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## **2026 Race of Champions Rule Book**

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## **PREFACE**

A Race of Champions Series event is a competitive racing event which is intended to be conducted and officiated in accordance with the rules herein (the 2026 Race of Champions Rule Book). These rules provide the guideline for all events. The rule book may be amended from time-to-time and special rules may be published and/or adjusted at any particular event with the participants receiving prior notification. By participating in these events, all participants agree to comply with these rules and regulations.

The rules are not intended to express or imply the warranty of safety as a result of publication of, or compliance with the rules and regulations as stated herein. The rules are intended to offer a guideline for the conduct and officiating of an event.

The Officials shall be empowered to permit any reasonable and/or appropriate amendment from any of the specifications and/or procedures herein, or impose any further restriction that in their opinion does not alter minimum acceptable requirements. Revisions to the rules are not intended to express or imply the warranty of safety shall not result from any such deviation or restriction of the specifications, rules and/or procedures. Any interpretation of, deviation from, these rules herein, are left to the discretion of the racing officials and their jurisdiction is final.

Any visible equipment changes and/or performance enhancing changes to previously approved Race of Champions racecars and/or equipment must be approved in writing prior to introduction into competition by the Race of Champions Officials. Race of Champions Officials reserve the right to immediately determine the legality and use of any equipment that has not received prior written approval for introduction into competition.

It is ultimately the obligation of each participant to ensure their conduct and equipment complies with all of the applicable rules, as they may be amended from time-to-time. The rules are in no way a guarantee against injury and/or death to participants, spectators, officials and/or others.

## **A. Definition of Terms**

The following terms, which appear periodically throughout this Rule Book, have the following meanings:

- A.) **“Race of Champions - RoC”** – The trade name and registered mark of the Race of Champions.
- B.) **“Race of Champions Rule Book”** – The rules in this Rule Book, as they may be amended from time-to-time as provided in Sub-Section 1.1.
- C.) **“Race of Champions Officials”** – Persons employed by Race of Champions and/or appointed by Race of Champions to officiate as an employee or independent contractor at an event.
- D.) **“Race of Champions Supervisory Officials”** – The officers, employees and/or agents of the Race of Champions as designated herein and/or in Race of Champions bulletin. Race of Champions may designate additional ‘Supervisory Officials’ in a bulletin and/or verbally from time-to-time. The Race of Champions Supervisory Officials until further notice are as follows;

### **For All Events:**

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- E.) **“Member”** – An individual who has been accepted by the Race of Champions as a Member pursuant to the rules and whose membership has not expired, been suspended, cancelled and/or terminated.
- F.) **“Event”** – A Race of Champions sanctioned event. The event includes the race and all ancillary activity leading up to and following the conclusion of the event, including registration/sign-in, inspection (pre and post-race), practice, time trials and/or qualifying and/or participant meetings and it includes events affected by inclement weather and/or postponed dates related thereto.
- G.) **“Promoter”** - The individual, partnership, corporation, joint venture and/or other legal entity that, in connection with the Event, is designated as the “Promoter” in the executed Sanction Agreement for the Event.
- H.) **“Competitor”** – A driver, car owner, crew member and/or any other person (other than a Race of Champions Official) who participates competitively in a Race of Champions sanctioned racing Event. Whenever the words Competitor, driver, car owner, mechanic, team member and/or crew member are used unless the context indicates otherwise, the term used shall be interpreted to include any driver, car owner, crew member and/or other person assigned to or a member of the same racing team.
- I.) **“OEM”** – Original Equipment Manufacturer.
- J.) **“Modified, Sportsman, Super Stock, Street Stock, Late Model, Sprint Car, Sportsman, Four Cylinder Dash”** – A specified racing vehicle that fits the specifications set forth in this Rule Book.
- K.) **“EIRI”** – Meaning “Except in Rare Instances” to indicated the likelihood that such a determination may be made.

### **a.1 Race of Champions Rules:**

- A.) **Effective Date** – The Rules are effective upon the date of publication by the Race of Champions for any division and/or event, regardless of when a Competitor receives actual notice. “Date of Publication” of the Rules or any amendments thereto is the earliest of distribution from Race of Champions headquarters and/or release to the press.
- B.) **Amendment** – The Race of Champions rules may only be amended by publication of an amendment in an issued bulletin pursuant to the authority of Race of Champions officials. An amendment is effective upon the date of the publication, regardless when a competitor receives the actual notice.
- C.) **Applicability** – Race of Champions issues various rule books, each of which includes in its title reference to a particular Race of Champions sanctioned series or type of event. The rules in each Rule Book are applicable to the Series and/or type of Event set in the title of that Rule Book.
- D.) **Interpretation and Application** – If there is a disagreement or dispute regarding the meaning or application of the rules, the interpretation and application of the Officials at the event will prevail.
- E.) **Finality of Interpretation and Application** – The interpretation and application of the Rules by Officials at the event shall be final and non-appealable, except as provided in Section(s) K and L of the rulebook herein. ALL MEMBERS, INCLUDING COMPETITORS AND OFFICIALS, EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT DETERMINATIONS BY RACE OF CHAMPIONS OFFICIALS AS THE APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES ARE NON LITIGABLE, AND THEY COVENANT THAT THEY WILL NOT

INITIATE OR MAINTAIN LITIGATION OF ANY KIND AGAINST THE RACE OF CHAMPIONS OR ANYONE ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE RACE OF CHAMPIONS, TO REVERSE OR MODIFY SUCH DETERMINATIONS OR TO RECOVER DAMAGES OR TO SEEK ANY OTHER KIND OF RELIEF AS A RESULT OF SUCH DETERMINATIONS, UNLESS THE OFFICIALS MADE SUCH DETERMINATIONS FOR NO PURPOSE OTHER THAN A BAD FAITH INTENT TO HARM OR CAUSE ECONOMIC LOSS TO THE MEMBER, COMPETITOR OR OFFICIAL. IF THE MEMBER, COMPETITOR OR OFFICIAL INITIATES OR MAINTAINS LITIGATION IN VIOLATION OF THE COVENANT, THAT MEMBER, COMPETITOR OR OFFICIAL AGREES TO REIMBURSE RACE OF CHAMPIONS FOR THE COSTS OF SUCH LITIGATION, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES. EACH MEMBER, COMPETITOR OR OFFICIAL FURTHER COVENANTS THAT IN ANY LITIGATION BROUGHT AGAINST RACE OF CHAMPIONS FOR ANY REASON, IF THE LITIGATION IS NOT DISMISSED PURSUANT TO THIS COVENANT THE MATTER WILL BE TRIED BEFORE A JUDGE OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION AND HEREBY WAIVES ANY RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN SUCH ACTION.

**F.) Principal Rule of Interpretation and Application** – The rules are intended to ensure that sanctioned events are conducted in a manner that is as fair as possible for all competitors, consistent with prompt finality in competition results. On occasion, circumstances will be presented that are either unforeseen and/or otherwise extraordinary, in which strict application of the Race of Champions rules may not achieve this goal. In such rare circumstances, the Officials, as a practical matter, may make a determination regarding the conduct of an event, the eligibility of a Competitor or similar matters that are not contemplated by or are inconsistent with the Race of Champions rules, in order to achieve this goal. From time-to-time in particular rules, Official Entry Blanks, Bulletins and elsewhere, Race of Champions may use the term “EIRI” meaning “Except in Rare Instances” to indicate the likelihood that such a determination may be made.

**G.) Special Rules** – Special rules may be made by the Race of Champions Officials for an event. Such special rules shall apply to the conduct of the event if they are published or announced prior to or during the event by means of Bulletin, newsletter, telephone, e-mail and/or pre-race meeting.

## **Section B - Membership**

### **b.1 Membership Eligibility**

**A.) Eligibility** – Race of Champions may, but is not required to accept as a Member, any individual or business entity interested in racing so long as the individual entity has properly and truthfully filed a Race of Champions application, has agreed to abide the rules and paid the required fee as prescribed for membership as a part of the Race of Champions.

a.) At any time once a Membership has been approved, the Member by receiving and accepting the Membership Package has agreed to remain a Member in good standing. Any Membership maybe terminated involuntarily and/or suspended and/or voluntarily terminated. The Membership will also expire each calendar year on the final day of the year – December 31<sup>st</sup>, and it is required to complete the required application for Membership acceptance in the new calendar year beginning on January 1.

**B.) Competitive Eligibility** – All drivers competing in on-track activity at any event, including but not limited to practice, time trials, qualifying races and/or the race/feature, must sign a participant waiver form at the designated registration area prior to any on track participation in any Race of Champions sanctioned event.

### **C.) Membership Cards**

- a.) All Race of Champions team Members in good standing, who carry a Membership Card, will be admitted into the pits at the announced price for the event. Membership Cards must be presented for any discounted price.
- b.) Each Member is responsible for lost or unauthorized use of the Team Membership Cards. Each time a Card is requested to be replaced a \$125 fee will be charged.
- c.) Corporate Sponsorship, guest cards and/or any other valid membership card may not be used by any race participants, team members, relatives and/or friends of participants.
- d.) Any misuse of the Membership Card(s) will result in the Card being revoked from its listed member. Race of Champions Officials may and do reserve the right to confiscate and suspend the use of any Member(s) card as a disciplinary action.

### **D.) Restrictions**

Restrictions may apply to any driver (dirt or asphalt) based on past experience, current penalties and/or any driver who may not be qualified to participate in a divisional event within any Race of Champions sanctioned event as determined by Race of Champions officials.

### **E.) Minimum Age Requirement**

To be considered for approval, the applicant must secure and maintain a Race of Champions Drivers Membership a member at minimum must;

- a. Be at least 16 years of age to participate on tracks less than 5/8-mile in length. Tracks that are 5/8-mile or longer, a participant must be a minimum of 18 years of age. From time-to-time, there may be situations addressed on a case-by-case basis, where a participant may be permitted to compete at an age younger than the stated minimum age.
- b. Complete the "Youth Membership Resume and Application" requesting to compete in the appropriate Series and/or Event(s), in addition to any additional requirements, including, but not limited to the required training modules ([www.motorsportssafety.org](http://www.motorsportssafety.org)), etc...
- c. Execute and deliver to Race of Champions such authorizations, releases, applications, consents, waivers, resumes and other documents as maybe required from time-to-time.
- d. Be and remain in compliance with the Race of Champions Substance Abuse Policy.
- e. Following completion of all documentation, waivers, consents, resumes, other documents and/or training modules ([www.motorsportssafety.org](http://www.motorsportssafety.org)), a driver must be approved for competition before eligible to participate in any sanctioned event
- f. Failure to meet any criteria may result in an indefinite suspension from Race of Champions sanctioned events.

### **b.2 Conduct**

**A.) General** - All Members agree to act in a professional manner as determined by Race of Champions Officials. The professional manner includes, but is not limited to verbal representation, written representation, any representation that may represent the Race of Champions and/or motorsports in general and/or any affiliates **Representation may include on and/or off track and/or any type of representation, including but not limited to any representation of the Race of Champions as determined by Race of Champions Official. Misrepresentation in any manner could affect status with the Race of Champions.**

- a.) All Members must arrive at Series races in a timely manner so that they may participate in the entirety of the racing event.
- b.) All Members will not be permitted to compete and/or participate while under the influence of any alcoholic beverages and/or illegal substances. If a member is found to be participating in such a manner an immediate suspension of Membership will be activated as per the definition of the rules in Sub-Section b.5.

**B.)** Any member, during an event; a competitor, crew chief, car owner, crew member and/or team representative may be requested to report to the meet with Series Officials at a designated location for consultation with Race of Champions officials. The request may be communicated over the one-way radio and/or verbally. Failure to comply with the request will be subject to fine and/or suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials.

**C.) Parking** – As a disciplinary action a driver and/or race team may be parked, prior to, during and/or after any Race of Champions event. Parking is a directive from a supervisory official that is a directive to cease competition and may include a directive for the competitor(s) to not participate in an event for a set number of laps and/or complete event(s) and/or future events and/or leave the premises in order to promote the orderly conduct of any Race of Champions sanctioned event. This directive will only be given in extraordinary circumstances by supervisory officials. Parking will not be construed and/or deemed to be a disqualification and/or suspension and/or other "penalty" as referenced in section 11 and is not appealable under section 12 of this rule book.

**D.) Non-Member Suspension / Removal** – As a disciplinary action any "entrant" (member or non-member) into the restricted or fan area(s) may be removed and if that entrant is associated with any race team, that team may be parked during and/or after any Race of Champions event. In the event of an entrant being removed during any event, it will be a directive from a supervisory official that is a directive to leave the event and all properties immediately. In the event that the entrant is with a race team and the order effects a race team, the race team must cease competition and may include a directive for the competitor(s) to not participate in an event for a set number of laps and/or complete event(s) and/or future events and/or leave the premises in order to promote the orderly conduct of any Race of Champions sanctioned event. This directive will only be given in extraordinary circumstances by supervisory officials. Removal will not be construed and/or deemed to be a disqualification and/or suspension and/or other "penalty" as referenced in

section 11 and is not appealable under section 12 of this rule book. An “entrant” will be defined as any member that enters the proper through the purchase of a ticket, a pit pass and/or granted a credential to the event.

**E.) Failure to Follow Directive from any event (Series, Track and/or Law Enforcement) official** – Any entrant (member or non-member) that fails to comply with and/or follow the directive of any official in any disciplinary circumstance(s) will be “indefinitely suspended” immediately. In the event that it is a driver and/or team owner that fails to to comply with and/or follow the directive that driver and/or team owner will be “Parked” per sub-section b.2.c of the Conduct section of this rule book.

### **b.3 Race of Champions Series Championship**

**A.) Championship** – The Race of Champions will award drivers points as based upon their finish in each Series race as set forth in Section J of this rulebook. At the end of the series scheduled season, the Race of Champions shall announce one Race of Champions Driver’s Champion per division and they will be awarded championship prize money as posted, based upon their cumulative point total for the series.

**B.) Race of Champions Team Member Status** – On January 1, 2026 a Race of Champions Team Member Status plan may be established and activated as part of each Series. The teams that are selected will be required to submit and complete all proper documentation. Race of Champions Team Members may lose their status if they are in violation of any part of the Agreement, which includes the rules as stated herein. Race of Champions Team Member Status will be established during the 2026 calendar year.

**C.) Championship Celebration** – Banquet attendance is mandatory, unless extenuating circumstances present themselves, for the receipt of point fund and/or any bonus post season awards.

**D.) Race of Champions management and officials may elect to have and institute “Home Track Points”. Race of Champions Home Track Points will not count toward a driver earning the Race of Champions asphalt and/or Race of Champions dirt Modified Series Championship. If any driver declares to compete for any other Race of Champions championship then a driver must declare and participate at a home track. Points will be considered from May 1 and be awarded until Labor Day weekend each calendar year.**

**For a driver to be eligible to earn a minimum Race of Champions Home Track Award toward the series championship the driver must participate in a percentage of scheduled events at the driver’s declared Home Track in the respective division in which the driver is participating in for the championship;**

**Race of Champions Sportsman Modified (dirt or asphalt) – 75%**

**Race of Champions Stock Car / Street Stock – 75%**

### **b.4 Medical Exemption**

**A.)** Any Race of Champions Driver that is injured and/or has a medical issue that restricts any driver from participation in a Race of Champions Series event and/or may be unable to compete as a result, that team/driver will be granted a medical exemption. The medical exemption may apply to any sanctioned Race of Champions event. The driver may be required at the discretion of the Race of Champions Officials to produce medical documentation.

a.) In the event of driver medical exemption the driver has a 6-race (or 14-day) grace period, whichever occurs first, to return. If the driver does not return within the specified time period, the driver could forfeit their Benefits to include but not limited to points, year end awards and/or the provisional starting positions for the next season. The determination of forfeiture will be at the discretion of Race of Champions Supervisory Officials.

b.) Any Race of Champions Series member driver and/or team unable to compete because of any unforeseen circumstance, as determined by Race of Champions Officials may qualify for show-up points.

### **b.5 Substance Abuse Policy/Explanation**

**A.) Substance Abuse Policy/Explanation** – The Race of Champions will distribute to all participants and/or members at the beginning of each calendar year a specified Substance Abuse Policy and hold in place. To be a member in good standing, the policy must be completed and returned. The Substance Abuse Policy is an addition to the ‘reasonable suspicion’ policy. Reasonable suspicion will be determined at the discretion of Race of Champions Officials.

## **C. Personal Safety Equipment – ALL DIVISIONS**

### **c.1 General**

**A.)** Each competitor is solely responsible for the effectiveness and proper installation, per the manufacturer's specifications, of personal safety equipment and determining it to be adequate for competition at every event. Each competitor is expected to investigate and educate themselves for continuing improvement regarding their own personal safety equipment.

**B.)** Different safety regulations may be in place depending on the local and/or state government rules and/or laws and/or regulations in the specific location of the race track. Helmet and seat belt dates and/or specified equipment requirements, worn, utilized and/or otherwise may be different than specified in the Race of Champions rule book. Contact your local track officials for more information regarding this.

**C.)** All rules as stated in this section may be superseded by the rules as specified for each division in their specific section of this rule book.

### **c.2 Seat Belt/Restraint System**

**A.)** Each car will be equipped with minimum five (5) point SFI 16.5 or SFI 16.1 approved restraint system, until the date of the belt expiration (two years from the date of manufacturer). Seat belt restraint systems shall be installed and used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Two inch (2"-inch) wide belts that meet the SFI 16.5 and/or SFI 16.1 specifications will be permitted.

**B.)** Seat belt material should not be permitted to come in contact with any sharp or metal edge, including when the material passes through the seat.

**C.)** Rolled and/or deburred and/or flanged edges or anywhere seat belt webbing passes through and may come in contact with abrasive edges are recommended.

### **c.3 Protective Clothing**

**A.)** All drivers will be required to wear a fire resistant driving uniform meeting minimum of the SFI 3.2A/5 specification and display a valid SFI 3.2A/5 label.

**B.)** All drivers should wear fire resistant accessories including but not limited to; head sock, under garments, shoes, and socks. All drivers will be required to wear fire resistant gloves. Shoes and gloves will be required to meet minimum of the SFI 3.3 specifications and display a valid SFI 3.3 label.

### **c.4 Seats**

**A.)** Aluminum and/or carbon fiber-type composite seats only will be permitted. If a carbon fiber-type composite seat is used it must meet the SFI 39.2 ratings. Aluminum seats with an FIA and/or SFI 39.2 rating are recommended. All seats must be mounted to the frame as required by the seat and chassis manufacturer. Full containment seat(s) and/or aftermarket bolt on head restraints are recommended.

**B.)** All areas surrounding the head should have padding.

**C.)** A right side head restraint net and/or support is recommended. All head restraint nets should be equipped with quick release mechanisms.

**D.)** The driver's seat must be securely fastened to the frame and/or cage in six positions with a minimum of six (6) 3/8"-inch bolts. There should be a minimum of four (4) bolts on the bottom and two (2) in the back of the seat. All seats must be a minimum of 1/8"-inch magnetic steel plate under and up the back 4" inches and be as wide as the seat. Only single piece high back type seats will be permitted.

### **c.5 Helmets**

**A.)** All drivers will be required to wear a full-face helmet with a minimum Snell safety rating of FIA 8860-2010; FIA 8860-2018; Snell SA 2010; Snell SA 2015, SFI 14.1/2013 and/or SFI 31.2 label.

**B.)** At all times during any event (practice, qualifying and competition) driver's that participate in the Race of Champions events must wear a head and neck restraint system with a valid SFI 38.1 label. For all other Race of Champions competitors a Head and Neck restraint system are recommended. The head and neck restraint system must be mounted and connected to the helmet per the helmet manufacturer and head and neck manufacturer instructions.

**C.)** Arm restraints are recommended and must be connected and used as instructed by the manufacturer.

### **c.6 Other General Safety Items**

- A.) Sharp and/or protruding edges in and around the cockpit will not be permitted.
- B.) Windshield screens should be a minimum thickness of 0.090 inch and should be securely fastened to the roll cage.
- C.) A clearly marked electrical engine shut off switch within the reach of the driver.
- D.) A clearly marked fuel shut off valve, labeled On and Off, must be mounted within reach of the driver. It must be labeled with the word(s) "Fuel Shut Off". Refer to the drawing in the drawing section of this rule book.
- E.) SFI-approved and labeled seat, roll bar, knee and steering pads and/or padding is recommended.
- F.) All cars must have a driveline U-Joint scatter shields.
- G.) All teams must have a fire extinguisher in the rear of their transporter with the car number clearly visible on the extinguisher. The fire extinguisher must be a minimum of 20lbs and is recommended to FFF type chemical and/or Dupont FE-36 and/or equivalent.

## **D. Licenses / Memberships**

- A.) Any driver that intends to participate in any racing event must possess a valid membership and also be approved for competition in the Race of Champions. Approval for competition will be made by Race of Champions Modified Series Supervisory Officials.
- B.) Minimum age of participation in any Race of Champions event is 16 years of age. Any drivers that are under 16-years of age and seek to participate in any racing event must be approved in advance. Driver must participate in Youthful Driver approval process. The driver must also be approved for competition by the Race of Champions Supervisory Officials.
- C.) **Any documents may be requested to prove date of birth. In the event that any document is found to be false and/or falseified the competitor and/or family member submitting the document may be indefinitely suspended.**

### d.1 Rookie Status

- A.) A "Rookie" is determined by the criteria as set forth by Race of Champions Officials:

1.) A "Rookie" is determined by a driver not starting in a division more than six (6) total times during the driver's career. A "Rookie" candidate may not have won and/or been eligible for the Rookie of the Year Award in any prior season within the specific division declared for eligibility. Rookie Status may only move upwards by division, ie; a modified driver will not be a rookie in the Sportsman or Stock Car divisions. A driver may not regress to be eligible for Rookie of the Year in any division.

**To be eligible a driver must submit their declaration for Rookie of the Year in writing prior to the first event of the season or May 1st, whichever may come first, to receive approval to participate for the award.**

2.) The minimum number of races to be eligible for the Rookie of the Year Award will be 50% of the scheduled races as of the season opener, although those competitors not competing in 50% of the scheduled races will remain in the accumulated standings.

3.) The Rookie of the Year Standings will be maintained based on the average feature event finish from each event. Driver's failing to qualify for the feature event, but making an attempt to qualify for the feature event, will receive a last place average finish in those events.

4.) An Eligibility Panel will endorse Rookie of the Year candidates following the declaration(s) and will also vote on the season ending award to determine the Rookie of the Year. The Rookie of the Year Award will not be based solely in regard to on track performance. The Eligibility Panel will include: the Race of Champions Officials, the Media, Race of Champions Management, the defending Series Champion and the preceding year Rookie of the Year. The vote will be determined by simple majority. Ties will be broken by another vote.

5.) The Rookie of the Year and the Rookie driver, if different drivers, who posts the best average finish will be recognized at the season ending championship celebration. The Rookie of the Year Award is a divisional based award and is based on the performance within the division overall to include weekly sanctioned as well as touring series events.

## **E. Racing Event Procedures**

The rules as stated herein will cover the rules of the racing event. Rules of the racing event may be altered from time-to-time by Race of Champions Officials. Racing event procedures and/or racing event rules are final and non-appealable.

### **e.1 Pre-Race Inspection(s)**

**A.)** All cars entered and present at any Race of Champions sanctioned event that are intended to compete in the racing event, must pass pre-race inspection prior to any on-track activity. Pre-race inspection may take place in a specified area and/or in the regards of space directly at the team's transporter. Refusal to present vehicle or preventing officials from completing pre-race inspection will result in disqualification from that event and possible penalty and fines.

**B.)** At all Race of Champions sanctioned events, only one entry may be presented for pre-race inspection. Multiple cars entered for one (1) driver will not be permitted.

### **e.2 Driver's Meeting(s)**

**A.)** All drivers' or drivers representative, must attend the driver's meeting. A roll call may be taken. Drivers in violation of not attending the Driver's Meeting could face a fine, loss of starting position, loss of driver's points, owner's points and/or suspension.

**B.)** The number of racecars starting each event and the number of laps for each event may be announced at the driver's meeting.

**D.)** Any changes in the basic event night program due to car count, track conditions and/or any other circumstances may be announced at the driver's meeting.

### **e.3 Inspection Procedures/Legality**

**A.)** Engines, chassis, suspension, ignition/electrical, tires, fuel and/or sound/mufflers may be inspected at any time.

**B.)** Fuel may be inspected during periodic intervals utilizing but not limited to a hydrometer and a dielectric tester. If by chance Race of Champions Officials cannot positively identify the proper fuel at the track, all winnings and points of that particular car from that particular event will be held up until the fuel sample is sent to the refinery and/or a Laboratory for chemical analysis through a fuel chemist. If a fuel sample is determined to be chemically altered, all winnings of that particular car from that particular racing event will be held until the analysis has been completed and a determination has been made by the Race of Champions Officials. Upon completion of the laboratory findings a decision will be made by Race of Champions Officials.

**C.)** Race of Champions Officials may at their discretion, inspect any car entered for competition in any racing event at any time.

**D.)** Race of Champions Officials may at their discretion, impound a part/component, engine and/or any other components and/or the complete car for competitive and/or data analysis. This may include the forfeiture of any part that in the determination of Race of Champions Officials does not meet specifications, requirements and/or has not been submitted for approval prior being placed in competition. Refusal to relinquish and/or forfeit any part that in the determination of Race of Champions is required for further competitive and/or data analysis and/or does not meet specifications, requirements or has not been submitted for approval will result in the competitor and/or team being "Parked" per sub-section b.2.c of the Conduct section of this rule book.

### **e.4 Post Race Inspection(s)**

**A.)** At the conclusion of each race, cars may be instructed over the two-way and one-way radio to report directly to the scale and/or inspection area. At the conclusion of the feature race, the winner must report to the scales first. The number of cars to report to the scale / technical inspection area will be announced at the driver's meeting in addition to the one-way radio.

**B.)** Failure to report immediately to the scale / technical inspection area may result in a disqualification.

**C.)** If applicable, once the winner has cleared the scales, he must proceed to victory lane and may be required after the conclusion of the victory lane ceremony, to return to the scale / technical inspection area.

**D.)** The Race of Champions Officials at the event shall inform and/or release cars from inspection upon conclusion of inspection. Any car removed from inspection prior to the conclusion of inspection may be penalized.

#### **e.5 Restrictions**

- A.)** Once the racing program (in-turn qualifying) has begun on any racing event, the changing of any tire on any corner will be governed by the rule specifications set forth herein the Tire Section of this rule book.
- B.)** All work on the racecar, once any race has been begun, must be completed in the designated work/pit area unless informed otherwise.
- C.)** All cars will receive only one (1) opportunity to start each race. If a car needs more than one (1) opportunity, except for safety reasons, during any race, that car must start at the rear of the field in that particular race.
- D.)** Drivers and/or team members will not be permitted to tamper with track racing surface.

#### **e.6 Entry/Pill Draw**

- A.)** An entry fee **may** be charged by the Race of Champions at selected events, announced prior to the specified event.
- B.)** All drivers and/or teams entered in any event must draw for a position in time trial qualifying and/or qualifying race position at the designated location. The drivers and/or teams are responsible for their own pill draw. Only one (1) car may be entered per driver in any event.
  - a.) At all Race of Champions dirt Modified events, drivers must declare at the pill draw whether they are entering as a Big Block or 358 for the duration of the event.
- C.)** All pills will be drawn prior to the driver's meeting. If a driver and/or team entered and present at the event does not draw, that team will be placed at the end of the qualifying order. In the event that there are no time trials, then the driver and/or team will start at the rear of their specified qualifying race.

#### **e.7 Hot Laps/Practice**

- A.)** All entered cars must practice. Cars may be required to hot lap in their specified group and/or by the time trial/qualifying (group format) order. Example; the first ten (1-10) cars in the time trial qualifying order will hot lap followed (11-20) and so on. The AMB Scoring Transponder must be mounted on the race car prior to hot laps. In the event a car does not practice, Race of Champions Officials may permit that car to compete in the event.
- B.)** If track packing is required. Any car that does not participate will be given only one (1) time trial lap for that event.

#### **e.8 Qualifying/Time Trials/Heat Races/B-Mains**

- A.)** In all events, the driver qualifies. If for any reason, a driver and car match-up in any race is separated then only the driver is considered qualified.
- B.)** If a car/team switches cars, for any reason, that car must start at the rear of all races in which that car/team has qualified for on the same day. If, for any reason, a race must be run on a different day after qualifying is completed, the driver may start the race in the earned qualifying position even if not in the car originally presented for qualifying.
- C.)** Qualifying will consist of a group format time trial session with consecutive timed laps unless otherwise noted. Changes to the qualifying procedure will be at the discretion of the Race of Champions Officials. Any type of 'wave-off' is not permitted. Once the car enters the racing surface that is their qualifying attempt if the car does not post a time or fails to complete a lap and posts 'no time' they will start last in a heat race and not be eligible for qualifying race points.
- D.)** Qualifying will take place in the order of the pill draw. In events that utilize group qualifying the pill draw will be utilized to establish each qualifying group. Each car and/or team must qualify with their specified group for their own qualifying opportunity. If the group is missed by more than two spots the late car will take time at the end of the group and will receive only one qualifying lap. The best position a car that does not qualify in its specified group will be 17<sup>th</sup> position or one (1) spot beyond half of the overall car count if the car count is 40 or greater.
- E.)** The cars and/or teams that are late must be in line before the last scheduled group begins its qualifying attempt. Time trials will be closed once the final group is in line and has started their qualifying attempt and have started their time trial.
- F.)** In the event of two or more cars post the same time in time trials, the tie breaker will be the fastest other lap time recorded in time trials. If this does not break the tie, the tie will be broken by the qualifying order draw. In the event that one (1) lap qualifying is utilized the tie breaker will be the qualifying order draw.

**G.)** In the event that a qualified car for the feature is unable to take the initial green, the first non-qualified car will be taken as the alternate starter for the feature event. The original qualified car will not receive points for the feature race. If a qualified car takes the initial green flag and then falls out of the race, there will not be an alternate starter added to the race and the original qualified car will receive only last place points for the feature.

**H.)** Once any driver has completed their qualifying attempt by taking the checkered flag, that driver must drive to the technical inspection area to scale the car for the minimum weight requirement. (From time-to-time, some events may require scaling the cars prior to qualifying).

**I.)** In the event of inclement weather, it is at the discretion of the Race of Champions Officials to alter the qualifying process.

**J.)** In the event of inclement weather, following the conclusion of time trials each driver present receives show up points.

**K.) For all Race of Champions asphalt Modified Series, Race of Champions Late Models, Race of Champions Sportsman (dirt and asphalt) events, time trials may be required. There will be one practice session, followed by a second green-white-checker hot lap session in which the qualifying race line up will be determined, based on fastest to slowest time and the car count for the event.**

#### **e.9 Heat Races**

**A.)** All drivers entered in any event will be scheduled to compete in a heat race.

**B.)** The heat race lineups may be determined by pill draw or the results of time trials. The fastest time driver in time trials will draw a pill to determine the inversion for the starting position of the heat races.

**1.) For Race of Champion asphalt Modified Series events; A minimum of three (3) qualifying races will be run (provided the car count does not dictate otherwise) for any event. The lineups for those qualifying racers may be determined by “group time trials” or the car establishing the fastest time will be placed in the first qualifying race, the second fastest time will be placed in the second qualifying race, the third qualifying time in the third qualifying race and so on, until all qualifying race line ups have been established. The fastest overall qualifier may then draw an inversion pill – 0, 2, 4 or “All” to determine how many positions are inverted for each qualifying race.**

**C.)** The number of laps in the heat races and amount of cars transferring from the heat race(s) will be announced at the drivers meeting by Race of Champions Officials.

**D.)** All cars that transfer from the qualifying race(s) must report to the technical inspection area immediately following the completion of their heat race to scale the car for the minimum weight requirement. In the event that a competitor fails to report to the scale area following the completion of the event, the driver will be immediately disqualified from that race, unless otherwise directed by Race of Champion Officials.

**E.)** There will be a redraw for starting position amongst the top finishers in each qualifying/heat race. The number of drivers that participate in the redraw will be determined by the number of heat race(s) run during any given event night and will be announced at the driver's meeting.

**F.)** Any driver transferring from the qualifying race(s) to the feature race that does not qualify for the redraw will line up for the feature race based upon the driver's finish in the heat race.

**G.)** Any driver that does not transfer from the qualifying race(s) to the feature race will be assigned to compete in a 'B'-Main and/or consolation event/race(s).

#### **e.10 'B-Main(s)'**

**A.)** The 'B-Main' race(s) line up will be determined by the finishing order of the qualifying race(s).

**B.)** The number of laps of the B-Main will be based on the overall car count for the event and announced at the driver's meeting.

**C.)** All cars that transfer from the 'B-Main' must report to the technical inspection area immediately following the completion of the race to scale the car for the minimum weight requirement. In the event that a competitor fails to report to the scale area following the completion of the event, the driver will be immediately disqualified from that race, unless otherwise directed by Race of Champions Officials.

**D.)** The lineup(s) for multiple day events will be determined once it has been determined how many cars have returned for the second day of competition and announced at the driver's meeting.

#### **e.11 Backup Cars**

**A.)** A backup car may be introduced at any time between qualifying and the start of the A-feature, with permission from the Race of Champions Supervisory Officials. An additional entry/inspection fee will be due for the introduction of any backup car where applicable. Any such change will result in the driver starting at the rear of the race in which the driver has qualified for. If a driver changes cars after practice, that driver will remain in his drawn position for time trial qualifying. If a backup car is introduced, the car must pass pre-race technical inspection prior to any competition. Once a car has been withdrawn from an event, that car will not be allowed to be resubmitted to competition during that event. If a driver starts the race in a backup car and does not start the event from the rear of the field a penalty may be issued.

#### **e.12 Starts**

**A.)** The start of each race will be preceded with a ten (10) minute warning to begin the ten (10) minute period. The ten (10) minute sound will be followed by another warning five (5) minutes prior to the start of the race. All cars and drivers must be on the starting grid for driver introductions at the completion of the ten (10) minute period. If the driver is not present that driver's starting position will be forfeited and that driver will start from the tail of the field. If more than one (1) driver is late, the drivers will start at the tail of the feature in the order of their qualified position.

**B.)** The race will begin immediately once the racing surface is clear and the cars are properly aligned in their assigned starting positions. The number of pace laps will be announced at the driver's meeting.

**C.)** Any driver, team, and/or car, who purposely attempts to hold up the start of any race will be placed at the rear of the lineup and may be disqualified from the event, suspended and/or fined at the discretion of the Race of Champions Officials. Any car that needs to be push started must start at the rear of the field.

**D.)** Once the allotted time (announced at the driver's meeting) allowed for being on the track, ready to race, has expired, any late car will be penalized. Any car that starts after the field has started assembling must start at the rear of the field. This rule may be adjusted from time-to-time, "EIRI", at the discretion of the Race of Champions Officials.

**E.)** All double-file starts/restarts will take place at a consistent speed, with cars side-by-side in rows of two throughout the field. Consistent speed will be at the discretion of Race of Champions Officials. The initial start will take place at a designated area that will be identified at the driver's meeting. Any car out of line and/or passing before this point will be penalized. If an offending car is located on the last row of the starting grid then that car is allowed to restart but will be penalized 2 positions from its finishing position. If the same car commits a second offense it may be disqualified from that event.

**F.)** In the event that the race is not properly started by the two (2) front row cars, the responsible car(s) will be moved to the last positions in the field, with the rest of the field moving forward. Failure to acknowledge and comply with the "move back" signal will result in instant disqualification from the racing event.

**G.)** The field may accelerate when the green flag is displayed, but the leader is the control car and must fire first. Any passing before the green flag is displayed will not be permitted. Only the leader has the choice to start on the inside or the outside of the front row.

**H.)** Alternate starters for any race will not be permitted to start any race after the original start has taken place.

**I.)** If only one (1) car is involved in a caution on the original start or before one (1) lap is completed, the car and/or car(s) that brought out the caution will lineup at the rear of the field and the race will have a complete restart for the remainder of the field

**J.)** One (1) complete lap must be completed before the race is restarted using a restart lineup.

**K.)** In the event that car(s) move to the back of the field, cars move forward by row and do not 'cross-over' to fill in the original starting lineup.

#### **e.13 Restarts**

**A.)** All restarts will be a double-file after the completion of the first lap of competition in any race. The leader on all double-file restarts will have the choice to start on the inside or outside of the front row. In all restarts lead lap cars will move to the front with lap down cars moving to the tail end of the field. All restarts that take place with 25-laps or less remaining in any feature event that exceeding 51-laps in distance, will be single file with lead lap cars to the front with lapped cars moving to the tail end of the field, unless designated otherwise at the driver's meeting.

**B.)** All restarts will take place with the lead lap cars moved to the front of the field. Lapped cars will pull to the inside and fall in behind the last car on the lead lap in their order of running.

C.) The restart area will be designated at the driver's meeting.

**D.) All restarts will take place at a consistent speed. Consistent speed will be at the discretion of Race of Champions Officials and may be monitored by a system which Race of Champions Officials declare mandatory for each car**

E.) Passing may begin once the leader accelerates and passes the designated restart point and the green flag is displayed.

F.) If a car passes to the left of the designated restart point and/or passes another car before reaching the designated restart point and/or is not in a proper nose-to-tail alignment and/or is guilty of an excessive gap between cars, then that car will be penalized. If there are multiple violations, the car may be disqualified from the event.

G.) If the leader is unable to properly restart the race after the one (1) attempt, the leader will be penalized and moved to the rear of the field.

H.) When an infraction occurs on a restart, Race of Champions Officials shall exercise their discretion and allow the race to continue, not calling for another restart, and then penalize the offending car(s) under yellow flag conditions or at the conclusion of the race. The offending car(s) will be penalized.

I.) Any cars that require a push start during a caution period, will be considered involved in the incident which brought out the yellow flag and that car will have to restart at the rear of the field.

J.) Any cars that stop, either on the racing surface and/or in the pit/designated work area, during a caution period will be required to restart from the rear of the field.

K.) Any cars that are involved in causing a red flag situation will be required to restart at the rear of the field, including cars that go to the pits during a red flag situation.

L.) Any car that stops due to the red flag being displayed will be permitted one (1) opportunity at a push start provided the car was not involved in the incident. If the car does not fire it will be pushed back to the designated pit/work area and once restarted must start from the rear of the field.

M.) Any car that stops because of a blocked track, at the discretion of the Race of Champions Officials, may not be considered involved in the red or yellow flag.

N.) Any car that is black flagged for consultation during a caution period will retain its position only if the Race of Champions Officials deem the car 'clear' and permit it to return directly to competition without adjustment.

#### **e.14 Racing**

A.) Any car that does not race on the designated racing surface in order to better its position will be black flagged and penalized at the discretion of the Race of Champions Officials.

B.) Prior to the start of the feature race, on-track, outside the car introductions will be scheduled. In the event of inclement weather and/or other schedules the Race of Champions Officials may change this.

C.) A pace car may be utilized to pace the field prior to the start of the event and on all restarts. Passing of the pace car, unless otherwise instructed to do so by the Race of Champions Officials will not be permitted.

D.) Any car that spins during green flag racing conditions and is involved in an incident and/or has a problem, but does not bring out the yellow flag and/or create a caution period, will blend back into the field where the driver is able to do so. If there is a caution period the Race of Champions Officials will determine the placement of the car(s) involved. The placement of the car will be where the car blended back into the field.

E.) At the discretion of the Race of Champions Official any car that is involved in two (2) single car spins that are unaided may be disqualified from the event. If the car spins unaided for third time it will result in automatic disqualification from the event.

F.) At the discretion of the Race of Champions Officials any car that intentionally brings out a caution period may be penalized and/or disqualified from the event.

G.) All races must be completed in a "green-white-checker" finish. Any race may be extended past its advertised distance with a "green-white-checker" finish. This means if the yellow flag is displayed or caution lights illuminated prior to the leader receiving the checkered flag, that race will be restarted and run for two consecutive laps before completion.

H.) In events where it is noted in the event entry blank, the competition format and/or the driver's meeting a race may be finished and not restarted once the leader crosses the start/finish line and receives the white flag signifying the last lap of the race. If the leader receives the white flag and then the yellow flag is displayed

and/or yellow lights illuminated, cars will be scored in their respective position and must not race back. Cars that receive the yellow and white flag simultaneously will be scored based on their last completed green flag lap. Cars must proceed back to the checkered and caution flags at a reasonable speed. Involved cars and/or cars unable to maintain reasonable speed will be scored based on their last completed lap and/or involvement in the caution. Passing will not be permitted and the race will not resume.

I.) If a race is red flagged due to weather conditions and cars are sent to the pits, then any and all work is permitted, unless otherwise informed and announced by Race of Champions Officials.

J.) Cars that pit during the course of a race for service and/or repair may re-enter the race under green flag conditions once release and instructed to do so by Race of Champions Officials.

K.) For specified Race of Champions sanctioned events hand signals, colored gloves and pit boards will be permitted during the event for the sole purpose of communicating with drivers. Flashlight and/or two-way radio communication with drivers will not be permitted.

#### **e.15 General Racing Equipment and/or Requirements**

A.) Two-way radios will be permitted at specified events for specified divisions, including events that have and/or include pitstops, whether required or mandatory.

B.) All competitors in all Race of Champions divisions are required to have, in working condition, an approved (Raceceiver and/or Racing Electronics) one-way radio system to aid in line ups and/or the use of race control to manage the racing event.

C.) All cars must have and/or provide the adequate hardware for the attachment of the AMB TRANS X 260 Transponder. Please refer to the drawing/diagram.

#### **e.16 Special Event (Events that require Pit Stops) – Cars, Equipment and/or Procedures**

A.) In any event that requires a pit stop and/or refueling, the use of two (2) dump/refueling cans at the same time will not be permitted. Only one (1) dump/refueling can, which may not exceed 12 US Gallons in capacity, will be permitted at one time. After the first fuel can has been used to refuel the car during the pitstop only then will the second fuel can be able to enter into the car servicing area from behind the pit wall.

B.) Car(s) may not be pushed past the flagman located at the end/exit of pit road.

C.) Once a race has taken the original green flag and laps have started counting, cars may be started by hand pushing in the pit area and/or on pit road only. Push trucks may be available and will be signaled by race control for a mechanical push start if required. In events that utilize a pit road for servicing the car with a pit crew, push trucks will not be permitted to push start and/or push cars off of pit road and back into competition, unless directed to do so by the Race of Champions Officials.

D.) Cars may only enter pit road for pit stops from the defined pit road entrance Cars must travel on pit road in a counter-clockwise direction only.

E.) When multiple cars are pitting and enter pit road, they must enter in single file. Passing on pit road will not be permitted. Cars must stay as far to the rights as possible on pit lane before entering the required pit stall and must maintain 'pit road speed' as designated by the pace car on pace laps. Exceeding the pit road speed and/or passing on pit road may result in a penalty at the discretion of Race of Champions Officials. 'Pit road speed' will be in effect for entering and exiting the pit road.

F.) All pit stop service must be completed in the assigned pit stall.

G.) Only a maximum of four (4) pit crew members will be permitted over the wall to service the vehicle at any time. The use of any additional crew members may result in a penalty. Three (3) pit crew members to service the car and one (1) to handle the catch can. All crew members going over the wall (limit three plus the catch can person) should be equipped with helmets. All fueling personnel (gasman and catch can person) must have a full-faced helmet, fire resistant gloves and fire resistant fire suit and/or a uniform that has been treated with a fire resistant substance. It is recommended that the gasman with dump can and catch can man have a fire retardant apron in addition to the fire retardant suit. This rule applies for all Race of Champions sanctioned events where refueling is required during a pitsop.

I.) For a pit stop to be considered official, the car must come to a complete stop in its assigned pit stall.

J.) In events where pit stops may be required, pit road will remain closed until the pace vehicle has control of the field. If a car enters pit road prior to pit road being 'opened' the minimum penalty will be that car being placed to the tail end of the field and the maximum penalty will be the loss of one (1) lap. Cars that have been

damaged and/or require repairs and/or assistance will be permitted on pit road before it is open, however, if they are able to return to the race, they must restart at the rear of the field.

**K.)** In an event that requires two-way radio communication, the one-way radio must be used 'in-line' with the two-way radio system.

**L.)** It is recommended that all teams have a sign posted approximately ten (10') feet in the air in front of the air assigned pit areas displaying their car number and color scheme. The sign should be legible for officials to facilitate the delivery of messages from race control.

**M.)** In the event of inclement weather and/or unforeseen circumstances that prevent the completion of the advertised distance of the event, the race will be considered official after half of the event has been completed. The car leading at the time of the red flag and/or signal of the event completion, will be considered the winner regardless of whether the car has made the mandatory pit stop before that time.

**N.)** During post-race inspection at specified events, only the driver, two (2) crew members and the car owner will be permitted in the designated post-race inspection area.

#### **e.17 Flag Rules/Officials Signals**

##### **A.) Green Flag;**

- 1.) When the starter displays the green flag, the track is open for racing.
- 2.) The green flag signifies the start of any race and/or time trial run.
- 3.) Passing will not be permitted before the green flag is displayed at the designated point.

##### **B.) Yellow Flag;**

- 1.) When the yellow flag is displayed and/or the yellow caution lights are illuminated, this signifies a caution period.
- 2.) When the yellow flag is displayed and/or caution lights illuminated passing will not be permitted unless instructed to do so by Race of Champions Officials.

##### **C.) Red Flag;**

- 1.) When the red flag is displayed all cars on the racing surface and in the pit areas must come to a complete stop in a controlled manner, while not stopping and/or driving through the area of the incident.
- 2.) At the discretion of the Race of Champions Officials a work area may be designated on the racing surface. All cars will be moved to the designated work area on the racing surface before work begins.
- 3.) During any red flag situation all drivers, unless involved in the incident, must remain in their car unless otherwise instructed by Race of Champions Officials.
- 4.) If any car enters and/or moves during a red flag period, including entering the pit and/or designated work area, the car will be penalized a minimum of one (1) lap and will restart the race at the rear of the field.
- 5.) If the race is red flagged due to inclement weather conditions work and tire changes may be permitted.
- 6.) If the race is 'called' due to inclement weather conditions and/or any other circumstances any car that enters the pits/work area prior to the end of the event, that car will be scored at the rear of the field.
- 7.) During any red flag, once the field is stopped, the race director may offer the opportunity for any car to pit by signaling to do so with instruction over the one-way radio. Any car that pits for service during the red flag period will surrender its running position and have to restart at the rear of the field and/or if the race is cancelled due to inclement weather, the car will be scored behind those cars which did not pit.

##### **D.) Black Flag;**

- 1.) If the black flag is displayed, then the driver that the flag is being displayed toward must bring their car to designated pit/work area immediately for consultation. The car will not be scored after three consecutive laps from the point that the black flag originally had been displayed.
- 2.) In the event that the black flag is displayed toward a car during a caution period and the car is cleared by Race of Champions officials, the car will maintain and/or return to its position in the running order of the race as instructed to do so by the officials.

##### **E.) White Flag;**

- 1.) When the white flag is displayed this signifies that the leader of the race and/or the car that is qualifying has started the last lap of that event.

**F.) Checkered Flag;**

- 1.) The checkered flag signifies the completion of the event. All cars must pass underneath the checkered flag to be scored correctly on the final lap of the event.
- 2.) Any race and/or qualifying attempt is not completed until the checkered flag is displayed.

**G.) Officials Signals;**

- 1.) All drivers must obey signals, communications, blackboard(s) and/or any other Official's communications that assist in the direction and facilitation of creating proper lineups and/or the process of completing the event.

**F. Scoring Procedures**

**A.)** All races are scored at the designated start/finish line.

**B.)** The original starting lineup will be posted by Race of Champions Officials after the completion of all qualifying events.

**C.)** The restart lineups will be derived from the official scorer's lap and line scored sheets. **In the event that there is a discrepancy in scoring to reset any lineup position scoring will revert to the last completed green flag lap to derive the lineup.**

**D.)** In feature races in which laps run during a caution period count toward the completion of an event, the counting of laps will begin once the initial green flag is displayed. In the event that a red flag is displayed, counting laps will not resume until the green flag is displayed, at that point laps will begin counting toward the completion of the event.

**E.)** After the first completed green flag lap, when the caution is displayed all cars that were scored under green flag conditions will hold that scored position with all other cars lining up according to their last completed green flag scored lap. This partial lap will count toward the event's total number of laps. Racing back to the start/finish line will not be permitted and in the event that there is an on-track scoring dispute, the chief scorer will refer to the last completed green flag lap to resolve the dispute.

**F.)** A lap will not be scored on the original start and/or any restart unless all cars complete the lap by passing through the start/finish line except for the cars involved in the incident.

**G.)** In the event that caution and/or red flag is displayed with the checkered flag simultaneously that race is completed. The cars crossing the finish line will be scored according to their position in their last completed green flag lap. Any car that is involved will be scored behind the cars that are not involved in caution and/or red flag.

**H.)** In the event of inclement weather and/or unforeseen circumstances, a race may be called complete short of its entire distance, once it has reached half of the scheduled distance. The race at that point will be scored by the restart lineup.

**I.)** In the event of unforeseen circumstances, the specified laps of any race may change from the original posted number of laps.

**J.)** All cars are required to be equipped with an AMB tranx260 transponder securely mounted on the specified location. It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure proper installation and working condition of the transponder.

**f.2 Handicapping**

**A.)** The number of cars to be qualified will be decided by the track handicapper and announced before the first heat race of each night.

**B.)** A driver may attempt to qualify only once during qualifying heats. Any driver may attempt to qualify a second car during the consolation events.

**C.)** A driver must drive the last car that the driver qualified in the feature. The car(s), even if qualified are not eligible for competition. In the event a driver qualifies a car and the car must be scratched, a driver may switch to a back-up car but must start from the rear of the field.

**D.)** In the event of twin features, a driver may use one car in the first feature and may use a different car in the next feature but must start the second feature at the back of the field if the driver switches cars.

**E.)** It is the responsibility of the driver and/or car owner to report driver changes Race of Champions Officials.

F.) Drivers that change cars must start the feature from the rear. Failure to do so may result in a penalty and/or disqualification and/or not being scored in the race.

G.) Cars and/or drivers must only compete in one division at any given sanctioned event, unless by invitation or with approval from the handicapper.

H.) The driver must have a current license/membership for each division and/or purchase a single-event license in order to compete.

I.) For all Race of Champions Modified Series races only: Provisional starting positions will be available in championship series races. A provisional start must start behind all other cars. Provisional starters must have attempted to qualify in a preliminary event in order to start the main event or feature race.

J.) At all Race of Champions sanctioned events and selected events for other Race of Champions divisions, time trials will be used as a basis for qualifying procedures. All drivers will draw for time trial order and/or heat line up.

K.) Points are official when posted on the pit board. If there is a mistake, the owner and/or driver has five (5) days from the posting to protest.

## **G. Payoff and Pit Procedures**

A.) All paid purses, appearance money and/or other awards and/or funds as outlined in the promoter's contract shall be paid to the car owner and/or designated owner's representative.

## **H. Provisional and Alternate Starting Positions**

A.) If provisional's are permitted in the Feature event; the car(s) will earn full Race of Champions points.

**B.) The top fifteen (15) finishing drivers in the previous season's championship in standings in the Race of Champions asphalt and Race of Champions dirt Modified standings will be eligible for provisional starting positions in the first event of the respective season. Following the completion of the first event of the respective season the top fifteen (15) in the current season championship standings will be eligible for a provisional starting position. The provisional starting positions will be available to the first four (4) drivers who fail to qualify for the feature race. After those four (4) provisional starting positions are exhausted no other provisional starting positions will be awarded. To be eligible for a provisional starting position a driver must attempt to qualify for the feature. A maximum of four (4) provisional starting positions will be awarded to a driver throughout any season.**

**1.) Other divisions/series that have provisional starting positions will be noted on the Competition Format information sheets that are posted prior to each event.**

C.) Any provisional starters will fall in line at the rear of the Feature.

D.) In the event that provisional positions are not used by any driver attempting to qualify for the feature event and there are no more transfer positions available to have enough positions to fill the number of starting positions for the number of posted starting positions for the race, the remaining available positions open for the feature will be awarded to the next fastest qualifier(s) from time trials or next driver in the finishing order of the qualifying races (including B-Main's) who have attempted to qualify for the feature.

G.) In the event that a car qualified for the Feature is unable to present itself no later than the final pace lap prior to the initial green flag, the first non qualified car will be taken as the alternate for the Feature event. The original qualified car will not receive points for the Feature race. If a qualified car takes the initial green flag and then falls out of the race, no alternate will be taken and that car will receive only last place points for the Feature.

## **I. Racing Programs Special Event Shows**

A.) There may be special event shows during the year that do not follow the standard Race of Champions sanctioned event formats. When such events occur all teams will be informed of specific program and/or procedural changes for that particular event. All racing programs are subject to change and any such changes will be explained at the driver's meeting.

B.) All cars entered in a Race of Champions sanctioned event must have the Race of Champions decals and contingency program decals displayed in a visible area on both sides of the car located in the specified designated locations.

C.) From time-to-time mandatory autograph sessions will be scheduled. Drivers will be notified of attendance and location at selected events.

D.) The top four (4) drivers in the Race of Champions Championship Point Standings entering the event may be required to be present for the autograph session.

E.) If any driver fails to report to any autograph session a written penalty may be issued, which could result in loss of points and/or fine(s).

**J. Points Breakdown**

		<b>Standard Series</b>	<b>Championship Series</b>
	<b>Special</b>	<b><u>100</u></b>	
<b>1</b>	60	<b><u>90</u></b>	<b><u>150</u></b>
<b>2</b>	56	<b><u>85</u></b>	<b><u>140</u></b>
<b>3</b>	52	<b><u>80</u></b>	<b><u>135</u></b>
<b>4</b>	50	<b><u>75</u></b>	<b><u>130</u></b>
<b>5</b>	48	<b><u>72</u></b>	<b><u>125</u></b>
<b>6</b>	46	<b><u>69</u></b>	<b><u>120</u></b>
<b>7</b>	44	<b><u>66</u></b>	<b><u>116</u></b>
<b>8</b>	42	<b><u>63</u></b>	<b><u>112</u></b>
<b>9</b>	40	<b><u>60</u></b>	<b><u>108</u></b>
<b>10</b>	38	<b><u>58</u></b>	<b><u>104</u></b>
<b>11</b>	36	<b><u>56</u></b>	<b><u>100</u></b>
<b>12</b>	34	<b><u>54</u></b>	<b><u>96</u></b>
<b>13</b>	32	<b><u>52</u></b>	<b><u>92</u></b>
<b>14</b>	30	<b><u>50</u></b>	<b><u>88</u></b>
<b>15</b>	28	<b><u>48</u></b>	<b><u>85</u></b>
<b>16</b>	27	<b><u>47</u></b>	<b><u>82</u></b>
<b>17</b>	26	<b><u>46</u></b>	<b><u>79</u></b>
<b>18</b>	25	<b><u>45</u></b>	<b><u>76</u></b>
<b>19</b>	24	<b><u>44</u></b>	<b><u>74</u></b>
<b>20</b>	23	<b><u>43</u></b>	<b><u>71</u></b>
<b>21</b>	22	<b><u>42</u></b>	<b><u>68</u></b>
<b>22</b>	21	<b><u>41</u></b>	<b><u>65</u></b>
<b>23</b>	20	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>62</u></b>
<b>24</b>	20	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>60</u></b>
<b>25</b>	20	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>58</u></b>
<b>26</b>	20	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>56</u></b>
<b>27</b>	20	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>54</u></b>
<b>28</b>	20	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>52</u></b>
<b>29</b>	20	<b><u>40</u></b>	<b><u>51</u></b>
<b>30</b>	20	40	<b><u>50</u></b>
		40	50
			50
		10	
		show up	20
		Points	show up
			Points

A.) 10 (show-up) points will be awarded to all members in good standing, who attempt to qualify a car, but fails to qualify for the feature event. In certain events there may be 20 (show-up) points awarded.

**B.)** If a race is cancelled and rescheduled and a member in good standing is unable to return due to extenuating circumstances then that member may be awarded show-up points if they were present and prepared to race on the original date with prior notification to Race of Champions Officials.

**C.)** If a race is cancelled after time trials have been completed due to inclement weather 'show up' points will be awarded to each driver in attendance.

**D.)** For Race of Champions asphalt and Race of Champions dirt Modified Series events, unless otherwise noted, fastest time and qualifying race points will be awarded. The driver posting the fastest time in time trials, 15-points will be awarded. Qualifying race points will be as follows; 1.) 15-points 2.) 10-points 3.) 8-points 4.) 5-points 5.) through the remainder of starting positions in the field 3-points. Any driver in the top-ten in the championship standings that finishes in 6<sup>th</sup> position or lower and is considered not to be in full competition based on the lap times and/or observation, may be subject to a penalty, including but not limited to loss of change tire in the feature event, one-lap in the feature event and/or a loss of fifteen (15) championship points in the overall standings.

**E.) In any Race of Champions sanctioned event(s) where there are a set number of drivers that qualify for the feature event based on time trials, these drivers may not be required to participate in a qualifying race, but will be awarded 5-points for qualifying through time trials. Once a driver is qualified for the feature event through an event that has a set number of drivers that qualify for the feature event through time trials they may not earn in any other points in any other qualifying race and/or event.**

**F.)** In the event that a tie should occur in the final Championship Point Standings at the end of the season, the tie will be broken by referencing and ranking the tied competitors by the greatest number of first (1<sup>st</sup>) place finishes. If the tie still exists then the tie will be broken by the greatest number of second (2<sup>nd</sup>) place, third (3<sup>rd</sup>) place, etc..., finishes until the tie is broken.

**Bonus Point Schedule;**

Race of Champions Overall Point Standings may be computed by adding points earned at Series races to Track Bonus Points, issued after Labor Day Weekend. Track Bonus points are based on a driver's best "home" track standings. A driver must compete in a minimum of 75% of the scheduled events at an individual track to earn "Home" Track Bonus Points.

Home Track Bonus Points will be awarded on the following schedule

**Track Bonus Points**

- 1st 1000
- 2nd 985
- 3rd 975
- 4th 965
- 5th 955
- 6th 945
- 7th 940
- 8th 935
- 9th 932
- 10th 930
- 11th 928
- 12th 926
- 13th 924
- 14th 922
- 15th 920
- 16th 918
- 17th 916
- 18th 914
- 19th 912
- 20th 910
- 21st 908
- 22nd 906
- 23rd 904
- 24th 902
- 25th 900

## **K. Penalties, Fine Schedules and Protests**

A.) The Race of Champions Series conducts itself as the top Modified Racing Series in North America and expects its members to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times during any event and/or when representing the series. Car Owners, Drivers and Crew Chiefs, **that are Race of Champions Members in good standing will be** responsible for the conduct of their team members and/or anyone connected to or affiliated with that owner's team, in addition to being responsible for all infractions, technical and/or non-technical in nature. **In the event that a Car Owner or Crew Chief, is not a Race of Champions Member, the driver will be responsible for the conduct of all team members and/or anyone connected to or affiliated with that race team in addition to being responsible for all infractions, technical and/or non-technical in nature.** In the event that a penalty is issued, only active Race of Champions Members in good standing, have the right to an appeal, if the penalty is appealable. All fines that are listed in sub-section k.1 are in regard to the initial penalty. Multiple infractions of the same type will increase the severity of the penalty.

### **k.1 Penalties and Fine Schedules**

- A.) All fines may be collected from prize money on the day of the infraction. If the competitor has not won appropriate money, the fine must be paid in full before the car and/or driver participates in another Race of Champions sanctioned event.
- B.) Any member that attempts to and/or does physically abuse any event official and/or another competitor, including pushing, punching, touching, grabbing, being involved in an altercation and/or grabbing the official's equipment, and/or any form of altercation, and/or disrupts any event in any manner, etc., will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or legal action and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$5,000.
- C.) Any member that verbally abuses any event official and or administrator at any time will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or legal action and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$500
- D.) Any member that attempts to push and/or start their racecar off from the wrong area and/or does not stop in the designated area as to cause undue confusion and/or delay will be subject to fine and/or suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$500
- E.) Any member who fails to stop for and/or allow post-race inspection will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$500.
- F.) Any member that attempts to and/or passes the pace vehicle (unless instructed to do so) will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Maximum = \$100.
- G.) Any member that attempts to drive roughly and/or bumps another competitor unnecessarily and/or fails to follow the directive of any official in regard to any on-track ruling, scoring or otherwise will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$5,000.
- H.) Any member that attempts to use illegal fuel will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$100; Maximum = \$5,000.

a.) **The following penalty schedule applies to any "fuel violations". The penalty schedule will be as follows;**

1. **In the event any competitor is found to have non-compliant fuel per the Race of Champions Rule Book and/or any issued Race of Champions document, the competitor will be fined a minimum of \$250 for the first offense. In addition a competitor may lose up to one half of the points earned for the race and be placed on probation.**
2. **In the event any competitor is found to have non-compliant fuel per the Race of Champions Rule Book and/or any issued Race of Champions document, the competitor will be fined a minimum of \$500 for the second offense. In addition a competitor will be disqualified from the race and be placed on probation.**

3. In the event any competitor is found to have non-compliant fuel per the Race of Champions Rule Book and/or any issued Race of Champions document, the competitor will be fined a minimum of \$1,500 for the third offense. In addition a competitor will be disqualified from the race and will be suspended indefinitely.

I.) Any member that violates any technical rule as presented within the rulebook and/or issued in a written bulletin will be subject to **loss of qualifying position, loss of privilege, and/or loss of starting position**, disqualification, **forfeiture of components, parts, engine and/or vehicle** and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50.

a.) The penalty schedule for any violations “technical in nature” will be as follows;

1. In the event of any illegal internal modification to any Chevrolet Performance Parts Crate Engine and/or “Spec” Engine and/or tampering of any manufacturer and/or Race of Champions seal a suspension of 365 consecutive days in duration from the date of the issued penalty and indefinite probation period and/or the engine may be impounded immediately and/or **a minimum penalty of \$4,000 and/or** loss of all earnings based on the current race season, including but not limited to points, point fund awards and/or or race winnings. **In the event a driver is suspended from the division utilizing the GM Crate Engine and/or Spec Engine, the driver may be offered the opportunity to move up in division to continue participation. This decision is final and non-appealable.**
2. For subsequent violations in regard to any illegal internal modification to any Chevrolet Performance Parts Crate Engine and/or Spec Engine an indefinite suspension will be issued.
3. For any violation in weight following any scaling process a loss of position, loss of qualified and/or qualifying position, disqualification and/or loss of points and/or loss of purse and prize money awarded and/or suspension and/or probation will be issued and based solely at the discretion of Race of Champions officials based on the severity, nature and intent of the violation.

**Recommended Penalty structure for Scaling Violations;**

**a.) Any weight violation that occurs following timed hot laps, time trials and/or a qualifying event will eliminate any qualifying result for the violation, with the competitor required to forfeit their qualifying position and start last in the next race. If the next race is the feature, the competitor may use a provisional to the feature race, only if eligible for a provisional starting position. In the event the competitor is not eligible for a provisional, the competitor will not be permitted to start the feature race.**

**b.) For any weight violation, regardless of the amount of weight, the competitor will be fined of all earnings and points from the event. In the event of subsequent violations the penalty may increase.**

4. For any other violation that is “technical in nature” the penalty that is issued will be based solely at the discretion of Race of Champions officials, based on the severity, nature and intent of the violation.
5. For any violation in which a competitor is found to be using an electronic and/or data recording device and/or telemetry and/or device that indicates any form of traction control an immediate indefinite suspension and/or loss of points and/or loss of purse and prize money awarded based solely at the discretion of Race of Champions officials based on the severity, nature and intent of the violation.

J.) Any member that attempts and/or is found to be using tires that are found to be illegal in any manner will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. The minimum penalty for any (chemically) altered tire will be as follows: disqualification from the event, a fine of 1,000 championship points, loss of all earned purse and/or reward money from the event, a fine equal to and/or more than the purse money

rewarded for the event and/or a minimum suspension up to 365 consecutive days in duration from the date of the issued penalty.

- K.) Any member that attempts to or uses an illegal motor will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$500; Maximum = \$5,000.
- L.) Any member that fails to stop for a red flag or drives through the incident area will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$500.
- M.) Any member that goes into another competitors pit area or to another competitors car and becomes involved in any type of altercation will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$5,000.
- N.) Any member involved in an altercation that results in physical contact will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$5,000.
- O.) Any member who drives a racecar in an area that is closed to racecar traffic or drives through the pit area at excessive speed with either a racecar, scooter, 4-wheeler or similar type vehicle will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$500.
- P.) Any team member who goes out onto the racing surface without permission under a controlled period will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$500.
- Q.) Any member who ignores a flag or official signal will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$50; Maximum = \$500.
- R.) Any member who is found to be in violation of the substance abuse policy at any event will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Maximum = \$10,000.
- S.) Any member who drives or causes to be driven: a race car, pit mule, ATV, 4-Wheeler, personal vehicle or transporter in a dangerous and aggressive manner in the restricted area will be subject to Team Disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$100.
- T.) Any member who intentionally attempts and/or maliciously attempts to disregard, intimidate, manipulate and/or otherwise harass a Race of Champions official decision verbally, electronically, via telephone and/or social media and/or degrades the Race of Champions maliciously will be subject to Team Disqualification and/or Parking and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$500.**
- U.) Any member who utilizes social media in a negative manner and/or as an exploitation for negative publicity in regard to the Race of Champions Series in any manner will be subject to Team Disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or other action deemed appropriate by Race of Champions Officials. Minimum = \$500.

## **k.2 Protests**

- A.)** All protests must be turned into the Race of Champions Officials within ten (10) minutes of the checkered flag and/or conclusion of the race. If it is determined by "Race of Champions Officials" that it is a "Grudge Protest", the Protest may not be accepted and other penalties toward the individuals filing the Protest may occur.
- B.)** The protest fee must be paid at the time of the protest.
- C.)** Only the car owner, the driver and/or the designated team representative of the car owner may turn in an official protest.
- D.)** Any refusal of inspection and/or non-compliance during an official protest will result in the disqualification of the protested car and the prescribed penalties.

E.) If the car protested is found legal, the protesting fees will be released to the protested team less the protest filing fee.

F.) If the car protested is found to be illegal, the protesting fees will be returned to the team filing the protest less the filing fee.

G.) The protesting car will also be inspected. If the protesting car is found to be illegal, there will be an immediate disqualification from the event and the protesting car and team members will be subject to all penalties pursuant and relevant to the infraction as stated within this rulebook, herein.

G.) Any altercation relating to the incident with Officials and/or any other racing participants by the team filing the protest will nullify the objection.

**H.) PROTESTING FEES:** (Figures in parentheses are filing fees): Motor tear down involving cylinder head removal and inspection and cylinders inspected; \$1,000 (\$100); Fuel test including chemical analysis and all other technical protests; \$1,000 (\$100). **The GM 602 and/or GM 525 Crate Engine motor tear down involving cylinder head removal and inspection of cylinders and other internal components including camshaft and/or crankshaft \$1,000 (\$100). On any crate engine protest, Race of Champions reserves the right to declare where, when and who will inspect the engine. For any additional protesting, the protest fee will include any and all applicable inspections, testing, analysis and/or repair and/or rebuilding that is necessary.**

I.) The Race of Champions Officials reserve the right to ask for a legality test at any time (sealed motor and/or otherwise). If through testing procedures a car is found to be illegal, responsibility for proving otherwise is solely with the team that was checked. There will be no exchange of money for tests asked for by officials when a formal protest is not turned in.

J.) The Race of Champions Officials reserve the right to accept or deny any protest based on their sole discretion. 'Grudge' protests and/or any protest that are 'not in the spirit of good standing' will be denied.

## **L. Race of Champions Appeal Commission:**

The Race of Champions sanctioned events has established an independent Board to hear and review any penalty determination by MEMBER drivers and owners in a sanctioned event that has been deemed appropriate for appeal. Only Race of Champions MEMBERS in Good Standing during the current calendar year have the right to appeal.

### **Section I.1: Jurisdiction**

A.) The Race of Champions Appeal Commission may hear appeals of any penalty determination made pursuant to the any of the Race of Champions rulebook.

B.) **Only the Member, as the named party to the penalty**, shall be able to make a written request for an action to the Race of Champions Appeal Commission.

1. Requests, Appeals, Demands, or correspondence from third parties or any other person, entity, agent, or representative, that is not the named Member as identified in the Penalty Notice, shall not be accepted except as presentation within the administrative hearing process.

2. If a third party submits an appeal request it will subsequently be denied and not be considered as a request.

3. The following deadlines must be met for each series;

- a. Race of Champions seven (7) calendar days of the issuance of the penalty.

The written request must be accompanied by a \$250 non-refundable hearing fee.

The written request and the scheduled fee must be hand delivered via an international recognized courier (the Appellant must obtain and retain a receipt showing date of deposit with courier) to the following for the appeal hearing to be processed:

C/O – Race of Champions Appeal Commissioner  
1670 Hall Road  
Elma, NY 14059

Electronically, verbally, or any other type of appeal, including without limitations, faxes, e-mails, and voice mails will not be accepted and processed as an official appeal to the Race of Champions Appeal and Rules Commission

**C.) Commission Members:**

AJ Moore	Dan Ballard
Bob Sargent	Daniel Grill
Dan Ballard	Mark Mockovak
Steve York	

- a. The Chairman of the Commission will be appointed upon approval of the Board of Directors of the Race of Champions. The Chairman shall be an administrative member and will designate an alternate Chairman who shall, in the event of death, retirement, or incapacity of the Chairman, perform the duties of the Chairman until the Board of Directors of the Race of Champions appoints a new Chairman or the Chairman is able to resume his/her duties.
- b. From time-to-time Commission Members may vacate the board, be added and/or adjusted at the discretion of the Race of Champions Commission Chairman.

**D.) Meetings –** The Race of Champions Appeal Commission shall meet at such places and at such times as are necessary for the efficient and prompt disposition of its business. Three (3) members, including the Chairman, constitute a quorum. Meetings may take place with members participating via telephone, teleconference, video-conference, computer conference, in person and/or any other forum as designated by the Chairman.

**E.) Hearing Procedures –**

- a.) In order for an appeal to be presented to the Race of Champions Commission, the appellant must have standing to appeal. Any decision determined as non-appealable and final during any sanctioned event by Officials employed and/or contracted by the Race of Champions will be considered as a final decision that is non-appealable. Standing is defined as subject matter that is being appealed is not precluded by any Rules as set forth by the sanctioning body and/or specific event and that the appellant has actually been penalized by a decision that is specifically issued to the appellant.
- b.) The Race of Champions Commission will establish and communicate the most appropriate procedure and/or manner for hearing any particular appeal and shall inform all involved parties how to proceed prior to the hearing. Members/appellants may appear in person at hearings before the Commission (but not through a representative or attorney).
- c.) When conducting a hearing and deciding an appeal, the Race of Champions Appeal Commission shall not be bound by technical or formal rules of evidence and/or procedure, except as otherwise provided herein, but shall conduct its proceedings in the manner best suited to establishing the relevant facts and the merits of the parties positions.
- d.) Unless contacted by a member of the Race of Champions Commission, the appellant, any competitor, the car owner, car sponsor and/or any other representative(s) involved, may not discuss the subject matter of the appeal hearing with any Commission Member, including the Chairman, outside of the hearing.
- e.) All appeals shall be docketed when received via courier to the Chairman of the Race of Champions Appeal Commission and shall be set for hearing at an appropriate time and location as determined by the Commission Chairman.
- f.) The Race of Champions Appeal Commission may require/summon, either orally or in writing, in its sole discretion any Race of Champions member and/or official to testify in and/or at a hearing. Any member who is required / summoned to testify and refuses or fails to appear and/or testify may be subject to indefinite suspension or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Race of Champions Appeal Commission.
- g.) If the Race of Champions Commission finds any Member and/or Official to be “in contempt” during a hearing, the Member and/or Official may be subject to indefinite suspension or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the Race of Champions Appeal Commission.
- h.) In the event that the Chairman and/or Race of Champions Appeal Commission Member is involved in the appeal the Chairman and/or Commission Member shall disqualify themselves from participating as a Commission Member on the appeal and the remaining Members of the Commission shall select a replacement.
- i.) A majority of the members of the Race of Champions Appeal Commission / Quorum must concur to modify any penalty (including, but not limited to, imposing different or increased penalties) or determine any appeal. If a majority cannot not agree on the action the appeal shall be referred to the Chairman of the Race of Champions Appeal Commission for decision.
- j.) In each appeal the relevant item shall be the accuracy of the decision by the Official(s) in light of the facts and not the results and/or ramifications of the ruling.

- k.) If the Race of Champions Appeal Commission determines that the proceedings in respect to any appeal have been instituted or continued without reasonable grounds, the cost of such proceedings shall be assessed against the Appellant who instituted or continued such proceedings.
- l.) The Race of Champions Appeal Commission shall have the right and will publish the judgment of the Commission and the names of the parties involved. A party shall have no claim or cause of action of any kind against the Race of Champions, the Race of Champions Appeal Commission or the publisher.
- m.) If the appeal involves a component of any racing vehicle, equipment and/or any other technical element, the piece(s) will be placed into a chain of custody, until the Race of Champions Appeal Commission has heard the appeal and made a decision. A receipt will be given to the Appellant regarding the piece(s) until the conclusion of the hearing. The piece(s) may be confiscated following the hearing as per the determination of the Race of Champions Commission.

**F.) Execution of Penalty and Pending Appeal –** At the request of the affected Member, the Race of Champions Commission Chairman may determine in the interest of all involved parties that the penalty under review shall be temporarily deferred until the appeal of such penalty has been resolved. Otherwise, the penalty shall be executed promptly. If the Commission temporarily defers execution of the penalty, but later denies the appeal in whole or in part, it may reinstate the original penalty as of the date of issue of the original Penalty and/or Penalty Notice, or take such action as it deems appropriate to effectuate in whole or in part the Penalty and/or Penalty Notice, including disallowance of finishing position, points, or prize money otherwise earned in any Event during the period of temporary deferral of the penalty.

**G.) Execution Steps for Hearing –**

- a. The decision of the official(s) being appealed shall be put into the record.
- b. The contents of the written appeal shall be put into the record.
- c. The Appellant will put forth their statement to the Race of Champions Commission Chairman and present Commission Members presenting any witness(es) and/or other elements regarding their appeal.
- d. The official(s) will put forth their statement regarding the decision and issuance of the appealed penalty to the Race of Champions Chairman and present Commission Members presenting any witness(es) and/or other elements regarding their appeal.
- e. The Appellant will be permitted to present any rebuttals, additions to the records and/or summations to the Race of Champions Commission Chairman and present Commission Members.
- f. The official(s) will be permitted to present any rebuttals, additions to the records and/or summations to the Race of Champions Commission Chairman and present Commission Members.
- g. At any time during the hearing at the discretion of the Race of Champions Chairman and/or present Commission Members may request information of anyone present at the hearing.
- h. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Race of Champions Chairman and/or present Commission Members will deliberate in private and make any determination, decision and/or recommendation regarding the presented appeal by a majority vote of those members present. The Race of Champions Commission may:
  - reverse the decision
  - modify to increase or decrease penalty
  - uphold the original issued penalty.
- i. All interested parties shall be reasonably notified of the Board's decision.

**H.) Bond for Costs**

- a.) The Race of Champions Commission may require the Appellant to post a sufficient bond to cover the costs of the appeal or any reasonably foreseeable economic impairment presented to the Race of Champions or other Member(s) that might be caused by the appeal. If such a bond is required, its form and substance will be in the discretion of the Race of Champions Commission Chairman.
- b.) The administrative remedies for any appeal included here represent the complete and final process. If the appealing member seeks remedy through the court systems, the member agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in the state of New York, city of Buffalo for the adjudication of any

suit, action or proceeding. All costs and expenses incurred by the Race of Champions in responding to the action (including attorneys' fees) shall be borne by the appealing Member.

- c.) If the member initiates within any court whether administrative appeal commission process is completed or in process a suspension penalty, if applicable, may be extended by the time passed to reach the final resolution of the administrative appeal panel and/or any court action.

**I.) Finality –**

- a. An appeal hearing will be 'heard' if the Chairman, in his sole discretion, determines that the Appellant(s) request is appealable. Matters that will not be heard include; matters where there are no triable facts, frivolity, lack of standing, matters which are not subject to protest or appeal pursuant to the rules, appeals filed in any form of harassment and/or any appeal determined as 'non-appealable' by the Race of Champions Commission Chairman.
- b. The determination of the Race of Champions Commission at the conclusion of any hearing is final and is not for appeal and/or further mediation.

**I.2: Executive Chairman**

**A.)** In the event that the Race of Champions Commission does not reach a conclusion and/or the appealing member in good standing requests an additional hearing, then the Executive Chairman (Rollie Helmling) may be considered for assistance and/or a second appeal, Acceptance of the appeal will be at the sole decision of the Executive Chairman without further board involvement.

- If the Member requests an additional hearing, the Member shall make a written request for such action to the Executive Chairman within seven (7) days of the conclusion of the originating hearing.
- The written request must be accompanied by a \$1,000 non-refundable fee.
- The written request and the scheduled fee must be hand delivered via an international recognized courier (the Appellant must obtain and retain a receipt showing date of deposit with courier) to one of the following for the final appearing hearing to be processed:

C/O – Race of Champions Appeal Post – Executive Chairman  
174 Main Street, Box 161  
East Aurora, NY 14052

**B.)** The Executive Chairman will determine whether or not the appeal will be heard after reception of the written request and the \$1,000 non-refundable fee and inform all parties involved of the determination.

**C.)** The Executive Chairman may conduct a hearing within a reasonable and practical date, notifying the parties of the appeal and hearing. The Executive Chairman will determine the date and location (if any) for the Executive Chairman appeal hearing.

**D.)** If requested by Executive Chairman, Members may be asked to appear in person, but not through a representative and/or an attorney. The subject matter may not be discussed outside the hearing unless specifically contacted by the Executive Chairman in regard to the appeal hearing.

**E.)** Hearings performed by the Executive Chairman will be conducted according to the procedures disseminated by the Executive Chairman.

**F.)** If the Executive Chairman determines that the proceedings in respect to any appeal have been instituted or continued by a Member without reasonable grounds, the chairman may disqualify the procedure and such cost, in addition to the appeal fee, shall be assessed against the Member who instituted or continued the proceeding.

**G.)** At the request of the filing Member, the Executive Chairman may determine that the penalty under review shall not be executed until the appeal of the said penalty has been resolved. Otherwise the penalty shall be executed promptly. If the Executive Chairman temporarily defers execution of the penalty, but later denies the appeal in whole or part, the Executive Chairman may reinstate the original penalty as of the of the Penalty Notice or take such other action as the Executive Chairman deems appropriate to place into effect in whole or in part the Penalty Notice including disallowance of finishing position, points and/or prize money otherwise earned in any Event during the period of temporary deferral of the penalty.

**H.)** The Executive Chairman may require the appellant to post a bond to cover the costs of the appeal

and/or any reasonable and foreseeable economic impact to the sanction and/or series and/or other Members that may be caused by the appeal. If the Executive Chairman requires such a bond, its form and substance shall be at the discretion of the Executive Chairman.

**I.)** The Executive Chairman may summon, either orally and/or in writing at the Executive Chairman sole discretion any Race of Champions Member and/or participant and/or Official to testify at a hearing. Any Member who is summoned to testify in a hearing and fails to do so may be subject to indefinite suspension and/or other penalties as deemed appropriate by the Executive Chairman and Race of Champions.

**J.)** The Race of Champions has the right to and will publish the judgment of the Executive Chairman and the names of the parties involved. A party shall have no claim and/or cause of action of any kind against the Race of Champions, the Executive Chairman and/or the publisher.

**K.)** The administrative remedies for any appeal included here represent the complete and final process. If the appealing member seeks remedy through the court systems, the member agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts in the state of New York, city of Buffalo for the adjudication of any suit, action or proceeding. All costs and expenses incurred by the Race of Champions in responding to the action (including attorneys' fees) shall be borne by the appealing Member.

**L.)** If the member initiates within any court whether administrative appeal commission process is completed or in process a suspension penalty, if applicable, may be extended by the time passed to reach the final resolution of the administrative appeal panel and/or any court action.

**M.)** All decision of the Executive Chairman shall be final.