

Mini Indy
Novice Training – Rules - Graduation

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to define a process, for both the Novice Committee and membership, for the training, evaluation, and graduation into the Stock/Honda class.

The intent of this document is to set a standard criteria for training novice drivers that is done on an individual but consistent basis. The process is designed to provide feedback that is valuable to the drivers/handlers seeking approval, the Novice Committee, and Board of Directors.

Any handler/driver that would like to race in the Stock/Honda class will not be allowed to participate in that class at Mini Indy unless proper approval has been granted by the Novice Committee.

QMA Rule

Per the 2007 QMA Shortsheet:

- ***To race 160, World Formula, B, A must complete one year of racing and get final permission from Regional Director.***
- ***Combined Car Weight – Senior Stock, Light Mod, Light 160, Heavy 160, Light B, Heavy B and Light AA combined weight raised 10 pounds Effective April 1, 2007***
- ***Driver Weights- Heavy Drivers must now weigh 100 pounds from 95 pounds Effective April 1, 2007 These changes were made from driver weight data collected during the 2006 season from across the country.***

Heavy Honda – Drivers can start at age 8 Passed. Effective April 1, 2007

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ARTICLE 7 NOVICE RULES AND PROCEDURES

Sec. 1 PURPOSE

- 1** The fundamental purpose of the Novice Class is to train new drivers so that they understand the basic racing rules and so that they are able to handle themselves and their cars in a safe manner on the track. It is not intended that the Novice Class be utilized to perfect racing abilities or techniques. Extended competitive racing in the Novice Class once the fundamentals are attained is not to be allowed.
- 2** To regulate and unify the novice training and racing program, these rules and regulations, as approved by the Regional Director, will be adhered to by all drivers, handlers, and member Clubs of Quarter Midgets of America.
- 3** Any changes, additions and deletions to these rules and regulations will be enacted by the Regional Directors. Any temporary deviations from established rules must be approved by the Regional Director concerned before implementation of such changes by any Club.
- 4** The Regional Director will supervise the novice training and racing program in his/her region.

Sec. 2 NOVICE CLASS – DRIVERS AND HANDLERS

- 1** The minimum age for novice students shall be five years for racing and four and one half years for practice and training only. (4 1/2 year olds may not practice or train during an event)
- 2** Each Novice handler, upon joining an association shall present the drivers birth certificate to the Secretary of the Association and the “official age” of the driver shall be entered in the permanent records of the association. Copies of these records shall be forwarded to the QMA National Office and the Regional Director.
- 3** In an effort to obtain the greatest benefit from participation on organized Quarter Midget racing, Novice handlers should read Article 3, Sec 2 of this rulebook, entitled “Novice Program Committee”.
- 4** The Club Presidents will issue a Novice Driver’s Card good for a period of three months, only for drivers six years old or older.
 - 4. A** Drivers not yet six will be issued a Novice Card good until their sixth birthday plus three months.
 - 4. B** The driver’s age will be entered on the Novice Card.
 - 4. C** Extensions of the Novice Card shall only be granted when written request of the handler has been accepted and signed by three of five members of the Novice Committee, and approved by the Regional Director.
 - 4. C** (1) Extensions will be for no more than two months at a time, if needed.
- 5** A driver may be moved to the Super Stock/Honda 120 class at any time if in the opinion of the Novice Committee the driver is

- qualified.
- 6** It is required that all Novice Drivers have a QMA official Driver's logbook.
 - 6. A** The logbook and Novice Driver's card are to be presented to sign-in booth when signing in on race day.
 - 6. B** Entries will be made in the Novice logbook, such as qualifying time, main or semi race, start and finish position in race. The logbook will be returned to the Handler by the Novice Committee after comments have been made and initialed.
 - 6. C** False or unauthorized entries in the logbook or on the Novice Card will be cause for a 90-day suspension from all QMA tracks.
 - 7 A** duplicate of any lost logbook must be obtained from the Club Secretary. Record of past races to be reconstructed in replacement logbooks from Club Master Records.

Sec. 3 NOVICE TRAINING

- 1** Completion of Novice Training, given by a competent instructor, is mandatory for all new drivers of member Associations of Quarter Midgets of America. Minor changes may be made to training outline to conform to local conditions; however, the reason for all changes must be submitted to the Regional Director without delay.
- 1. A** Any driver not trained by a Club-designated trainer must pass a test given by his local Club novice instructor before he enters into the Novice Class.
- 2** The Novice driver must be covered by QMA insurance during training periods.

Table 5-1QMA Required Ages and Weights by Class/Division.

CLASS	DIVISION	AGE	DRIVER WEIGHT(min)	DRIVERCOMB. WEIGHT(min)	CAR WEIGHT(min)
Novice	Junior	5-8	N/A	250 lbs.	160 lbs.
Novice	Senior	9-16	N/A	260 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda	Junior	5-8	N/A	250 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda	Senior	9-16	N/A	275 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda	Heavy	9-16	95 lbs.	325 lbs.	160 lbs.
Super Stock	Junior	5-8	N/A	250 lbs.	160 lbs.
Super Stock	Senior	9-16	N/A	265 lbs.	160 lbs.
Mod	Light	7-16	N/A	260 lbs.	160 lbs.
Mod	Heavy	7-16	95 lbs.	325 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda 160	Light	8-16	N/A	260 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda 160	Heavy	8-16	95 lbs.	325 lbs.	160 lbs.
B	Light	8-16	N/A	260 lbs.	160 lbs.
B	Heavy	8-16	95 lbs.	325 lbs.	160 lbs.
AA	Light	9-16	N/A	260 lbs.	160 lbs.
AA	Heavy	9-16	95 lbs.	325 lbs.	160 lbs.
Half	Junior	11-17	N/A	350 lbs.	170 lbs.
World Formula		9-16	N/A	340 lbs.	160 lbs.

**NOTE: Eleven to thirteen-year olds must have approval from the Club novice committee for 1/2 class.*

Sec. 4 RACING

- 1** The Novice Class will be a recognized class by QMA and will run under the Super Stock/Honda 120 engine rules at all QMA races.
- 2** The Novice Class shall be divided into the Junior and Senior divisions only, which may be combined if necessary to make a class and will use a stock engine only. Honda.
- 3** The Novice program and its implementation fall under the Regional Director's authority. Therefore, illegal Honda engine parts will be confiscated but the suspension will not be levied against handlers or drivers for the first offense only. 2nd Offense follows the Honda Suspension, 30 days suspended in Novice.
- 4** Novice Class participants will be required to install a restrictor plate on their carburetor per Article 10, "restrictor plate program".
- 4. A** A Club may have the option to remove the restrictor plate, to create a Super-Stock/Honda 120 spec novice division, for non-qualifying events only, for transitional period of two to three events prior to moving the drivers to the Super Stock/Honda 120 class. Junior Novice to Junior Honda Plate and Senior Novice to Senior Honda. See table Charter Page 23 5-1. Senior Novice unrestricted weight 275.
- 5** For safety reasons, no more than eight cars may be entered in any Novice race.
- 6** One Safety Man shall be present on each corner for every Novice race.
- 7** During the Novice race, if a driver makes an infraction of a racing rule and the judges call it, the race will be stopped. The driver will be put to the back of the restart lineup, not given a black flag. An explanation will be given to the driver of what he did wrong and why it should not be done.
- 7. A** If the same driver makes a second infraction, he is out of the race.
- 8** On the first day of Novice competition, the driver shall be entered in all races at the back of the lineup of the race for which he has qualified regardless of qualifying position.
- 9** Infractions such as liberating fluids, dropping safety parts (as per judging rules), etc., are not driving infractions and drivers should not be given a second chance before disqualification. These infractions as always would result in immediate disqualification. The second time violation for disqualification relates only to driving offenses, such as chopping, charging, racing room and flagrant (obvious) violations.

Novice Committee

ARTICLE 3 LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Sec. 2 THE NOVICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- 1 Each Club of Quarter Midgets of America shall have a Novice Committee staffed by the Race Director, Club President, Technical Director, Safety Director, and Novice Instructor.
- 1.A If one of the committee members is absent, an alternate should be picked, at a given race day.

At Mini Indy, the Novice Committee is made up of the following:

Safety Director
Technical Director
Novice Flagman
Novice Race Director
Novice Director/Trainer

Approval Guidelines

The following is the steps for obtaining approval:

1. Handler must approach a member of the Novice Committee (as defined above) and inform them that they would like to seek Novice Committee approval to allow their driver to move up into the Stock/Honda class.
2. The Novice Committee member will inform the entire committee of the Handler's intention.
3. One or more members of the Novice Committee will be assigned to observe and provide the candidate Handler and/or driver with feedback based upon the following criteria:
 - Meets the minimum age to run the class.
 - Runs a consistent line lap after lap.
 - Lines up quickly.
 - Observes the lights and flags.
 - Consistently makes good and clean passes.
 - Show ability to react quickly to caution situations.

4. A driver must be observed and feedback provided by observation of the Novice Committee one of three ways:
 1. Novice Committee member(s) observes the driver for three race events in existing racing class.
 2. Novice Committee member(s) observes the driver for two race events in the existing class plus an observed practice session in the move up class.
 3. Recommendation from Novice Director of the Columbus Indoor Winter Series and a race observed by a representative of the Novice Committee.

Based upon the feedback from observing the candidates, the committee will vote to allow the candidate to move up. Mini Indy requires that a majority approval of the Novice Committee is needed before competing in the Stock/Honda class.

Escalation

In the event that the Novice Committee does not approve a move up, and the handler takes issue and does not feel that the decision was fair, escalation can be made to the BOD for review and/or approval. Feedback from the Novice Committee is to be provided to the BOD. Any BOD member that is part of the Novice Committee would abstain from the BOD vote.

Visiting Drivers

A validated Novice Card will allow a driver to compete in Stock, Honda and Modified Stock classes until a new card is issued by a Club Official.