



SCCA Road Racing Penalty Guidelines

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The following are the suggested penalty standards for SCCA Road Racing. The guidelines are established for consistency in similar situations outlined below. Unique circumstances may justify the modification of suggested penalties.

On Course Driver Conduct	Participant Conduct
<p>1. Failure to control your car resulting in contact with another car. (GCR 6.11.1.) [NOTE: Safe, consensual drafting among cars in same class may be forgiven.]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Investigation by Chief Steward/Assistant Chief Steward to determine circumstances. Driver injury or significant body damage to one or both cars, or only one car continues – RFA to determine fault and penalty. Clearly identified at fault driver, no injury or body damage – CSA with one or two position penalty Multiple contact by same driver in same session – Chief Steward’s Probation – 1 to 3 weekends based on circumstances or an RFA for further investigation. <p>2. Improving position during the pace lap (GCR 6.5.2.C.) [NOTE: This includes regaining grid position during the pace lap and false starts.] Either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Loss of greater of one more than the number of positions gained or two positions, Open Black Flag with stop-and-go <p>3. Entering a yellow flag zone – Failure to slow significantly (GCR 6.1.1.B.) as discussed and defined in the Driver’s Meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifying – Loss of qualifying times Race – Five (5) second penalty <p>4. Passing Under a Yellow Flag (PUY) (GCR 6.1.1.B.) For verified PUY [NOTE: A safe, inadvertent PUY followed by a giveback may be forgiven.]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Practice – Open Black Flag, session ended for competitor, counsel by Chief Steward Qualifying – Closed Black Flag, loss of qualifying times, counsel by the Chief Steward and may start at the back Race – Closed Black Flag, penalty three positions in class or laps Spin under yellow – Car not under control, same penalty as a PUY Contact/Injury during a PUY: Closed Black Flag, possible disqualification <p>5. Assistance During Race Session Stoppage (GCR 6.7.2.) Race – Restart at end of grid</p>	<p>1. Acts of physical violence between event participants, (drivers, crew, officials, volunteers, and spectators) (GCR 2.1.8.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Chief Steward will remove the participants from their assigned positions, maintaining order as necessary until an initial evaluation of the incident has been completed. The Chief Steward will immediately notify the Division Executive Steward, by phone if not on the property, or in person if on the property. The Chief Steward will notify the Race Chairman. The Chief Steward will initiate an RFA. The SOM will process as any other action utilizing the penalty guidelines outlined in GCR Sections 7.1. through 7.6. The Chief Steward and/or the Chairman of the SOM will notify the participants of potential further action by the Division Executive Steward if warranted. <p style="text-align: center;">Car Compliance Situations</p> <p>1. Car not in Compliance (GCR 9.1.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Prior to the Race: If found after qualifying, loss of Qualifying times Post-Race: A non-compliant car shall be moved behind compliant cars and may lose points. <p>2. Car not in Compliance (GCR 2.1.2. and 2.1.3.) For deliberate, substantial, non-compliance.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Disqualification; Suspension or Probation <p>3. Failure to report to Impound (GCR 5.9.3.C.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifying – Loss of times for that session Post-Race – last in class and may lose points. <p>4. Sound (where applicable) (GCR 5.7.2.) Competitors must not exceed 103 dB or the stated limit in the Supplemental Regulations. Below are suggested actions unless otherwise defined in the Supplemental Regulations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First reading over limit – Sound Board and Closed Black Second reading over limit - Sound Board and Closed Black Third reading over limit <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Practice - Open Black, may continue after repair Qualifying - Black flag, lose times to that point. May continue after repair Race - May be Black Flagged, will be considered non-compliant. <p>5. Fuel Testing - SCCA fuel lab testing discloses the presence of banned substances: (GCR 9.3.26.A.)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First time – Disqualification and loss of bond Second offense – (a) plus 6-month suspension Third offense – (b) plus recommendation to the BOD for loss of membership

Additional Thoughts: If a driver is disqualified from an entire event, the following statement should be added to the CSA/RFA/Protest form: ‘The driver will receive no event participation credit for the event.’ Alternatively, the CS/RD/SOM may disqualify a driver from the competition (i.e. session). Please note that awards in the competition or event are automatically forfeited.