

Southeast Division Championship Series **“2014 Alternate Path To The RunOffs”**

2014 will mark the end of National Racing as we know it, with the Majors Tour replacing National Racing as the top level of SCCA amateur competition and the primary path to a RunOffs invitation. However, since the Majors requires a very significant commitment in both time and money (particularly a commitment to tow long distances coupled with current high fuel prices), the SCCA Board of Directors has decided to permit Divisions to provide a Divisional “Alternate Path To The RunOffs”.

Here in Southeast Division, we believe that there will also be room for a meaningful championship series to replace the former Divisional National Points Championships – positioned between the Majors and SARRC. Our goal is to provide a series of events that allow drivers to compete for a divisional championship (and for a RunOffs Invitation) without requiring that they tow from one end of the division to the other. Florida drivers should be able to compete in a sufficient number of qualifying events at Florida tracks plus Roebing Road while drivers from the upper end of the division should be able to satisfy participation requirements at tracks in Alabama, Georgia, and the Carolinas. Therefore, we plan to provide at least one event (but no more than 2) at each of the division’s tracks.

Divisional Championships will use the Majors points scale. Divisional Championship races may be run as stand-alone run groups, or may run concurrently with regional/SARRC run groups (ie – “Rational” format). “Double Dipping” of SARRC and Divisional points will not be allowed for “Rational” format races – competitors must enter as either SARRC or Divisional entries. This restriction is intended to both accurately measure interest in the Divisional Series, and to protect SARRC.

The Division will collect a trophy fund and RunOffs tow fund from the regions and will provide tow money for at least some drivers that qualify for the RunOffs via the Divisional Series. There will also be year end awards to class champions.

Divisional Championship events are open to holders of Regional Competition Licenses and signed off Novice Permits. However, RunOffs participation license requirements will be those established by SCCA (at present that requires a National Competition License).

Class Divisional Championships will be determined as follows:

- 1) A minimum of 4 up to a best 7 finishes in qualifying races which are:
 - a. At least 2 SEDiv Divisional Championship Races
 - b. At most one SEDiv Majors event (2 races from the same event)
 - c. Up to 2 out-of-division divisional championship races from any division that agrees to a reciprocal divisional championship agreement with SEDiv

- d. Note that out-of-division finishes (if any qualify) will be reported to the SEDiv pointskeeper as finishing positions and Majors point scale will be applied when counting such finishes in the SEDiv Championship regardless of the point scale in use at the out-of-division event.
- 2) Tie breakers will be per GCR.

RunOffs Invitations via Divisional Championship will be determined as follows:

- 1) Competitor must participate in at least 4 SEDiv Divisional Championship weekends, one of which may be an SEDiv Majors weekend.
- 2) Competitor must have at least one Divisional Championship Point.
- 3) Competitors that qualify for a RunOffs Invitation via the Majors will be ignored for purposes of awarding Divisional Championship Invitations.
- 4) Top 3 (top 5 for SRF and SM) in each class will qualify for a RunOffs invitation subject to items 1, 2, & 3 above.
- 5) Example: 18 SM drivers finish the season meeting the criteria specified in 1, 2, & 3 above. The top 8 of them qualify for a RunOffs Invitation via the Majors. Therefore, drivers in positions 9 thru 13 will be eligible for a Divisional Championship RunOffs Invitation.

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