

2026 CQMA Dirt Shootout Rules



CQMA will follow all current USAC/NASCAR Youth Series rules, specifications, and procedures. Please review the Dirt Shootout specific facility, race day and awards rules listed below. If there is not a rule specified, USAC/NASCAR Youth Series rules shall apply.

FACILITY RULES: No dumping of hazardous waste is allowed at the facility. Hazardous waste is defined as but not limited to oil and oil containers, tires, fuel and fuel containers. RV dumping charge is \$20 (payable via Cash, Paypal, Zelle). Penalties and clean up fees may be assessed by the CQMA Board of Directors (“BOD”).

To limit injuries, facilities damage, and lost personal property, rip riders, bikes, razors, scooters, big wheels, etc. are not allowed on any official surfaces, including but not limited to: the track, on chute, hot chute, around or in the scale house, tech shed, walkway from tower to on chute, and tower/snack bar area, during the entire race weekend – from sign-ins on Friday through trophy presentation on the final day of the race weekend. If observed in violation, the equipment will be stored by CQMA for the duration of the race weekend. ATV/off-road vehicles must be supervised in designated area. The following may result in suspension of current/future race day activities by the Track Director or a member of the CQMA BOD; Operation of any vehicle other than a quarter midget by an unlicensed driver on CQMA facility, Unsafe operation of any vehicle (car, tow vehicle, 4-wheeler, quarter midget, etc.) on CQMA facility.

All pits must have a working fire extinguisher. All pits must use a pit mat to collect fuel and oil leaks in their pit area.

No electricity will be offered for any event. If you have a medical need for electricity there will be a \$10 charge and you must get approval from the BOD.

Members are discouraged from bringing dogs to any race weekends due to insurance liabilities. Owners must always be in control of and responsible for their dogs at all times. Dogs must be leashed or kenneled at all times. Pets should remain in your pit area. Members out of compliance with this policy will be addressed by CQMA Board Member(s) and can result in the members driver(s) being removed from the race day activities and the member(s) asked to leave the facility.

SIGN-IN: Fees are per race, per car: \$30.00 – rookie classes, \$50.00 – competitive classes.

Anyone that expects to be in the racing area (including, but not limited to the on-chute, hot chute, scale house, corner worker stand, flag stand, racing surface) must be a valid USAC/NASCAR Youth Series member, sign the race day waiver and display the proper wristband; this includes handlers, drivers and non-drivers.

- Friday sign-ins will ONLY be used if the CQMA Board of Directors decides they are necessary and will be 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm with safety verification pending.
- Saturday & Sunday sign-ins will be from 7:30 am until 8:30 am.
- All cars must have a current USAC/Nascar Youth Series Safety Sticker before entering the track.

PIT MEETING: Pit Meeting will be at 9:00 am. (All Rookies are to bring their car to the pit meeting.)

TRACK PREPARATION/PRACTICE/RACE START: Open practice Friday evening from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm prior to race weekend at Track Foreman's discretion. All safety rules/regulations must be followed. There is a 10-lap maximum if other cars are waiting.

Packing of the track will be at the discretion of the Track Foreman. All rookie drivers will participate in packing of the track. Jr. & Sr. Honda will be required to help pack the track if there are not enough rookies. Packing of the track will be considered the start of the rookie event. Any rookie cars and handlers unable to participate in packing of the track will result in having the car start in the back of every race for that race day. Handlers will be given time to clean the cars after packing; race order may be adjusted to allow adequate time to clean dependent on the amount of mud on/in the cars.

Racing/Practice begins at the conclusion of the Pit Meeting. A two-minute practice with a one-minute adjustment period will be allowed at the beginning of the first heat race of that class. Cars must be pushed out past the designated line prior to the end of the one-minute adjustment or will tag the tail of the field.

FUEL: All participants must use 87 octane fuel acquired from ARCO- 3140 Elkhorn Blvd., North Highlands, CA 95660

RUNNING ORDER: Race days will run in USAC/NASCAR Youth Series running order. This could change depending on class car count but will be announced at pit meeting.

LAP COUNTS & TIME LIMITS:

CLASS	DIVISION	HEATS	LOWER MAINS	A-MAIN
Rookie	Red & Blue	10	15	20
Honda	Junior	15	20	30
Honda	Senior	20	25	40
Honda	Heavy	20	25	40
Animal	Junior	15	20	30
Animal	Senior	20	25	40
Animal	Unrestricted	20	25	40
Modified	Light	20	25	40
Honda 160	Junior	15	20	30
Honda 160	Light & Heavy	20	25	40
WF	Light & Heavy	20	25	40

Time limits are subject to change based on variables including but not limited to: track size, car count, weather, track conditions, etc. Time starts when the first green flag is displayed. Time is only stopped for red flags and resumed when the red flag is lifted or at the discretion of the race director. There will be a 15-minute time limit for heat races and a 20 minutes time limit for lower mains. A-Mains will not have a time limit. A 20-minute time limit may be implemented only for non-competitive classes (rookies) in A-Mains.

NOTE: Number of laps may be adjusted.

CORNER WORKERS: Handlers for cars in positions 1 and 2 should report to the corner worker stand located between turns 1 and 2 (far end), while handlers for cars in positions 3 and 4 will manage turns 3 and 4 (hot chute). If a handler cannot perform corner worker duties, they must find a replacement and inform the Race Director.

Recommended: Anyone on the track, including corner workers, should wear high-visibility safety vests provided by CQMA race officials or approved high-visibility shirts.

COURTESY LAPS: National USAC/NASCAR Youth Series rules will apply with the only difference of 5 laps given instead of 3 laps.

WORK AREA: The work area is defined as the pit area in a pit box.

TECH: All participants are subject to technical inspection at the discretion of the Club Tech Director. First, second and third place cars from A-Main in all divisions will be impounded after their Main. At the end of the race day, two classes will be pulled for tech by the Club Tech Director. Cars, carts and their contents must not be moved or touched while in impound without prior Tech or CQMA Board Member approval.

ROOKIE MOVE UPS/TRANSFERS DUE TO AGE: A driver transferring to a new division will receive points equal to 3 fewer than the last-place points for that division for each race they have already completed. For example, if a rookie moves up to the Jr. Honda competitive class after participating in DSO Rookie races 1, 2, and 4, they will be awarded 3 points less than the last-place Jr. Honda points for the Jr. Honda races that occurred on the same days as the completed Rookie races.

RACE DAY AWARDS: All Rookies will receive participant trophies/award. All other classes will receive trophies/award for 1st through 3rd for the A-Main. Fast Qualifiers and Heat Race winners will receive an award.

Single Car Class: A single light or heavy car that runs with the other class will line up based on pill draw and heat race points earned. You will receive points for where you finished in the main event without affecting the other class finish. *Example:* 1 light car runs with 3 heavy cars, finish is heavy, light, heavy, heavy. The heavy cars finishing order will be 1, 2, 3; the light car will receive 2nd place and will podium and receive points for where their overall finish is. For a single cars to qualify for an end of season participation trophy/award you must run 6 out of 10 DSO races. To qualify for Championship 6 of those races must have a minimum of 2 cars.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR (for competitive classes only):

To qualify for Rookie of the Year, the following conditions must be met:

1. Be CQMA member or associate member in good standing
2. Valid in the year the driver graduates to a competitive class at a CQMA DSO.
 - a. If the driver moves up to a competitive class after DSO 5, their rookie year eligibility will be considered the following year (i.e. the first FULL year in a competitive division).
3. Run 6 of the 10 CQMA DSO races in Junior Honda (Jr. Rookie of the Year), Senior Honda (Sr. Rookie of the Year) or Heavy Honda (Hvy. Rookie of the Year)
4. Total points earned of the driver's top 6 competitive races during current season in Junior Honda (Jr. Rookie of the Year), Senior Honda (Sr. Rookie of the Year) or Heavy Honda (Hvy. Rookie of the Year).
5. Eligibility will be confirmed by the Tower Director.

DIRT SHOOTOUT YEAR-END AWARDS: Families must be in good standing to be eligible for year-end awards. For a rookie driver to receive a year end trophy, they must participate in at least 50% of the available races after being signed off to race. (*Handler may purchase a year end trophy for rookie that does not meet requirement)

A competitive driver must race a minimum of 6 DSO events in the same class to qualify for end of season awards. (*Handler may purchase a year end trophy for driver that does not meet requirement). Champions of each competitive class will receive a jacket at the year-end banquet. Note: Rookies do not receive jackets because they are not a competitive class. Competitive Rookies of the Year (Jr, Sr and Hvy) will receive a jacket at the year-end banquet.

Series Tie Breaker: In the event of a tie within a class for the overall championship, the tie will be broken in the following order:

1. Greatest number of main event wins in the series.
2. Greatest number of 2nd place main event finishes in the series.
3. Greatest number of 3rd place main event finishes in the series.
4. Greatest number of 4th place main event finishes in the series.
5. Greatest number of heat race wins in the series.

THROW-OUT: There will be two (2) throw outs.

POINTS and RAIN OUT POINTS: CQMA will be using the USAC/NASCAR Youth Series Club format. Refer to USAC rulebook, pages 52-53.

MANDATORY RACE DAY COMMITMENT: All USAC/NASCAR Youth Series members are required to sign up for a minimum of 2 positions before you can sign-in to race. Positions include: Scorer, Lap Counter, Spotter, Pit Steward, Race Director, Flag Director, Scale house keeper, and Watering track.

RAIN DATES: Races cancelled due to weather will be announced by 7pm on the Thursday before the event via the CQMA website and Facebook page. The CQMA Board of Directors will make the decision based on the forecast. If not cancelled by Thursday and rain delays occur on Saturday, the race will be cancelled if cars cannot be on track by 11:30am. Races will be rescheduled for the next available rain date.