

HIGH-LIGHTS FROM THE NATIONAL MEETING



Saturday, February 5, 2011- National Meeting Concludes

The last day of the 2011 QMA National meeting was called to order at 8:12 a.m. The meeting was officially adjourned at 10:38a.m. Rusty Barnard, National Tech Director, then held a tech seminar. The final minutes and short sheet will be approved within the week and both documents will be included in the Quarterly Reporter.

RCPs that passed were as follows:

RCP #1 - Passed with the following verbiage:

- Novices at the Grands:
 - Exhibition events only
 - Minimum one practice session
 - Racing format to be decided by host club
 - Line up drawn by number
 - All participants to receive equal awards, preferably trophies

RCP #2 Passed with the following verbiage:

- A driver must attempt to qualify and race at any States Championship Event in an equal number of classes that they intend to qualify and race at the Grands.

RCP #7 - Passed with the following verbiage:

- Grands Bidding: Any club bidding for a Grands National Event must send bid proposal (not just letter of intent) to the National Office and the National Secretary postmarked on or before October 15 of the year before the vote. Bid proposals will be mailed out with the RCPs for Regional Director and membership review.
- The Grands locations will be selected at the national meeting by a vote of the Regional Directors and the NBOD.

RCP #9 Passed with the following verbiage:

- In Quarter Midget classes, the age limit is 17 years old. Drivers who turn 17 during the race season can finish the current calendar year (Dec 31).

RCP #15 Passed with the following verbiage:

- Jr Novice Age 5-8 - 250 combined car 160 (comparable to existing Jr Novice effective 1/1/12)
- Sr Novice Age 9-17 - 275 combined car 160 (comparable to existing Sr Novice effective 1/1/12)
- Jr Animal Age 5-8 - 250 combined car 160 (comparable to Jr Honda)
- Sr Animal Age 9-17 - 275 combined car 160 (comparable to Sr Honda)
- Hvy Animal Age 8-17 - 325 combined car 160 driver weight 100 lbs min. (comparable to Sr Animal)

- Lt Wild Animal Age 8-17 - 275 combined car 160 (comparable to Lt 160)
- Hvy Wild Animal Age 8-17 - 325 combined car 160 driver weight 100 lbs min. (unleashed)

- Junior Animal will be a competitive class beginning 4/1/11 and will run at the States Race and Grand National events.
 - The Junior Honda class will remain unchanged for 2011 and will not be eligible for States Race or Grand National Events in 2012 (local class only).
 - As of 1/1/13 Junior Honda class will be eliminated.
- Senior and Heavy Animal will be competitive classes beginning 1/1/12 and will run at the States Race and Grand National events.
 - The Senior Honda and Heavy Honda classes will remain unchanged for 2012 and will not be eligible for States Race or Grand National events in 2013 (local class only).
 - As of 1/1/14 the Senior Honda and Heavy Honda classes will be eliminated.
- Light and Heavy Wild Animal will be competitive classes beginning 1/1/13 and will run at the States Race and Grand National events.
 - The Light 160 and Heavy 160 classes will remain unchanged for 2013 and will not be eligible for States Race or Grand National events in 2014 (local class only).
 - As of 1/1/15 the Light 160 and Heavy 160 classes will be eliminated

RCP #18 Passed with the following verbiage:

- If an illegal part or parts are found, handler has 15 minutes to decide whether to agree with or appeal Tech Directors decision, starting after the Honda Engine Parts Confiscation & Appeals Form has been completed with the infraction indicated.
- If handler agrees with decision, they must sign the Honda Engine Parts Confiscation & Appeals Form as such within the designated time above, the suspension will begin immediately and the illegal parts only will be sent to the National Tech Director within five business days.
- If handler decides to appeal, they must sign the Honda Engine Parts Confiscation & Appeals Form as such within the designated time above, the suspension will begin immediately, and the illegal part/s only will be sent within two business days to the next higher level Tech Director (Regional or National), or designee, for review. That Tech Director has two days, after receipt of part/s, to determine if it/they are legal or illegal. If the part/s are determined to be legal it/they will be returned to the handler, and the suspension will be lifted immediately. If part/s were sent to the Regional Tech Director and still deemed illegal, they will then be forwarded to the National Tech Director, who again has two days, after receipt, to determine if the parts are legal or illegal. Again, if the part/s is determined to be legal it/they will be returned to the handler, and the suspension will be lifted immediately. Handler will be notified of decisions at each higher level. Part/s is to be sent express mail at club or Region expense to speed process. If handler chooses to appeal decision, the suspension start date will reset to the date of any subsequent confirming decision of illegality by a higher level Tech Director.
- Also:
 - 1) Update World Formula duplicate section to above: Rule 2, Article 6C, Section 2, Page 31.
 - 2) Eliminate related sections from Honda Tech Manual GX120 and GX160.
 - 3) Rework Honda Engine Parts Confiscation & Appeals Form to match above process exactly.

RCP #21 Passed with the following verbiage:

- Effective 6/1/11, for all non dirt track QMA events, the required right side tire for all quarter midget classes except novice shall be the Vega MBM.
- Local option to specify a different required right side tire manufacturer and/or compound for local events only if the following conditions are met.
- If a different tire than the national spec tire is required, the local spec tire(s) must be approved by a majority vote of the appropriate club for a club level spec tire and by a majority vote of the clubs for a region series spec tire. A region series can include the States race.
- Each type of required tire must be readily available to all members choosing to participate at an event. If it is not readily available, then the tire requirements may not be enforced at that event.
- If a club or region does require specific tires other than the national spec tire, the details of such requirements must be posted at least two weeks prior to any affected event on the club's schedule, format, and website if they have one.
- All future spec tire proposals must be submitted to the NBOD for review to be presented to the RDs at the National meeting. All spec tire changes will take effect September 1st of that year.

REGION 3 HAS ELECTED TO RUN HOOSIER TIRES ON THE RIGHT SIDE IN 2011

RCP #23 Passed with the following verbiage:

- To allow NO JUDGING at the local level only to be voted on and approved by a simple majority vote of the membership and posted on their website at least two weeks prior to the event. If a no judging option is being used the following will apply: any car(s) involved in a racing incident that goes dead on the track for any reason will receive a charged yellow and that car(s) will restart at the back of the pack. Three Charged Yellows will be black flagged and scored a DNF. The race director may make a flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct call that must result in a DQ for the event.

RCP #26 "C Passed with the following verbiage:

When a yellow flag is thrown in anticipation of a car or cars going dead on the track as a result of an incident on the track but the car(s) do not stop, a lineup will be created from the last completed lap and the race restarted, no cars will be sent to the back or assigned a Charged Yellow. This will be considered a Flagger Error.

2012 Grand National Events:

- Eastern "C Michigan QMA
- Western "C Portland QMA
- Dirt - Capitol QMA

QMA Hall of Fame -The Hall of Fame committee proudly announced the induction of Mr. Dave Preston to its list of outstanding contributors to our organization. The membership had the opportunity to announce it to Dave via Skype as friends, family and Quarter Midget Families surrounded him. Congratulations Dave!