



## REGION 9 NEWSLETTER

Hello quarter midget families.

At this point in the season, most clubs have started their novice training classes and everyone is gearing up for the start of the season. The Novice Challenge will be held April 8<sup>th</sup> at Little Wheels. This event is open to all novices in the region. If you have a returning novice from 2016, they can only race the Novice Challenge if they didn't race in it last season. Go to [www.littlewheelsqma.com](http://www.littlewheelsqma.com) for more information.

QMA just sent out an announcement regarding Dunlop tires. Russell Karting, the company that handles the Dunlop tires for QMA, has had issues getting the tires out of Japan. My hope is that the tire issue is resolved before any of our clubs start their season but the National/Regional officers have been working on a plan incase this issue continues past the sunset date. Here is their announcement:

### **Important Announcement from the National Board of Directors**

As many of you are aware there is currently a shortage of Dunlop tires available to our racing families. The issue stems from a delay on the shipping of the tires from overseas. Please be advised that the National Board is aware of this issue and is working diligently with the vendor Russell Karting Specialties, Inc. to resolve this issue.

In an effort to assist our racers until this issue is resolved and the Dunlop tire becomes available, we are allowing a Hoosier tire to be run with the QMA Dunlop tire. The Hoosier tire must be a A35-NY1 and can be run from the time period of March 13, 2017 to April 12, 2017.

We regret that this impacts our racing families and wish all of you success as you begin

your racing season. As soon as additional information becomes available we will share that with our membership.

**National Board of Directors**  
**Quarter Midgets of America**

The National Board sent out a Survey Monkey survey asking questions about prior experiences with the Grands. To date, they've had about 215 responses. The Survey Monkey link was sent to your email at the end of February. Please take some time to fill it out. If you didn't get the email, let me know and I'll send you a link to it.

Rulebooks should be mailed out to clubs this week. I ask that all clubs continue to follow the rulebook. I think that Region 9 is in pretty good shape as far as following the rules but there have been some clubs across the country that feel it's ok to deviate from the rulebook and that has caused several issues of late.

A new rule that will be sent out soon is that kids will no longer be able to race if they have a hard cast (even with a doctor's note). Soft casts will be allowed with a doctor's note.

Helmet expiration schedule is as follows for both SA and SFI helmets:

2005 helmets will expire on December 31, 2017

2010 helmets will expire on December 31, 2021

2015 helmets will expire on December 31, 2026

Your club presidents have been forwarded the 2017 R9 Format and Bylaws. Changes to each are as follows:

Format:

- Entry fees haven't changed. The amount the club pays the region for a region race has been changed to \$9/regular car, \$3/novice
- The trophy awards have been changed to
  - A main – top 4 will trophy

- All lower mains – trophy for winner, award for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>
- The last region race of the season will be a qualifier regardless of which club hosts it
- Only the handler and their designee will be allowed in the tech area along with tech officials

#### Bylaws

- A definition has been added to indicate who will be eligible for a retirement award

Let me know if you have any questions and I look forward to a great 2017 season!

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