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## 1) Track Access

- a) Racing will be conducted in accordance with the Club's current sanctioning body's rules, racing and scoring procedures, and specifications/ regulations applying to all classes unless otherwise specified in our Club Documents. All Members are responsible to be familiar with current sanctioning body's rules. Only Members of the current sanctioning body will be allowed to use the track whether for practice or racing and must adhere to all safety, car and engine specifications, or face possible suspension
- b) No members of any kind will be permitted to use the track when the track is closed. Any member found tampering with locks or gates, or using the track while it is closed will be subject to the violation / action-suspension terms as outlined in LTQMC Bylaws.
- c) The racing season will be from the beginning of March to October, unless otherwise specified.

## 2) Member Responsibilities and Committee Duties

- a) All off-season meetings will commence at 10 AM on the last Saturday of each month from January through November, unless otherwise specified. During the racing season, meetings may be held at the track. No children allowed at clubhouse meetings unless they are an approved handler. All returning Little T memberships must be submitted (mailed or emailed) with payment by January 1st or pay a late fee of \$50.
- b) All new rookie drivers and handlers are required to complete the Rookie Training Program given by Little T Safety Instructor. Rookies should be defined as a family/driver that has never joined a quarter midget track or completed any rookie training. Rookie drivers must be 5 years old and have graduated from the Rookie Training Program before they are allowed on the track to compete in heats and mains.
- c) Rookies may be grouped for heats based upon their ability at the discretion of the Rookie Committee.
- d) Re-rookies who have already graduated from rookie training are eligible to practice once they have completed a work party.
- e) Each Member claiming Little T Quarter Midget Club as their home track will be required to participate in at least one (1) FOUR hour work party, unless released, to ready the track for the racing season or pay a \$150.00 track maintenance fine. Until this requirement is met your car(s) will not be allowed to access the track to practice or to participate in any racing program. Renewing Members who join after May 1st will be assessed a \$150.00 fine for not participating in the work party. A list of all tasks required to ready the track for the racing season will be posted on a sign-up sheet and emailed to all members to allow for members to sign up for individual tasks. Each member is required to have their individual task signed off as completed by a member of the Board of Directors or the committee head.

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- f) Any Member meeting club requirements will be allowed to practice from 8 a.m. to dusk except during organized club events or restricted dates.
- g) A Member of each family must participate in a committee for weekly track operation. 24 hours' notice must be given if a Member is unable to fulfill their assigned duty for the upcoming race weekend. An email or text should be sent to the following individuals: the Board Member overseeing the Committee and the Club Secretary (all contact information provided on the website – [LittleTSpeedway.org](http://LittleTSpeedway.org)). Confirmation that your email or text was received will be sent by the Club's Secretary.
- h) Failure to fulfill your assigned duties or find an approved replacement \$150.00 per incident. A second offense will result in a monetary fine of \$150.00 and a penalty of all cars under that Membership starting tail for Heats at the next race sign-in. Car(s) under said Membership will not be signed in until all fines are paid. Committee Member's duty will be rescheduled for the next race event in addition to their fine/penalty. Thus the fine and penalty assessed will not get a Member out of their commitment, just postpone their commitment.
- i) Emergencies can and do happen, if an unforeseen event prevents a family from performing their assigned duties, the Member must notify the Board Member overseeing the Committee, and the Club Secretary via email or text (all contact information provided on the website ([littlespeedway.com](http://littlespeedway.com))). Confirmation that your email or text was received will be sent by the Club's Secretary. The President will have the authority to waive the fine and/or penalty.
- j) A Member of each family (excluding Rookie families) is required to work a minimum of 3 shifts in the Snack Shack, except Club President, Race Stewards, full-time Flaggers and full-time Tower Members. A Member of each family will be required to work a minimum of 1 shift in the tower (Heats or Mains), except for full-time Snack Shack Members. Failure to fulfill family Snack Shack or tower shift duties or find family replacement will result in same fines as described in Club Rule # 11.
- k) Rookie families are required to work 10 shifts in the Snack Shack. Failure to fulfill your assigned duties or find an approved replacement for your committee prior to that day will result in a monetary fine of \$150.00 per incident. A second offense will result in a monetary fine of \$150.00 and a penalty of all cars under that Membership starting tail for Heats at the next race sign-in. Car(s) under said Membership will not be signed in until all fines are paid. Committee Member's duty will be rescheduled for the next race event in addition to their fine/penalty. Thus the fine and penalty assessed will not get a Member out of their commitment, just postpone their commitment.
- l) The full time Member / Members responsible for everyday operations of the snack shack and tower have the authority to put operational guidelines in place to insure safe food practices, portion control, cleaning protocols, approving or finding appropriate coverage and changing work schedules etc. If a Member cannot or refuses to follow operational guidelines, said Member will not be

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permitted to work on that committee and a replacement will be assigned. Person removed will be reassigned to a different committee.

- m) Each full-time membership holder (family) is required to participate in fundraising activities for the club. The minimum fundraising requirement for each family will be determined at the first meeting of the calendar year as voted on and approved by the club membership with a cap not to exceed \$150.0. Families may participate in the fundraising activity or pay a by-out fee equal to the minimum annual fundraising amount. Families that do not turn in fund raising money by the due date established by the Board will not be allowed to enter any race until they pay the fundraising in full.
- n) Each family must actively participate in at least one promotion day every year for a minimum of 2 hours or pay a \$100.00 buyout.
- o) If you have not participated in an Arrive and Drive event during the current race season, you will not be permitted to practice on Arrive and Drive dates. Once you have participated in an Arrive and Drive event, you will be eligible to practice on future Arrive and Drive dates.
- p) Failure to pay any fines owed will result in loss of racing privileges until fine is paid and loss of accumulated track points at the end of the points season.
- q) No member will be allowed to register and/or attend the yearly banquet if said member owes any outstanding fines. All outstanding fines must be paid prior to registering for the yearly banquet.
- r) All members and non-members (visiting families from other tracks, but NASCAR YOUTH SERIES members) who sign-in to run a car are required to do a committee while at the track that day, excluding Northeast Titan Series Families on Regional Weekend. By out option of \$50.00 and failure to comply will result in a \$50.00 penalty.

### 3) Race Day Activities

- a) On race day, racing will start as scheduled unless otherwise specified. Sign-ins will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Late sign-ins will be an additional \$10.00 per car and the car(s) will start tail for all heats. No sign-ins after the green flag is thrown for the 1st heat of the day.
- b) Sign-In fees per meet are \$20.00 per car.
- c) All heat races will follow NASCAR YOUTH SERIES roll and go procedure, if conditions permit.
- d) When time trialing; a car is considered to be on the track once it passes the colored line by the flag stand.
- e) A time clock shall be used during all racing events held at LTQMC with the exception of cup races. Should time expire under green flag racing, racing will continue until the next yellow, red or checkered flag. In the event the yellow or red flag is thrown the field will be restarted with 2 laps remaining and allowed 3 attempts at a green – white –checkered finish. Should the field not complete the race after 3 green – white–checkered attempts the yellow and checkered flags shall be displayed, finishing the race.

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- f) Timing Events: if the transponder fails (rental or owned), the car will retime within 3 spots or less.
- g) Classes with 5 cars or less will be allowed 5 lap work rule.
- h) If during a warm-up period preceding an A-Z Main Event, no heat races, any car sustains damage due to an accident, an additional 5 minute repair period will be given if requested by the handler of a damaged car. The repair period will only be given one per race and the damage must have occurred prior to the call for line-up by the flag person (i.e. Accidents occurring after the flag person calls for a line-up and prior to the green flag dropping will not be eligible for the 5 minute repair period). If the 5 minute repair period is requested and granted by the Race Steward or his assistant, the black flag will be displayed at the end of the warm-up period. All cars exit the track to the hot chute. No cars allowed on the track during this repair period. All cars may be worked on during the repair time without penalty. At the end of the 5 minute repair time or when all handlers announce that they are ready, whichever comes first, all cars will enter the track and line-up in the original line-up order. Any car that is not running under its own power when the flag person calls for a line-up will start at the rear of the field. If after this repair period and before the green flag drops, a car enters the track and then for any reason leaves the track it will be considered late and will be started at the rear of the field. This does not apply to sanction races.
- i) Blue rookies will follow the 3-strike procedure, except Regionals/Nationals.
- j) Field size for Non-NYS A-mains will be voted on by the club at the beginning of the season and cannot be changed during the season unless voted on and approved by the club membership.
- k) Participants in red plate division must first complete the red and blue rookie training process as required for all other drivers. Once they have satisfied requirements then they may participate in the red plate division or other division as always.

### **4) Safety Inspections / Car Specifications / Tech Requirements**

- a) Safety inspections are highly recommended before any car is allowed on the track to practice, but must be inspected prior to competition. Inspections will be made during the racing season to ensure that all cars continually meet safety requirements. All safety inspections will include all driver safety gear: in accordance with the club's current sanctioning body's safety rule. It is the responsibility of the handler to have their car re-inspected when a class change occurs.
- b) All drivers' safety related equipment must meet or exceed the Club's current sanctioning body's rules.
- c) Approved wrist restraints are mandatory and must be fastened to the quick release latch or clipped over the male end of the seat belt so as not to hamper fast exit from the car, as per Club 's current sanctioning body's rules.
- d) The above safety equipment is mandatory at all times when on the track, including victory laps, including non-race days. Failure to comply will be considered disorderly conduct, and will result in race day disqualification.

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- e) Two handlers per car will be allowed in the hot-chute. All drivers will be fully suited and strapped into their cars in that area, except during fueling.
- f) No videotaping or photography of any kind can be operated by a spectator or handler in the hot chute. In car cameras can be mounted in cars following the sanctioning bodies rules on camera mounting. (Inside the cage, out of the driver's sightline). All camera mounting must be inspected during preseason inspection by the safety director. If a camera is added after preseason inspection, the camera and mounting equipment must be inspected before the car is cleared to race. If the camera falls off during a race it will result in a Race Day DQ.
- g) 4 Cycle: no car shall be permitted to operate on the track at any time unless properly muffled with one or more 5 h.p. Briggs and Stratton #294599 mufflers or one of the same dimensions, and approved by the technical Committee. No tips, extensions or reversals allowed.
- h) Honda: Refer to Honda Tech Manuals
- i) No foreign substances will be allowed to be injected or aspirated at any engine class.
- j) No cooling devices allowed for fuel. Methanol is allowed in AA class only. No additional additives or oxygenating substances shall be allowed. All fuels must pass the current sanctioning body's procedure for fuel testing.
- k) Anytime the clock is out with the possibility of track records being broken, fuel must be provided by the club for timing, at the discretion of the Tech Director. Track Fuel must be used in order to establish a new track record. Tech Director may choose a gas station for fuel to be purchased at and require verification of purchase (receipt).
- l) All cars must have side panels in place while racing.
- m) No illegal oil additives per the clubs current sanctioning body's rules.
- n) The current sanctioning body's tires shall be the specified tires used for all racing at Little T Speedway.
- o) All cars must have at least 4 numbers, one on the right side of the tail cone, one on the left side of the tail cone, one on the left side panel, and one on the hood. The only exception will be for cars with a flat rear panel. Paper numbers will be issued by the Club on race day. Cars transferring must remove original number before taping transfer number on car.
- p) Anytime there is a time trial you must seal your engine
- q) Rookie switches are MANDATORY
- r) No part of a drivers helmet or body may extend outside the shoulder bar at anytime of the race track.

### **5) Weekly Rewards / Feature Races / Track Records**

- a) Weekly awards (including Fall Finale Weekend) will be dispensed as follows for all divisions (Rookie and higher): 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for A-Main.
- b) Feature races will have the "Cup Trophies" for top three finishers. Must have minimum 3 cars signed-in and attempt to qualify to run a featured cup race.
- c) Little T maintains Rookie Only yearly track records (separate records). Whenever the clock is out, with the exception of super feature time trialing, all Rookie track

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records will be open. A special award will be given at the Banquet to the members of our club who hold yearly track record for Red and Blue Rookie. Rookie track records will be retired and archived each year.

- d) Rookie drivers who did not move up into a competitive division during the previous race season must start the next race season in the rookie division, at least for Opening Day, unless the Safety Director/Rookie Trainer has evaluated the rookie driver prior to the start of the season and determined that they may advance to a competitive division for Opening Day.
- e) At the time of podium pictures, drivers are to be in their suits. First violation is a warning, second violation is a \$50.00 fine

### 6) Protests

- a) Any on track calls or decisions may not be protested
  - i) Posting of a \$150.00 cash bond and/or the cost of fuel testing will be required for challenging fuel's legality. The cash fee must accompany the protest and must be in writing. If the protest is withdrawn, no refund will be issued. The only member who can challenge an engine's or fuel's legality is one who is racing in that race on that given day.
  - ii) If the fuel is found legal, the bond and the testing fee will be forfeited. If the fuel is found illegal, the club will return the 150.00 bond to the member who posted it, and fine the offender the cost of testing and prohibit said member from participating in further races until the fine is paid.
  - iii) At the discretion of the Technical Committee, when an engine is found illegal, a suspension will be recommended based on the club's current sanctioning body's rule. In addition, if it is a repeat violation further action will be taken. The Technical Committee and/or Race Committee shall have the power to check an engine or fuel for legality at any time. At least one Technical person must be present at any tear down.
  - iv) No driver whose engine or fuel is found illegal, will be allowed to retain any points or awards that day in the class (or classes) in which it was found illegal, nor will any driver, car or combination found underweight, be allowed to retain points or awards that day. Said drivers will be treated as a technical black flag or disqualified for line-up purposes, i.e. handicapping. Cannot be used as a drop.
- b) Tire or any other types of protests will be handled in accordance with the current sanctioning body's guidelines.

### 7) Year End Banquet

- a) A club meeting will be held to determine the dollar amount to be allocated for the Banquet budget and for the expense of awards.
- b) Division trophies will be awarded to all eligible drivers in each division, provided the driver has participated in at least 75% percent of the season's points races (sanctioned events INCLUDED) or at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Any rookie that moves into a competitive division within their rookie year will have the option to receive a trophy from that competitive division or a rookie trophy

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providing they still participated in 75% of the current season's races. Any non-Rookie driver that moves from one division class to another during the season (ex. Sr. Honda to Lt 160) will have the option to choose which division he/she will receive a trophy in provided that the driver competed in at least 75% of the season's points races between the 2 divisions.

- c) Part-time drivers and drivers who have retired from the Little T are not eligible for points. Points will be noted as finished for that driver but dropped at the end of the year. Points will not be recalculated based on the retiring drivers winning points.
- d) In order to receive a "Retiring Driver Award" a club registered driver must have raced as a **Little T Quarter Midget Club** driver for at least 3 years. If the registered driver has less than 3 years, they have the option to purchase an award.
- e) The "Hoenig Family Sportsman of the Year Award" will be presented each year to the driver(s) who has exhibited the qualities of fairness, generosity, helpfulness and responsibility without envy of others. Candidates will be nominated by any club member in writing stating the reasons why he/she deserves this honor. Selection will be made by the Hoenig Family. The announcement will not be made public prior to the banquet. The recipient will receive an individual award as well as having his/her name inscribed on the permanent memorial plaque. The candidate must be a LTQMC driver. All Little T Quarter Midget Club drivers are eligible.
- f) Each year, the Club will present two (2) awards for "Most Improved Male Driver" and "Most Improved Female Driver" at the annual Banquet. This award will be voted upon by the drivers the day of the Banquet.
- g) The Club will present one award for "Handler of the Year" at the annual Banquet. This award will be voted upon by the Club members.

### 8) General Club Rules

- a) All expenditures concerning track and Club operational expenses must be approved by the President or Vice President and Treasurer. Receipts must be provided and approved by the Club President.
- b) The Club President will meet with Track Officials at least once every year, at the beginning of their term, to keep communications open and negotiate rents. The previous Board and the new Board will meet the 2nd Friday of December to hand off their jobs to the next Board, any pass codes or log in.
- c) All problems or complaints should be called to the attention of the Club President or Board of Directors. Never the property owner of the Little T Speedway.
- d) Little T Speedway reserves all rights to events, images, and descriptions on and off the track during the activities relating to and the events conducted by Little T Speedway, Thompson, CT. Photography, electronic images, and/or videotaping for sale or broadcast to the general public, is prohibited without the express written permission of the Little T Quarter Midget Club. Contact the current Club President.



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- e) All non-towing vehicles, except handicap vehicles, are not allowed down the hill on race day. One trailer and 1 vehicle on race day per family.
- f) All vendors must have prior approval from the Board of Directors before doing business on track premises. The vendor's Sales Tax License Number must be supplied to the Club's Secretary prior to Board approval.
- g) The septic system needs to be pumped out annually.
- h) Track Records always open anytime there is a time trial as long as all cars in the class have reasonable attempt to participate.
- i) No Children in the tower, snack shack or scale house.
- j) Any current/new member(s) who apply for membership are subject to background checks and as such may be denied membership to the club.
- k) Club Rule Change Proposals: Any Little T member wishing to propose a rule change for the current calendar year must submit their proposal to the Club Secretary via email by February 1st. Rule change proposals will be emailed to the current year's membership for review.
- l) The Little T Quarter Midget Club Rules document, or any section thereof, may be amended, altered, or repealed at any time by securing a majority vote of both the Board of Directors (BOD) and subsequently, by the Club Membership. Proposed changes must be submitted in writing to the BOD. Proposed changes will require a majority vote of the BOD to be voted on by the club membership. Proposed changes will be reviewed and voted on by the BOD within 14 days of receipt. Proposed changes not securing a majority vote by the BOD will be dismissed and will not be presented to the club for approval. Rule changes achieving a board majority vote will be forwarded to the club 5 days in advance of the club meeting in which they will be heard for club membership approval. Once a proposed change achieves a majority vote of the BOD and club membership it will then become effective immediately, unless otherwise specified. Any proposed change affecting point standing, membership requirements, or any other annual requirement will become effective January 1st of the following year, or at a date amenable to the club.

\*\*\* All members and their guests are subject to the Rules of Thompson Motor Speedway, which can be found on their website \*\*\*