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## Central Queensland Mower Racing Club Inc CLUB and RACING RULES

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(amendments are in blue)

### Preamble:

The Central Queensland Mower Racing Club Inc (The Club) is a non-profit organisation and run mainly for racing enthusiasts, their families, friends and the community, whilst also providing an entertaining show for spectators.

The primary aim of The Club is to race Ride on Mowers and have good, clean family fun that is competitive, fast, cheap and affordable. Rules and regulations have been put in place to keep the racing as safe and as affordable as possible. Members race for the love of racing.

**The Spirit of Fun and Friendly Competition is to be Maintained at all Times.  
We Race Ride on Mowers - they must still look like Ride on Mowers.  
We have Simple Rules,  
Bend or Break them and You'll Get The Black Flag and Loose Points.**

### Membership:

In applying for and being accepted as a member of the CQMRC Inc (The Club), you are deemed to be accepting and agree to abide by the Spirit, Rules and Regulations of the club.

The Club assumes no liability for any injury or death or property damage, and all participants shall sign The Indemnity Form which is a release of liability discharging The Club from any such liability. By entering and participating in events, all participants agree to abide by The Club Rules as may be amended from time to time.

Of paramount importance to all organisers, competitors, officials, spectators, and any other persons whomsoever attending any event, is the safety of those persons. These Rules should be read and interpreted with this in mind.

### Types of Membership:

- Full Member - A member who has paid the annual subscription and races a Ride on Mower.  
Must be at least 17 years of age.
- Junior Member - Member under the age of 17 and who has paid the annual subscription and races a Ride on Mower. Parents must sign Release and Indemnity Forms.
- Social Member - A non racing Social Member.

**Juniors Minimum Age and Engine size:** Parents know their children and how much racing experience they have had. As the parent has to sign the Indemnity Form, they are responsible for their siblings. Engines must have the throttle governed according to their experience and capability. Before they can race at a sanctioned meeting, both the Parent and Junior must attend 3 Test & Tunes as part of their Competency Test and must be overseen by the Club's Race Director and at least one "A" Grade racer plus at least one QROMRA delegate. At their first race meeting, they will start from the back of the grid to gain some racing experience.

### Membership and Race Fees:

To become a Full Member of The Club, the fee will be \$100.00 per racer per year, Plus on race day a \$30 racing fee to cover infrastructure, setup, track prep work and trophies etc.

CQMRC also has a Track Fee of \$50.00 per year to cover track preparation and maintenance

If you are just an occasional Day Racer your fee will be \$50 per entrant per event with a max of 2 per year.

The reason for membership fees, they go towards expenses in running and maintaining The Club, Track and Public Liability Insurance cover.

## Competition Regulations:

No Competitors, Pit crew, Volunteers or Race Officials who have consumed alcohol on the day may participate at Race Meetings, Demos or Show Events. No alcohol is allowed in the pit area until after the last race or any other on-track activity. No illegal drugs or controlled substances shall be tolerated on the track premises at any time. Violation will result in disqualification and loss of points.

All on-track and competition (i.e. non-technical) issues must be raised with the Race Steward and Race Director in a calm and friendly manner. Yelling and ranting on will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Any technical issues specification issues should be raised with the Scrutineer and Race Director.

The driver is responsible for the behaviour of his/her guests and pit crew at all times, even while on the track.

Unauthorised persons or pets are not allowed onto the track or into the pits at any time.

If entry numbers are insufficient for any class, the organisers reserve the right to combine it with another class.

## Racing Numbers:

When applying for membership, request the number you would prefer. If that number is available, it will be registered to you. If not, you will be required to choose another.

It is compulsory for your mower to have a number with a letter stipulating which club you are from, for example

10 CQ = Central Queensland

10 SC = Sunshine Coast

10 B = Bundaberg

10 M = Maryborough

10 IP = Ipswich

These numbers must be at least 70mm in height and clearly visible either side of your mower and where possible at the front and rear as well.

Please note that if your numbers are too small, not in the correct position or not clearly visible, you will run the risk of not getting any points for your efforts.

## Requirements:

All racers are requested to be at the track at least one hour before racing commences. This gives ample time for scrutineering and entering formalities to be completed so that racing starts on time.

On race day, no one races until they have paid their race fee and any outstanding membership fees owing.

When paid in full and scrutineering completed, each driver gets a green initialled sticker for the front of their mower and you are obliged to ensure it is visible on the day of racing.

The green sticker will be initialled by the person designated to accept these fees on the day, to avoid any racers entering the track without paying.

A driver's briefing is compulsory prior to commencement of every new race meeting.

All drivers must attend this briefing or be black flagged before their first race event begins.

## Flags:

**Green Flag** - Held steady, prepare for race start. When waved, Starts the race.

**Green Flag** - During the race, Indicates a clear open track - Mow On!!!

**Yellow Flag** - Caution - Slow down. Indicates a possible accident, you must slow down, do not pass anybody, you can close up to the racer in front of you and circulate until you are given the green flag.

**Red Flag** - Indicates a serious accident, stop racing immediately and await instructions.

**Black Flag Furled/pointed** - The competitor pointed at is being given a warning.

**Black Flag Unfurled/Waved** - Indicates that you are breaching the rules and MUST pull off the track to a safe position and stop your machine. You can return to the pits at the end of the race.

Black Flag Reasons:

If you are seen to be barging or bumping into other racers while racing

If you cut corners and don't re-join the race behind the group you were racing with

If you are driving in a reckless manner risking injury to yourself and others

If you have some part of your mower hanging loose that may be deemed dangerous

There will be no drive through penalties as races are too short and it's too dangerous

**White flag** - Last lap

**Chequered Flag** - End of race.

## **Pit Rules:**

There will be a designated pit exit and entry at all tracks, you must use these areas correctly.

There will be NO SPEEDING in the pit area, no excuses, you will be excluded from the meet.

The pit area is where every mower racing at each event must be stationed between races, unless you have to do any major repairs to your machine i.e. if you have to take your machine back to your trailer where your main tool kit is.

**Strictly no reversing your mower anywhere in the pits or track area.**

All drivers and mowers racing on the day MUST go to the pit area for scrutineering, entry, race fees, membership/day racer fees and their green stickers at the very start of the day. Late arrivals MUST go to the pit area and await scrutineering, fee payment and green stickers prior to entering the race track

## **Drivers Responsibility:**

All competitors must retain The Spirit of Fun and Friendly Competition.

If a racer short cuts a corner, they cannot gain an un-fair advantage. They should re-enter the track at the position they left it, or, they must wait for the drivers that were in front of them to pass by, then they can re-enter the race in their original position or lower. Failure to do this will result in you being black flagged and loose points.

When slowing down or leaving the track, you MUST raise your hand in the air to signal to other drivers your intention. If a mower breaks down or stops during a race, the first priority is to move it at least 3 metres off the track IMMEDIATELY for the safety of yourself and the other racers. Crew members are not allowed onto the track unless instructed by a race official.

## **Racing Point System:**

The point system will run throughout the year and will be accumulated at the last race of the year

The highest amount of points that any driver has accumulated throughout the year regardless of what grade they are in will win the point's cup and the right to carry the No 1 plate into the next season. There will also be a 2nd & 3rd place and plate awarded.

Day Racers will NOT get points until becoming a fully paid up member of CQMRC Inc, but can win a trophy on the day, if there are trophies.

The points given in each grade will be as follows

First Place - 1 Points

Second Place - 2 Points

Third Place - 3 Points

Fourth Place - 4 Points

All other drivers not finishing the race will get a point for each starter. ie If 6 mowers start and you DNF, you will receive 6 points..

If one driver and their machine appears to be winning by an easy margin on a regular basis in their grade, they will be moved into the next grade above to ensure fair racing for all, points can be carried through to this next grade.

## **Grading:**

The first event at every event will be a 2 or 3 lap time trial, timed from a standing start.

Your lap time will dictate which group you will begin racing in.

Clubs may grade you on the history of your grading instead of running Qualifying Heats..

If it appears that you are winning by a healthy margin and obviously in the wrong grade, you will be moved up to the next group by the designated officials on the day

Groups are as follows...

Outlaw

Modified

A Grade

B Grade

C Grade

D Grade

E Grade

## **Start Line Rules:**

For time trials and races you must stay on the start line until the Green flag is waved.

When sitting on the grid you must hold your position and not jump the start, if you do so there will be a restart and if it happens for the 2nd time YOU will be Black Flagged.

If you have a problem on the start line, you must raise your hand IMMEDIATELY to make the starter aware of your problem.

At some events, "Le-Mans" type starts will be used with engines off and drivers lined up on the opposite side of the track. When the green flag is waved, drivers run to their mowers, start them and commence racing. No outside assistance is permitted.

BARGING or SHUNTING off the start line is dangerous and won't be tolerated, if you appear to be doing this on a regular basis, you will be Black Flagged and NO points awarded

## **Racing:**

All drivers must be aware that NO ALCOHOL can be consumed prior or during the race day or until your event is finished.

Most races will run anticlockwise unless otherwise specified by race officials on the day.

New contestants must start in a grade specified by the officials on the day. To enable new contestants to get some experience, they must start from the rear of the grid and can then work their way safely through the field if they are able to.

No bumping or deliberate blocking will be tolerated.

A driver maintaining a racing line is not considered to be blocking, however several changes of line to deliberately impede a following driver will result that driver being Black Flagged.

Unsafe driving practices will be Black flagged.

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## **and Finally**

If there is any doubt or ambiguity about any aspect of these rules, or anything you are not sure of, please contact the President by either email or phone for clarification

Please ensure your machine is checked over and maintained on a regular basis to ensure it is reliable and safe.

**The Spirit of Fun and Friendly Competition is to be Maintained at all Times.**

**Bending or Breaking the rules makes is awkward for everyone involved  
Futhermore, you end up with the embarrassment of disqualification and loss of points.  
PLEASE DON'T DO IT :)**

**Mow On, Race Hard and Have a Ball !!!**