



2014 Penalty Guidelines

The following are the penalty standards all SCCA races will use in 2014. They are guidelines and have been established so that participants will have an expectation of what the stewards will do in the following situations..Circumstances may modify the penalties.

On Course Driver Conduct

- 1. Failure to control your car resulting in contact with another car. (GCR 6.11.1)**
 - a. Both cars continue: Chief Steward Action (CSA) or Request For Action (RFA) with a 1 or 2 position penalty to the offender
 - b. Contact, only one car continues: CSA or RFA disqualifying the offender
- 2. Improving position during the pace lap (GCR 6.5.2.C.)** This includes regaining grid position during the pace lap and false starts. Either:
 - a. Loss of one more than the number of positions gained or two positions, whichever is greater.
 - b. Open Black Flag with stop-and-go
- 3. Passing Under a Yellow Flag (PUY) (GCR 6.1.1.B) For verified PUY**
 - a. **Practice – Open Black Flag**, session ended for competitor, counsel by Chief Steward
 - b. **Qualifying – Closed Black Flag**, loss of qualifying times, counsel by the Chief Steward and may start at the back of the pack
 - c. **Race – Closed Black Flag**, three position penalty in class or lap penalty sufficient to affect finish position.
 - d. **Spin under yellow – Car not under control**, same penalty as a PUY
 - e. **Contact/Injury during a PUY**: Closed Black Flag, expect RFA with disqualification as penalty
- 4. Assistance During Race Session Stoppage (GCR 6.7.2)**
 - a. Race – Restart at end of grid

Car Compliance Situations

- 1. Car not in Compliance (GCR 9.1)**
 - a. Prior to the Race: If found after qualifying, loss of Qualifying times
 - b. Post-Race: A non-compliant car shall be moved behind compliant cars and may lose points.
- 2. Car not in Compliance (GCR 2.1.2 and 2.1.3) (deliberate, substantial, non-compliance)**
 - a. Disqualification, Suspension, and Probation
- 3. Failure to report to Impound (GCR 5.9.3.C)**
 - a. Qualifying – Loss of qualifying times for that session
 - b. Post-Race - Move behind compliant cars and may lose points.
- 4. Sound (where applicable) (GCR 5.7.2)**

Competitors must not exceed 103 dB or the sound limit stated in the Supplemental Regulations, at any time on the course.

 - a. **First reading over limit** - Sound Board
 - b. **Second reading over limit** - Sound Board and Closed Black
 - c. **Third reading over limit**
 - i. **Practice** - Open Black, may continue after repair
 - ii. **Qualifying** - Black flag, lose times to that point. Continue after repair
 - iii. **Race** - May be Black Flagged, will be considered non-compliant.
- 5. Fuel Testing - SCCA fuel lab testing discloses the presence of banned substances: (GCR 9.3.26.A)**
 - a. First time – Disqualification and loss of bond
 - b. Second offense – Disqualification, loss of bond, and 6-month suspension
 - c. Third offense - Disqualification, loss of bond, and recommendation to the BoD of loss of membership

If a driver is Disqualified, the following statement should be added to the CSA/RFA/Portest form: 'The driver will receive no event participation credit for this event.' If the CS/SOM do not wish to prevent the driver from receiving credit for the event, another penalty should be used.



SCCA National Court of Appeals 2014 Guide

The General Competition Rules (GCR) provides a means for appealing a decision issued by the Stewards of the Meeting (SOM) at a SCCA Club Racing sanctioned event. Following is a brief guide to the Club Racing appeal process. For complete information please see GCR 8.4.

A. Right to Appeal -

1. Any participant or organization named as a party to a protest or Chief Steward's Request for Action, has the right to appeal a decision rendered by the SOM. GCR 8.4.1.
2. The Chief Steward may appeal any SOM decision. GCR 8.4.1.

B. Appeal -

1. Please state your case in writing specifying what decision is being appealed, and the sections of the GCR and/or Supplemental Regulations which are believed to have been administered inappropriately. Include any new evidence not seen by the SOM. GCR 8.4.3.A.1. and 8.4.3.A.2.
2. Your letter of appeal must be sent to the Club Racing Office in Topeka postmarked within ten (10) days of the SOM decision. GCR 8.4.3.A.3.
3. Appeals affecting national points standings for events held **within 28 days** of the Runoffs© have a **48 hour appeal period**. GCR 8.4.8.
4. Your request must be accompanied by a fee of \$175.00, payable to SCCA, Inc. A minimum of \$100.00 of the appeal fee will be retained by the SCCA. Faxed or emailed Appeals must include a Visa or MasterCard account number for payment of the fee. GCR 8.4.3.A.4.

C. Evidence -

1. Your appeal should include all arguments why the SOM decision should be overturned, new evidence, and information you want the COA to consider. The Court of Appeals will not routinely contact you for additional information. GCR 8.4.3.A.2.
2. If you include video evidence, please submit only unedited videos in a commonly available format that can be easily viewed by the Court.

D. Assistance - Your Divisional Executive Steward can supply information if you need help and guidance in filing an appeal. In addition, several Divisions have assigned Stewards to assist individuals with the appeal process.