

# Midstate Microd Club

## Rules of Racing

### Section 1.0 Introduction to the Rules

***This supersedes Section 1.0 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 These rules are structured to coincide and compliment the New York State Microd Association (NYSMA) official rule book. Any rules not covered by the MID-STATE MICROD CLUB (MMC) Rules of Racing, will be covered by the NYSMA rules.
- .2 All members of the MID-STATE MICROD CLUB (MMC), racing personnel, mechanics, handler, drivers and sponsors are deemed to be fully aware of all Microd rules and will be expected to abide by these rules.
- .3 All rules have been written with the intent of being fully enforced by the Board of Directors.
- .4 Any rule supplements, additions and/or corrections shall be announced by the president following the directors' decision. Upon such announcement, rule changes become legal and enforceable.

#### 1.1 Code Of Conduct

***This supersedes Section 1.1 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 All MMC members and their families are expected to act in a manner that is a credit to the sport both on and off the track facility, when attending Club sanctioned events. Undue disturbances, unsportsmanlike conduct, abusive, and or offensive language, or willful damage to other's property will not be tolerated at any time.
- .2 Those failing to act in a manner that is a credit to the sport are hampering all members and are jeopardizing the existence and future of Microding.
- .3 No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the pits or on the track during the race program. Illegal drugs are not allowed anywhere on the MMC property. Any underage consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs will not be tolerated. Any instances of such behavior will be reported to the proper authorities immediately.
- .4 Any insulting or offensive behavior to a competition official will not be tolerated.
- .5 Only members with NYSMA insurance are allowed in the pit area during a race program.

#### 1.2 Enforcement

***This supersedes Section 1.2 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 Participants (drivers, owners and/or members) violating any rules will be subject to disciplinary actions in accordance with the MMC rules. This may be in the form of warnings, disqualification, suspension, expulsions, loss of points, loss of membership or any combination thereof. There will be zero tolerance for profanity, and it will result in being asked to leave the infield and/or pit area for the duration of that race day or night, and be subject to a \$10.00 fine. Should that be a handler, another person will become handler for the Microd involved for the remainder of that particular race day or night. Any penalties or fines must be served or paid prior to participating in any subsequent events.

- .2 Violation of Conduct complaint forms will be available and accessible to all members during every race (forms can be obtained at the Concession Stand or Scorer's Stand but not during a race ).
- 3. Any violation noted by a member (child or adult) will be written on one of these forms and given immediately (within 15 minutes) to one of the MMC Directors, or Officer. The Board of Directors will then meet to determine the appropriate action.
- .4 The President and Secretary will be in attendance to record any decisions made by the Board of Directors. The President and Secretary will not have a vote in the ruling. Rulings made by the Board of Directors will be limited to the day's race schedule. All rulings by the Board of Directors will be determined by majority vote.
- .5 The Board of Directors shall have the right to issue any one of the following:
  - .1 Issue no sanction
  - .2 Issue one verbal warning
  - .3 Issue one written warning
  - .4 Issue an immediate disqualification (any offense which results in disqualification may carry a fine of all points earned on that racing day be revoked, be that offense against a driver or pit person).
    - .1 Anything which delays or prevents the normal course of a race or conduct which can be construed by spectators as unsportsmanlike or improper, will result in an immediate disqualification.
    - .2 Fighting will result in an immediate disqualification and/or suspension for the racing season.
- .6 The Board of Directors has determined that:
  - .1 Two conduct violations within a racing season will result in a one week suspension from the Club and missing the next points race and can not be used as a drop night.
  - .2 Three conduct violations within a racing season will result in loss of family membership with the Club.
    - .1 Members may be reinstated to the Club following a favorable review by the Board of Directors.

## Section 2.0 Track Operations

### 2.1 Race Dates

***This supersedes Section 2.1 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 Race dates will be established as per the provisions in the MMC By-Laws.

### 2.2 Racing Fees

***This supersedes Section 1.1 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .2 An entry fee will be levied weekly for each Microd entering each event.
- .3 Racing fees will be established as per the provisions in the MMC By-Laws.

### 2.3 Insurance

***Refer to section 2.3 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

### 2.4 Tech Inspections (Pre-Race Inspections)

- .7 Any major changes to a Microd are to be reported to the Tech Inspector prior to the race event for re-inspection.
- .8 Microds are subject to re-inspection at any time.
- .9 Microds passing inspection shall receive an MMC inspection sticker.

## 2.5 Registration

***This supersedes Section 2.5 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 Drivers must personally register, and pay any applicable entry fees at the designated time and place on every race date.
- .2 All drivers are required to present a birth certificate at the beginning of the race season.
- .3 No new driver or guest will be allowed to race the last two point races.
- .4 No driver substitutions will be allowed
- .5 A driver must have raced five race dates in a class before he/she is eligible to receive a point trophy at the end of the year (additional entry fees may be paid to make-up the five if a driver has raced less than that). A driver must have raced at least three point race events in that class to be eligible to race in the Hillcrest Cup race.
- .6 Any driver signing in after 6:30 PM on evening races and after 12:30 PM on day races must start in the scratch position in the last heat in their class. Refer to sections 5.2.2.2.1.

## 2.6 Pit Area

***Refer to Chapter 2, Section 2.6 of the NYSMA official rule book with the addition of:***

- .10 Pit meeting will begin at 6:45 PM (12:45 PM) with racing event commencing at the close of the pit meeting.
- .11 All drivers and handlers are required to attend the pit meeting, a roll call will be taken based on driver registrations for that event. Failure to be present during roll call will result in that Microd starting in the scratch position for the heat race.
- .12 Line up in order at pit-on as soon as the lineup is posted.  
All Microds must enter and exit the pits at designated areas
- .13 A working fire extinguisher for each Microd owner is MANDATORY and must be in the pit area with the Microd.
- .14 The pit area is restricted to club or NYSMA members with NYSMA Insurance.  
The Pit Steward and race officials will have full authority of all pit activity. This includes lining up the Microds for the race.
- .15 No Microd will be refueled while staged in the pit on area.  
*Failure to comply with the above rule will result in that Microd starting scratch.*
- .16 Microds will not be refueled while the driver is in the Microd.  
*Failure to comply with the above rule will result in that Microd starting scratch.*
- .17 Refueling of the Microd will be done with the engine turned off.
- .18 There will be no smoking while refueling Microd.
- .19 There will no smoking in either the pit on area or hot shoot area.
- .20 All Microds must remain in the pit area during the race events unless going to a tow vehicle or trailer for departure from the grounds. This will keep the pits confined and insure safety for the spectators.

## 2.7 Infield Safety Rules

***Refer to section 2.7 of the NYSMA official rule book with the addition of:***

- .4 Microds disabled during a race must pull to the center of the infield, not to the outside of the track, to make repairs. Driver must remain in the Microd with their helmets and safety belts on, unless it is unsafe to do so. Drivers will be disqualified if they leave the Microd for any reason other than immediate danger. After conferring with the Head Flagger the Race Director may permit a Microd to be pushed off during a break in the race (time and conditions permitting).
- .5 One (1) handler will be allowed on the infield per Microd during a race.  
(NYSMA tour series requires one (1) handler per Microd.)
- .6 No smoking will be allowed in the infield.

## 2.8 Controlled Practice (warm-ups)

***This supersedes Section 2.8 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 On race dates the race event begins at 7:00 PM.
- .2 The track closes on race events 10 minutes prior to the controlled practice to allow for track setup.
- .3 Controlled practice will open at 6:10 PM, and close at 6:40 PM.
- .4 Practice groups will be limited by time and number of Microds, and will be policed by the Pit Steward and the flaggers.

## 2.9 Non-Racing Use of Track

***This supersedes Section 1.1 of the NYSMA official rule book, with the addition of:***

- .1 For the purposes of practice by MMC members, the track is open during daylight hours and after 12:00 PM on Sundays, except when maintenance is being performed.
- .2 Any practice should be conducted in a safe and responsible manner.
- .3 No Microds are allowed on the track during intermission unless authorized by a competition official.

## 2.10 Flags

***This supersedes Section 21.1 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

FLAG COLOR	DESCRIPTION
Green	<b>The green flag is used to start the race. The green flag should be displayed at all times while the race is in progress.</b>
Any two Flags Rolled / Crossed	<b>Halfway point of the race.</b>
Any two Flags Rolled / Parallel and Vertical	<b>Two (2) laps to go in the race.</b>
White	<b>The microd on the lead lap has one lap to go.</b>
Checkered	<b>The race is officially over.</b>
Yellow	<b>CAUTION: Reduce speed, and do not pass, be prepared to stop.</b>
Red after Yellow Flag	<b>STOP at start finish line.</b>
Red Flag Only	<b>STOP as soon as possible.</b>
Black Flag – Rolled Up	<b>WARNING – Given to a driver for an infraction of the rules of racing. SEE SECTION 7.2 WARNINGS FOR FULL DISCLOSURE</b>
Black Flag – Full	<b>Disqualified – Driver will leave the track immediately. The race may be stopped if the driver does not acknowledge the flag. SEE SECTION 7.3 DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR FULL DISCLOSURE</b>

## Section 3.0 Driving Safety Rules

*Refer to Chapter 2, Rules of Racing, Section 3.0 in the NYSMA Official rule book.*

## Section 4.0 Track Personnel

### 4.1 Inspectors

***This supersedes Section 4.1 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 The MMC president will form a tech inspection team.
- .2 The tech inspector will be in charge of the pre-race safety inspections.
- .3 The tech inspector will also be in charge of the post-race technical inspections, and will be responsible to ensure that the inspections will be completed fairly, efficiently and as quickly as possible.
- .4 The inspector's decision on safety or specifications is final.

### 4.2 Head Flagger/Assistant Flagger

***This supersedes Section 4.2 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 All races are to be started by the Head Flagger only.
- .2 The Head Flagger has absolute control of all races and will be assisted by track judges and an Assistant Flagger.
- .3 Only competition officials and judges are to confer with the Head Flagger during the race.
- .4 The Head Flagger, except when a critical situation dictates, is the only person to give flags during a race.
- .5 An Assistant Flagger may display (not give) the green, yellow or red flags at the direction of the Head Flagger. The Assistant Flagger will use flags to indicate safety directions to the drivers prior to their reaching the start/finish line.
- .6 The Head Flagger has the ability to make calls when seen, when there are not enough judges.

### 4.3 Judges

***This supersedes Section 4.3 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 Two (2) qualified judges are required for all heat and consolation races. Four (4) qualified judges may be required for feature races.  
Qualified judges are not to be affiliated (owner, family, crew) with any race teams they will judge.
- .2 Judges are to work from and stay in their appointed positions while the race is in progress. Judges under no circumstance are to touch a Microd, unless a child is in immediate danger.
- .3 Judges may issue a warning through the Head Flagger. Warnings are defined in "7.2 Warnings."
- .4 A judge is required to make a call on the outcome of an incident that occurs on the track. If a consultation is needed with the other judges or Head Flagger or competition officials, this time will be allowed. All calls should be fair and impartial to the driver/drivers involved.
- .5 The Flaggers stand is restricted to competition officials only.

#### **4.4 Scoring Personnel**

***This supersedes Section 4.4 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 Scorers will assist the Head Scorer in making the line ups for each race.
- .2 Only competition officials are to be in the scorers tower once the race program has started.
- .3 Scorers may work in pairs (Caller & Writer) or may be an individual (Visual) Scorer, at the discretion of the Head Scorer.  
*For definitions refer to chapter two, Section 4.4. of the NYSMA official rule book.*
- .4 The Head Scorer's input may be called upon for a reading of the rules.

#### **4.4 Race Director**

***Refer to MMC By-Laws Article II, section 2.01 for definition***

## **Section 5.0 Scoring Rules**

### **5.1 Definition of Terms**

***Refer to chapter two, section 5.1 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

### **5.2 Heat Races**

***This supersedes Section 5.2 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

#### **5.2.1 All heat races of the season and trophy races.**

- .1 Lineups for all heat races of the racing season and the Hillcrest Cup race will be determined by a separate random drawing by the drivers in each class. Each driver will draw one number and that number will be used to determine the heat in which the driver will be placed and his/her starting position in that heat.
- .2 The number of heats, number of Microds in each heat, and the number of Microds qualifying for the feature race from each heat (also from each consolation race if run) will be based upon the number of Microds in each class. The head scorer will determine those numbers and announce them as soon as possible after registration.
- .3 After all Microds have been registered and all drivers have drawn a number, the following steps are followed:
  - .1 The number drawn for the first race is recorded for each driver (Microd).
  - .2 The number of heats to be run is determined by the number of Microds signed in and registered in each class. A maximum of five (5) Microds per heat race is allowed.
  - .3 The lowest number drawn gets the first position in the first heat, the next lowest number drawn gets first position in the second heat, and so on until all first (pole) positions in all of the heats have been filled.
  - .4 The next lowest number drawn gets the second position in the first heat, the next lowest number drawn gets the second position in the second heat, and so on until all second positions have been filled.
  - .5 This process continues, using the next lowest numbers drawn to fill starting positions in order, in each of the heats, until all Microds have been assigned a starting position in one of the heat races.

- .5.2.3 The Hillcrest Cup heat race lineups will be the same as listed in section 5.2.1. The Hillcrest Cup race will be limited to a draw heat and a heads up feature. The line-up for the feature will be based on the finish of the heat.
- .5.2.4 **Drawing For Starting Position**  
Refer to the NYSMA official rule book chapter 2, and section 5.2.1, for the first MMC point race, and The Hillcrest Cup race.
- .6 The Heat line ups for the rest of that race year will be lined up according to the previous weeks point standings except for the Hillcrest Cup Race.
- .7 Visitors start scratch in the Heat races.

### 5.3 Consolation

**Refer to chapter 2, section 5.3 of the NYSMA official rule book with the addition of:**

- 5.3.3.6 Any driver signing in late after the heat race will be lined up next (behind DQs if any).
- 5.3.4 **Consolation Race / Starting Positions**  
Refer to the NYSMA official rule book chapter 2 section 5.3.4.

### 5.4 Feature and Semi-Feature Race

**For the end of the year Hillcrest Cup Race, NYSMA rules will apply, regarding Heats, Consolations, Features and Semi-Features. Refer to NYSMA official rule book chapter 2 section 5.4. For regular point race features these rules will supersede section 5.4 of the NYSMA official rule book.**

- .1 The line-ups for Features will be heads up based upon the finish place of the heat race.
- .2 The maximum number of Micros in a Feature race will be limited to twelve (12).
- .3 Since there is no provision for semi-features on regular point race nights, non-qualifiers will receive a flat set of points.
- .4 The order of the feature line up is the same as the heat, with the order of No Go's, Engine changes, DQ's then visitors.

**Refer to chapter two, section 5.4 of the NYSMA official rule book.**

### 5.6 Order of Finish

**Refer to chapter two, section 5.6 of the NYSMA official rule book with the addition of.**

### 5.7 Posting of Scores

- .1 The order of finish shall be posted prior to the next scheduled MMC race.
- .2 Each score sheet shall be signed by the Scorers.
- .3 Each score sheet shall note the time of finish of each race.
- .4 Score sheets will be available for review by any concerned member/parties.
- .5 Points stay with a driver, unless the driver changes classes or divisions. If they change classes or divisions, they lose all points previously earned.

## 5.8 Point System Chart

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Heat	19	18	17	16	15							
Feature	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10

Since there is no provision for a semi-feature, participants in the consolation race that do not qualify for the feature, will be awarded non-qualifier points, which is one point less than the twelfth place position.

## Section 6.0 Race Operations

- .1 there will be 5 warm up laps before every race that can be omitted by the handlers if desired.

### Qualifying by Heats

- .2 Heats are limited to five (5) Microds or less.
- .4 All heat races will be lined up by random drawing.
- .7 Engine substitutions after qualifying must start from the scratch position in the next race. Engine substitutions must be reported to the Pit Steward who will notify the Head Scorer of the change.

### Point Race Laps

<u>Class</u>	<u>Heat</u>	<u>Feature</u>
Jr. Novice/ Novice Classics	10	20
All Other Classes	10	25

### Trophy Race Laps

<u>Class</u>	<u>Heat</u>	<u>Semi-Feature</u>	<u>Feature</u>
Jr. Novice/ Novice Classics	10	20	25
All Other Classes	10	25	30

## 6.2 Starting of Race

**Refer to chapter two, section 6.2 of the NYSMA official rule book.**

## 6.3 Racing

**Refer to chapter two, section 6.3 of the NYSMA official rule book.**

## 6.4 Cautions / Emergency Situations

**Refer to chapter two, section 6.4 of the NYSMA official rule book, with the addition of 6.4.1.5:**

- .1.5 A Microd hits a corner cone, and a penalty will be assessed.
- .1.6 A last lap caution will be reviewed by the race judges, flaggers, scorers, and the race director.

## 6.5 Restarts

**Refer to chapter two, section 6.5 of the NYSMA official rule book, with the addition of 6.5.6.2.**

## 6.6 Re-entry

**Refer to chapter two, section 6.6 of the NYSMA official rule book with the change to 6.6.5 of:**

- .5 Microds that enter the infield, and come to a complete stop or are touched by the handler must return to the race at the designated area between turns two and three on the BACKSTRETCH of the track. Microds not adhering to this rule will be disqualified from the race.

# Section 7.0 Infractions

## 7.1 Driving Infractions

**Refer to chapter two, section 7.1 of the NYSMA official rule book.**

## 7.2 Warnings

**Refer to chapter two, section 7.2 of the NYSMA official rule book with the addition of 7.2.4.3.**

### .4.3 Black Flag Progression

The first warning is a rolled up black flag—race continues.

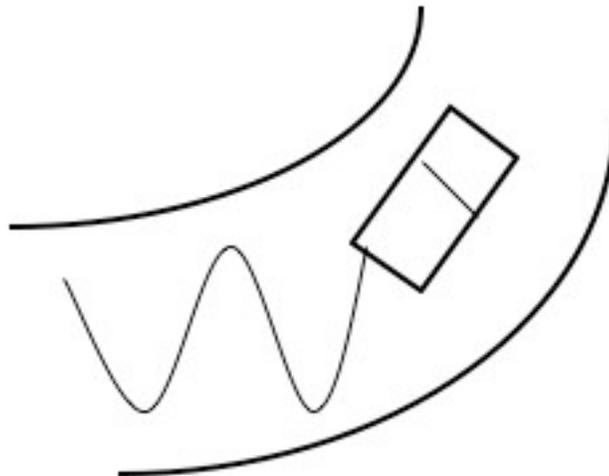
Driver will be scored with a black flag warning, the race director will notify the handler of the infraction.

The second warning to the same driver will receive the rolled up black flag, and the caution flag will be displayed. The infraction will be explained to the driver, and the driver will re-start the race at the back of the pack.

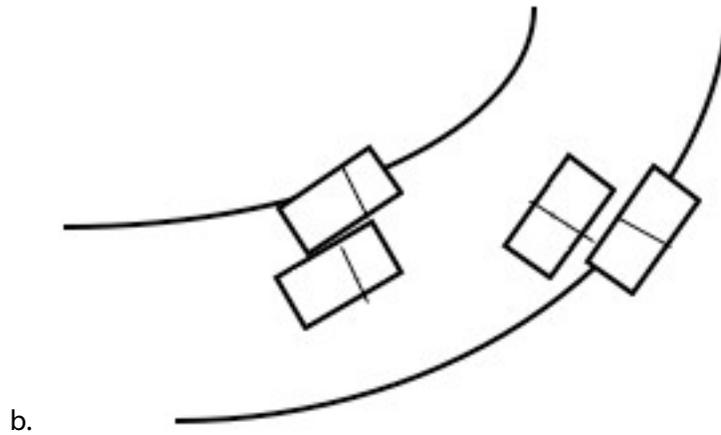
The third offense, an open black flag will be displayed, and the driver will be disqualified for that race and will exit the track.

The fourth black flag in an event is an immediate disqualification for that event.

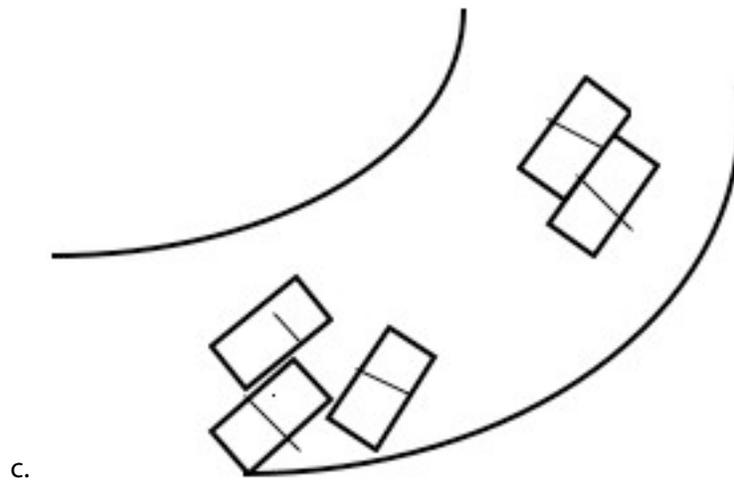
**WEAVING** — zigzag driving to prevent other car or cars from passing (Diagram a.)



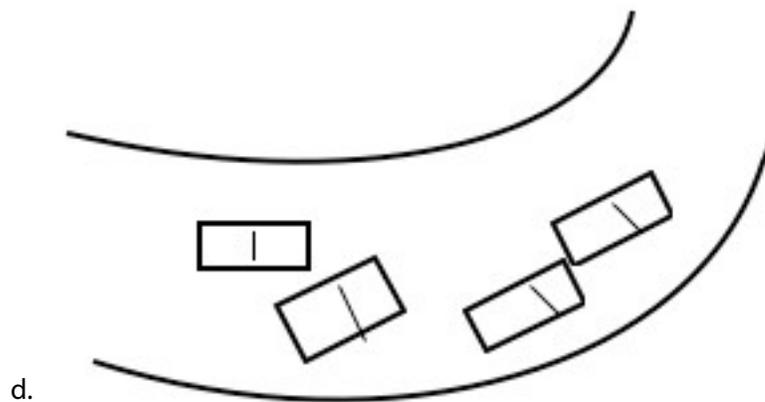
**FORCING** — intentionally and without need for room turning against and/or into another car causing other driver to “get over” established inside or outside “rails”—or causing other driver and cars to be slowed up trying to scrape past the car doing the “forcing” (Diagram b.).



**CROWDING** — Putting a car into or through any space which is not legitimately large enough whether between other cars or driving over the established inside or outside “rails” to pass or “squeeze” (Diagram c.).



**CUTTING IN** — Turning in front of another car anywhere without full clearance. Intentional or unintentional “cutting in” is sometimes difficult to judge, but by DQ for either produces eventual better judgment of the driver producing fairer and cleaner races (Diagram d.).



**NOTE:** CUTTING IN OR CROWDING or combination of both is the major cause of “spin-outs”. Although, a car can “spin-out” or be made to “spin-out” by itself, and there is not always an infraction involved.

### **7.3 Disqualification (DQ)**

**Refer to chapter two, section 7.3 of the NYSMA official rule book.**

### **7.4 Finish of Race**

**Refer to chapter two section 7.4 of the NYSMA official rule book, with the addition of: 7.4.10,**

- .10 Any race stopped before the halfway mark, due to weather, etc. shall be continued at the start of the next scheduled race night and restarted according to the last completed lap.

### **7.5 Post Race Inspection/Engine Tear Down**

**This supersedes Section 5.2 of the NYSMA official rule book.**

- .1 Any races sponsored and sanctioned by MMC, the following post race inspections and tear downs apply.
- .2 The classes using club motors will be exempted from the engine tear down requirement.
- .3 Fuel will be tested every night.
- .4 First place car to pull chip for tech in each class.
- .5 Cars remain in impound after each race until released by tech inspector.
- .6 There will be one container, which will contain “chips” which will represent each of the following post race inspections. The Tech Inspector will determine ratio and probability content.
  - a. Fuel check.
  - b. Restrictor Plate/Microd Throat check.
  - c. Gear ratio check.
  - d. Microds weight with and without driver.
  - e. Remove and inspect carburetor. Inspect restrictor plate, remove exhaust, inspect ports visually and with no-go gauge.
  - f. Remove head and valve cover, inspect head and head gasket.
  - g. Remove head and valve cover, inspect ports visually and no-go gauge, check valve timing and lift.
  - h. Remove flywheel guard, remove and weigh flywheel, inspect for stock ignition
  - i. Remove side cover, visually inspect crank rod cam and lifters.
  - j. No inspection
- .7 If during a post race inspection, anything is found which is in violation of the rules, the Microd and driver will be disqualified with no points earned that night and that race event cannot be used as a drop night.
- .8 Full motor tear down only by protest or by discretion of the Board of Directors.
- .9 Any post race inspections not covered above, will be by protest only.

### **7.6 Protests**

**Refer to chapter two section 7.6 of the NYSMA official rule book with the change to 7.6.1, 7.6.3, 7.6.5,7.6.6,:**

- .1 All protests arising from any race must be made in writing and submitted to the Pit Steward within fifteen (15) minutes after the completion of **that** race. Ending time of race to be noted on the scoring sheet by the Head Scorer. Pit Steward to radio the Scorers tower for official time, and note that time on the protest form in the space provided.

- .3 Written protests are to be made on the Mid-State Microd Club or NYSMA Official Protest form (available at the Concession Stand).
- .5 If after the completion of the post race inspection a member (Microd owner, handler, driver) of the class feels the need for additional inspection, they can exercise the right to a standard post-race engine tear down by using the MMC official protest form. The form must be submitted along with a \$50 dollar cash inspection fee, per engine, to the Tech Inspector within fifteen minutes of being released by the tech inspector with \$10 of that fifty going to the club.  
Refusal to tear down will result in a forfeiture of points for that race night. A forfeit will be considered a disqualification and will not be counted as a drop night.  
The protestor must also tear down their engine for inspection. The inspection fee will be maintained by the club. If the protest is deemed valid, the inspection fee will be refunded. If the protest is deemed to be invalid the forfeited money will go to the subject of the tear down.
- .6 The MMC Race Committee shall make a majority decision on all protests.

## **Section 8.0 Prizes**

***This supersedes Section 8.0 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 Year end trophies will be awarded according to total of eight highest point nights. Feature ribbons awarded for each race. Club members will receive theirs at the end of the year banquet.
- .2 Guests will receive awards at the end of the race event.

## **Section 9.0 Closing Comments**

***This supersedes Section 9.0 of the NYSMA official rule book.***

- .1 Any situation not covered by these rules will be decided by the MMC Board of Directors.
- .2 These rules and regulations may be amended by the MMC Board of Directors at any time in accordance with the MMC constitution.
- .3 These rules are intended to have but one meaning, which will be interpreted by the MMC Board of Directors.