

2014 Mid-America Dwarf Car Racing Assn., Inc.

Article 1

Name and Objectives

Section 1 – Name: The name of the association shall be the Mid America Dwarf Car Racing Association, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as “MADCRA”) incorporated in 2004.

Section 2 – Objective: MADCRA is organized for the purpose of promoting, without profit, the development, betterment, safety and sportsmanship of dwarf car racing in the Midwest for the mutual benefit of dwarf car owners, drivers and fans.

Article 2

Fiscal Year

Section 1 – Fiscal Year: The fiscal year of the corporation shall be January 1 to December 31, inclusive.

Article 3

Meetings

Section 1 – General Meetings: The membership of the association shall hold general membership meetings as needed or as called by the Board of Directors. The location of the meetings shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 – Board of Director Meetings: The Board of Directors shall hold a board meeting when deemed necessary by the board.

Section 3 – Meeting Rules of Order: Meetings shall be according to Roberts Rules of Order as listed below.

- A. Call to order
- B. Roll call of officers
- C. Reading of minutes from previous meeting
- D. Officers reports
- E. Committee reports
- F. Special orders-Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting
- G. Unfinished business
- H. New business for consideration
- I. Announcement and public participation
- J. Adjournment

Article 4

Membership

Section 1 – Dues: **Membership dues shall be payable annually by the 1st of May.** Any current or new members paying their dues after September 10th, will be considered as paid for the next calendar year.

Section 2 – Regular Member: All car owners and drivers are eligible for regular membership. Regular members shall be entitled to vote on all issues at any general or special meetings of the association and shall be eligible for election to any office and appointment to any committee. **Fee \$50.00**

Section 3 – Associate Member: Associate members shall be entitled to vote on all issues at any general or special meeting of the association **except** those votes taken on any issues regarding any Technical Committee appointed by the Board of Directors. Associate members shall be eligible for election to any office or appointment to the Board of Directors. **Fee \$25.00**

Section 4 – Honorary Membership: The Board of Directors **may** award honorary memberships annually as seen appropriate by the Board. The honorary members shall be granted all rights and privileges of associate members, but shall not have the right to vote or be on the Board of Directors. The membership privilege granted shall be for an unlimited time unless revoked by the Board of Directors. Honorary members shall not be required to pay annual dues.

Article 5

Directors and Officers

Section 1 – Board of Directors: The number of directors of the corporation shall consist of no less than 4, and no more than 8. The Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual banquet, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill, by majority vote, any vacancies on the Board of Directors, of elected officers or appointed committees caused by death or resignation. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors shall by a majority vote, decide all Association issues regarding the general operation of the Association including, but not limited to: capital spending, approval of appointments, oversight of officers and committees.

Section 2 – Officers: The Board of Directors will consist of 4 officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, and be elected at the annual banquet, or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Individuals elected to the Officer positions of President and Vice-President must have had a least one year of previous board experience with MADCRA to be eligible.

Section 3 – Terms: The normal term for Board of Directors shall be three (3) years, and will commence after the annual banquet held in January.

Section 4 – President: The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the Directors and Membership and shall have general charge and control over the affairs of the corporation, subject to the Board of Directors. The **President** will be elected annually at the banquet from eligible members from the Board of Directors. The President is only eligible to vote in case of a tie at either a general meeting or a board meeting.

Section 5 – Vice-President: The **Vice President** shall perform such duties as may be assigned to her/him by the Board of Directors. In the case of the death, disability or absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform and be vested with all the duties and powers of the President. The **Vice President** will be elected by having the 2nd highest vote count from the election for President.

Section 6 – Secretary: The **Secretary** shall record minutes of meetings, provide oral and written reports from previous meeting, request agenda items from members for meetings and shall respond or initiate any correspondence or inquiries on behalf of the association.

Section 7 – Treasurer: The **Treasurer** shall have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the non-profit corporation; and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will report monthly to the President and general membership as to the status of the organizations monetary assets. The Treasurer will maintain the membership roster which will be used to collect annual dues.

Article 6

Vacancies in Office

Section 1 – Board of Director Vacancies: In the case of the death, disability or resignation of one or more of the Directors/Officers, the remaining Directors/Officers **may** fill the vacancies of the unexpired term, even if there is less than a quorum

Article 7

Informal Action by Directors/Officers or membership

Section 1 – Informal Action: Any action required by Directors/Officers or the membership may be taken without a meeting with the unanimous approval of the Board of Directors.

Article 8

Contracts, Loans, Checks and Deposits

Section 1 – Contracts: The Board of Directors may authorize any two (2) officers to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2 – Loans: No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidences of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of all the Board of Directors.

Section 3 – Checks, Drafts, etc: All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by any officer of the corporation whose signature is on file with the bank, and in such manner as may be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 4 – Deposits: All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited in a timely manner to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

Article 9

Corporate Seal

Section 1 – Corporate Seal: This Corporation shall have no seal.

Article 10

Non-Profit Status

Section 1 – Non Profit Status: At no time shall any member of the Board of Directors/Officers or any member of the association in any way jeopardize the non-profit status of the corporation.

Article 11

Rules

Section 1 – Rule Change Requests: Rule change requests must be **signed** and submitted **by members** to the secretary no later than 30 Sept of the current year. The rule change requests will be put on a ballot for the membership to use for voting purposes no later than 30 Jan of the next year.

Section 2 – Rules Committee: The Board of Directors shall appoint a rules committee, consisting of a minimum of two (2) and maximum of five (5) members. The duties of the rules committee will be to inspect all dwarf cars for rules violations as per adopted rules, make sure violations are reported to the board, and that the drivers in violation are aware of noted violations and notified that they will have 1 week from the day that said violations were noted to be corrected. If any non-member driver is in violation of adopted association rules and refuses to comply, the track promoter will be notified of said violators and the track promoter will take disciplinary action.

Section 3 – Track Rules: Track rules will supersede association rules. The Board of Directors shall have the power to incorporate track rules into the association rules any time deemed necessary during the current year.

Section 4 – Disciplinary Action for Failure to Comply with Adopted rules: The Board of Directors will have the final say of punishment for said association violators failing to comply with adopted association rules.

1st offense: Loss of 20 association points from 20 best finishes

2nd offense: Loss of 40 association points from 20 best finishes

3rd offense: Loss of 75 association points from 20 best finishes

4th offense: Loss of all association points for the season including any money from the point fund.

Article 12

Points and Eligibility

Section 1 – Eligibility: Driver must be a member of the association to receive association points.

Section 2 – Feature Points: 40 points for first. Drops 1 point per finishing position there after.

Section 3 – Show up Points: Drivers that race a heat race but not a Feature and do not qualify for the A feature, will receive a minimum of 10 association points.

Section 4 – Points will be issued for home track weekly racing and when home tracks issue track points. Home tracks are Marshalltown Speedway and Boone Speedway. For home tracks, points will be as follows:

1st = 40, 2nd = 39, 3rd = 38, 4th = 37, 5th = 36, etc.

Section 5 - Points will be issued at non-home tracks under MADCRA rules if there are 10 or more MADCRA cars racing.

Article 13

Dispersal of Points Fund and Eligibility

Section 1 – Eligibility: To receive point fund monies at the banquet, drivers must have been a current member of the association and have raced as least a minimum of 5 different race days during the season.

Section 2 – Dispersal of Point Fund: The dispersal of the point fund will be decided by the Board of Directors.

Article 14

Voting Rights and Voting Procedure

Section 1 – Voting: Each regular and associate member in attendance shall have one (1) vote on each and every matter submitted to a vote of the members. For voting purposes a simply majority will rule.

Section 2 – Rules Meeting: Absentee ballot **will** be allowed for the rules meeting. Must be mailed or handed to a member of the Board of Directors **before** rules meeting starts.

Article 15

Complaints

Section 1 – Track Issues: Once on the track property, the promoter presides over any situations that happen on the track property pertaining to track conditions and safety.

Article 16

General Regulations

- (a) The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed to provide for the orderly conduct of racing events and to establish the minimum acceptable requirements for such events. These rules shall govern the condition of all events, and, by participating in these events, all participants are deemed to have accepted and complied with these rules. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM PUBLICATION OF OR COMPLIANCE WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS.** They are intended solely as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to a participant, spectator, or official. Any interpretation or deviation of these rules is left to the discretion of MADCRA and the decision is final. **NO EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WARRANTY OF SAFETY SHALL RESULT FROM SUCH DEVIATION OF SPECIFICATIONS.**

- (b) No intoxicating spirits or controlled substances are to be consumed before or during race events by drivers.
- (c) MADCRA reserves the right to reject or allow entry of any driver or car.
- (d) Abuse or confrontation of any racetrack or MADCRA official and/or use of abusive language including texting, emails, or any other social media, is strictly prohibited. FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION, LOSS OF POINTS, WINNINGS, OR RECORDS. Any physical contact to any driver, non-driver or MADCRA official may result in immediate disqualification, loss of points for that night plus the next 2 calendar weeks at any MADCRA event. 2nd offense will result in disqualification for 365 days at any MADCRA event. ALL DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TO BE REVIEWED AND DECIDED ON MY THE MADCRA BOARD.
- (e) Any disputes involving qualifying times, lap scoring, finishing position is under the jurisdiction of the hosting track officials. MADCRA officials will address winnings, points, or rules interpretations. Any disputes or discussions of this nature are to be held with MADCRA officials only.
- (f) THE DRIVER ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ACTIONS OF THEIR PIT CREW AND GUESTS.
- (g) Drivers, owners, and/or crew shall have no claims or actions of any kind against or cause of action for damages of any kind, expenses, or otherwise against MADCRA, any track owner, promoter, or official by reason of disqualification or damage to either car, driver, or both. This regulation shall be deemed a covenant not to sue made by each driver, owner, and/or crewmember to MADCRA, any track owner, promoter, or official with respect to any alleged act or omission or agreement by any of them.
- (h) MADCRA or track officials at any time for safety, mechanical, or rules compliance may inspect any car.
- (i) **ANY RULES OR REGULATIONS NOT COVERED IN THIS BOOKLET WILL BE DETERMINED ON A TIMELY BASIS BY MADCRA AND THE DECISION IS FINAL.**
- (j) Effective date of these rules January 1, 2007.

MOTOR RACING IS A DANGEROUS SPORT AND MAY RESULT IN INJURY, BODILY HARM, OR DEATH.

Article 17

Section 1 – Amendment: Any of these by-laws may be amended by a unanimous vote of the Directors of the corporation at any time.

Certificate: These by-laws of the Mid-America Dwarf Car Association have been reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors on the 1st day of January, 2013.

Kristie Stensland, MADCRA Secretary