

Solo

SOLO EVENTS BOARD | June 22nd

The Solo Events Board met by conference call June 22nd. Attending were SEB members Mark Labbancz, Marshall Grice, Nick Dunlap, Bob Davis, Zack Barnes, Keith Brown, and Mark Scroggs; KJ Christopher of the BOD; Rick Myers and Brian Mason of the National Staff. These minutes are presented in topical order rather than the order discussed. Comments regarding items published herein should be directed via the website www.soloeventsboard.com.

Unless indicated otherwise, the implementation date for all new proposals published herein is **1/1/2023**.

Member Advisories

Errors and Omissions - General

#32437 Learning permit, non licensed teen competitor.

Per Solo Rules, Section 4.1.A, a learner's permit is sufficient provided the requirements of the driver's state of residence are met. Per 2.5.2, minor participants (including workers) are permitted provided the applicable minor waiver requirements have been met and the minor is age 12 or older. However, per 1.3.2.O course workers should be at least 16 years of age and thus a 15 year old participant should be assigned other work locations.

General

#32708 S5 lbs of stuff in a 1lb bag

Thank you for your letter. The SEB does not control Pro Solo classing; however, we have forwarded your feedback to the appropriate Staff at the national office. For Pro Solo classing and rules concerns outside of the purview of the SEB please contact Brian Mason at bmason@scca.com.

Street Category

#32750 Question about 04-05 5sp non-abs NB Miata

Thank you for your letter. Optional packages are only permitted to be added to cars from the same production year that the option was available. Please see the paragraph beginning "Option package conversions..." in Section 13.0 of the Solo Rules (page 74 in the 2022 edition).

Solo Spec Coupe

#27297 SSC Road Racing T4 cars in Solo

T4 cars exceed the allowances in Solo Spec Coupe and thus they do not qualify to run in the class.

Street Touring Category

#32332 March fastrack proposal for air intake system changes

Thank you for letter. The mass airflow sensors are engine management components and per the rules may not be removed. See sections 14.10.C and 14.10.F.

#32653 Wheel spacer clarification

Per 13.4 spacers and stud/bolt length changes are permitted in the Street category, and per 14.0 and 15.0 the ST and SP rules build/expand upon those from Street. Hence spacers are permitted in ST and SP provided safety requirements (see 3.3.3) and any other applicable constraints of the respective category (e.g. width, offset) are met.

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Prepared Category

#31271 Rear Window Glass

The SEB considers the side window behind the drivers or passenger door (rear quarter window glass) to be removable per 17.2.K.3.

Kart Category

#32746 Clutch replacement clarification

Thank you for your technical question.

The KAC believes that the "friction discs" as mention in 19.2.D.3.m.2 refers only to the disc that has the friction material bonded to it. All other disc and clutch components must be Original Equipment.

In this case only the aftermarket friction disc shall be replaced, all other disc and clutch components must be OE.

Change Proposals

Street Category

#32595 13.3 Tire Availability Changes

The SEB is seeking member input on the following rule change proposal to alter the tire specification and eligibility requirements outlined in Section 13.3. This proposal includes a change to the eligibility cutoff date, the addition of a National Event Exclusion List in place of the current 13.3.C.4 Exclusion List, and some general cleanup of 13.3.

Note: a revision to the originally published version is shown here in blue.

If approved these changes would be effective 1/1/2023.

The main intent of these proposed changes centers around new tire models when they come to market, and at this time none of the currently eligible tire models are targeted to be added to the National Event Exclusion List if these changes are implemented.

"13.3 TIRES

Tires may be replaced with any size that fit the allowable wheels and fender wells without modification. ~~Tires may be excluded for, but not limited to, low volume production, extensive availability limitations and specialty design.~~ Tires must meet *all* of the following *specifications and* requirements to be eligible for use in *the* Street category. ~~No tire model will be eligible for Solo® competition until it meets all requirements of this Section. Tire models not meeting the requirements by April 30 are not eligible for Solo® competition until after the Solo® National Championships of the year. Any tire may be excluded from National competition for reasons such as, but not limited to, low volume production, availability limitations, specialty design, and/or going out of production.~~

A. Specifications

Minimum UTQG Treadwear Grade of 200

Minimum molded tread depth of $\frac{7}{32}$ " as specified by the manufacturer.

Listed in a current year or prior 2 years of the "Tire Guide®" and/or the "Tread Design Guide®" (www.tireguides.com).

US Department of Transportation (DOT) approval.

Tires must be designed for highway use on passenger cars.

B. Eligibility Requirements – The following are prerequisites before a tire can be used in competition at National Solo® events. *New tire models not meeting these requirements by Jan 1 are not eligible for*

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National Solo® competition until after the Solo® National Championships of that year, however may be used in Regional Solo® events provided all requirements of 13.3.A are met.

Tire availability – Tires are considered available when competitors can take possession through retail channels. Pre-orders are not considered available.

Tires must be equally available to all competitors. Tires that are in short supply do not specifically violate Section 13.3. Extensive shortages may result in the tire being placed on the *National Event* exclusion list until supply is replenished. Tire variations differing from standard specification, delivered only on a limited basis, or only to selected competitors may not be used.

Tire models must have tires available in at least 4 rim diameters and in at least 6 sizes which meet these requirements.

Material Change – Tires which previously met the eligibility requirements that undergo a significant compound change, tread pattern change, or other significant redesign reset the requirement for eligibility described in Section 13.3.B

A tire model which was previously allowed by these rules continues to be eligible for *National* competition ~~until unless~~ specifically ~~disallowed~~ *placed on the National Event Exclusion List.*

Re-introduction – Models that were once discontinued will be considered a new model once reintroduced and must meet all the requirements of Section 13.3.

Tires will not be added to the National Exclusion List after June 30th.

C. Other

Any tire which is OE on a car eligible for Street Category may be used on that car in Regional Solo® events. OE tires must meet all requirements of Section 13.3 to be eligible for National Solo® events.

Tires may be shaved evenly and parallel to the axis of rotation, but may not otherwise be siped, grooved, or modified.

No recap and/or retread tires may be used.

National Event Exclusion List – Tires appearing on the following list are not eligible for SCCA National Solo® events however may be used in Regional Solo® competition.

No tire models are currently listed."

~~The tire must not appear on the following list, which may be altered at any time by the SEB upon notification of membership.~~

~~No tire models are currently listed. "~~

Not Recommended

General

#32678 e85 Fuel Allowance

Thank you for your letter. The SEB does not believe that expanding the usage of e85 to additional classes where it is currently not allowed would be in the best interests of the sport. Also, the SEB does not believe that allowing tunes in SSC is appropriate.

Street Category

#32660 Lithium Loophole

Thank you for your inquiry. Changing battery chemistry is not permitted by the definition of alternate components as stated in Section 13 of the Solo Rules.

#32666 SSR was fun, but it should be eliminated

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Thank you for your letter. The SAC is monitoring the participation of SSR following the addition of new vehicles for the 2022 season.

#32685 Request for Clarification - Alternate/Aftermarket Seat Mounts

Thank you for your letter. Alternate, aftermarket or modified seat mounts would **not** fall under the comfort and convenience allowances as defined in section 13.2.A of the Solo Rules.

#32758 2023+ Civic Type R

Thank you for your inquiry. The SAC will evaluate the 2023 Civic Type R as more information becomes available.

Other Items Reviewed

Operations

#32748 Please publish RAW times after National events.

Thank you for your letter. The SEB will work with the national office staff to determine if posting an overall raw time ranking after national events is a possibility.

Street Category

#32729 SAC Application

Thank you for your application. This position has been filled.

Handled Elsewhere

Operations

#32680 e85 - duplicate

Please see the response to item #32678.

Street Touring Category

#32663 Lithium Batteries coming up again

Thank you for your input. See the change proposal in response to Letter #32184 in the July 2022 Fastrack.

Prepared Category

#32515 Ref Proposal #31271

Please see the response to item #31271 in this month's Fastrack.

Tech Bulletins

Street Category

#32701 2020-2021 VW GTI

Per the SAC, correct the following error in Appendix A:

G Street

Volkswagen

Golf GTI (2006-~~19~~2021)

Street Touring Category

#32716 30465 feedback

Errors and Omissions: the wording shown below in **blue** was inadvertently omitted in the original publication of this item. Please see #30465 in the June 2022 Fastrack.

Subsection 7 in the proposal to change 14.8.H should have read:

*"7. On multi-link suspensions only one lateral link or arm **per corner** may be modified or replaced. Non-integral longitudinal arms that primarily control fore/aft wheel movement (e.g., trailing arm(s) or link(s)) may not be replaced, changed, or modified."*