. He/She shall serve as a member of any committee when designated by the President, be responsible for seeing that a flagman and Race Director are present at all races. He/She shall seek volunteers to fill these positions for all races at the Drivers/Handlers meeting. If enough volunteers are not secured then He/She will assign a club member to fill the position for any unfilled races. He/She will notify the club member assigned in person and confirm acceptance of the assignment. He/She shall govern the conduct of all races and protest of races as set forth in the MSLQMRA Rules and Regulations. He/She may countersign checks drawn upon the Corporate bank account. He/She shall also, in case of absence, disability, or conflict of interest, assist the Tech Director with his duties, or designate a temporary Tech Director.
- C) Treasurer: The Treasurer shall collect all annual dues and other monies of the association and make disbursements as directed by the Association of the Board of Directors. He/She shall be chairman of the finance committee and shall be custodian of the title deed, business papers and bonds and other securities belonging to the Association. With the approval of the Board of Directors, he/she shall make special arrangements with a recognized financial institution or institutions regarding investments in the securities and their safekeeping. He/She shall keep regular books, and shall make a monthly financial report to the general membership detailing every financial transaction for the current year, with specific breakdowns for income and expenses. He/She shall issue checks upon the corporate bank account and his/her signature shall thereupon be co-signed by the President, Vice President, or Secretary. He/She shall perform all duties usually pertaining to the office of Treasurer.
- D) Secretary: The Secretary shall keep records of the corporation books of account. He/She shall have the custody of all records such as minutes, bylaws, rules and regulations, and certificate of incorporation of the corporation. He/She shall issue all necessary membership cards or other evidence of membership, attest all signatures of the President to contracts, notes and other obligatory instruments of the Corporation as are authorized by the Board of Directors. He/She shall be chairman of the records committee and further perform all other duties normally and usually performed by and pertaining to the office of Secretary. He/She may countersign checks drawn upon the Corporate bank account.
- E) Technical Director: The Technical Director shall be chairman of the Technical Committee and be responsible for seeing that the USAC Rules and Specifications and the MSLQMRA Rules and Regulations concerning engines, cars, and equipment are adhered to. He/She shall be responsible for organizing all routine technical inspections, and appointing temporary assistants to help with these inspections. These temporary assistants are to only follow the Technical Directors instructions. They have no say in what or when inspections should occur.

- F) Safety Director: The Safety Director shall be chairman of the Safety Committee and be responsible for enforcing the USAC Rules and Specifications and the MSLQMRA Rules and Regulations concerning safety.
- G) Training Director: The Training Director shall be chairman of the Training Committee and be responsible for the conduct of the training program and will assure that only well-informed and well-trained drivers are allowed to graduate from the basic training class.
- H) Publication and Promotions Director: The Publication and Promotional Director shall be chairman of the Publicity Committee and shall be responsible for publicity and promotion of quarter midget racing. He/She shall serve as Parliamentarian of the Association.
- I) Tower Director: The Tower director shall be responsible for the tower scoring schedule, sign-ins, scoring, race day results, points series tabulation, ordering of the trophies, and any other race day duties.
- J) Concessions Director: The Concessions Director shall be responsible for the concessions stand schedule, inventory of the concession stand, and ordering and/or stocking of its contents.
- K) Track Prep: The Track Prep Director shall be responsible for track maintenance and all track equipment. And get the track ready for every race day or club function at the race track.

Section 3 Terms of Office:

- A) Beginning of Terms: The term of each officer shall begin January 1.
- B) Terms of Office: The officers shall serve a term of one year each, or until their successors are elected and take office.

Section 4 Maximum Terms:

No member shall hold more than one office at any given time except where allowed below.

- A) The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may combined when necessary.
- B) The office of Technical Director may be combined with another officer position.
- C) The office of Publications and Promotions Director may be combined with another officer position.

Article VII

(Nominations and Elections)

Section 1 Nominations:

Nominations may be made from the floor at the regular September meeting, provided consent of the nominee is obtained.

Section 2 Elections:

The elections shall be held at the October regular meeting. Each family present shall be entitled to one vote per family membership for each office, and a majority of the vote cast shall be necessary for election.

Section 3 Vacancies:

- A) All vacancies in office, excluding the President, shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a member elected by a majority of the Board of Directors.
- B) A vacancy in the office of President shall be filled by the Vice-President.

Article VIII

(Meetings of the Association)

Section 1 Meetings:

All the adult family members are encouraged to attend each meeting of the Association.

- A) Regular meetings of the Association shall be held each month at a time and place to be designated by the President.
- B) Special meetings of the Association may be called by the President at any time. Upon the written request of any three members of the Board of Directors or any six members of the Association, the President shall call a special meeting of the Association.
- C) In the interim between meetings, the President may take a vote of the membership on any question submitted to the Board of Directors without calling a meeting, provided that each member of the Board of Directors and at least 2/3 of the members shall have an opportunity to vote on the question submitted. A vote on any question, so submitted, shall be counted and shall have the same effect as if cast at a regular meeting of the Association.

Section 2 Racing Format and Schedule:

Racing format and schedule should be determined at the first yearly meeting of the general membership. The racing format and schedule would become part of the bylaws, but only for the current racing year. Proposals for amendments to the racing format or schedule must be presented at least one monthly meeting prior to the meeting of the Association at which the adoption is to be considered. The Secretary shall report the proposed changes to the format or schedule to the membership, in writing, prior to its consideration. The format or schedule may then be changed by a 2/3 majority of the members voting.

Article IX

(The Board of Directors)

Section 1 Members of the Board of Directors:

Shall consist of the elected officers of the Association.

Section 2 Powers and Duties:

The Board of Directors shall have general supervision over the Association and its legal affairs in conformity with the Articles, bylaws, and action of the general membership. They shall adopt rules to govern their own proceedings, appoint an audit committee to audit the books after the last regular meeting of the Association but before the newly elected officers take office. They shall receive and consider disputed applications for membership and determine whether or not an applicant is entitled to admission to membership. They shall make reports on the work actions to the members at regular meetings.

Article X

(Committee of the Association)

Section 1 Committees:

Committees shall be appointed by the vote of the general membership and the Chairman appointed by the President.

Article XI

(Amendments to the Bylaws)

Section 1 Amendments:

All proposals for amendments shall be presented at a regular monthly meeting, at least one regular meeting before the meeting of the Association at which the adoption is to be considered. The Secretary shall report the proposed amendment to the membership in writing prior to its consideration. The bylaws may then be amended by a 2/3 majority of the members voting. Ninety (90) days tenure shall be required by new members to vote on bylaw changes. All current amendments are to be written into the law for which they replaced. Future amendments to the bylaws of the Association shall be numbered and attached to this

document under Article XIII (Amendments) for the rest of the year that the amendment was adopted. The following year all Amendments under Article XIII will be written into the bylaw that was changed. Amendments shall become effective and binding on all members at the time of adoption.

Article XII

(Ratification and Establishment)

This ratification of the Constitution and Bylaws shall be accomplished in the same manner and by the same procedure as that outlined for Amendments in Article XI.

Ratified on 10/15/1991 at a meeting of the general membership.

Any bylaw noted with an asterisk * means there has been an amendment change. Please refer to Article XIII (Amendments) for correct information.

Article XIII

(Amendments)

Article XI Section 1 Amendments: On 3/13/2009 a vote was passed at a general meeting of the Association to update and move all amendments to the bylaws to the article for which the amendment was made.

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