

SCCA Runoffs Penalty Guidelines

Effective 9/24/21 thru 10/3/21



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

On Course Driver Conduct

- **1. Failure to control your car resulting in contact with another car. (GCR 6.11.1.)** [NOTE: Safe, consensual drafting among cars in same class may be forgiven.]
- Investigation by Race Director/Assistant Chief Steward/SOC (Stewards Of the Course) to determine circumstances.
- Driver injury or significant body damage to one or both cars, or only one car continues – CSA/RFA position penalty to ensure car finishes behind car that could not continue.
- c. Clearly identified at fault driver, no injury or body damage CSA with one or two position penalty
- Multiple contact by same driver in same session –
 Chief Steward's Probation 1 to 3 weekends based on circumstances or an RFA for further investigation.
- 2. Improving position during the pace lap (GCR 6.5.2.C.) [NOTE: This includes regaining grid position during the pace lap and false starts.]
 Either:
- a. Loss of greater of one more than the number of positions gained or two positions,
- The Clerk Of the Course may under certain conditions order a Open Black Flag with a stopand-go
- **3.** Entering a yellow flag zone Failure to slow significantly (GCR 6.1.1.B.) as discussed and defined in the Driver's Meeting.
 - a. **Qualifying** Loss of qualifying times for that session
 - b. **Race** Five (5) second penalty or one position whichever is greater
- **4.Passing Under a Yellow Flag (PUY) (GCR 6.1.1.B.) For verified PUY** [NOTE: A safe, inadvertent PUY followed by a giveback may be forgiven.]
- a. **Practice Open Black Flag**, session ended for competitor, counsel by SOC
- Qualifying Closed Black Flag, loss of qualifying times for that session, counsel by the SOC and may start at the back for next qualifying session
- c. Race Closed Black Flag, penalty three positions or laps
- d. **Spin under yellow** Car not under control, same penalty as a PUY
- e. **Contact/Injury during a PUY**: Closed Black Flag, possible disqualification
- 5. Assistance During Race Session Stoppage (GCR 6.7.2.)

Race – Restart at end of grid

Participant Conduct

- 1. Acts of physical violence between event participants, (drivers, crew, officials, volunteers, and spectators) (GCR 2.1.8.)
- a. The Race Director will remove the participants from their assigned positions, maintaining order as necessary until an initial evaluation of the incident has been completed.
- b. The Race Director will immediately notify the Division Executive Steward, by phone if not on the property, or in person if on the property.
- c. The Race Director will notify the Race Chairman.
- d. The Race Director will initiate an RFA.
- e. The SOM will process as any other action utilizing the penalty guidelines outlined in GCR Sections 7.1. through 7.6.
- f. The Race Director and/or the Chairman of the SOM will notify the participants of potential further action by the Division Executive Steward if warranted.

Car Compliance Situations

- 1. Car not in Compliance (GCR 9.1.)
 - Prior to the Race: If found after qualifying, loss of Qualifying times for that session.
 - b. Post-Race: A non-compliant car shall be moved behind compliant cars and may lose contingency awards.
- 2. Car not in Compliance (GCR 2.1.2. and 2.1.3.) For deliberate, substantial, non-compliance.
- a. Disqualification; Suspension or Probation; Ban from 2022 Runoffs
- 3. Failure to report to Impound (GCR 5.9.3.C.)
 - a. Qualifying Loss of times for that session
 - b. Post-Race last in class and loss of contingency awards.
- 4. Sound (GCR 5.7.2.)

Competitors must not exceed 103 dB. Below are suggested actions unless otherwise defined in the Supplemental Regulations.

- c. First reading over limit Sound Board and Closed Black
- d. **Second reading over limit** Sound Board and Closed Black
- e. Third reading over limit
 - i. **Practice -** Open Black, may continue after repair
 - Qualifying Black flag, lose times to that point for that session.
 May continue after repair
 - iii. **Race -** May be Black Flagged, will be considered non-compliant.
- f. Fuel Testing SCCA fuel lab testing discloses the presence of banned substances: (GCR 9.3.25.A.) (Supp 9.11/9.12)
 - a. Post-Qualifying loss of session times
 - b. Post-Race Disqualification and Ban from 2022 Runoffs

Additional Thoughts: If a driver is disqualified from an entire event, the following statement should be added to the CSA/RFA/Protest form: 'The driver will receive no event participation credit for the event.'

Alternatively, the RD/SOM may disqualify a driver from the competition (i.e. session). Please note that awards in the competition or event are automatically forfeited.