

Custom Midget Club 2009 Rule Addendum #1:

3 Lap Work Rule

Custom Midget Club has a 3 Lap Work Rule, which is different from the QMA National Work Rule. CMC uses the 3 Lap Work Rule on a local level only and at the discretion of the Race Director. CMC will adhere to QMA Rules and Regulations whenever dictated by a racing event.

The CMC 3 Lap Work Rule is as follows when the caution flag comes out and cars are in the pits:

1. When the tower establishes a correct line up and the field is in order. The Race Director/Tower announces the field is lined up. The flag person will begin the 3 Lap countdown immediately and all drivers that initially entered the Hot Chute will be charged as having used their 3 Laps. If there are no drivers on the Hot Chute, the countdown will not be used and racing will resume. The Race Director is responsible for letting the Flag person and the Tower know the car numbers in the pits. When the Flag person counts down to 1 lap, they give the field the one lap to go signal!

Note: Only one (1) 3 Lap countdown will be given per caution.

2. If another driver enters the Hot Chute during a 3 Lap countdown they will not be charged as having used their 3 laps and must exit the hot chute before the green flag drops. **Example:** Two laps of the 3 Lap countdown have passed and a driver enters the Hot Chute. The driver entering the Hot Chute will not be charged under the 3 Lap work rule and must exit the Hot Chute before the green flag drops. Drivers are allowed to initiate only one 3 Lap countdown per race.
3. A driver that has been charged under the 3 Lap Work Rule may enter (or remain) in the Hot Chute under another drivers' 3 Lap countdown prior to the green flag being dropped. Once the car(s) that initiated the 3 Lap countdown exit(s) the hot chute, the work rule countdown is considered over and any cars remaining must exit the hot chute before the green flag drops.
4. If a caution comes out after the restart and a lap has not been completed, any car still in the Hot Chute can reenter the race before the next green flag drops. If they do not reenter the track before the green flag drops they will be scored as a DNF.

Note: "Exiting the Hot Chute" is defined as – The driver must **PASS** the "Out in Time" line **BEFORE** the field reaches the commitment line entering turn three of the track. Determination of "Out in Time" is to be made by the Race Judges.

If you have any questions about this rule or need further clarification, please see an CMC Club Official.

Questions:

The purpose of the 3 lap work rule is to be consistent and fair to all drivers/handlers. If the field is lined up and a car pull out of the line up and does not go into the pits or appears to intentionally not line up correctly that driver will be put to the tail.

Please be aware and discuss this with your race team. While the 3 lap work rule in being counted, the clock is also still counting.

Can there be 3 laps work rule prior to the initial green?

No, Club rule #21 would apply:

21. If during a warm-up period preceding a Main Event, Semi-Main Event or Main Event Qualifying race any car sustains damage due to an accident, an additional 5-minute repair period will be given if requested by the handler of a damaged car. This repair period will only be given one per race and the damage must have occurred prior to the call for line-up by the flag person (i.e. Accidents occurring after the flag person calls for a line-up and prior to the green flag dropping will not be eligible for the 5-minute repair period). If the 5-minute repair period is requested and granted by the Race Director or his assistant, the black flag will be displayed at the end of the warm-up period. All cars will exit the track to the hot chute. No cars allowed on the track during this repair period. All cars may be worked on during the repair time without penalty. At the end of the 5-minute repair time or when all handlers announce that they are ready, which ever comes first, all cars will enter the track and line-up in the original line-up order. Any car that is not running under its own power when the flag person calls for a lineup will start at the rear of the field. If after this repair period and before the green drops, a car enters the track and then for any reason leaves the track it will be considered to be late and will be started at the rear of the field. This does NOT apply to sanction races.

When do we not give the three laps?

- ✓ If a car is in the pits for the second time when the field is ready to go green. Each car gets one three lap countdown during a race.
- ✓ If another car has already used the three laps for that caution. The flagger must go green and can not wait for another car.
- ✓ If a driver pulls in for changing tires, making adjustments or to talk to their driver. The laps is for repairs only.

What if the driver doesn't use all 3 laps?

As soon as the car joins the field, the flagger shows the rolled green and goes green. Countdown ends when the car enters the field.