



## **Runoffs Report – August 18, 2023**

Happy Fri-YAY!

Five weeks from now we will make our return to the iconic VIRginia International Raceway and on-site registration and paddock parking will be under way. The excitement is right around the corner!

Here are some key things to know today:

### **Official Partner Days**

Once again, SCCA's official partners are going above and beyond with support for Runoffs drivers and volunteers throughout the week. Here's what to look for:

**Sunoco 260 Tuesday:** The Official Race Fuel of SCCA, Sunoco, again sponsors Sunoco 260 Tuesday when you'll have a chance to win free race fuel by recording the closest time to the decimal target of XX.260. They'll also be fueling the volunteers with a sponsored lunch.

**Hawk "Brake Through Performer" Day:** On Wednesday, Hawk Performance sponsors Brake Through Performer Day, giving you and your competitors a chance to win a set of Hawk brake pads by making the biggest "Brake Through" on the second day of qualifying. The Official Brake Products of SCCA, Hawk also presents the day's "Lunch Brake" that day.

**Tire Rack Pole Day:** Thursday, the final day of Runoffs qualifying, is supported by Tire Rack – the Official Tire Retailer of SCCA. The top qualifier in each class receives a \$500 voucher reward from Tire Rack, while all volunteers are treated to lunch.

**Hagerty Race Days:** Friday through Sunday, it'll be time to crown the 2023 Runoffs champions, but that wouldn't be possible without the Official Insurance Partner of SCCA, Hagerty. Saturday's volunteer lunch is also thanks to this great partner.

### **Why use Flagtronics?**

We've all either been called in to the stewards for a pass under yellow, or know someone that has. Most of the time, this happens because the passing car simply didn't realize there was a yellow flag. Did you know that the standard penalty for a pass under yellow at the Runoffs is the loss of qualifying times for that day, or a three-position penalty during the race?

Or maybe you've been in, or seen, one of those incidents where a stationary car was hit by another car that didn't see the waving yellow flag?

In-car flagging systems provide several safety features that could help you avoid an accident or a penalty. The most critical one is a yellow light on the LED in-car unit alerting you of a yellow flag ahead, which is triggered by the corner station and delivered to each car based on its GPS position.

At this year's Runoffs, we'll be running the Flagtronics electronic flag system for the first time. While not required, drivers are encouraged to take advantage of a special offer from Flagtronics to try it out during the event. Currently, just over 30 percent of the registered drivers have opted into this program. The more cars we have with Flagtronics units, the better.

Announced on July 11 (<https://www.scca.com/articles/2017458-scca-to-utilize-optional-flagtronics-in-car-flag-system-at-2023-runoffs>), Runoffs participants can purchase a Flagtronics FT200 in-car unit through the registration process, with the option of returning it after the event for a refund, less \$60 (\$50 rental fee, plus \$10 shipping fee).

If you already registered, but did not take advantage of this opportunity, you can still go into your event registration and edit it to add the Flagtronics unit. There are two options – the FT200 with a standard wiring harness for \$249.99, or the FT200 with a CAN Bus-compatible harness for an additional \$10. The CAN Bus harnesses allow for integration with many digital dashboards.

For more information about Flagtronics, you can visit [www.flagtronics.com](http://www.flagtronics.com). Be advised that only units purchased through Runoffs registration are eligible for the rental program.

### **Parking Update**

We have completed the paddock pre-assignment process for prep shops and manufacturers. The live paddock map is now available (<https://runoffsparking2023.motorsportreg.com>) and includes those that have been assigned thus far. We are still waiting on information to finalize some teams (you know who you are!), and some of the map changes have not yet been incorporated into the live map. Stay tuned.

Single car spaces will be available starting Wednesday, Aug. 23 at noon Central (1pm Eastern). Make sure you are logged into the MSR Map system with the same account that your entry is through. You can select an available space and reserve it at that time. You may select one space for each race entry.

There will be space for unreserved paddock in the south grass, first come, first served at the event.

### **Sign Up for Mobile Messages**

Sign up to receive text messages during the event! This will be our primary communication method throughout the event, so don't miss a message and sign up today! Choose a keyword group(s) from the list below and send {Keyword} i.e. Text Bspec or FormulaA to 833-345-2423.

To receive general event information messages, text RUNOFFS to 833-345-2423.  
Keyword Groups:

- Worker
- ASedan
- Bspec
- EProd
- F500
- FormulaA
- FormulaC
- FE2
- FormulaF
- FProd
- FormulaV
- GT1
- GT2
- GT3
- GTL
- HProd
- Prototype1
- Prototype2
- SpecMiata
- SRF3
- STL
- STU
- Touring1
- Touring2
- Touring3
- Touring4
- SMX

Link to Instructions: <https://www.scca.com/downloads/68582-23-ro-text-messaging>

### **Get Your Nominations In!**

We are accepting nominations for the Mechanic of the Year and Workers of the Year presented by Mazda. If you know of a deserving member, please submit their name and tell us about them! We will stop accepting nominations for WOY on September 4th.

•Mechanic of the Year nomination form - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7HVRHCL>

- Worker of the Year nomination form - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RQWWKZM>

**News and Info**

And as always, you can find all kinds of event information on the Runoffs event page, [www.scca.com/runoffs](http://www.scca.com/runoffs). Check it out!

Have a great weekend,  
The Runoffs Team