

Handbook Race Procedures and Guidelines

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HOCOC racing is divided into two categories, Special Events and the “NSCS” (National Sportsman Championship Series) in which drivers compete in a series of point events that will allow them to qualify for the “National Sportsman Championship” (which is considered a special event). The rules, regulations, procedures, policies and guidelines presented in this handbook are those that will be in use for all special events. Regional events are strongly encouraged to follow these guidelines.

Driver Conduct

1. Participants are expected to treat each other with respect and exhibit HOCOC's core values of Friendship, Community, Sportsmanship and Teamwork at all times.
2. Avoid unnecessary conversations or distractions at trackside when racing is in progress.
3. No smoking, eating, or drinking at trackside when racing is in progress.
4. Consumption of alcoholic beverages during a HOCOC Special Event or NSCS event is strictly prohibited.
5. Abusive language or behavior which is deemed detrimental to the event or organization will not be tolerated. Continued misconduct may result in suspension from HOCOC events by Board approval.

Racing Rules

1. No substitute drivers.
2. Drivers may not substitute car chassis or body after tech inspection. The car that you register (tech-in) is the car that you race.

3. No working on cars unless it is done under green racing condition's for that car. Once a pit stop is in progress a driver can continue working on his car during a yellow flag. All work must stop between segments (Red flag condition).
4. All pit supplies must be behind the Drivers Wall. No pit supplies will be allowed in the infield or top of the wall.
5. Pit Stops must be made in front of the Drivers Area only unless otherwise noted.
6. The following parts may not be changed on pit stops: Body, Chassis, Bulkheads, Motor and Magnets.
7. Bodies must be on chassis. Any body/chassis interfering with another car will not be allowed to compete. Cars will not be allowed to compete without a complete front end.
8. All cars are subject to a post race tear down.
9. Any protest must be made in writing to the Event Director. His decision will be considered final. A copy of the protest must be forwarded to the HOCOC Secretary who will file the protest and present it to the Board for review for future reference.
10. When an accident (yellow situation/track call) occurs both the time and power will be stopped. All drivers who are involved and cannot proceed will receive a "yellow". A "Yellow" is a penalty. For every "Yellow" a driver receives he will lose one lap from his/her total amount of laps. There is also a limit on the amount of yellows a driver can receive. When a driver goes over that amount his/her car will be removed from the track. The limit for "Yellows" will be one "Yellow" for every two minutes of racing. On all starts and restarts the timekeeper will say "Green GO". This procedure will be used for all events that are scheduled on oval tracks. For events that are scheduled on road courses the yellow/track procedure call may be waived should there be enough marshals in attendance. The highest ranking HOCOC Official in attendance will determined if there is an adequate amount of marshals to wave the yellow/track call procedure.

11. Stalls and spinouts:

A spinout is a car that has turned sideways in a corner and is stalled, even though it is still in the slot

A car that is stalled will not have a lap deducted unless the stall was the result of a spinout.

A car that has turned sideways on a straightaway after the power has been shut off will be straightened without a penalty.

A car that has turned sideways in a turn after the power has gone off will be considered to have spun out and will loose a lap if it is unable to move when

power is restored. Cars that have turned to the inside of a banked corner will not be counted as a stall and will be straightened without a penalty.

A car that had come out of the slot for any reason, including a nerf, will lose a lap unless the de-slot was due to interference from another driver, a corner marshal, or spectator.

12. Ties will be broken by the driver who signed in first.

Race Officials

Drivers may be asked to participate as race officials. The Board, Steward or Event Director will assign duties. The Board, Stewards or Events Director may also participate as race officials if needed. The Board or Stewards will appoint
An Event Director.

Event Director – A person appointed by the Board or a Steward to supervise the activities of the event. A Board member or Steward may assume this position if needed. The activities to be supervised are track inspection, practice, driver registration, tech inspection, drivers Meeting, racing, scoring, awards and reporting. The Event Director will appoint the following race officials:

Tech Inspector – Person(s) responsible for technical inspection of all cars.

Time Keeper – Person(s) responsible for the track power and timing/lap counter system for the race.

Marshals – Person(s) attending to cars when needed for track calls (yellow flag conditions).

Scorer – Person responsible for all record keeping and race results. Information is to be forwarded to the HOCOC Secretary who will record the results officially in the record book and forward the results to the Communication Director.

Reporter – Person(s) that provide written recap of the event, racing action, and highlights of interest. Photos are strongly encouraged. Information is to be provided to the HOCOC Communications Director.

Note: The hosting track owner should only be used as a race official as a last resort.

Driver Registration

All drivers should register upon arrival at a race event. There is no pre-registration unless otherwise noted.

Entry Fees

Entry fees for Special Events will be posted on the HOCOC racing schedule and or by flyer.

Entry fees for NSCS events are to be collected during driver registration and should be forwarded to the HOCOC Finance Officer.

Additional entry fees for Regional events is left solely up to each region as they see fit and for their use.

Pre Race Tech Inspection

All of the entered cars will undergo a technical inspection prior to the start of racing. The cars will then be impounded and will only be handled by the race officials.

Qualifying

All events except the “NSC” will use a Random Rotation procedure in which all drivers are automatically qualified. This procedure provides for random starting positions in each event. The Random Order Procedure can be determined by lottery, poker chip, computer Selection, etc.

NSC Qualifying – The field for the National Sportsman Championship race will be determined as follows:

6 drivers will qualify by winning a NSCS Rep/Qual race. After a driver wins a NSCS event he does not race in any future qualifier and forfeits any points that he has earned.

- 4 drivers will qualify by being in the top four of the NSCS points
- 2 drivers will qualify by being the two fastest (of none qualified drivers) in the time trials on the day of the NSC race.
- 2 there will be two qualifying races, the winner of each race will be qualified
- 1 Everyone that has not yet qualified yet will be entered into a consolation race, the winner of the consi moves up to the final race
- 1 Lucky Dog, drawn by lottery from the rest of the consi finishers

16 Total Drivers in the NSC Feature Race

The "NSCS" point system will be as follows:

1. A minimum of 6 entries (one of which must be a Board member, Steward or Event Director) are required for the event to be official. If there are less than 6 entries, the scoring will be void for that event.
2. Any car that is DQ will not receive points and the event in which they were DQ will count as a race entered.
3. Points are determined by a % basis in regards to the number of entries.
4. A driver may participate up to 8 "NSCS" Rep/Qual events regardless of region or until they win a NSCS Rep/Qual event and
and forfeits any points that he has earned up to that point.
5. The best 6 point values of the first 8 starts will count toward a driver's overall series point total in regards to the "NSCS" point standings. The two lowest are dropped.
6. The current point standings will be published on the HOCOC web site www.hococ.net

Notes:

Should a driver who is a "NSCS Rep/Qual event winner not enter, his position will be filled by the highest point man
in attendance from the NSCS point standings.

Should a driver who is in the top 4 in points not enter the "NSC" the next highest driver in the "NSCS" point standings in attendance will be added to the starting field.

All entries will take time trials to determine their starting positions in the main, heats and consi. Time Trials will be 30 second in length.

The remainder of the non-guaranteed entries will be divided into two 8 minute heats (odd & even time trial order) with the winner of each heat added to the field. All

drivers from both heats will compete in a consi event of 8 minutes. The winner will be added to the starting field for the "NSC".

Cars to be entered in the NCS will be given registered numbers to avoid having duplicate numbers on race day.

Racing

All main events are round robin in which each driver will run an equal mount of time in each lane. Each event will be 12 minutes in length divided by the number of lanes being used except for the "NSC" which will be 20 minutes in length along with the heats and consi event for the NSC which will be 8 minutes in length'

At the end of each segment do not remove cars from the track until all scoring is completed.

All NSCS race results must be received within 72 hours of the event being completed. Race results that are not received within the 72 hours will be void.

Post Race Tech Inspection

Any DQs in the top three will require that the next finisher in order also be fully teched until the top 3 are determined. Cars will be disassembled by their driver in the presence of a tech inspector.

Awards and Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to each Special Event race winner.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 drivers in the "NSC". Additional trophies may be awarded. Trophies and awards for all "NSCS" events are left solely up to each promoter.

Should sponsorship become available it would be distributed by being posted or by drawings.