

Region 7 By-laws

Quarter Midgets Of America, inc.

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ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 **General**

Region 7 shall be composed of separate component Quarter Midget Clubs operating as local units, grouped together in seven states; Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska and Kansas.

Region 7 shall have the authority granted by, and recognized by, the Board of Directors of Quarter Midgets of America, Inc. to administer on a Regional and Local Level, all rules, regulations and decisions of Quarter Midgets of America, Inc.

SECTION 2 **Applicants**

Any persons 18 years of age or over and who is a paid member in good standing of a Quarter Midget Club belonging to Region 7 and has been accepted by their primary club shall be admitted as a member of Region 7.

ARTICLE II – OFFICE

SECTION 1 **Term of Office**

Each director shall serve for two (2) years and hold office until a successor is elected and qualified. The term of office shall begin January 1st of odd numbered calendar years.

SECTION 2 **Principal Location**

The principal office of Region 7 shall be in the city of the Regional Director. Region 7 may also have offices at such place or places as the Board of Region 7 may require may from time to time appoint for business of Region 7.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

SECTION 1 Meetings

The Region 7 meetings shall be held at least two times per year at a time and place prescribed by the Regional Director. Meetings of Region 7 may also participate in conference calls when needed and prescribed by the Regional Director.

SECTION 2 Special Meetings

Special meetings of Region 7 may be called at any time and place by the Regional Director.

SECTION 3 Notice

Notice of meetings shall be mailed, called or e-mailed by the Regional Director or Secretary of the Region to each Regional Board Officer and each Club President of Region 7, giving each club three weeks notice of said meeting and place.

SECTION 4 Quorum

At such meeting of Region 7, four (4) members of the Regional Board of Directors and six club delegates actually present shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 5 Voting

Voting at such meetings of Region 7, shall consist of a representative of each club and by the Regional Board Officers. A tie vote shall be broken by the Regional Director. However, in reference to the RCP voting process ONLY, the Regional Board Officers will not get a vote on the RCP's that are presented at the Region 7 meeting. Again, a tie vote of the clubs shall be broken by the Regional Director.

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1

The Regional Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) people; Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Secretary, Treasurer, Tech Director, Safety Director and Publicity Director who shall be elected by the clubs in Region 7 on odd numbered years.

SECTION 2

Any member of Region 7, in good standing, who desires to be a nominee for any of the seven (7) directorships, shall prepare a signed resume of his/her qualifications for the office they intend to run for and their intent to serve in that capacity. Only 1 person per QMA family membership can run for the Regional Board of Directors.

A member may be eligible to run for a position on the Region 7 Board if they are currently a member of Region 7 and have been a member in good standing for at least (2) years.

All resumes should be sent by the published deadline and received by the QMA National Secretary and QMA National Office.

Removal of any Regional Board of Directors in Region 7 will follow QMA By-Laws. Any vacancies by resignation of any board member in Region 7 may be filled by approval of the remaining Board of Directors and Club Presidents or representatives.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS DUTIES

Each Board member shall perform the duties of his office, including duties as a member of any committee of the board of QMA upon which the Board member may serve, in good faith, in a manner such Board member believes to be in the best interests of the Region and with such care, including reasonable inquiry, as an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances.

Immediately following the election of directors, the directors so elected shall work with present directors until they take office.

SECTION 1 Regional Director

The Regional Director shall:

- have the authority, granted and recognized by the Board of Directors of Quarter Midgets of America, to administer on a Regional and local level, all rules, regulations and decisions of Quarter Midgets of America;
- grant all QMA State Races and inform the QMA National Secretary of track locations, dates and results;
- make sure that all State Races are conducted according to proper rules and regulations as prescribed by QMA;
- attend or cause the Assistant Regional Director to be present at all State Races and to assist when requested;
- follow all rules and regulations of the “QMA Authorities and Responsibilities of Regional Directors” ; and
- be responsible for all Novice Training Programs in Region 7.

SECTION 2 Assistant Director

The Assistant Director shall:

- assist the Regional Director in all phases of Regional operations;
- in the absence of the Regional Director, assume the duties of the Regional Director; and
- carry out any duties assigned to him/her by the Regional Director or Regional Board.

SECTION 3 Secretary

The Secretary shall:

- be responsible for keeping a complete and accurate record of the activities of the Region and the Regional Board;
- keep minutes of all Regional business meetings and shall send these minutes via e-mail and hard copy to all Regional Officers and Club Presidents within the Region after the completion of the meeting;
- handle any correspondence requested by the Regional Director or other Regional officers;
- keep the Regional Director advised of all incoming and outgoing correspondence; and
- keep a current list of all members of all clubs within the Region, as well as a current list of the officers of these clubs.

SECTION 4 Treasurer

The Treasurer shall:

- keep a complete and accurate record of all financial transactions of the Region;
- keep the funds of the Region in a recognized bank or trust company; and
- furnish to all Regional Officers and to all clubs within the Region, a complete written financial report at each Regional business meeting and at the end of each calendar year.

Disbursements from the funds of the Region may only be made with the approval of the Regional Board of Directors. All accounts will have a double signature authority. Not more than 60 days, or less than 45 days before the beginning of the fiscal year, a budget will be presented to the Region 7 Board of Directors for approval.

SECTION 5 Technical Director

The Technical Director shall:

- handle the technical affairs of the Region;
- keep a complete list of all technical rules, regulations and interpretations of QMA;
- work close with the Technical Chairman of each club in the Region to insure their knowledge of and compliance with these rules;
- make rulings on local club requests for technical knowledge of and compliance with these rules;
- make rulings on a local club requests for technical knowledge;
- be available for consultation at all Regional QMA sanctioned events; and
- serve as a member of a committee headed by the National QMA Technical Director to assist in formulating, interpreting and administering the technical rules and regulations of QMA.

SECTION 6 Safety Director

The Safety Director shall:

- have charge of the safety of the sport within his Region;
- keep a complete list of current QMA rules, regulations, decisions and interpretations covering safety;

- share this information with the Safety Chairman of each club within the Region and make sure that all safety procedures are being followed;
- constantly be on the alert for and recommend changes or additions to existing rules or procedures which will provide greater safety for participants and spectators;
- advise any club or individual of any unsafe practices;
- insist on discontinuance of any unsafe practices or conditions;
- report to the Regional Director any failure to comply;
- serve as a member of a committee headed by the National QMA Safety Director to assist in formulating, interpreting and administering the Safety rules and regulations of QMA.

SECTION 7 Publicity Director

The Publicity Director shall:

- work with each club to head the publicity in Region 7 and be part of a committee headed by the National QMA Publicity Director;
- assist in formulating and carrying out plans and ideas to further the sport of quarter midget racing in the areas of publicity at local, regional and national levels.

SECTION 8 Compensation

No board member or club representative shall receive any compensation for their time and efforts on behalf of the Region, except for actual out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them on behalf of the region.

ARTICLE VI – REGION 7 BANK ACCOUNT/GENERATION OF FUNDS

A bank account will be established and maintained by the Treasurer of Region 7 and may be located in the city of the Treasurer. The purpose of the account will be to fund all costs associated with the operating expenses, administrative expenses, expenses associated with Annual QMA Meetings, advertising and promotion.

ARTICLE VII – REGIONAL QUALIFYING RACES

SECTION 1 States Race

All States Races in Region 7 shall be held the last part of the month of May. All non-hosting Clubs will shut down during a States Race weekend in Region 7. Region 7 will hold one (1) States Races on a rotation basis among each club in the Region.

ARTICLE VIII – ACCOUNTING BY REGION 7 OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

At the expiration of term of office, each Officer/Director shall account for and deliver to the Region, all the property and papers which may have come into their hands by reason of such office.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be amended or a new amendment adopted, by a two-thirds vote of those entitled to vote and present in person at a Region 7 meeting. Provided that such proposed new amendment be stated in full in the notice at the meeting. When such new amendment is properly placed before any meeting for consideration, it may, before final action thereon, be changed or amended by a majority vote, provided that the changes offered be germane to the subject covered by the amendment