

Silver City Quarter Midget Club

835 Hanover Rd
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New Member Guide
2024

*This is not meant to take the place of the Silver City Club Rules or QMA Rules - just simplify the main expectations and lay out the requirements of being a member of Silver City Quarter Midget Club.

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Welcome to the family!

This is the 66th season of racing at Silver City Quarter Midget Track! Originally opened in 1958 as a dirt track, only one year later the track was paved with asphalt and the following season, in 1960, the racing you are now a part of began. The track has been repaved two times - once in 1975, and again 46 years later in 2021 setting the club up for many more years of successful race seasons!

There are currently 11 tracks registered as QMA tracks throughout North America. Silver City is not only the oldest remaining QMA track still in operation, but one of only two QMA tracks in operation on the East Coast. Over its lifetime, the track has hosted the Eastern Grands 5 times (1984, 1988, 1994, 2008, & 2022)!

Silver City is also home to several familiar names to the racing world such as Ryan Preece (Berlin, CT) from the NASCAR Xfinity series, David Gravel (Watertown, CT) from the World of Outlaws Series, Doug Coby (Milford, CT) from the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, and Joey Logano (Portland, CT) from the NASCAR Cup Series. Silver City's 3rd Eastern Grands in 2008 also hosted the sons of two of NASCAR's popular racers - Ryan Blaney (son of David Blaney) and Harrison Burton (son of Jeff Burton).

2021 also brought a partnership with the newly established Region 1 Quarter Midget Alumni Association and the introduction of the Driver Development Program that has boosted the club's car counts immensely.

With the hard work of the Board of Directors, club members, extended families, volunteers, partners, and sponsors, Silver City is ready for another year of growth and great racing for the 2024 season!

Novice Member Information

Completion of Novice Training, given by a competent instructor, is mandatory for all new drivers. Training schedule can be found in Appendix “B”.

The 2024 Novice Lead Instructor is :

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The lead will work with the designated Novice Committee and Novice Move-Up Committee to train and conduct reviews of drivers as their skills progress to determine which drivers will be eligible to graduate from their status as a Novice and move into a “competitive class”.

General Information : {Pages 28 - 30 in QMA 2024 Rule Book}

- **Junior Novice** (ages 5 - 8) : **Red** restrictor plate
- **Advanced Novice** (ages 9 - 17. Ages 5-8 can move up to advance novice with the approval of the novice director after participating in Junior novice) : **Blue** restrictor plate

Move-Up Information : {Pages 26 - 30 in QMA 2024 Rule Book}

- Novice drivers can be graduated and moved to competitive classes after participating in at least 3 events and w/ approval of Novice Move-Up Committee. {Page 29 in QMA 2024 Rule Book - Section 6, #2}
- Novice drivers are eligible to move-up to Jr./Sr. Honda, Jr. Animal, and Jr. 160 based on age requirements and approval within Novice year. All other classes will require approval from Novice Move Up Committee as rules state a driver must run one 12 month period upon graduation from the novice class before competing in these classes. {Page 26, 1 (G) in 2024 QMA Rulebook}
- Each Novice qualifying to move-up must complete or update the QMA Move Up Form {Appendix “D”} as well as have a current year safety sheet completed by the Safety Director or committee member for the new class to be run. Both documents must be provided to the Secretary and Tower Lead by the end of pre-registration Thursday night before race weekend {Silver City Club Rule 67}

- All graduated Novices will start tail (heat & 1st main) for the first race day in their new class regardless of qualifying position.

***Novice Move Up Committee is comprised of :** Novice Lead Instructor, Club President, Race Director, Safety Director, & Tech Director

WHAT ARE MY RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER?

The club is self-run by our members and functions as a volunteer not for profit organization. We have no paid employees and each member is expected to contribute to the general operation of the track. Help is required in the following areas including but not limited to : scoring, concession, flagging, race directing, safety, grounds maintenance, tech, etc.

We have an elected Board of Directors which helps to coordinate and schedule everything so the race days run smoothly. There are also many “behind the scenes” non-race day duties that need to be fulfilled. There is something for everyone to be a part of.

Memberships : *Each year* you must complete a new membership for Silver City as well as QMA. It's within your best interest to complete the club membership before October 31st if you know you will be racing next season. (Read below)

*From this point forward, the **Member In Good Standing** term describes any member that has paid all local and national dues/fees/fines etc. and has completed all duties required by the club and organization, and is not currently serving a suspension {Rule 37 in Silver City Club Rules}.

*More specifically you must complete all assigned duties (concession & tower), complete all required work parties(1 Spring & 1 Fall), and participate on 2 committees (1 race day & 1 non-race day).

1. **Join Silver City Junior Motorsports** - \$100 before October 31st, \$125 after October 31st (additional fees apply if paying by credit card)
 - a. To remain “a member in good standing” you must pay club dues before January 1st of following season

- b. To run for a Board of Directors position, you must renew your membership before the October meeting of the current year (when nominations are made).
2. **Join QMA - \$200 + fees**
 - a. To be eligible to run for a Board of Directors position, your membership must be renewed by the October meeting of the current year (when nominations are made).

Work Parties : Each year you must complete ONE Spring work party and ONE Fall work party. These work parties help get the track set to open and cleaned up to close for the off-season. If you are unable to complete any of the required work parties, please reach out to a Board member and they can assign other work to fulfill this responsibility.

Committees : Each member family is responsible to sign-up and participate in two committees throughout the season. One must be a race day committee, the other a non-race day committee. If you do not sign up by the completion of the March Club Meeting, the Board of Directors will assign you to a committee that is still in need of support.

- **Race Day Committees** (may not be a complete list) : Tower, Tech, Safety/Pole Barn, Flagging, Concession, Set Up/Take Down, Race Director, Trophies, Restrooms, 50/50 & Raffles, Grounds, Novice
- **Non-Race Day Committees** (may not be a complete list) : Safety, Grounds, Publicity, Points, Finance, Banquet/End of Year Planning, Novice

Duties : Completing assigned duties is essential to making the race day go as smoothly as possible. Every family needs to do their part!

1. **Concession** : Members are responsible for filling an established number of Concession Stand duties during the race season and are expected to sign-up prior to opening day - an email will be sent when sign-ups are open. {Silver City Club Rule 22}
2. **Tower** : Members are responsible for filling an established number of Tower duties during the race season and are expected to sign up prior to opening day - an email will be sent when sign-ups are open. {Silver City Club Rule 63}
3. **Judging** : Each member family is responsible for filling judging/cornering duties each race day. If you are not in your designated position prior to hot laps, your driver will be put to the back of the next entered race day. {Silver City Club Rule 36}

Tower Training : Each new member is responsible for completing Tower Training during the race season IN ADDITION to assigned tower duties. Members are expected to sign up for a training date prior to opening day - an email will be sent when sign-ups are open. {Silver City Club Rule 40}

Off Site Requirement : All members must work at least one off-site (not at Silver City) or Arrive & Drive promotional event per year {Silver City Club Rule 58}.

Other Helpful Information

Race Day Sign-Ins : {Silver City Club Rule 2}

- \$20 for 1st car; \$15 for additional cars (per driver)
- \$15 transponder rental if you don't provide your own (per weekend)

Numbering of Cars : {Silver City Club Rule 9}

All cars will have 3 numbers plainly visible from the tower on the : 1) left side cowl (left front near switch), on the right side rear bonnet, and on the middle of the hood. Paper numbers will be issued as necessary.

End of Year Awards : {Silver City Club Rule 13}

1. A driver must participate in at least 60% of the point races to receive a points trophy.
2. A driver must participate in at least 40% of the season's races to be recognized at the year-end banquet and receive a driver's gift.

Membership Meetings : {Silver City Club Rule 39 & 47}

Silver City holds 11 club meetings per year (excluding December). You should attend as many of these meetings as possible. New members will be eligible to vote in QMA and/or Silver City matters only AFTER they have attended their fifth (5th) monthly club meeting.

Participant Conduct & Social Media Policy : {Page 49-51 in 2024 QMA Rulebook}

QMA Members, families and handlers at QMA-sanctioned events are always expected to conduct themselves in a professional and non-disruptive manner. As a

representative of Silver City, that expectation carries over when participating in travel races as well. Members are also expected to maintain professional and non-disruptive behavior while posting on the internet or participating on any form of social media platform, including that behavior of children under 18yrs of age in your care. KEEP IN MIND that ANY of your, or your child's, conduct that adversely affects QMA, our track partners, our sponsors and all other members and participants of QMA may result in disciplinary action up to and including suspension.

Appendix “A” – 2024 Board of Directors

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Appendix "B"- 2024 Race Schedule

*Schedule Subject to Change

MARCH

- 9 Spring Clean-Up Work Party
- 16 Spring Clean-Up Work Party
- 23 Spring Arrive & Drive
- 24 Rain Date
- 30 Week 1 of Novice Training

APRIL

- 6 Week 2 of Novice Training
- 13 Week 3 of Novice Training
- 20 Week 4 of Novice Training
- 27 Earl Wilcox Memorial Race
- 28 Rain Date

MAY

- 4 Club Race
- 11 Off Weekend - Support Little T's Titan Series Race
- 18 Club Race - Novice Graduation & Super Features
- 24 - 26 Lou Sherman Memorial States Race

JUNE

- 1 Club Race
- 8 - 9 Closed - Legion Event
- 15 Closed - Grands Prep
- 19 - 23 Eastern Grand Nationals
- 29 Off Weekend

JULY

- 6 Club Race
- 13 Club Race - We Are Silver City - Team Races
- 14 Rain Date
- 19 - 21 Meriden 300
- 27 Closed - Legion Event

AUGUST

- 2 - 4 Super Feature Weekend
- 10 Club Race
- 16 Off Weekend
- 24 Club Race
- 25 Rain Date
- 30 - 1 Racingpalooza

SEPTEMBER

- 7 Club Race
- 14 Off Weekend
- 21 Club Race
- 22 Fall Arrive & Drive
- 27 - 29 Titan Series - Round 7

OCTOBER

- 4 - 6 Eagle Race of Champions
- 12 Club Race
- 13 Rain Date
- 18 - 20 Off Weekend - Support Oaklane's Pumpkin Race
- 25 - 27 Pumpkin Race

NOVEMBER

- 1 - 3 Off Weekend - Support GSQMRC Turkey Derby
 - 9 Fall Clean-Up
- * Points Race

2024 SCHEDULE



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Appendix “C” – Driver Ages and Weights by Class/Division

{Page 27 in QMA 2024 Rulebook}

CLASS	DIVISION	DRIVER AGE (min.)	DRIVER WEIGHT (min.)	COMBINED WEIGHT (min.)	CAR
Novice	Junior	5 - 8	N/A	250 lbs.	160 lbs.
Novice	Advanced	5 - 17	N/A	260 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda	Junior	5 - 8	N/A	250 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda	Senior	9 - 17	N/A	290 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda	Heavy	9 - 17	100 lbs	340 lbs.	160 lbs.
Animal	Junior	5 - 8	N/A	250 lbs.	160 lbs.
Animal	Senior	9 - 17	N/A	290 lbs.	160 lbs.
Animal	Heavy	9 - 17	100 lbs	340 lbs.	160 lbs.
Mod		9 - 17	N/A	275 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda 160	Junior	5 - 8	N/A	250 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda 160	Light	9 - 17	N/A	290 lbs.	160 lbs.
Honda 160	Heavy	9 - 17	100 lbs.	340 lbs.	160 lbs.
B		9 - 17	N/A	295 lbs.	160 lbs.
World Formula	Light	9 - 17	N/A	290 lbs.	160 lbs.
World Formula	Heavy	9 - 17	100 lbs.	340 lbs.	160 lbs.
Half	Junior	11 - 17*	N/A	350 lbs.	170 lbs.
<p>*NOTE : Eleven to thirteen-year old drivers must have approval from the Novice Committee for a 1/2 Class. *World Formula drivers may NOT start until they are 9 years of age.</p>					

Appendix “D”- Driver Class Move-Up Approval

Driver Class Move-Up Form



DRIVER CLASS MOVE-UP APPROVAL

DRIVER NAME: _____

DRIVER AGE: _____ DRIVER QMA #: _____

HANDLER NAME: _____

CLUB: _____ HANDLER QMA #: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

The above driver has been reviewed by the undersigned as being experienced and capable enough to run an upper class motor as long as this driver also fits within the age bracket. The Class, this handler is requesting for his driver to run is (please circle):

Honda 160 Sr Animal Hwy Animal Mod B AA WF Modified WF

PARENT/HANDLER (print)

PARENT/HANDLER (signature)

NOVICE DIRECTOR (print)

NOVICE DIRECTOR (signature)

CLUB PRESIDENT (print)

CLUB PRESIDENT (signature)

REGION DIRECTOR (print)

REGION DIRECTOR (signature)

(1) Copy - club level, (1) copy - Regional Director, (1) copy National Office

Appendix “E” – Resources

Silver City Resources :

[Silver City Homepage](#)

[Silver City Club Rules](#)

[Silver City Bylaws](#)

[Silver City Points Rules](#)

[Silver City Facebook Page](#)

[Silver City Track Members Page](#)

[Silver City Club Calendar](#)

Quarter Midgets of America Resources :

[QMA Homepage](#)

[2024 QMA Rulebook](#)

Document Resources :

[QMA Participant Policy](#) this link not updated yet on QMA website (2024 PARTICIPANTS/SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY for QMA Participant Conduct is found on page 49 in the 2024 QMA Rule Book on their website)

[Driver Class Move-Up Form](#)

[Protest Form](#)