

## **Northeast Division Race Series Plan - 2023**

### Divisional Championship Series

#### History

The structure of SCCA National racing was changed as we moved into 2014. NEDiv created the following program. This series will serve multiple purposes for race drivers in the SCCA Northeast Division. First it will provide a Divisional Road Racing Championship. Second, this series provides for drivers that choose not to run the Majors program an alternate route to the SCCA Runoffs. Third, it provides drivers in all SCCA eligible classes the chance to compete at a higher level of racing and perhaps at tracks where they would not ordinarily compete.

The initial series (2014) was held at tracks that had been hosting National races in 2011 or 2012. These individual race weekends were held by those regions that had been sanctioning the National races in 2012/2013. In the case where National events were either co-sanctioned or sanctioned alternately between several regions the region sanctioning the event for that year will be the region of record for the event. Beyond 2014, new event locations were added or deleted as fits the needs of the series.

#### Format, Schedule and Points

The 2023 Northeast Divisional Race Championship series will consist of eight race weekends.

Date	Sanctioning Region	Track
May 6 – 7, 2023	New England	New Hampshire Motor Speedway
May 27 – 28, 2023	South Jersey	NJMP - Lightning
June 16 – 17, 2023	New England	Lime Rock Park
July 1 -2, 2023	Glen Region	Watkins Glen International
July 22 – 23, 2023	Washington DC	Summit Point
August 26 – 27, 2023	Steel Cities	Pittsburgh Int'l Raceway
*****Cutoff for 2022 Runoffs*****		
September 16 – 17, 2023	Finger Lakes	Watkins Glen International
October 13 – 14, 2023	New England	Thompson Speedway

No new race weekends will be added to the schedule to accommodate this series. Those regions that are hosting Majors will host a Divisional Series weekend on one of their former regional series weekends, thus keeping the overall race weekend schedule count the same.

The race weekends will be open to the structure that best suits the sanctioning region and track. Be it a two-day two race weekend, a two-day practice/qualifying/race weekend or even a three-day event.

Whatever the structure, driver points will be awarded as follows:

- Races sanctioned as a "double race weekend" drivers will earn full points for each of the main races.
- Weekends hosting a single sanction " main event race", double points will be awarded for the main race.
- No points will be awarded for qualifying races, whether or not points are awarded for other regional series.

***To qualify for finishing points a driver must complete half of the race laps.***

The following point structure for the Divisional Championship Series will be used at each of the events:

1<sup>st</sup> Place = 40 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 30 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place = 25 points  
4<sup>th</sup> Place = 20 points  
5<sup>th</sup> Place = 19 points  
6<sup>th</sup> Place = 16 points  
7<sup>th</sup> Place = 14 points  
8<sup>th</sup> Place = 12 points  
9<sup>th</sup> Place = 10 points  
10<sup>th</sup> Place = 8 points  
11<sup>th</sup> Place = 6 points  
12<sup>th</sup> Place = 5 points  
13<sup>th</sup> Place = 4 points  
14<sup>th</sup> Place = 3 points  
15<sup>th</sup> Place = 2 points

All drivers that start a race event (main race) will earn 1 point for a start. To be eligible for start points a competitor must take the Green flag on the racing surface and cross the start finish line.

Awarding points down to 15<sup>th</sup> place will allow drivers in well subscribed classes to earn points toward the Championship. No one will go home feeling like they missed out on an opportunity.

- Any driver that sets a new lap record during the main race during the weekend will earn an extra 10 points toward their Championship total.
- A driver that finishes first in class and sets a new lap record will earn 51 points for the weekend.
- As another example, a driver who finishes third but sets a lap record could earn 36 points to the winners 40, thus allowing the third place driver to stay in contention in points.
- Any driver that sets a new lap record but fails to complete the race distance would still earn the 10 points for the lap record.
- Only points earned at a Divisional Championship Race Series weekend can be counted toward the Championship. No out of Division races will be counted toward the Northeast Division Road Racing Championship.

- No points earned at Majors events will be counted.
- Trophies will be given to the top three finishers in each class.
- At the end of the eight race weekend schedule Champions will be crowned in each of the participating classes.

Eligibility to become the Champion in any class will be participation in a minimum of four race weekends in the Divisional Championship Race Series in a given class. Drivers that lead a class in points but do not meet the 4-weekend minimum will not be crowned champions. In the spirit of competition, competitors may accumulate NEDRRC points from no more than seven (7) weekends. Standings will be computed using each competitor's best results; however, any weekend in which a competitor is disqualified must contribute to their yearend total. Drivers leading their class but not meeting the minimum requirements will not be crowned champions. ***Accumulated Points and participation will not carry over to the following year; however, points and weekends accumulated after the Runoffs cutoff date will be considered for the following year's Runoffs' qualification.*** The Divisional Champions will be recognized after the last race of the season.

Determining who qualifies for a Runoffs invitation: The SCCA Board of Directors has decided that the top three finishers in each Runoffs eligible class in the Divisional Championship will earn an invitation to the SCCA Championship Runoffs. In the two most subscribed classes (SM, SRF3) the top five Divisional Championship finishers will earn invitations to the SCCA Championship runoffs. If a driver competes in both the Majors and the Divisional series and earns an invitation to the runoffs via the Majors, his/her spot in runoffs qualifications via the Divisional series will be forfeited and go to the next highest Divisional qualifying driver. Thus, a driver will qualify either thru the Majors or the Divisional series for the runoffs , but not both ways.

The Divisional Championship series may run beyond the cutoff date for invitations to the SCCA runoffs. Cutoff date for Runoffs eligibility is three weeks prior to the SCCA Runoffs. or as published. Drivers who have met the qualifications (four race weekends) and are in the top three positions in their eligible classes, will receive SCCA Runoffs' invitations. If a Divisional Series competitor is in one of the top three positions in a class and has met the minimum weekend requirements, he/she will have earned an invitation to the SCCA Runoffs. Points earned at Divisional race events after the cutoff date for SCCA Runoffs will be carried towards qualification for the following year's SCCA Runoffs. These same weekends will also count as participation weekend with regard to Runoffs qualifying as stated above. To offset the cost of the Divisional series, there will be a five (\$5.00) dollar per car/per Divisional Race sanction fee in 2020 to be set aside for funding the series.

**Class eligibility: All current GCR car classifications plus the following Regional only classes, Club Ford, Club Ford Continental, ITE, SM2, SMT, SPO, SPU, IT7, Spec Corvette and SSM.**

Regional only class rules are posted on the NEDiv Web Site at: <http://www.nediv.com/>

## 2023 Northeast Conference Majors Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sanctioning Region</b>	<b>Track</b>
March 31 – April 2, 2023	Washington DC	Summit Point
April 7 – 9, 2023	National Office	VIR – Hoosier Super Tour
April 28 – 30, 2023	Steel Cities	Pittsburgh
May 18 – 21, 2023	Northern New Jersey	Pocono Raceway
June 1 – 4, 2023	Glen Region	Watkins Glen - HST Super Tour
July 13 – 16, 2023	South Jersey	NJMP Thunderbolt
August 17 – 19, 2023	New England	Thompson
September 23 – October 1, 2023	SCCA - Runoffs	VIR