



POWRi QMRL Novice Program

The POWRi Novice Program is designed to train new drivers ages 4 ½ -16 years old to understand basic racing rules and to be able to handle themselves and their cars in a safe manner. The intent is to orient the child with safety, communication and racing procedures so that they understand what is expected of them before they enter the track, while on the track and leaving the track. The minimum age of a Novice will be five years of age before racing and four and one-half years to start practicing and training only. Although four and one-half years old drivers may not practice or train during an event, their attendance is recommended to acclimate both the driver and their handler(s) to the events of a race day. Each Novice Family, upon joining a POWRi Club shall present the driver's birth certificate to the local club to verify age at the time of completing their membership. Once they have completed their online membership application, the parents will receive a membership badge from the POWRi QMRL National office that will be sent to your local club for pick-up. All rules can be acquired on the POWRi QMRL website www.POWRiqmr.com . The Novice Program is not for perfecting racing skills, abilities or techniques. Extended competitive racing in the Novice Program once the fundamentals are learned is not to be allowed.

Each Club of POWRi QMRL shall have a Novice Committee staffed by the Club President, Technical Director, Safety Director, and Novice Trainer/Instructor. The duties of the Novice Committee shall be to monitor the progress of each driver in the Novice class and to render all possible aid to the Novice handler. This should include advising on the purchase of cars, engines and other equipment that can help avoid any pitfalls and checking legality of those cars, engines, and equipment purchased during the Novice training. In the event that a Novice handler has purchased an illegal engine and this fact is discovered by the Novice Committee, the owner will be advised that he has until the next race event to bring the engine up to legal specifications.

Throughout the Novice Program, the Novice Committee shall remain informed of a driver's development, and shall meet with the handler(s) to assess their growth at a minimum of every three events. During this meeting the committee shall review both the driver's progression, and the skills the driver needs to develop before advancing into the next class, and the handler(s) may voice their concerns to be considered by the committee in regards to the driver's progress. The decision to graduate a driver through and out of the Novice Program rests solely with the Novice Committee, and if it is the opinion of the committee a driver is capable of graduating into the next class, the committee shall notify the Handler(s) verbally, sign the Novice Card and duly note it in the logbook. Club President must complete a Novice move up form that is allowing the driver to move up to the next competitive class and submit to POWRi National Office.

The Novice Program is divided into classes to promote an environment conducive to learning the knowledge and abilities that drivers need to successfully operate their car in a racing environment. All Novices must complete a minimum of three (3) novice training non-competitive practice-session classes and be five (5) years of age before they are allowed to compete in racing. All drivers not trained by a POWRi club's Novice Trainer/Instructor must pass a test given by his local Club's Novice Committee before he enters into the Red Novice class. The Novice driver must be a POWRi member to be covered by club insurance during training periods. Once Novice training is completed, at the committee's discretion a member of the Novice Committee will issue a log book and a Novice Driver's Card, and the driver will progress into the initial Red Novice class.

All drivers will start out in the Red Novice class the intent of this class is to orient the child with safety, communication and racing procedures so that they understand what is expected of them before they enter the track, while on the track and leaving the track. When Red Novices have displayed their understanding of these basics, they move to the secondary Blue Novice class of the Novice Program.

In the Blue Novice class, the driver is to obtain experience in racing with others at a faster speed and to gain confidence in the car and their abilities. Each Novice Driver must complete at least one racing event at their home track in the Blue Novice class. There is no age differentiation between Red and Blue Novice classes, as all ages must pass through both classes before graduation from the Novice Program.

The Novice Program has an (Optional) Unrestricted Novice class for drivers aged 9-16. After Completion of at least one event in Blue Novice, this class serves a similar purpose of Blue Novice for older drivers that will be graduating into the faster competitive classes. As Unrestricted Novice is an age-based class, if a group of at least three qualified drivers can be formed at an event, they may race in this class. If a field of at least three cars cannot be formed, those that would have run Unrestricted Novice, shall run Blue Novice and conform to all rules and specifications of the Blue Novice class.

The Novice class should be divided into the Red and Blue Novice classes. These classes are inexperienced drivers at various stages of developing the fundamental skills of racing, and are separated by the progression of each driver's abilities. However, when there are not enough Blue plate drivers to make up a class they can be combined if necessary to make a class.

Upon advancement through each class, and out of the Novice Program, the driver shall be on a three-event probationary period. During the three-event probationary period, a Novice may be returned to the previous Novice class by the Novice Committee for obvious reasons. A driver must complete a minimum of three events in any combination of the classes of the Novice Program before graduating out of the Program. Once a Novice has graduated from the Novice Program and completes his/her probationary period, they may not be returned to the Novice class except if there is a lapse in the participation of a driver, they may be moved back to novice for a trial period if the Novice Committee feels it necessary.

Novice Racing

- A) The Novice Class shall be a recognized class by POWRi and shall run under the Honda -120 engine rules at all POWRi races. A POWRi Novice driver may run one National exhibition events for one calendar year only.
- B) Illegal Honda engine parts shall be confiscated, but the suspension shall not be levied against handlers or drivers for the first offense only. 2nd illegal engine offense will result in a 30 day suspension from Novice. Novice Class participants shall be required to install a restrictor plate on their carburetor. Any

alteration to Novice restrictor plates or slides– 1st Offense automatic 30-day suspension. 2nd offense shall be 1-year suspension.

- C) No more than eight cars may be entered in any novice race, except for a main event in the circumstance where there are only 9 drivers in the class. In that case, 9 drivers may be fielded in the main event.
- D) If a Novice driver makes an infraction of a racing rule and a call is made, the driver shall be put to the back of the restart line up. An explanation shall be given to the handler by the Track Director of what they did wrong and why it should not be done. And the handler should explain the driving infraction to their driver after the race.
- E) Infractions such as liberating fluids, dropping safety parts, etc., are not driving infractions and drivers should not be given a second chance before disqualification. These infractions will result in immediate disqualification.

Graduation of Novice Drivers

- A) The Novice Classes are learning classes. As soon as the Novice driver is proficient at the skills to be developed in the class they are in, their Novice Committee is to advance, the driver either into the next class or out of the Novice Program.
- B) A Novice driver must participate in a minimum of three events before graduating from the Novice Program. At least one of these three events must be in the Red Novice class and at least one in the Blue Novice class. The Novice Committee has the discretion to move any driver up after 3 events/3 wins in Red or Blue Novice classes with 2 or more cars.
- C) On the first day of competition after progressing in or graduating from the Novice Program, the driver shall be designated with a flag and entered in all races at the back of the lineup of the race for which he has qualified regardless of qualifying position.
- D) Clubs should hold a small ceremony to mark the graduation of a Novice Driver from the Novice Program into one of the Jr/Sr/Hvy Honda 120, Jr Stock, and/or Jr/Sr Animal classes.
- E) All graduating novice drivers shall be on probation for three events and shall not be allowed to compete in any class above Jr/Sr/Hvy Honda 120, Jr Stock and/or Jr/Sr Animal classes until they have participated for 1 year in Jr/Sr /Hvy Honda 120, Jr Stck and/or Jr/Sr Animal/Jr Half events to acquire the necessary experience involved in handling a car in other classes.
- F) In order for a driver to run Heavy Animal, 160, Mod, B, AA, Modified WF, WF a driver must run one 12 month period upon graduation from the Novice class, in a lower class or combination of the lower classes or obtain a unanimous approval of the Novice Committee before competing in these classes. In addition, you must be the appropriate age to run these classes before competing.
- G) Club President must complete a move up form for any driver that will be moving up to the following classes Heavy Animal, 160, Mod, B, AA, Modified World Formula, WF that has not completed their 1 year probation. Form Can be found on the POWRi Website.
- H) Any driver that has a birthday after June 1st of the current calendar year they will be allowed to remain in Jr class till the end of the year.
- I) Driver(s) still have the option to move up at the beginning of the year if they turn 9 within that calendar year.

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Trainee to accomplish the following before graduating



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INCLUDE DATE

Consistent lap times					
Demonstrate the ability to line up in various positions for double line up & single line up.					
Demonstrate the ability to follow flagging by the flag person.					
Demonstrate the ability to pass Safely		-	-		
Demonstrate the ability to come in the pits and stop in a pit stall.					
Demonstrates understanding of the proper race line.					
Demonstrate the ability to cleanly enter the track from the pits (blend line).					
Demonstrate proper response to hand signals.					
Demonstrate the ability to safely perform cool-down lap after checkered					
Demonstrate the ability to safely exit the track.					
Demonstrates understanding of Race Receiver Communications					

Please see attached novice check list.