

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The initial cost of racing is the car, safety equipment, and membership fees. After this investment you have race fees, replacing parts (usually fairly reasonable cost), and tires. How much you want to spend is up to you. Do you want to haul the car in the back of pickup truck, van or do you want to get a hauler? What tools do you need? Many of the members would be happy to share their thoughts on the matter and give helpful advice.



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR THE CHILDREN?

This list is just some of the ways we find the racing to be a benefit.

- Family Sport: Everyone can be involved and have fun.
- Sportsmanship: Is taught to the drivers and to the adults (when they forget).
- Coordination: Learning timing and the ability to think ahead.
- Self-reliance: Once the green flag drops the racer is on their own.
- Competitive: Learning to play hard but to follow the rules. Infractions of the rules results in disqualifications.
- Safe driving and driving skills: The skills learned by the children driving the race car helps them as adult drivers learn to react quickly to emergency situations and to think ahead.
- Sense of responsibility: alertness and concern for the safety of others around them. And for the equipment they must wear while racing.

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AGE LIMITS

Quarter Midget racing is open for all children ages 4 ½ to 16 years old.

WHAT IS QUARTER MIDGET RACING ?

Quarter Midget Racing involves competition cars scaled down to 1/4 the size of an actual midget race car. The car is powered by a small, single-cylinder engine (much like your lawn mower). Quarter Midget racing is an international sport with regional and national championships held each year. Quarter Midget tracks are 1/20th of a mile oval tracks. Although the length is the same there is some variation in the tracks based on banking, width and surface type (asphalt, concrete or dirt).



IS IT SAFE FOR CHILDREN?

Quarter Midget racing is a very safe sport; the majority of the injuries that occur are minor. Each car must go through a safety inspection and have proper safety equipment every race day.

Before a child is allowed to go racing they must complete novice training, offered twice each year.

The safety equipment for each child includes such items as helmet, gloves, wrist restraints, neck collars, 5-point seat belts and race suits.



The cars have a variety of safety features including roll cages, nerf bars, restrictor plates (younger drivers), bumpers, etc. For novices, there is also a handler shut-off switch.

While racing there are safety workers situated in each corner of the race track in case of an accident.

Safe driving techniques are taught to the drivers during novice training and they are repeatedly instilled in the child by our safety director on track when needed.



HOW DO THE CHILDREN LEARN?

At WQMA we have novice training twice a year, once in late winter and again mid summer. The child must be 4½ years old to participate in the training. This training is referred to as Novice Training and is required for ALL ages. During training the driver will be taught about flags, safety, driving techniques and how to line up. They are also taught the consequences of not obeying the rules, including disqualifications! Check our website for upcoming training dates.



HOW FAST DO THE CARS GO?

Lap times vary from Junior Novice Drivers with a 9.5 second lap to World Formula Cars. The average speed on a 6.5 second lap being about 30 mph with higher speeds in the straightaways.