



Dear Racer -

I would like to first thank you for entering and look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

Things are shaping up nicely for the 7th Annual Gambler's Classic Atlantic City Indoor Race. Despite the economic down turn we are currently experiencing, entries and ticket pre-sales for this year's event that are on par from previous years.

Enclosed with this letter you will find directions to the hall, an updated schedule of events, line-up procedures, an inspection sheet so you can fill out your information in advance and information about this year's Motorsports show.

Also enclosed is a tech bulletin which was posted on our website last week. As you will see in the bulletin all cars must arrive and be presented for safety inspection with empty fuel tanks. We believe this will cure several problems all in one shot including the use of illegal fuels or additives to gain a performance advantage. By eliminating the illegal fuel and or additives we hope to cut down on the fumes these fuels produce and improve the overall air quality inside the building. We are currently working to ensure ample time for everyone to purchase fuel before practice begins on Thursday night.

We will open the garage on Thursday at 9am for trailer parking but do not plan to start inspecting cars until 12 Noon. Please do not arrive before 9am because we cannot block the road or the police will escort you away. During this three hour period we ask that you keep from opening your trailer door and unloading your cars. By keeping the trailers closed we will be able to maneuver trailers through the aiseways better and make trailer parking less of an issue. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Pit Passes will be sold at the trailer located right off the Boardwalk entrance which is where you have to enter the building all day on Friday and Saturday. On Thursday we will sell pit passes throughout the day and sweep the building before practice gets underway to ensure that everyone in the building has a pit pass and has signed the insurance waiver before we start racing. We will also have a short drivers meeting at this time to go over Thursday night's activities.

The main driver's meeting will again be held in the seminar

## THREE DAYS OF RACING JANUARY 15, 16 & 17 At Atlantic City, NJ's Boardwalk Hall

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rooms at the Motorsports show on Friday morning at 12 Noon. All drivers must sign-in at the meeting. Any driver not in attendance will be put to the rear of their event on Friday night. Anyone purchasing a weekend pit pass on Thursday will receive a free 1-Day ticket to the Motorsports show. You will need this ticket to gain entrance to the driver's meeting because it is in the show.

A new exciting element that has been added to this year's event is the Behrent's Bonus for the TQ Midgets/600 Micro Sprints. The bonus will pay up to \$2,000 to a driver if they can win Friday and Saturday night's A-Main. To add to the excitement we will do the draw for the top 12 feature starting spots on the Ms. Motorsports Stage Saturday afternoon at the show. Friday night's winner will have the opportunity to pick for his starting position or choose to start 12th and go for the \$2,000 bonus. If the driver opts to pick for his starting spot and wins Saturday night's event the bonus will be \$500.

Fanfest on Saturday night will be held on the racing surface just like we have done in the past from 6:30-7pm.

### ***A couple of friendly reminders for everyone.***

All tire grinding must be done outside in the designated area. The tire grinding area will be set-up right outside the door where the fuel truck is located. As always we hope to have sunny and warm weather so grinding outside will not be a problem.

The other very important thing to remember is **NO FUEL IS ALLOWED IN YOUR TRAILERS**. This is an item of concern with the Fire Marshall and will be checked. Please clean out your trailer and truck of any and all fuel containers before heading to Atlantic City. This includes diesel, kerosene and gas for generators. If fuel is discovered in anyone's trailer it could lead to the entire event being shut down. Please take this seriously and work with us on this item.

All trailers must be removed from the building before 3pm on Sunday.

Again thank you for entering and we look forward to seeing you in a SUNNY Atlantic City!

Danny Sammons  
Race Organizer

## - PARKING -

When you arrive in Atlantic City, you'll want to head to Pacific Avenue (it's the main street that runs along the beachfront). According to which road you use to enter the town (most likely the A.C. Expressway or Rt. 30), you'll want to head south on Pacific (the water will be on your left). Boardwalk Hall is next to the big Trump Plaza Casino near Caesar's and Bally's Park Place. You should see the huge, old Boardwalk Hall building without a problem.

Drive your trailer to the south end of the building (opposite side of Trump's). There is a traffic light on each side of the building. You want to turn left at Georgia Avenue and then make a quick right into the Hall's loading dock area. Use the ramp on the far left, which takes you into the old Convention Center that we are using as our parking garage area for trailers. The building is big (180,000 sq. ft.), but with so many trailers coming of uncertain size we'll need to have everyone's cooperation. We're going to park the trailers close and in size groups. If you want to park next to someone, please meet them somewhere else and arrive together. **THERE WILL BE NO SAVING OF SPOTS.** Please try to trailer with another if possible to save room. If trailer space becomes limited, we'll have to ask those arriving late to disconnect their truck from the trailer and remove it to an outside parking area.

Remember, you are parking inside a Convention Center. If you are towing with a motorhome or a vehicle that has a **propane bottle** in it, you'll have to unhook and remove the tow vehicle. Fire regulations allow **no propane bottles**.

## - HALL RULES -

**NO FUEL IN TRAILERS** - Anyone caught with fuel in their trailers will be disqualified from the event. Please work with us on this. The Fire Marshall and our own officials will be looking. It's a strong point that we must follow or we will get shut down.

All cars must also arrive with **empty tanks** this year and be checked during safety inspection. Once your car has passed safety inspection you will be able to purchase fuel from the fuel truck. Insinger Racing Fuels will be the fuel provider this year and will be dispensing 112 octane racing gasoline and racing grade methanol. Any questions call Bruce Insinger at 570-924-4323.

Everyone arriving empty will create a level playing field for all competitors. And allowing our tech inspectors to check fuel with a clear baseline. Anyone caught with illegal fuel will be disqualified.

The fuel truck will be located outside on a loading dock to provide easy access. There will be no fuel dispensed into containers; you must take your race car to the fueling area and have the fuel or alcohol put directly into the race car. Anyone utilizing a 2-stroke engine may bring and leave a 5 gallon jug at the fuel truck for mixing purposes only.

**COLD GARAGE** - The Convention Center garage area is a "cold" pit, which means no vehicle will be allowed to be started or be driven in this area. No generators can be used as well. You'll be parking inside a building with light and heat. Because of the restrictions, we'll hopefully have a nice, safe and smokeless environment for your crews to work.

**NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED** - In past we have had a problem with people drinking in the garage area and carrying it up to the seating area. NJ State law doesn't allow for any alcoholic beverage to be in the racing pit area and the hall doesn't allow any carry in. Any person who is seen with it will be asked to leave the hall and the alcohol will be confiscated.

**NO TIRE SOFTENER** will be allowed on the grounds--inside or outside the building.

**TIRE GRINDING** will be allowed only in the restricted area outside the building. Grinding tires inside the building is not allowed by order of the State Fire Marshall because of the smoke it creates.

**ELECTRIC** - We are again working with the hall to provide you with electric. While we would love for everyone to have an outlet right at their trailer, that's just not possible. The cost of electricians is outrageous in the building, and because of this \$10 of your entry fee goes directly to the electrical cost. Bring extension cords.

**FOOD** - The hall has a new food concession company which we have not worked with yet. However we hope to keep the same policy as in year's past. They will not search trailers but will frown upon any outside food and beverage being walked into the building. Please tread lightly with this and be discreet. (DON'T BRING 10 PIZZAS!)

## - RACE PROCEDURES -

Cars moving in the garage area must be **pushed**. No quads, go-karts or other vehicles will be permitted for use by race teams.

To get onto the race track you will leave the garage and enter into a restricted "hot chute" area. Only two crew members may stay with your car in this area and push the car onto the track where it will be started. When the cars come off the track they'll enter this same restricted area. Cars will enter the track in turn three and exit off turn two. Upon exit they'll be able to drive slowly to a certain point. At this point they must shut off the vehicle and two crew members must meet the car as soon as possible to push it back to the garage area.

Cars will be assigned to a practice session on Thursday based on your pill draw for time trials. If you miss your session, you won't be permitted to join another. We will make every attempt to complete 3 rounds of practice on Thursday night. You will also get 1 round of practice on Friday afternoon. There will be no practice on Saturday.

For practice, time trials and for all racing we will use a staging area to line-up the cars before they go into the hot chute area. If you are not lined up with your race, practice or time trial when they go into the hot chute area, **YOU ARE LATE**. If you miss your space in line you will get only one lap at the end of time trials and start at the rear in the races.

Make sure your car number is large on the front hood of all TQs so it can be seen by officials. We ask that all TQs add a name tag (no bigger than 12" x 3") on the front of the rollcage so fans can identify the racers. **Please have only the driver's last name as big as possible on the name tag.**

The racing events will be televised live on the big screen above the Hall's scoreboard on Friday and Saturday night. We hope to again have replays and interviews shown on the screen as well. The big screen will also be used as a lap counter.

Rough driving will not be permitted in any class. The decision of the officials in each corner will be final.

If a tire breaks free of a car **stop immediately** to avoid making contact with the tire and sending it into the grandstands. The state has asked us to make it clear to all racer that as soon as a tire is loose the red is automatically out and you will not be penalized for stopping.

If a car is **noticeably smoking or liberating fluids on the track**, the vehicle will be **black-flagged**. Let's work to make these diapers do the job. An oil-down can absolutely ruin the track surface and has in the past. **Make the diaper catch the oil** -- that is what it is for.

**ADDITIONALLY** - All cars should have an overflow tank to catch water pushed from radiator if car overheats.

**Be sure to attend Friday's driver's meeting at 12 Noon at the Motorsports show for more detailed information.**

## - PIT PASSES / INSURANCE -

K&K Insurance is handling our race coverage.

Since no vehicle is permitted to be run under power in the garage, the State of New Jersey has allowed us to call this a "garage area," not a pit area. This opens the area to anyone of any age. We'll have two different types of wristbands available when you sign in. One color will be for anyone 16 years and older, the second for those under 16. Both will be good for the garage area, however you must be over 16 to enter the "hot chute" area. Everyone entering the garage area must have a pit pass.

Anyone under the age of 17 that wishes to enter the garage area must have a guardian sign a special insurance waiver. Pit passes will be good for the entire weekend and cost \$60. Special Thursday Guest Passes will cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

Pit passes are good for entrance to the upper level of the seating area. However, no seat is guaranteed.

## - RACE OFFICIALS -

We are very happy with the group of officials that we have put together and we expect all to return for this year's event.

If you have a question or problem please seek out one of these officials and they will do their best to assist you.

### **KEY OFFICIALS -**

**RACE ORGANIZER** - Danny Sammons; **RACE DIRECTOR** - Bob Miller  
**TRACK / RACE COORDINATOR** - Davey Sammons  
**PIT STEWARD** - Robert Smith; **CHIEF STARTER** - Warren Alston  
**TECH OFFICIALS** - Andy Anderson, George McKelvey & Staff

## - SAFETY ITEMS OF NOTE -

- ALL RACERS must use a head-and-neck restraint device (neck collar, HANS, Hutchens-type device).
- One-piece firesuit.
- **Fire resistant underwear.** (Except in Champ Karts)
- Arm restraints.
- Helmet's must be full faced with Snell rating of SA 2000 or better.
- If the fuel cell doesn't have a bladder in it, a firewall is needed.
- All side tanks must be enclosed in protective metal shell.
- Fuel line must be braided or have a braided cover on it if it passes through the cockpit of the car.
- Molded metal seat with opening to allow seat belts to pass through required. Seat shall be attached to the frame with at least four (4) three-line 5/16-inch bolts. Two bolts shall be installed at the bottom of the seat not more than three (3) inches from the outside edge and two bolts shall be installed at the two most practical widely-spaced points at the top of the seat rack. Vehicles with metal seats do not require straps, but do require larger washers at each bolt.
- Quick release-type five-point belt harness with all connections to be secured at frame. Shoulder harness must pass over a round bar located at the driver's shoulder height. No alterations to manufactured design. All belts must be in good condition and bear the date and manufacturer's name. Date of manufacture cannot be more than two (2) years old.
- Rollover bars shall be a minimum of 3" above the driver's head.
- Rollover bars shall not be bolted to the frame of the vehicle.
- Steering wheels must have a padded center with a quick release-type hub. No pull-pin type.
- All vehicles must have an ignition switch within easy access to the driver in the cockpit and be clearly marked. Ignition switch must kill all power to the fuel pump.
- Batteries located in driver's compartment shall be secured and shielded to prevent leakage in the event of a turnover. Batteries located adjacent to the fuel supply must be secured in a metal box bolted to the frame of the vehicle by at least four 3/8-inch bolts and in such a manner to apply maximum pressure against the metal box to the frame. The battery shall also have a marine-style box cover secured to the top of the metal box as to not allow movement of the battery. Batteries located in any other area not specified above shall be secured and shielded to prevent leakage in the event of damage or turnover.
- A fuel shut-off valve must be easily accessible to the driver and marked "On & Off" with brightly-colored paint.
- All cars must have nerf bars. These bars shall extend within two (2) inches of, but not beyond, the outside edge of the tire. No sharp edges allowed on nerf bars.
- All vehicles shall have suitable metal flooring from the front firewall (in our case front of our feet) to the center of the seat. (Highly recommended to the rear of seat).
- All vehicles shall have a permanent firewall between the fuel supply and driver unless fuel tank consists of a shell with an inner rubber bladder, in which case a firewall is not required.
- A fuel line or fuel pump is prohibited in the drivers' compartment unless properly shielded to prevent leakage in the event the lines or pump is damaged or broken. The shielding for fuel lines shall consist of steel-braided material.
- Fuel lines must be more than three (3) inches from the headers unless shielded by metal.
- **No mirrors or two-way radio communications allowed in cars.**

## - CHAMP KART RULES -

The State of New Jersey has adopted the WKA Rulebook for all karting events. NO Animal Motors, Flat head motors only.

All drivers must wear a full face helmet rated Snell 2000 M or SA, racing gloves, neck brace and a full fire resistant uniform. Seats must be mounted in a manner so that it is not within 6" of the nerf bar at any time.

Minimum weight of **425lbs** before race. No lead in or on nerf bars. All weight was be secured in accordance with WKA rules.

Burris Tire 33 or 55 compound tire rule. No softening on premises.

## - SLINGSHOT RULES -

All Slingshots must conform to Speedway Entertainment / Slingshot by Tobias rules. Slingshots **must have the metal fuel container** designed by Tobias. An open plastic tank **will not** be permitted.

## - TQ / 600 MICRO SPRINT RULES -

### ENGINES -

- All cars must be self starting.
- Fuel injection or carburetion may be used.
- TQ Maximum displacement - 750cc.
- 600 Micro Maximum displacement - 637cc.
- No 2 stroke engines allowed in 600 Micro Sprints.

### WEIGHTS -

- 600cc Micro or 2 Cycle TQ - 750 lbs. **after** race with driver.
- 4 Cycle TQ - 800 lbs **after** race with driver.
- No fuel may be added to make weight.

- No Top or Front Wings Allowed.
- No wild bodies. Officials decision is final.
- No Anti-Freeze, water only. • Car Diaper Mandatory
- Standard TQ rules: Maximum 13" wheel & 9" tires.
- Tread-width from outside edge of LR to outside edge of RR -  
TQ - no less than 36" no more than 55"  
600 - no less than 36" no more than 60"
- Wheelbase 70" max., 56" minimum.
- Radiators must be mounted on rear of roll cage or under the front hood. All radiators and reservoirs mounted under the front hood must be shielded from driver.

**OFFSET:** Maximum offset measured from the centerline of the car between the front and rear main frame rails to the inside wall of tire, right front 22 inches. Right rear 22 inches. Minimum offset measured from same points as above for the left front 12 inches, left rear 14 in.

### WHEELS & TIRES:

- TQ - 10" or 13" diameter allowed.
- 600 - 10" diameter wheels only,  
- 13" diameter allowed on right rear only to gain stagger.
- All wheels and tires must be an approved racing type.  
- No Carbon Fiber wheels.
- No wheel center bolts made of aluminum.
- Any wheel cover must be bolted on.

**CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS:** No laid back cages. Drivers must sit vertical in car. Fire wall between driver and motor .030 aluminum or .080 fiberglass. Firewall between fuel tank and driver must be aluminum or metal, no fiberglass. Chain guards are mandatory. All cars must have front and rear bumpers and must extend at least 2 inches in front of front tires. Rear bumpers must provide protection to tail. No sharp corners allowed. No nylon steering hangers, no centrifugal clutches. All frames must be constructed of 4130-chrome molly tubing or equivalent.

### ADDITIONAL RULES FOR 600cc MICRO-SPRINTS RACING AS TQ MIDGETS

No rear engine cars, chain driven only. The body must be sprint car in appearance. Official's decision is final.

**Front brakes are highly-recommended.**

## - AWARDS / SPECIAL AWARDS -

**SPECIAL AWARDS:** We have a strong list of special awards and sponsors for this year's event including Fast Time, Hard Charger, Hard Luck, Lap Money and more.

### PURSE:

#### TQ A-Main Purse Saturday (40 laps):

- 1) \$2,000 (\$5,000 w/ Gambler), 2) \$1,600, 3) \$1,400, 4) \$1,200,
- 5) \$1,000, 6) \$700, 7) \$500, 8) \$400, 9) \$350, 10) \$325, 11) \$300,
- 12) 250, 13) \$200, 14-26) \$150.

#### TQ A-Main Purse Friday (20 laps):

- 1) \$1,000, 2) \$500, 3) \$250, 4) \$200; 5) \$175; 6) \$150; 7) \$125; 8) \$100;
- 9) \$100; 10) \$100; 11) \$50; 12) \$50; 13) \$50; 14) \$50; 15) \$50; 16) \$50;
- 17) \$50; 18) \$50; 19) \$50; 20) \$50;

#### Slingshot A-Main Purse Saturday (25 laps):

- 1) \$500 (\$1,500 w/Gambler), 2) \$300; 3) \$250; 4) \$225; 5) \$200; 6) \$150;
- 7) \$130; 8) \$125; 9) \$120; 10) \$110; 11) \$90; 12) \$80; 13) \$75; 14) \$70;
- 15) \$60; 16-24) \$50

#### Champ Kart A-Main Purse Saturday (25 laps):

- 1) \$500 (\$1,500 w/Gambler), 2) \$200; 3) \$175; 4) \$150; 5) \$125; 6) \$100;
- 7) \$100; 8) \$100; 9) \$90; 10) \$75; 11) \$60; 12) \$60; 13) \$60; 14) \$60;
- 15) \$60; 16-24) \$50

# **7th Annual Gamblers Classic Atlantic City, NJ Indoor Race JANUARY 15, 16 & 17, 2009**

**Run In With Conjunction With Motorsports Race Car and Trade Show 2009**

**TQ Midgets & 600 Micro-Sprints  
Plus Slingshots & Champ Karts Racing Both Nights**

## **THURSDAY**

9:00am - Garage Opens  
12:00pm - Car Inspection Begins  
**3:00pm - Fueling Begins - Fire, EMS Needed**  
5:00pm - Practice Begins - All Divisions (Event Closed to Public)  
Time Trials All Divisions

## **FRIDAY**

12:00pm - Drivers Meeting At AC Convention Center - Motorsports Seminar Room  
Immediately following guest speaker at Stage (Roll Taken, Penalty for not attending)  
5:00pm Garage officially opens  
**5:30pm - Fueling Begins - Fire, EMS Needed**  
6:00pm One round of practice for TQ, Slingshots & Champ Karts  
6:30pm - Grandstands Open (Lower Level Reserved)  
7:30pm - Racing Begins  
5 - 12 Lap TQ Heats (12 Cars, 4 Qualify to Friday A-Main)  
1 - TQ/600 Eliminator (20 Cars, 4 Qualify to Saturday Eliminator)  
3 - 10 Lap Champ Kart Heats (6 Qualify to Saturday A)  
3 - 10 Lap Slingshot Heats (6 Qualify to Saturday A)  
1 - TQ A-Main - 25 Cars, 20 Laps

## **SATURDAY**

5:00pm Garage officially opens  
**5:30pm - Fueling Begins**  
6:30 pm - Grandstands Open (Lower Level Reserved)  
6:30 - 7pm - FANFEST (On Race Track)  
Slingshot & Champ Kart Top 12 Draw for Starting Spots  
7:15pm - Pre-Race Ceremonies, Invocation, National Anthem  
7:30pm - Racing Begins  
TQ/600 Eliminator - 24 Cars, 20 Laps, 4 Qualify to Transfer Races  
Qualified Car Practice for TQs (12 from Friday A)  
4 Transfer Races - 13 Cars Each - 15 Laps, 3 Qualify to A  
Slingshot A-Main - 24 Cars, 25 Laps  
Champ Kart A-Main - 24 Cars, 25 Laps  
TQ A-Main - 25 Cars, 40 Laps

# TQ / 600 QUALIFYING FORMAT

## ***Thursday, January 15 - Pole Night***

- TQ / 600 Micros -
  - Top 60 to 5 Friday Night Heats
  - Remaining 40 to Elimination Races

## ***Friday, January 16 - Racing @ 7:30pm***

TQ / 600 Heat Races - 5 Heats, 12 Cars, Top 60 From Time Trials  
- *Top 4 to Friday A, Rest (40) to Saturday Transfers*

TQ / 600 Eliminator #1 - 81-100 From Time Trials - 20 Cars  
- *4 Qualify to Eliminator #2 on Saturday*  
- After 5 laps the last place car must drop off each lap until 4 remain.  
- If you **STOP** on the track or are involved in accident you are done for the race.

TQ/600 A-Main - 25 Laps, 20 Cars - \$1,000 To Win  
- *Top 12 To Saturday A-Main*  
- *Remaining 8 To Saturday Transfer Races*

## ***Saturday, January 17 - Racing @ 7:30pm***

TQ/600 - Eliminator #2 - 24 Cars (61-80 from TT, 4 from Elimination Race #1)  
- *4 Qualify to Transfer Races*  
- After 5 laps the last place car must drop off each lap until 4 remain.  
- If you **STOP** on the track or are involved in accident you are done for the race.

TQ / 600 - 4 Transfer Races - 13 Cars Each - 12 Laps, 3 Qualify to A  
- (8) From Friday A-Main -  
- (40) From Friday Heat Races  
- (4) From Eliminator #2

TQ A-Main - 25 Cars, 40 Laps  
- 12 From Friday A-Main  
- 12 (3) From Each Transfer Races  
- 1 ??? TBD

# CHAMP KART / SLINGSHOT QUALIFYING FORMAT

## ***Thursday, January 15 - Pole Night***

Time Trials -

- *Top 6 Transfer Directly To Saturday's A-Main*
- *Remaining Cars to Friday Heat Races*

## ***Friday, January 16 - Racing @ 7:30pm***

Qualifying Races

- 3 Heats, 10 Laps
  - *6 Qualify from Each to A-Main*
  - *Remaining cars do not qualify.*

## ***Saturday, January 17 - Racing @ 7:30pm***

A-Mains - 24 Cars, 25 Laps

- *(6) From Time Trials*
- *(18) From 3 Heats*