

Section 1 – (Constitution)

Overview of this Book:

This book of rules is only the New South Wales (NSW) 125cc Constitution rulebook to assist the NSW's committee in organising and running the NSW 125cc club and State Title meetings. Construction and race rules are covered by the governing Australian Quarter Midget rulebook and overseen by the national committee.

1.1 Membership Qualifications

- (1) A member of the NSW Quarter Midget Association can be either a full paying voting member or a social non voting member.
- (2) A driver must be a full member.
- (3) A committee member must be a full member
- (4) A driver's Mechanic, family member or associate can either be a full member or social member.
- (5) A full voting member of the NSW Quarter Midget Association will 'only' become a member when they have signed an acceptance form to follow the rules and regulations set out in this rule book irrespective of whether they are financial.
- (6) Only full paying voting members can vote.
- (7) The committee must approve all membership applications.
- (8) No new club memberships will be accepted and processed within 14 days of the AGM.
- (9) No new club memberships will be accepted and processed on the day of the AGM for the season just completed.

1.2 Cessation of Membership

- (1) A person ceases to be a member of the association:
 - (a) at the end of a race season (as at the 1st July – annually)
 - (b) if the member is not financial;
 - (c) is expelled from the association

1.3 Fees and Subscriptions

- (1) A member of the association must be financial prior to racing or entering the pits.
- (2) A driver must be fully licensed and covered by insurance prior to racing.
- (3) Due to public liability insurance issues all 'non drivers' must have at least a mechanic or official NASR licence to enter the Gosford Raceway Pits and other venues where required.
- (4) Full voting membership - \$70.00
- (5) Social non-voting membership - \$20.00
- (6) Only full voting members will receive the club book constitution rules.
- (7) Only members of the Australian Quarter Midget Association will receive the Australian book of rules.

1.4 Members' Liabilities

- (1) The liability of a member of the association is to pay any fines, debts or liabilities promptly. Although, if a driver has incurred a fine from an offence they must pay this fine prior to the next race meeting to be eligible to drive.

1.5 Resolution of Internal Disputes (Off the track issues)

- (1) Disputes between members in their capacity as members of the association, and/or disputes between members and the association, are to be referred onto an agreed Conciliator or professional Arbitrator if a resolution cannot be agreed upon. Any costs are to be disbursed equally between the members involved.

1.6 Misconduct

NOTE: NASR race punishment rules will oversee issues 'on the track'.

NOTE: NSW Quarter Midget punishment rules will oversee issues 'off the track' for issues that in NSW at a club or State Titles.

- (1) All fines that occur in NSW will be deposited into the NSW's bank account and will act as sponsorship money to be spent as the committee sees fit.
- (2) Off the track issues in NSW can 'only' be dealt by the majority vote of the NSW Committee. The majority vote of the Committee have the option to put the vote of suspensions to all full members with the majority vote deciding guilt and length of punishment.

1.7 Disciplining of Members - (Off the track issues)

- (1) A complaint may be made by any member of the association that some other member of the association:
 - (a) has persistently refused or neglected to comply with a provision or provisions of these rules; or
 - (b) has persistently and wilfully acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the association.
- (2) On receiving such a complaint, the committee:
 - (a) must cause notice of the complaint to be served on the member concerned and;
 - (b) must give the member a maximum 14 days from the time the notice is served within which to make submissions to the committee in connection with the complaint;
 - (c) must take into consideration any submissions made by the member in connection with the complaint.
- (3) A majority vote of the committee may expel or suspend the member from membership of the association if, after considering the complaint and any submissions made in connection with the complaint it is satisfied that the facts alleged in the complaint have been proved. If the member under investigation is a committee member a majority vote by the association's full members is required to expel or suspend the member.
- (4) If the majority vote of the committee expels or suspends a member, the secretary must, within 7 days after the action is taken, cause written notice to be given to the member in question, the reasons given by the committee for having taken that action and the member's right of appeal.
- (5) The expulsion or suspension does not take effect:
 - (a) until the expiration of the period within which the member is entitled to appeal against the resolution concerned; or
 - (b) if within that period the member exercises the right of appeal, unless and until the association confirms the resolution, whichever is later.

1.8 Rights of Appeal of Disciplined Member - (Off the track issues)

- (1) A member may appeal against a resolution of the committee within 7 days after notice of the resolution is served on the member, by lodging with the Association's Secretary a notice to that effect.
- (2) The notice must be accompanied by a written statement detailing the grounds on which the member intends to rely for the purpose of the appeal.
- (3) On receipt of a notice of appeal from a member, the Secretary must notify the committee so that a general meeting of the association can be held within 28 days after the date the Secretary received the notice.
- (4) At a general meeting of the association convened under clause (3):
 - (a) no business other than the question of the appeal is to be transacted; and
 - (b) the committee and the member must be given the opportunity to state their respective cases orally or in writing, or both; and
 - (c) the members present are to vote by secret ballot on the question of whether the resolution should be confirmed or revoked.
- (5) The appellant must include a sum of \$200 cash with the notice of appeal at the time of lodgement, which will be deposited into the club's bank account.
- (6) If an appellant's appeal process is successful he or she will have their \$200 lodgement fee refunded.

1.9 Powers of the Committee

- (1) The committee is to control and manage the affairs of the association; and
- (2) May exercise all such functions as may be exercised by the association, other than those functions that are required by these rules to be exercised by a general meeting of the majority members of the association; and
- (3) Has the power to perform all such acts and do all such things as appear to the committee to be necessary or desirable for the proper management of the affairs of the association.

1.10 Constitution and Membership of Committee

- (1) The committee will consist of:
 - (a) President
 - (b) Vice President
 - (c) Secretary
 - (d) Treasurer
 - (e) Chief Steward
 - (f) Driver's Representative
- (2) Non committee members who will assist the committee at meetings, are:
Scrutineers, Lap Scorer, Steward Assistants and Crash Crew.
- (3) Each member of the committee is subject to these rules to hold office until the conclusion of the annual general meeting following the date of the member's election, but is eligible for re-election.
- (4) In the event of a casual vacancy occurring in the membership of the committee the committee may appoint a member of the association to fill the vacancy and the member so appointed is to hold office, subject to these rules, until the conclusion of the annual general meeting next following the date of the appointment.
- (5) It is encouraged for the membership of the committee to have vice roles for all positions mentioned in section (1).
- (6) The majority vote of full members has the power to introduce new positions to the committee at any stage.
- (7) All selected committee members who are non-drivers will have their membership

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fees reimbursed to them for their services prior to the following AGM.

- (8) A Head Steward will only be supplied by the club if required by the Promoter of a track.
- (9) In the event of a Head Steward must travel and requires accommodation at tracks the club will reimburse his accommodation and track costs. A levy will be shared amongst drivers at a track where this occurs.

1.11 Election of Committee Members

- (1) Nominations of candidates for elections are to be held at the annual general meeting.
- (2) All nominations must be seconded by at least by one member.
- (3) Where more than one nomination is presented for any position a secret ballot or show of hands is to be held and a majority vote wins the position.
- (4) If insufficient nominations are received to fill any of the positions on the committee the duties of the vacant positions will be shared amongst the committee members appointed.
- (5) The race Steward cannot be a participating driver.
- (6) To prevent any conflicts of interest the race steward cannot be related to any Driver.
- (7) As a minimum a race Steward must be available for all home races and the State Titles.
- (8) Office bearers can hold more than one position on the committee but the President 'cannot' be race steward.

1.12 Removal of Committee Members

- (1) The association in any general meeting may by resolution remove any committee member if the majority of the members have expressed serious concern regarding the committee member's performance of several race and/ or general meetings.
- (2) The committee member has the right to appeal his removal from office by notifying the association in writing and this appeal will be held before the next general association meeting.

1.13 Meetings and Quorum

- (1) All general meetings will be held at the racetrack.
- (2) Additional meetings of the association may be convened by the president or any other member of the committee.
- (3) 'A 12-month moratorium has been agreed to for all the NSW Quarter Midget Rules for the 2005/06 season for the senior cars'.
- (4) A 3-year moratorium has been voted in for the junior and 110cc cars.

1.14 Voting and Decisions

- (1) If members from NSW want to make a proposal to change the construction or race rules they will need to post their written proposal to the State Secretary at the latest 2 weeks prior to the NSW annual general meeting so the club can vote on it. If the majority agree with the proposal the proposal will be forwarded onto the national Secretary so the national committee can vote on it.
- (2) Resolutions at general meetings are to be determined by a majority vote of full members present at the meeting. Each member present at a meeting is entitled to one vote but, in the event of an equal amount of votes on any matter, the person presiding may exercise a second or casting vote

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- (3) At the Annual General Meeting each year the association's constitution must be updated to include all changes, additions and deletions that occurred throughout the year.

1.15 Holding of Annual General & General Meetings

- (1) The association must meet for an Annual General Meeting at least 2 months prior to the following season.
- (2) The committee must write to all full members of the completed season of the date and location of the AGM and any major additional or changed proposals to the rules and regulations.
- (3) The committee is encouraged to attract new members and past members of the NSW Quarter Midget Association by writing to them welcoming them to the AGM.
- (4) The committee must give all full members a list of dates, times and location of all general meetings for the up coming season at the AGM.

1.16 Notice

NOTE: NSW members have the power to change constitutional issues but only the majority vote of the national committee can change construction and or race rules.

1.17 Making of Decisions

- (1) All decisions about the NSW constitution or proposals to the national committee are all based on the majority vote.

1.18 Proxies

- (1) Proxies are 'NOT' allowed in any general or annual general meeting.

1.20 Vehicles

- (1) Any driver that point (6) is applicable to will need to obtain an independent Qualified Metal/Welding Engineer's report in writing stating that the car is safe prior to racing that car.
- (2) Any professional race car builder that earns a full time or part time living from building race cars or any qualified metal engineer's opinion will override the opinion of the Quarter Midget scrutineer unless that scrutineer has higher qualifications and has practical experience in building race cars.
- (3) Any new car built or major modification to race cars by people who are not legally 'ticketed' in welding must have that car assessed by a qualified car builder or Qualified Metal/Welder Engineer in writing stating that the vehicle is of sound construction. A copy of this letter must be lodged with the Committee prior to racing the car.
- (4) All letters about construction and safety of race cars must be displayed to any other driver if requested and by the driver or committee.
- (5) A driver can change 'any' vehicle part on a car at race meetings 'without' penalty except for changing motors or chassis's.
- (6) If a driver changes a motor or chassis within a race meeting he/she will be penalised by starting at the rear of field for 'one' race.

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1.21 Drivers

- (1) As a minimum requirement drivers must be at least 16 years old to be deemed as senior drivers.
- (2) There is no maximum age limit.
- (3) All drivers must be licensed to drive.
- (4) Any driver that wishes to compete in the State Championships must have driven at 3 meetings that season prior to the State Championships to be eligible.
- (5) All wheel chair drivers must supply one person to assist the crash crew at tracks such as Gosford where tow vehicles are not supplied.
- (6) A new driver to our club must drive at the rear in three meetings before they become eligible to draw from the hat.

1.22 Vehicle Classes

- (1) Both the 125cc and 110cc division will race together unless the Promoter can accommodate a third race for the 110cc division.
- (2) Juniors will race separately to seniors.
- (3) See the Australian Quarter Midget 125cc book for engine type and specs.
- (4) The 110cc division specifications are 'not' listed in this book – separate book.
- (5) The Junior division specifications are 'not' listed in this book – separate book.
- (6) If a new class of vehicle becomes available in the future the drivers of that class of vehicle may add or change any specification approved/ applicable to the original two classes of vehicles.
- (7) If a new class of vehicle becomes available in the future that new class of vehicle must receive an independent name from the current three divisions.
- (8) If a new class of vehicle becomes available it will still be deemed a NSW Quarter Midget with the Department of Fair Trading as per registration on the 14th January 1999.

Section 2 – (Race Procedures)

2.1 Flags, Light & Board Signals

- (1) See NASR race rulebook.

2.2 Race Starts

- (1) See NASR race rulebook.

2.3 Heats & Feature Race Positions

- (1) The first race positions will be determined by a draw from a hat.
- (2) The second race position will be reverse positions from the first race.
- (3) The quickest to the rear and slowest to the front will determine the positions for the subsequent races including the feature race.
- (4) When heats have starters missing and gaps in the grid are evident, then the starting grid is regrouped in their numerical order which must be done in the pits, not on the track.
- (5) If drivers can't get started on the track and the drivers must regroup the drivers directly behind the missing driver will move up.

2.4 Race Points & Championships

- (1) The standard point system for heats 1, 2 & 3 is:

1 st	20 points
2 nd	16 points
3 rd	15 points
4 th	14 points
5 th	13 points
6 th	12 points
7 th	11 points
8 th	10 points
9 th	9 points
10 th	8 points
11 th	7 points
12 th	6 points
13 th	5 points
14 th	4 points
15 th	3 points
16 th	2 points
17 th	1 point
18 th -	0 points
- (2) All 'Feature Race' placing's will receive an additional 5 points for the Club Championship point score.
- (3) The state championship will be held over one meeting only at a track to be determined by a majority vote of the full members.
- (4) The highest points accrued at a "State Championship" will determine positions in the feature race.
- (5) The winner of the "State Championship" will be awarded to the winner of the feature race.
- (6) The highest points accrued at the "Gosford/Christmas Cup" will determine positions in the feature race.

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- (7) The winner of the “Gosford Cup” will be awarded to the winner of the feature race.
- (8) Club Championship points will only apply to 75% of the overall club meetings, ie., if the club has 20 meetings only a drivers 15 highest point score meetings will count for Club Championship points. Alternately, if a driver runs 15 or less than 15 meetings all their meetings will count for Club Championship points.

2.5 Right to Protest

See NASR rule book.

2.6 Lodging of Protests

See NASR rule book.

2.7 Right to Appeal

See NASR rule book.

2.8 Notice of Appeal

See NASR rule book.

2.9 Hearing of Protests and Appeals

See NASR rule book.

2.10 Dead Heats

- (1) In the case of a dead heat the drivers concerned will receive equal points for that position.
- (2) In the case of a championship for first, second or third position, both drivers will receive a trophy.

2.11 Registered Numbers

- (1) Registered numbers available for allocation shall be from two onwards and numbers shall not be duplicated.
- (2) Fractional numbers are not permitted, nor may letters be appended except to designate state.

2.12 Inspection of Vehicles

- (1) Drivers and/ or owners shall submit their vehicles for inspection as and when required by the Machine Examiner(s)/ Scrutineer or specifications committee.
- (2) All vehicles must pass the minimum safety standards to be eligible to race.
- (3) No vehicle will race if the logbook of that vehicle has not been completed prior to race meeting on that day.

2.13 Getting Out of Car

See NASR rule book.

2.14 Dropping of Debris

See NASR rule book.

2.15 Accidents & Temporary Stoppages

See NASR rule book.

Section 3 – (Summary of Offences & Penalties)

NOTE:

- (i) **NASR** race rules will deal with issues ‘on the track’.
- (ii) NSW Quarter Midget rules will deal with issues ‘off the track’ that occur in NSW.
- (iii) All drivers are responsible for their mechanics, assistants or guests.
- (iv) A driver will be penalised for offensive behaviour committed by his assistants or guests.

3.1 Types of Offences - (Off the track issues)

- (1) Not obeying officials
- (2) Offensive conduct
- (3) Offensive language
- (4) Unbecoming behaviour of driver/ member

3.2 Punishments - (Off the track issues)

- (1) Disqualification of a driver/ car for a meeting
- (2) Infringement notices/ fines – (\$50 for first offence); (\$100 for second offence)
- (3) Loss of points for heat or meeting
- (4) Reprimand/ warning
- (5) Suspension from racing – (1 month to life expulsion)

3.3 Offence Penalties – (Off the track issues)

- (1) **Not obeying official:** Any driver or member that is given a reasonable direction that the member does not follow will be guilty of the offence.
- (2) **Offensive conduct:** Any driver, mechanic or member that throws tools, objects or makes offensive gestures to another driver, mechanic, member or family member will be guilty of the offence.
- (3) **Offensive language:** Any driver, mechanic or member that uses rude, crude or offensive language will be guilty of the offence.
- (4) **Unbecoming behaviour of driver/ member:** Any driver, mechanic or member that acts unethically or corruptly to undermine a committee member or the association in any way will be guilty of this offence.

Section 4 – (Specifications of Vehicles)

Note: See the national Australian 125cc Quarter Midget rule book for construction rules.