



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. Circumstances may warrant imposing penalties more or less severe than those listed in these guidelines. Reference: GCR 5.12.3.C. and GCR 7.2.

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 – CSA/RFA position penalty to ensure car at fault finishes behind car that could not continue. Clearly identified at-fault driver, no injury or body damage – CSA with position penalty one position greater than the number of positions lost. 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/safety car 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. Overdriving or Passing Under a Yellow Flag (PUY) (GCR 6.1.1.B.) [NOTE: A safe, inadvertent PUY followed by a giveback outside of the yellow zone reprimand or the infraction may be forgiven.]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Practice – Open Black Flag, session ended for competitor, counsel by Chief Steward Qualifying – Loss of qualifying times, counsel by the Chief Steward and may start at the back Race – Penalty three positions in class or laps Spin under yellow – Car not under control, same penalty as a PUY Contact/Injury during a PUY - Disqualification from event Any yellow violation with workers in yellow zone – Disqualification for session(s) or event <p>4. Assistance During Race Session Stoppage (GCR 6.7.2.) Race – Minimum restart at end of grid.</p>	<p>1. Non-tech violation of GCR while on probation for GCR sections 2 or 6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Different section of GCR from probation – unsatisfactory signoff Same section of GCR as probation - disqualification <p>2. 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 Specialty Chief if applicable. The Chief Steward will initiate an RFA. The SOM will process as any other action utilizing 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 or SCCA National Office if warranted. If unwanted physical contact is verified, consider suspension of license.
	<h3>Car Compliance Situations</h3>
	<p>1. Car not in Compliance (GCR 9.1.) Including cameras where required</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 Second reading over limit - Sound Board 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 9.3.25.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, add the following statement to the CSA/RFA/Protest form: ‘The driver will receive no event participation credit for the event.’ Awards in the competition or event are automatically forfeited. Upon review of the situation, the CS/RD/SOM may, alternatively, disqualify a driver from a specific session such as practice, qualifying, or race.