



Rule Book ***and By-Laws***

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1.0 Incorporation

STATEMENT AS TO ACTION OF INCORPORATION IN LIEU OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The undersigned being Incorporator of Southern Tier Microd Club, Inc., certifies as follows:

1. The Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation was duly filed by the Department of State on the 16th day of July, 1976. A copy of the Certificate of Incorporation and of the filing notice received from the Department of State is annexed hereto and is to be inserted in the minutes.
2. The annexed By Laws are hereby adopted and they are inserted in the minutes.
3. The following were duly elected as Directors to hold office until the first annual meeting of the members of this Corporation:

Thomas Pelto
Jerald Shima
Frederick Hunt
Donald Stevens
Bud Anderson
Homer Webb

The Directors have assumed their office. No other business was transacted by the Incorporators.

Dated: July 23, 1976

Walter D. Stevens

2.0 STMC Rule Book - Purpose

This RULE BOOK contains a list of Rules of Racing, with detailed explanations, that have been adopted and approved by the Directors since the Club's incorporation on July, 16, 1976.

This RULE BOOK represents an accumulation of the thoughts and efforts of many club members, directors and officers – both past and present. The purpose of these rules is to provide guidance and organization of the operation of the sport of Microd Racing within the Southern Tier Microd Club.

It is intended that the fair and reasonable enforcement and interpretation of these rules will provide the following for all Club Members:

- A fun-filled FAMILY activity known as Microd Racing.
- Competitive, fair microd racing for all of our young drivers.
- Fair play and good sportsmanship among all members.
- A common bond of understanding among people with a common interest.
- A set of racing rules and guidelines that are easily understood and adhered to by all participants and members.
- And, most importantly, some life lessons for all of us... "Maybe there is more to life than just winning or losing".

Rule corrections, additions, supplements, or changes may be suggested and proposed by any member - in – good – standing or by a duly appointed Rules Committee. Such rule changes or amendments will then be adopted or rejected by the Club's Directors. If passed, the Club's President will announce the new or updated rules as soon as possible. At that time, the rule changes become binding and enforceable.

For brevity, the following abbreviations are used throughout this RULE BOOK:

STMC -	Southern Tier Microd Club
NYSMA -	New York State Microd Association
MDO -	Microd Drop Out
DQ -	Disqualified
No Go -	Microd did not start (or race)

3.0 The Spirit of the Rule

All members of the STMC, including racing officials, mechanics, pit personnel, drivers, family members, and sponsors are deemed to be fully aware of all STMC Rules and they are expected to abide by these rules and guidelines. Rule supplements, additions, or corrections, once announced by the President, become binding and enforceable. (Note: STMC Rules supercede NYSMA Rules at STMC events.)

4.0 Rules Enforcement

Any STMC Member(s) violating any rule (STMC or NYSMA) can be subject to discipline in accordance with these rules and the decisions of the STMC Officers and Directors. Such discipline may be in the form of loss of driver points, suspension, expulsion, loss of membership, or any combination thereof.

5.0 Membership

- 5.1 STMC memberships are available at an annual fee as defined on the registration application fee schedule.
- 5.2 Membership is mandatory for all drivers, pit personnel, mechanics, race officials, family members, and friends who wish to remain in the confines of the track / pit area during any race program, except the NYSMA STMC Invitational (NYSMA Tour Race).
- 5.3 Insurance from NYSMA must be purchased annually for anyone (members, drivers, race officials, life-time members, etc.) who wish to remain in the confines of the track / pit area during any race program. This insurance is available from the STMC Treasurer for a small fee and is in effect from May through October each year.
- 5.4 Each family with a microd registered to race in the Club must obtain a STMC Rule Book and a NYSMA Plan Book from an STMC Officer or from the STMC Web Site. These rule books should be read and understood and carried to all STMC race events and meetings.
- 5.5 Each microd registered with STMC must pay an annual NYSMA Registration fee as defined on the NYSMA Registration form.
- 5.6 The ONLY personnel permitted through the pit gate while a race program is running will be members with current STMC Membership and NYSMA Insurance. (STMC Membership is excluded for NYSMA Tour events only).
- 5.7 Any vulgar or offensive language, unsportsmanlike conduct or assault by anyone on another member, driver or race official WILL NOT BE TOLERATED and will result in disciplinary action by the Officers and Directors of STMC.
- 5.8 No ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES will be consumed within the race or pit areas until the official completion of the racing program. Violation of this rule will result in immediate expulsion from the track / pit area.

- 5.9 No pets, bicycles, scooters or roller blades will be allowed during the racing program, including intermission.

6.0 By Laws

6.1 Name

The name of the Corporation shall be SOUTHERN TIER MICROD CLUB (STMC), INC.

6.2 Purpose

The purpose of the Southern Tier Microd Club, Inc., shall be to promote and maintain interest in small car racing for children ages 5 to 18 years of age, under the control and supervision of adults. In addition thereto, this Corporation shall have the purposes as set forth in its Certificate of Incorporation and as is authorized and / or allowed by law.

6.3 Membership

A person subscribing to the purpose set forth in Article II herein shall be eligible for membership.

6.3.1 Members

Payment of annual membership fee and abidance of rules described herein will entitle person to membership.

6.3.2 Life Members

The Board of Directors, at a duly organized meeting, may elect life members by a majority vote of the members present. Life members shall be exempt from payment of membership fees and shall be entitled to all the privileges of regular membership.

6.3.3 Competition Members

Eligibility for this membership consists of those who are drivers of registered micros, pitmen, parents, and all others 18 years of age and over. Only those members who are 18 years of age and over possess the right to vote or hold office.

6.3.4 Associate Members

Eligibility for this type of membership is open to all those 18 years or older. The purpose of this membership is to serve as sponsors of the STMC, Inc. Associate Members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership, except the right to vote of hold office.

6.4 Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of each year.

6.5 Dues

The Board of Directors may determine from time to time the amount of initiation fee, if any, and annual dues payable to the Corporation by members. The payment of dues, and the failure to pay dues, and the effect upon membership, may be determined from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors.

6.6 Meetings – General Membership

6.6.1 Monthly Meetings

A monthly meeting scheduled as deemed necessary, for the months of October through April, inclusive, at such place as shall have been selected by the Corporation. These meetings are for the transaction of all business. Notice of the meeting, signed by the Secretary, should be mailed, to the last recorded address of each member 10 days and not more than 25 days before the time appointed for the meeting. All notices of meetings shall set forth the place, date, time and purpose of the meeting.

6.6.2 Annual Awards Banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet shall be held after the completion of the regular racing season. There shall be at this Annual Awards Banquet an election of the Board of Directors and Officers. Notice of the Banquet should be mailed to the last recorded address of each member.

6.6.3 Waiver

Notwithstanding the provisions of any of the foregoing sections, a meeting of the members of this Corporation may be held at any time and at any place within the State of New York, and any action may be taken thereat, if notice and lapse is waived in writing by every member having the right to vote at the meeting.

6.6.4 Quorum

The presence in person of not less than 40% of the members of the Corporation entitled to vote shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No action of any meeting shall be invalidated for lack of a quorum unless the question of the lack of a quorum was raised before such action was taken.

6.6.5 Order of Business

The order of business shall be as follows at all the meetings of the Corporation:

Agenda
Roll Call
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Treasurer's Report
Refreshment Stand Report

Reports of Committees
Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business
New Business
Reading of Minutes for Approval
Adjournment

6.6.6 Voting

All substantive decisions of the Corporation at a meeting shall be by a majority of members present and voting unless otherwise provided by these By Laws.

6.7 Meetings – Officer and Directors Meetings

All meetings for club business are intended to be a joint Officer and Board of Directors meeting. The Officers and Directors will be able to express opinion and will reserve the right to vote.

Any one or more of the Officers and Directors may at the discretion of the Board be removed for missing 3 meetings.

No meeting will be conducted by way of a phone call.

6.8 Directors

6.8.1 Number

The property, affairs, business, and concerns of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors, consisting of 6 Directors or in absence 2 alternates. The members of the Board shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until the successor shall be duly elected and qualified.

6.8.2 Election of Directors and Term

At the Annual Awards Banquet, there shall be an election by ballot for 6 Directors and 2 Alternates of the Corporation. At each Annual Awards Banquet thereafter, a number of Directors equal to that of those whose terms have expired shall be elected for the term of 2 years. At the expiration of any term of 2 years, any Director may be re-elected. Alternate's term is for 1 year.

6.8.3 Duties of Directors

The Board of Directors may:

- a. Hold meetings at such times and places as they think proper;
- b. Suspend, expel, or re-admit members by ballot;
- c. Appoint and chair committees on particular subjects from the members of the Board or from other members of the club (i.e. fund raising, banquet, finance, etc.);
- d. Audit bills and disburse funds of the club;
- e. Advise and carry into execution such other measures as they deem proper and expedient to promote the objects of the Corporation and to best protect the interest and welfare of the members.

6.8.4 Meetings of the Board

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held one evening in each month, to be determined by the Board of Directors by resolution. The President of 2 members of the Board may, when deemed necessary, have the President issue a call for a special meeting of the Board.

6.8.5 Quorum

Four (4) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, the quorum present may choose a Chairman for the meeting. If the quorum is not present, a less number may adjourn the meeting to a later date, not more than 10days later.

6.8.6 Vacancies

Whenever any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors, for any reason, it should be filled for the remainder of that year without undue delay by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. If a 2-year term is vacated in the first year, then the remaining year of the term will be filled at the Annual Awards Banquet election.

6.8.7 Removal of Directors

Any one of more of the Directors may be removed with just cause, at any time, by a vote of 2/3 of the members present at any special meeting called for that purpose.

6.9. Officers

6.9.1 Number

The Officers of this Corporation shall be a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

6.9.2 Method of Election

- a. The nomination of officers and directors of the Corporation shall start at the 8th points race and conclude at the 10th points race. Only competition members possess the right to nominate vote, or otherwise support the candidate of their choice.
- b. The election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the Annual Awards Banquet.
- c. Only those members who have been competitive members for at least 1 year are eligible for nomination to all offices.
- d. After the close of nominations, the President shall appoint an Election Committee composed of 1 Judge and 2 Tellers, to conduct the election, and whose duty shall be to safeguard the secrecy and honest of the election,

prepare and count the ballots, and announce the results. After the ballots have been counted, the Judge shall enclose the ballots in a sealed marked package and said package shall be delivered to the Board of Directors or Officers, who shall preserve them intact for a period of 60 days or until recorder in the minutes of the next meeting.

- e. In case of an election complaint, the complaining member of candidate shall submit his or her complaint in writing and signed to the Secretary within 72 hours after the election results have been announced. Such complaints shall be heard and determined promptly by the Board of Directors. A new election may be ordered only if it its determined that the matter complained about might have reasonably changed the result of the election.
- f. The ballots and votes may be reviewed only in the case of an election complain as stated above.

6.9.3 Duties of Officers

The duties and powers of the Officers of the Corporation shall be as follows:

6.9.3.1 President:

1. Preside at all meetings.
2. Call special meetings whenever he shall think proper; and, or at the request of five general members or two Directors of the Corporation.
3. Examine the records and the state of finances.
4. See that the duties of the other officers are faithfully performed.
5. See that the Corporation is kept informed of all State functions and happenings at State Meetings.
6. See that all equipment of the Corporation is properly secured after each race and at end of season. He shall have general supervision and custody of said equipment. It shall be his duty to see that same are kept in proper working order.
7. Shall make an annual report to the Corporation as necessary.
8. At the completion of this term, the President has the option of becoming a Director for a two-year term commencing the next year. The first year off that term as head Director.
9. Appoint a Race Director as necessary.

6.9.3.2 First Vice-President:

1. Assist the President in the discharge of his many duties.
2. In the absence of the President, officiate in his capacity.
3. See that there are at least three scorers for each race.
4. Take charge of the point system. Keep point system up-to-date and post point standings by car before each race.
5. Have charge of the scoring for each race.
6. At the completion of his term, the incumbent has the option of becoming a two-year director commencing the next year.

6.9.3.3 Second Vice-President:

1. Aid the President and First Vice-President in the discharge of their many duties
2. In the absence of the President and First Vice-President, officiate their capacities
3. Take charge of inspection of all cars. He may appoint at least two assistants to assist him in carrying out his duty.
4. Act as the Corporation's property clerk, have charge of all property, and maintain an accurate account of Corporations inventory (i.e. club owned motors and parts for club class). Must deliver within ten days to his successor all paper and property entrusted to him.
5. At the completion of this term, the incumbent has the option of becoming a two-year director commencing the next year.

6.9.3.4 Treasurer:

1. Receive all money and keep a correct account of same
2. Deposit all money in the Corporation's name (account) as soon as possible
3. Pay all bills approved by the Board
4. Make a report of the state of finances at each Corporation of Officers and Directors meetings
5. Keep records up-to-date and ready for inspection by the President or any three members appointed by the President
6. Turn complete records over to successor at designated turn-over meeting
7. Three officers are eligible to write checks for the STMC. They are: President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Two signatures are required to cash checks. (Exception: A treasurer with at least one year's experience (as treasurer) and with Directors' approval will be allowed to cash checks with only one signature.)

6.9.3.5 Secretary:

1. Take roll call at all general meetings
2. Keep all records of the proceedings of all meetings
3. Hold all the books and papers of the Corporation subject to the inspection of the President or any three members of the Corporation appointed by the President
4. In the absence of the President, First Vice-President, or Second Vice-President, take charge and fulfill all duties required of the President
5. Conduct all correspondence

6. Notify each member verbally or in writing whenever directed by the presiding officer
7. Do all writing of the Corporation for newspaper, etc.

6.9.4 Vacancies

All vacancies in any office shall be filled by the Board of Directors without undue delay, at its regular meetings, or at a meeting specially called for that purpose.

6.10 Seals

The seal of the Corporation shall be the one adopted and affixed to these By Laws in the place hereinafter provided.

6.11 Amendments

These By Laws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a 2/3 vote at any duly organized meeting of the Board.

A proposed amendment, repeal, or alteration in whole or in part of these By Laws must be submitted in writing by 3 members or by a member of the Board of Directors at a duly organized meeting which then will be voted upon.

6.12 General Rules

The Corporation may adopt general rules pursuant to its purposes with the majority vote of its voting members.

7.0 General Rules

(As per NYSMA rulebook with the following exceptions or additions)

7.1 **MICRODS- REQUIREMENTS, SAFETY, INSPECTION**

7.1.1 All microds must be built according to the specifications detailed in the NYSMA PLAN BOOK and the STMC RULE BOOK.

7.1.1.1 All microds must be inspected by the Club Inspection Team prior to any PRACTICE or REGULAR RACE EVENT. Those meeting the specifications and safety standards will be issued an inspection sticker by the Second Vice President (Tech Inspector) or Inspection Team.

7.1.1.2 If any specification(s) are not met, a one week grace period may be allowed to correct the infraction (provided it is not safety related) at the discretion of the Second Vice President or Inspection Team.

7.1.2 CAR NUMBER RESERVATION

Microds that are to race in a new season, in the same class as they were registered in the previous season, may keep the same number, as long as the driver is a member of the first point race. When moving to another class, the car may retain that number if it is not reserved or in use. Otherwise, all requests for numbers (new or changed from past season) are on a first come, first serve basis. No numbers will be assigned with an alpha character. (See Treasurer to reserve numbers)

7.1.3 Each microd family is required to have a working fire extinguisher in their pit area.(The club provides 2 fire extinguishers for the infield area of the track).

7.1.4 One and only one (1) Car Handler per car is required on the track infield when that car is racing. NO COACHING from the Car Handler to the driver is allowed when the race is in progress.

7.1.5 Any motor or car change will be allowed. The car will be required to start scratch. YOU MUST NOTIFY THE 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, RACE DIRECTOR, OR PIT STEWART OR YOU WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

7.2 OTHER GENERAL RULES AND PROCEDURES

7.2.1 All NEW drivers must present their Birth Certificates (or legal birth document) to the club Treasurer by the first race of the season.(Warm up and practices included)

7.2.2 Any discrepancy in a race (example-scoring, results, protest, etc.) is to be DOCUMENTED (written as detailed as possible) and presented to the President or a Club Director as soon as possible. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES is anyone allowed to approach to the Scorers, Judges, or Flagger with a complaint.(See NYSMA Rulebook)

7.2.3 ONLY authorized personnel are permitted in the Scorers/Judges/Flagger stand or area. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

7.2.4 Once the pre-season warm up/practice sessions are over and point races begin, the driver must remain in the same class as he/she starts the season (racing for points). (Legitimate circumstances that may cause exception to this rule must be presented to the Officers and Directors).

- 7.2.5 All drivers are eligible to receive a point trophy/award at the end of the year, but they must have competed in at least 5 point race programs.(If they have competed in less than 5 events, the family will be asked to pay the race entry fee's to make the 5, if they want a point trophy. This is to keep the cost of trophies covered by entry fee's).
- 7.2.6 The STMC Championship (season final) requires four (4) point race programs to be eligible. (Exceptions to this rule should be requested to the Officers and Directors and the decision will be at their discretion).
- 7.2.7 On the last two (2) scheduled club point races, no new members will be permitted to race.
- 7.2.8 Any rule not covered in the latest STMC Rulebook will be in effect from the latest versions of NYSMA Rules of Racing and Plan Book
- 7.2.9 Public Liability Insurance will be in effect for every race event under the sponsorship and jurisdiction of the Southern Tier Microd Club.
- 7.2.10 Any questions, interpretations, etc. of these STMC rules by any member should be brought to the immediate attention of the STMC Officers and Directors.
- 7.2.11 PROTESTS / COMPLAINTS of any Microd car or Engine
- a) Any active club member making a protest or complaint of any specific microd car or engine must post a \$20.00 fee to have that car/engine checked for legality. Complainants' car/engine will also be subject to the same inspection.
* If the protest is justified and upheld, the complainants' \$20.00 fee will be returned
*If the protest is found to be unjustified, the owner of the car/engine in question will receive the \$20.00 fee.
 - b) All Complaints must be written, signed and submitted to an Officer or Director before being enacted upon by the Club's Officers and Directors.
 - c) Teardown of a protested engine will be done by the owner (or person authorized by the owner) under the supervision of an Inspection Team, who will check the engine in question. Illegality or refusal of a requested engine teardown or a car inspection will be considered a forfeiture and result in the loss of all points for that race program, along with any awards that may have been won. This forfeiture will be considered a disqualification and will not be counted as a low or non-scoring point race event.(that is, it will be counted as one (1) point race with **0 points**. It will be used to compute the drivers' season total points).

- d) For any microd car/engine found to be illegal and being disqualified, re-inspection at the next race event is mandatory.
- e) Any Club Director has the authority to ask for a re-inspection at any time.

7.2.12 CHAMPIONSHIP OR SPECIAL TROPHY RACES (Non-points race)

- a) The top five (5) place microds and drivers will immediately proceed to the scales for a weight check. (car and driver will not enter the pit area)
- b) Then these top five (5) place microds will proceed to the designated teardown/inspection area. (the microd is not to enter the pit area)
- c) Post race inspections, engine teardowns are at the discretion of the Second Vice President. Whatever type of inspection is selected, the first top three (3) microds will be checked for legality. If necessary, the fourth (4th) and fifth (5th) place microds will be checked.
- d) A teardown request (1 vote per car) is made by pit person (owner, driver, or designated pit person). If the teardown request is made by a pit person whose car finished out of the top five, that car will also be torn down. Only one (1) vote per class is required to necessitate a teardown of that class. Any degree of teardown may be re-requested; The degree of teardown is at the discretion of Inspection Team.
- e) For Special Championship/Trophy races:
 - * Driver will “draw” for starting position in heat races.
 - * Starting positions for Feature races will be “heads up” based on finishing positions in heats and consolation races (if run).
- f) Qualifications for race (see General rule-7.2.6)

7.2.14 Due to Town of Candor ordinance the following must be enforced:

- * Friday Nights - NO ENGINES AFTER 11:00 P.M.
- * Sunday - NO ENGINES BEFORE 11:00 A.M.
- * Practice- Wed. night- 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
Saturday-12:00 P.M.-3:00 P.M.

** Club must obtain approval from Candor Town Board prior to scheduling Friday night races.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE

7.2.15 It is the responsibility of ALL members to READ and FOLLOW these rules of the Southern Tier Microd Club for they were written with the intent of being enforced.

7.3 DRIVER RULES

(As per NYSMA rulebook with the following exceptions or additions)

7.3.1 Driver Responsibility

7.3.1.1 Driver is to stop the microd BEFORE entering the pit area.
ABSOLUTELY NO CARS ARE TO BE UNDER THEIR OWN
POWER AT ANY TIME IN THE PIT AREA.

7.3.1.2 All microds are to enter and exit the pit area using the designated pit road areas at all times.

7.3.1.3 Tires/cones have been placed in each corner approx. 6 inches to 12 inches from the racing surface. The purpose of these tires/cones are to ensure racing occurs on the racing surface. Any car displacing tire/cone by contact will cause the race to be yellow flagged and will be assessed a penalty. (The only exception to this rule is when a car is forced into the tire/cones.)

7.3.1.4 RACE FLAGS- As per NYSMA rules except when flagger and head scorer are the only officials. Flagger and head scorer will make all judging calls.

7.3.1.5 All drivers (and cars) must be signed in prior to the start of race warm ups:

FRIDAY NIGHT- 6:30 PM

SUNDAY- 12:30 PM

a) Any car/driver arriving after the above warm up time(s) will start scratch (last) in their initial heat race that day.

b) Any car arriving after the race program has started will be placed scratch (last) starting position in ALL race events on that day. Also, that car/driver WILL NOT run the feature race on that day if enough cars are present requiring a semi-feature for that class.

7.3.2 UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

7.3.2.1 Any infractions of any items detailed in the STMC rulebook, failure to obey any directions of Race Officials and Directors, or any action or conduct unfair or unbecoming to the fairness and good sportsmanlike behavior of microd racing , the STMC club and membership can result in

penalties, disqualifications, suspensions, and even forfeiture of membership.

- a) Examples of unsportsmanlike conduct or offensive behavior:
 - 1) Unacceptable/illegal engine or microd alterations
 - 2) “Tampering” with a competitors microd or engine.
 - 3) Team driving or blocking in the race track.
 - 4) Abusive or vulgar language or behavior
 - 5) Use of alcoholic beverages or illegal narcotics during a race programs
 - 6) Contact or assault in an aggressive manner (fighting, etc.)
 - 7) Weaving, forcing, crowding, cutting in, rough riding, or other unsafe driving maneuvers by a microd driver on the race track (see DRIVING ERRORS defined below)

- b) It should be noted that occasional and minor driving errors such as bumping, pushing, minimal contact, riding another cars tail, inability to guess or anticipate every other drivers exact move, thoughts, racing procedures, or reaction time, etc. are all part of any car racing. As long as such instances are minimal and not seriously detrimental to the safe and fair conduct of the race. Also, sometimes these incidental racing occurrences are often difficult to avoid completely and be judged as intentional.

7.3.2.2 DRIVING ERRORS

As explained below, there are four common driving errors which, if are noted to be excessive, could lead to disqualification and penalty assessment.

- a) **WEAVING** – zig–zag driving in an intentional manner to prevent another car or cars from passing.

- b) **FORCING** – intentionally turning into another car, causing the other driver to go over the established inside or outside of the racing surface (not leaving enough racing room), or causing the other car to be slowed up when trying to escape or free-up from the car doing the “forcing”.

- c) **CROWDING** – Putting a car into or through any space that is not legitimately wide enough, either between other cars or driving over the defined inside or outside of the racing surface to pass or squeeze through other cars (passing in the grass).

- d) **CUTTING-IN** – Turning in front of another car anywhere without full clearance. Such intentional or accidental cutting-in is often difficult to judge, but a warning of a possible “DQ” for either produces better judgment of the drivers and fairer microd racing.

NOTE: In all of the above “driving infractions,” good sense and fair judgment remains key to driver education and learning. However, firm and repeated warnings may also be necessary. If the same driver habitually commits any of the above driving infractions, a disqualification may result.

7.3.3 PROTESTS

- 7.3.3.1 Any STMC member may elect to protest a race, another microd or engine, any Race Officials decision, a Directors decision, etc., if he/she believes they have a substantial clam or evidence. Remember, common sense and good judgment should be the basis for any such action just as it should be for any Officials, Directors, or Officers actions.
- 7.3.3.2 ALL PROTESTS must be written out clearly, indicating the situation in as much detail possible (within 15 minutes of the end of the race program). The resulting protest must be signed by all requesting parties and submitted to an Officer/Director.(Preferably the President or Head Scorer)
- 7.3.3.3 It is the duty of the STMC’s Board of Directors (and Officers if necessary) to review and answer (or enact) on any legitimate protest as soon as possible or feasible.
- 7.3.3.4 With the exception of factual clarification, any Officer and/or Director directly involved in a protest will be excused from that portion of the protest meeting.

8.0 Pit Steward Duties

- 8.1 The Pit Steward(s), with the Officers and Directors, will have full authority of all pit area activities. This includes getting the cars lined up for each race.
- 8.2 Drivers must stop their cars before they enter the pit area at the marked, designated “stop” line.
 - 8.2.1 At NO TIME is any microd permitted to be under its own power in the designated pit area. NO EXCEPTIONS

8.2.2 All microds are to enter and exit the pit area at the designated point only.

8.3 Practice / Hot Laps

The track will be open for practice prior to scheduled races, as defined by the Club President.

8.3.1 No one will be allowed on the track for practice until the proper track / racing officials (flagger, pit steward, etc.) are ready and in position.

8.3.2 During intermission, after completion of the race program, or at any other time, absolutely no microd / driver is allowed to run or practice on the race track, except during scheduled practice days.

8.3.3 If time permits, a short practice session may be held after the intermission. (Such practice will be announced in advance. Permission must be asked of the Pit Steward or Flagger.)

8.3.4 All microds with drivers are to be lined up in order in the hot shoot well in advance of their scheduled race. Line-ups for all races are to be posted in advance on the Lin-up board.

8.3.5 For Championship or special races the Pit Steward is in charge of the impound area.

8.3.6 The Pit Steward is to perform the following prior to each race for all microds and drivers:

- a.) Post the Line-ups for all races on the Pit Line-up board as soon as they are received from the head scorer.
- b.) Check all microd drivers for the proper safety attire, including: helmet, face shield, long sleeves, long pants, shoes, etc.
- c.) Check the brakes on all microds before they enter the race track.
- d.) Make other visual checks of safety items such as seat belts, engine guards, oil or gas leaks, etc.

9.0 Flagger (Starter) Rules & Regulations

9.1 The Flagger (starter) has absolute control of all microd races and will be assisted by assistant flagger, judges, head scorer and race director.

9.2 The Race Flags – see NYSMA Plan Book, chapter 2, section 2.10

9.3 The “original” green flag is the first green flag thrown (constitutes the start of the race) regardless if the lap is completed.

- 9.4 When the flagger displays the checkered flap to the lead car on the last lap, the race is complete. All cars should continue racing until they have passed the start / finish line under the checkered flag. All cars shall complete one additional “cool down” lap before exiting the track.
- 9.4.1 The first place driver and the second place driver may carry the checkered and white flag respectfully, for one victory / parade lap after all other cars have exited the race track.
- 9.5 At the start of any race (double file), no cars will pull out of position to pass until they have crossed the start / finish line.
- 9.6 Restarts are double file up to the half way point of each race. If there are a total of three (3) original and / or restarts before the half way point, the race will be re-aligned and restarted in single file.
- 9.7 On single file restart, the flagger may give the green flag when the cars are in any location on the front straight between the 4th turn and the start / finish line. Once the green is displayed, passing is allowed.
- 9.8 When a yellow flag occurs on the original start, penalties may be incurred for driver infractions and assessed in a re-alignment. The flagger must consult judges, assistant flagger, and head scorer as necessary before assessing any penalty
- 9.9 Penalties must be assessed at the time of infraction, not several laps later.
- 9.10 Any car experiencing mechanical or driver difficulty during the original start may be given a second chance to start in their scheduled position. If the same trouble occurs on the second start, that car / driver may be asked to start in the rear or scratch position. If the problem is serious enough, that car / driver may be asked to withdraw to the infield area.
- 9.11 Restarts:
After the completion of the first lap, all restarts will be realigned in the order that the cars crossed the start / finish line during the PREVIOUSLY completed lap, according to the head scorer
- 9.12 Any car / driver that fails to keep up with the field during the start or restart of a race (on the pace or white flag laps) may be placed at the rear in the scratch position. This decision is up to the discretion of the flagger.
- 9.13 Five Lap Hold Rule (original starts only)
- 9.13.1 A total of five (5) laps will be allowed before the ORIGINAL start of a race in the event a car / driver is having difficulty getting started.

- 9.13.2 Upon any first lap (initial start) restarts, cars must assume that position in which they actually started from, not necessarily the position they were scheduled.
- 9.13.3 This Five Lap Hold rule may be applied only once for the original start of a race, the pit steward will assist the flagger counting the five laps.
- 9.13.4 When this Five Lap Hold rule is to be used, the flapper signals to the drivers on the track by holding up his hand with all five open fingers displayed.
- 9.14 Any car that does not take the original green flag at the start of the race may not enter in that race.
- 9.15 Cars disabled during a race must be taken or pushed into the center of the infield at least 10 feet off the racing surface, before any repairs or restarts are attempted. The safety distance is at the discretion of the flagger and race director. Any violation of this rule may result in a disqualification.
- 9.16 If a car or cars are in a dangerous or unsafe position, the flagger will display the yellow flag or red flag if necessary and the race will be realigned and restarted.
- 9.17 Any car or cars causing and / or contributing to an accident will be placed at the rear of the field in scratch position. The flagger and judges are responsible for making these decisions.
- 9.18 The race will be RED-FLAGGED or stopped whenever any microd flips or tips over.
- 9.19 Car Handler Regulations;
- 9.19.1 Car handlers may not leave the infield area and enter the pit area once their car has entered the racing surface until the completion of the race.
- 9.19.2 During a caution or yellow flag situation, car handlers may assist a disabled microd. Car handlers must not cross the track for any reason under green flag racing conditions. When crossing the track under caution to reach a disabled car, safely push the microd into the infield before attempting repairs or restarting of the car.
- 9.20 The final two laps of a race must be completed under the green flag. (see NYSMA Rule Book, chapter 2, section 7.4)

10.0 Line - Ups

- 10.1 The Head Scorer is in charge of and responsible for all race line-ups, scoring and the point system.

10.2 The number of heat races is based on the number of cars entered and the following table:

<u># cars registered</u>	<u># heats / #cars</u>	<u>B Main w/ # cars</u>	<u>A Main w/ # cars</u>
5 or less	5 or less	-	5 or less
6	3 - 3	-	6
7	4 - 3	-	7
8	4 - 4	-	8
9	3 - 3 - 3	-	9
10	4 - 3 - 3	-	10
11	4 - 4 - 3	-	11
12	4 - 4 - 4	-	12

Note: 12 cars is the maximum for a feature (main) event and is considered a full field.

13	5 - 4 - 4	6	7
14	5 - 5 - 4	6	8
15	5 - 5 - 5	6	9
16	4 - 4 - 4 - 4	4	12
17	5 - 4 - 4 - 4	5	12
18	5 - 5 - 4 - 4	6	12
19	5 - 5 - 5 - 4	7	12
20	5 - 5 - 5 - 5	8	12
21	6 - 5 - 5 - 5	9	12
22	6 - 6 - 5 - 5	10	12
23	6 - 6 - 6 - 5	11	12
24	6 - 6 - 6 - 6	12	12

10.3 All drivers must be signed in with the Head Scorer prior to warm ups / hot laps. Any driver not signed in by 6:45pm Friday or 12:45pm Sunday will start scratch in the heat race for that day.

10.4 Any car unable to make its assigned Heat may start in scratch position in one of the remaining Heats at the discretion of the Head Scorer.

10.5 The Line-up procedure detailed herein will be in effect for all STMC point races and such procedures of variations of may be used for any other special or Championship races.

10.6 Line-ups for Heat Races – limit 6 cars

10.6.1 Heat race line-ups are determined by a random draw. Drivers will draw numbers for heat race start position at sign in.

10.7 Line –ups for Feature (A-main) and Semi-Feature (B-main) – limit 12 cars

10.7.1 The winner of the first heat in each class will draw a number to determine starting order of feature and semi-feature.

10.7.2 If the number drawn is even, the feature(s) will be lined up in a “Heads-Up” manner.

Example – Two Heats, Heads-Up

1 st place / 1 st heat	1 st place / 2 nd heat
2 nd place / 1 st heat	2 nd place / 2 nd heat
3 rd place / 1 st heat	3 rd place / 2 nd heat
4 th place / 1 st heat	4 th place / 2 nd heat
5 th place / 1 st heat	5 th place / 2 nd heat
6 th place / 1 st heat	6 th place / 2 nd heat

Example – Three Heats, Heads-Up

1 st place / 1 st heat	1 st place / 2 nd heat
1 st place / 3 rd heat	2 nd place / 1 st heat
2 nd place / 2 nd heat	2 nd place / 3 rd heat
3 rd place / 1 st heat	3 rd place / 2 nd heat
3 rd place / 3 rd heat	4 th place / 1 st heat
4 th place / 2 nd heat	4 th place / 3 rd heat

10.7.3 If the number drawn is odd, the feature(s) will be lined up in a “Invert” manner as follows:

Example – Two Heats, Invert

6 th place / 1 st heat	6 th place / 2 nd heat
5 th place / 1 st heat	5 th place / 2 nd heat
4 th place / 1 st heat	4 th place / 2 nd heat
3 rd place / 1 st heat	3 rd place / 2 nd heat
2 nd place / 1 st heat	2 nd place / 2 nd heat
1 st place / 1 st heat	1 st place / 2 nd heat

Example – Three Heats, Invert

4 th place / 1 st heat	4 th place / 2 nd heat
4 th place / 3 rd heat	3 rd place / 1 st heat
3 rd place / 2 nd heat	3 rd place / 3 rd heat
2 nd place / 1 st heat	2 nd place / 2 nd heat
2 nd place / 3 rd heat	1 st place / 1 st heat
1 st place / 2 nd heat	1 st place / 3 rd heat

10.8 Additional Line-Up Procedures

- 10.8.1 MDO - A microd that started a race and completed at least one lap of the race but did not finish (did not take the checkered flag).

MDO from a heat race will start scratch in a feature race regardless of the even / odd draw. In the event there is more than one MDO from the heat race(s), the one completing the most laps in the heat will start in a higher position.

- 10.8.2 NO GO – A microd that was unable to start an assigned race (for whatever reason) or was unable to take the original green flag and complete at least one lap.

In any race line-up, a NO GO's are lined up behind any MDO's (if any), in the scratch position.

- 10.8.3 ENGINE CHANGES – Any microd changing an engine between races on that race day MUST report such to the Pit Steward or Head Scorer. Failure to report an engine change will result in the penalty of loss of all points earned after the engine change.

In any race line-up, ENGINE CHANGES are lined up behind any MDO and NO GO microds, in the scratch position.

- 10.8.4 DISQUALIFICATIONS

Whenever a microd or its driver has been DQ'd for any reason (other than safety), the subject car / driver will be lined up behind all other microds – MDO's, NO GO's and ENGINE CHANGES in the scratch position. If the microd was DQ'd from a race for only a safety reason, it will be lined up in its next scheduled race just like an MDO (providing the car has been checked and approved by the Head Tech Inspector.

11.0 Scoring Rules and Procedures

- 11.1 Only authorized race officials are allowed in the Scoring Tower during the running of any STMC race program.

- 11.2 The Head Scorer is in charge of all scoring procedures.

11.2.1 The head scorer will be assisted by other scorers, directors, flagger, judges as deemed necessary.

11.2.2 As soon as possible, the head scorer will list the “official” finish of each race.

- 11.2.3 After tallying the results of each race, the head scorer updates all points for each class and maintains an up-to-date point total for all drivers in each class.
- 11.2.4 The head scorer, while observing the race in progress and keeping track of the lead microd, also serves in the capacity of a judge to assist the flagger when necessary.
- 11.3 Scorers (It is recommended that there be at least three other scorers)
 - 11.3.1 All scorers will use the “Visual Line Scoring Method.” If for any reason the Visual Scoring Method is not used, the scoring method described in the NYSMA Rule Book may be applied.
 - 11.3.2 In circumstances where scorers may disagree or show different positions or results, the majority shall rule. If there is no majority, then the head scorer shall be responsible for the final decision. The head scorer may consult with other race officials.
- 11.4 Scoring Procedures and Re-alignment of a Race
 - 11.4.1 All scorers will visually record each microd (by car number) as it crosses the start/finish line in each lap of the race in progress.
 - 11.4.2 When the Yellow Flag – Caution is displayed by the flagger and/or the head scorer indicates “Yellow or Caution,” the scorers will indicate such on their score sheets by writing a slashing line.
 - 11.4.3 Whenever there is a Penalty, Warning, Disqualification or any other unusual situation, the head scorer and/or scorers should note on the appropriate place on their score sheets. Such notes then will be available for any post-race requirements.
 - 11.4.4 Initial re-alignment order (before any penalties are assessed) once the race has been stopped (in circumstances after completion of the first lap) will be the order in which the cars crossed the start/finish line on the lap prior to the displaying of the Yellow or Red Flags. Note: The instant the yellow or red flag is displayed, the scorers will stop recording and draw a diagonal line on their score sheets on the lap where the race was halted.
 - 11.4.5 The re-alignment order is the same order in which the cars are listed on the score sheets, starting with the previous lap recorded at the time the race was halted. Any car which was not shown (recorded on score sheet) in that lap will be lined up behind those cars which did cross the start/finish line in that prior lap. The order of these lapped cars will be determined by the order they were running in on the previous lap or laps.

11.4.6 The number of laps completed at any time in a race will be the SAME as the number of completed columns on the scorers' sheets. A column (lap) is considered to be complete is either:

- a) The lead car has crossed the start/finish line so the scorers have started a new lap (column) , then that prior lap is complete.
- b) All microds currently running in the race have crossed the start/finish line so that there are no more cars to be scored in that column (the next car to be scored would be the lead car), then that lap is complete.
- c) When the one or two microds that were involved in the incident that caused the caution – yellow race stoppage, and were to be the last car(s) scored, as all other cars do appear on that lap column on the score sheets, THEN the head scorer has the option to call that particular lap complete.

11.4.7 In the event that the score sheet(s) column has numbers recorded in it, but it is not complete, that lap shall not count. Such a column (lap) will only be used for determining re-start line-ups. (See example “Illustration of a Race Re-alignment”)

11.4.8 The lead car at the time of the re-start must start in the first (pole) position. If after penalties are assessed, a lapped car is in the first position, that lapped car must be re-aligned at the rear of the field, but in front of all penalized cars. (NOTE: Such car is not being penalized any positions or laps, as long as that car is not placed behind any other lapped cars that are running in the same lap.)

11.4.9 Any car(s) which contributed to the accident or caution, as determined by the flagger and judges, must be re-started in the last (scratch) position.

11.4.10 Any car stopping for or involved in, but not causing or contributing to the accident or caution as determined by the flagger and judges, may retain its previous position in the race.

11.4.11 A microd must be running under its own power to be scored in any lap or to be scored on the final lap completing the race.

11.4.12 All microds must pass over the start/finish line to be scored in that lap. The start/finish line is from in front of the flagger's stand to the inside edge of the race track and extending across the pit lane. NOTE: Possible exception - at the checkered flap, when a car is forced off the racing surface and crosses the start/finish line on the in-field of behind the flagger's stand as determined by the flagger, judges and scorers.

11.5 Illustration of a Race Re-alignment (Re-starts)

A six-car race is halted in the 5th lap for a yellow flag (that is the lead car had completed five laps and was racing in the 6th lap).

Sample Score Sheet

Original Line-up	Completed Laps (Columns)						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7.....
Car #	14	6	6	6	6	6	
	6	14	4	4	<u>14</u>	<u>95</u>	
	4	4	61	61	4	61	
	3	61	14	3	61	4	
	95	3	3	95	3	/	
	61	95	95				

* Race is stopped for a yellow flag and car #2 is to be penalized.

Initial re-alignment order as determined by lap 5 column; positions are #6, #95, #61, #4, #14, and #3. After penalty is assessed, car #6 must re-start scratch, and the order is now; #95, #61, #4, #14, #3, and #6. However, #95 is a lapped car, thus the official re-start order is; #61, #4, #14, #3, #95, #6. With four laps complete, cars #61, #4, #3, and #6 have completed all four laps, while cars #14 and #95 have completed three laps.

11.5 Official Completion of a Race (Adopted from NYSMA)

11.5.1 The final two laps of a race must be completed under the Green Flag.

11.5.2 If an accident or incident occurs during the final (last) lap of a race, resulting in a yellow and/or red flag, and no car has crossed the start / finish line receiving the checkered flag, then two additional laps shall be run to complete the race (under green flag). Line-ups for the re-start shall be according to normal re-alignment procedures detailed above.

11.5.3 If the race is halted (yellow and/or red flag) during the final lap and some (at least one) of the cars, but not all, have received the checkered flag and crossed the start / finish first, the race is complete. The order of finish for those cars not receiving the checkered flag shall be determined by their positions and number of laps completed after the assessment of any penalties.

12.0 STMC Point Scoring System

12.1 Each driver will receive points for the position finished in each respective point race. Each driver will be scheduled to run two races in every point event; 1 – Heat and 1 – Feature or Semi – Feature.

- 12.2 The official order of finish shall be determined by the number of laps completed and the order in which the cars cross the start / finish line on the final lap of the race.
- 12.3 The number of laps completed shall be the primary factor. That is, all cars completing the full number of race laps finish ahead of all cars completing a lesser number of laps. The order in which they cross the start / finish line on the final lap then determines the finishing places of all cars completing an equal number of laps.
- 12.4 If two cars complete the same number of laps, but not all of the race laps, for example 22 of the 25 scheduled laps, and one is running at the end of the race and crosses the start / finish line and the other MDO'ed after running 22 laps, the car running at the end places ahead of the MDO car.
- 12.5 If two cars both MDO'ed while completing the same number of laps, then the car that completed those number of laps first places in front of the other.

Race Example

- 20 lap race with five micros competing -

- Microd A - leader for 20 laps and finishes first
- Microd B - runs the entire race slowly, completing a total of 12 laps when receiving the checkered flag
- Microd C - runs for 15 laps, has problems and MDO's (drops out)
- Microd D - runs 5 laps, has problems, but returns later to race in progress and receives the checkered flag, completing 15 laps
- Microd E - runs 3 laps and goes out with problems, then returns and runs 3 more laps and receives the checkered flag.

- Final Order of Race; 1st – A, 2nd – D, 3rd – C, 4th – B, 5th - E

- 12.6 Any car disqualified for safety reasons during a race will be given credit for the number of laps completed.
- 12.7 Any NO GO micros (not starting a race or completing one full lap) will receive Zero (0) points for that race.
- 12.8 Any microd / driver disqualified will also receive Zero (0) points for that race.
- 12.9 Any MDO micros (starting the race and completing at least one full lap) will receive the points earned as determined by its finishing position in that race.

- 12.10 TIES: When a tie (dead heat) occurs for any position, those cars involved will receive identical points for the place they tied for. The next place car will receive the points earned for that finishing position.
- Example: Cars A and B tie for 1st place in their heat race and car C is the next place car. Cars A and B are awarded 1st place heat points and car C is awarded 3rd place heat points.
- 12.11 Scoring Problems and Questions: The Head Scorer will be available to answer any questions for 15 minutes after the completion of a race event. Official protests over the race scoring must be submitted in writing to the Head Scorer within 15 minutes after the race results have been posted or announced.
- 12.12 Point trophies will be awarded to all eligible participants who are in good standing at the Annual Awards Banquet. The final point standings in each microd class will be determined by a driver's best 8 of 10 races. (2 drops when competing in all events)
- 12.13 Scheduled Point Race Events – Number of Laps
- A. Heat Races: Jr. Nov. - 10 laps
All other Classes – 12 laps
- B. Semi – Features: Jr. Nov. – 12 laps
All other Classes – 20 laps
- C. Features: Jr. Nov. – 16 laps
Nov. – 20 laps
All other Classes – 25 laps
- 12.14 There may be justifiable circumstances to alter the length of the scheduled point race events. Such instances may be due to threatening weather, lateness of the hour, mutual agreement of those involved, etc. In such cases, the Head Scorer, and/or President, with the approval of the Board of Directors may alter the scheduled distances of point race events.
- 12.15 Race events which are not completed due to weather, curfew, or other circumstances will be completed at the next scheduled event, when possible. Any race in progress and half or more complete will be considered completed, and the next program will start with successive races.

12.16 The STMC Point System (weekly point race events)

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Heat Race</u>	<u>Semi-Feature</u>	<u>Feature</u>
1 st	6	15	30
2 nd	5	14	28
3 rd	4	13	26
4 th	3	12	24
5 th	2	11	23
6 th	1	10	22
7 th		9	21
8 th		8	20
9 th		6	19
10 th		5	18
11 th		4	17
12 th		3	16
No. Cars	6	12	12

12.17 The following circumstances will result in Zero (0) or loss of points for that point race event:

12.17.1 Any driver that is disqualified during of after a scheduled STMC point race event for such reasons as; illegal engine or microd, failure to meet minimum weight specifications, driving infractions, rules violations, unfair tactics, unsportsmanlike behavior, conduct that is offensive, vulgar or illegal, etc., is subject to penalties which may include the loss of all points for that race of for that entire point race program. Such penalties will be determined by the STMC Board of Directors.

12.17.2 Whenever the above occurs with the resulting penalty of a loss of points (0 points), that zero cannot be counted as one of the low scoring point race events (drops) when determining the season's point totals.

13.0 Microd Specifications

13.1 Any microd built or purchased and registered with the New York State Microd Association, through the Southern Tier Microd Club, must:

13.1.1 Be built to and meet all specifications, dimensions, material requirements, safety standards, etc., as detailed in the latest (current) NYSMA Plan Book and any other adopted standards (proposals) enforced by NYSMA or STMC.

13.1.2 All participants competing in any STMC event must be registered with NYSMA for the current racing season and must have paid any annual registration fees required by either organization.

- 13.2 All microds must pass an inspection prior to competing in the first scheduled point race or any practice session.
 - 13.2.1 The Second Vice President (or duly appointed official) is in charge of all microd inspections and weight checks.
 - 13.2.2 Inspections will be conducted with the use of STMC Inspection Sheets. Inspection criteria are based on the NYSMA Plan Book.
 - 13.2.3 Those microds meeting these inspection standards will be issued an STMC Inspection Sticker, initialed and dated by authorized personnel.
 - 13.2.4 If any of the inspection or safety criteria are not met, a one week grace period may be allowed for correction. That car's participation in that day's race program will be determined at the discretion of the Second Vice President.
- 13.3 At any time, any microd not meeting the specifications as stated in the NYSMA Plan Book or STMC Rule Book may be subject to disqualification and loss of any points or awards earned.
- 13.4 It is the responsibility of each microd owner or family to have an updated NYSMA Plan Book and STMC Rule Book, and to be aware of all current microd specification and safety standards.
- 13.5 Microd Engine Specifications
 - 13.5.1 All microd engine specifications are defined in the current revision of the NYSMA Plan Book and any subsequent adopted proposals.
- 13.6 Engine Teardown and Post-Race Inspections
 - 13.6.1 Engine teardowns and / or inspections may be conducted following the completion of any STMC race program at the discretion of the Second Vice-President.
 - 13.6.2 Engine teardowns and / or inspections may be conducted upon receipt of a written request and protest fee from any member in accordance with rule 7.2.11 of this rule book.
 - 13.6.3 When it has been determined and announced that engine teardowns and / or inspections are to take place, the subject microds (with engines in place) will be sent to a secure impound area. The number of microds subject to inspection is determined by the Second Vice-President.

13.6.4 Engine teardowns and / or inspections will be supervised by the Second Vice-President. The actual engine disassembly will be performed by the microd owner.

13.6.5 Refusal of an authorized engine teardown and / or inspection will result in disqualification of the microd involved, with a penalty of forfeiture of all points and awards won during that entire race program. The microd is then subject to re-inspection prior to the next scheduled STMC event.

End