

SOLO EVENTS BOARD

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The Solo Events Board met by conference call March 22nd. Attending were SEB members Mike Simanyi, Brian Conners, Mike Brausen, Bob Davis, Zack Barnes and Marshall Grice; Doug Gill and Howard Duncan of the National Staff; Bob Dowie and Earl Hurlbut of the BOD; Raleigh and Velma Boreen. These minutes are presented in topical order rather than the order discussed. Unless noted otherwise the effective date for all new rule, class, and listing change proposals herein is **1/1/2018**.

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Recommended Items for 2018

The following subjects will be referred to the Board of Directors for approval. Address all comments, both for and against, to the Solo Events Board. It is the BoD's policy to withhold voting on a rules change until there has been input from the membership on the presented rules. Member input is suggested and encouraged. Please send your comments via the form at www.soloeventsboard.com.

Street

#20099 SSR numbers

Based on member feedback, the SAC is recommending the following rule change to class SSR in Appendix A, effective 1/1/2018:

~~4. Participation Requirement If in two (2) consecutive SCCA® Solo® National Championships class SSR fails to achieve attendance of 35 total participants in both Open and Ladies, the class will be eliminated.~~

#20246 Changes to SSR

Based on member feedback, the SAC is recommending the following rule change to class SSR in Appendix A, effective 1/1/2018:

"This class combines high-performance production cars with the highest performing DOT tires. All rules are the same as Section 13, Street Category, with the following exceptions:

1. Tires Sections 13.3.A.1 (minimum UTQG Treadwear Grade), 13.3.A.2 (minimum molded tread depth), and 13.3.A.5 (tires must be designed for highway use) does not apply. (DOT competition, DOT-R, R-comps, etc. tires are eligible.) Section 13.3.C.4 (the tire exclusion list) is replaced with the following list which may be altered at any time by the SEB upon notification of the membership: - Kumho Ecsta W710.

~~2. Wheels (replacing Section 13.4) Any type wheel may be used provided it is the same width and diameter as standard and as installed does not have an offset more than $\pm\frac{1}{4}$ " from the standard wheel for the car. The resultant change in track dimensions is allowed. Wheel spacers are permitted provided the resultant combination complies with the offset requirements of this Section. On vehicles supplied with an OE wheel spacer, the wheel spacer shall be considered as a part of the wheel. Wheel studs, lug nuts, valve stems (including pressure-relief types), and/or bolt length may be changed. tire pressure monitoring sensors (TPMS) may be removed.~~

~~3. Exhaust The exit of the exhaust in the original location (Section 13.10.C) is not compulsory."~~

Member Advisories

Street Prepared

#20625 Reliability improvement clarification

Mating parts may be modified to accept alternate fasteners used to mount replacement items allowed due to 15.8.L and 15.10.DD. Alternate fasteners must meet the same restrictions as all other components replaced under the reliability rules.

Change Proposals

Street

#20242 Lotus Elise Classing

The SAC would like member feedback on the following revised version of proposed classing changes (original version appeared in the November Fastrack):

Move **to SS** from the exclusion list:

Lotus

Elise SC (2008-2011)

Exige S (exc S260, club racer)(2006-2011)

Move **from SS to AS**:

Lotus

Elise (non supercharged) (2005-2011)

Exige (non supercharged) (2006-2011)

#20511 Adding new cars to SSR

The SAC is requesting member feedback on adding the following new listings to Appendix A:

SSR

Alfa Romeo

4C (2015-16)

BMW

M3 & M4 (F80/F82) (2015-17)

Cadillac

XLR

Chevrolet

Camaro Z28 (2014-15)

Camaro ZL1 (2012-15)

Camaro SS 1LE (V8) (2017)

Camaro ZL1 (2017)

Corvette C7 Grand Sport (2017)

Dodge/SRT

Viper/Viper GTS (non-ACR, non-TA) (2013-16)

Ford

Mustang Boss 302 Laguna Seca (2012-13)

Mustang Shelby GT350 (2016)
Mustang Shelby GT350R (2016)
Mustang Shelby GT500 (2007- 14)

Jaguar

F-Type (except Project 7) (2014- 16)

Porsche

718 Boxster (all) (2017)

718 Cayman (all) (2017)

Cayman GT4 (non-Clubsport) (2016)

911 (exc GT3) (2015-2017)

#21519 More expansive, non-performance electronic defeats

Per the SAC, member input is requested on the following proposal to add to Section 13:

13.9.I

On cars with electronically controlled exhaust pipe valving downstream of the catalytic converter, devices may be added to satisfy the ECU that the OEM component is still installed. Such devices shall perform no other function.

Prepared

#15375 Limited Prep rules cleanup

The PAC is requesting member feedback on the following changes to the Limited Prepared rules. The proposed changes remove unnecessary restrictions, that have limited impact on the competitiveness of a vehicle. These changes also ease the transition from Street Touring, into Limited Prepared Category.

~~“17.5.D. Level 2 Preparation (Limited Prep) Vehicles~~

- ~~1. Any springs or torsion bars can be used provided the quantity and type of these items remains as standard. Springs and torsion bars must be installed in the standard location using the standard system of attachment. The use of tender springs is permitted provided the tender springs are completely compressed when the car is at static ride height. Static ride height will be determined with the driver seated in the normal driving position.~~
2. Shock absorbers are unrestricted provided the quantity and type (i.e., tube, lever) of these items remains as fitted standard. Shock absorbers must be installed in the standard location using the standard system of attachment. The mounting of the remote reservoir of a remote reservoir shock absorber is unrestricted. No shock absorber can be capable of adjustment by the driver while the car is in motion, unless fitted as standard.

~~17.6. D. Level 2 Preparation (Limited Prep) Vehicles~~

- ~~1. Standard calipers must be retained. Alternate brake rotors and drums must be the standard diameter, width, and design. Rotors shall not be cross drilled or slotted unless fitted as OE.~~
- ~~2. Cars fitted with rear drum brakes may convert to rear disc brakes. When converting from rear drum to rear disc brakes, the rear brake rotors can be no larger in diameter than the largest permitted front brake rotors.”~~

Modified

#21231 Rear anti roll bar on Solo Vee

Per the MAC, in order to restore consistency with the current GCR wording, CM section C.7.c is proposed to be changed as follows:

Springs, shock dampers, their actuation, *anti roll bars*, and camber compensating devices are *unrestricted, as are cables, straps, or other positive stops used to limit positive camber.*

Other Items Reviewed

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#21597 #21277 Allowing Skip Shift Defeat Devices

Thank you for your input. The SAC appreciates your contribution to the verbiage.

#21697 SSR: Proposals 20099 & 20246

The SAC would like to thank the following letters for their input on SSR proposals #20099 and #20246: 20268, 20269, 20273, 20274, 20278, 20289, 20290, 20291, 20292, 29295, 20296, 20324, 20327, 20586, 20932, 20938, 20954, 20966, 20978, 21616, 21618, 21619, 21650, 21691, 21692, 21693, 21694, 21695, 21697, 21651, 21531, 21395, 21149, 20978, 20933, 20325

#21559 Move from BS to CS - Z4 (coupe and roadster)(non M) (2003-2008)

Thank you for your input.

#21558 Update to 12-month rule proposal

Thank you for your input.

Not Recommended

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#21509 Move C7 Corvette Grand Sport from SS to AS

Thank you for your input. The SAC will continue to monitor the performance of the all of the Corvette models.

#21511 Active preheating of fluids

Thank you for your input. Per 1.3.2.P, the SAC believes it would be a safety hazard to allow open flames or other active heating devices in Grid.

#21526 Wheel Width Allowance

Thank you for your input. The SAC feels the current wheel allowances provide competitors adequate tire fitment allowances.

#21615 BMW Z4 from BS to CS, Change to wheel offset

Thank you for your input on the Z4 classing proposal #20588. However, the SAC believes the current offset rule gives sufficient wheel selection options and does not need to be altered.

#21669 Think of the children (aka the track ponys are improperly classed

Thank for your input. The SAC will continue to monitor the performance balance in AS, BS and FS.

Street Touring

#20946 STP Gearing Allowance

Update/backdate does not presently apply to ST at the category level. STP is a provisional class and thus may deviate from the rest of ST, and we will take your input

under advisement.

#21321 Exhaust rule change request to include air injection in STF

Removal of air injection components from the header is not considered appropriate or necessary at this time.

#21328 Rule change, clutches and drive line allowance

The STAC thanks you for your input, but this change is not considered consistent with the philosophy of the category.

#21387 Mustang GT 350

The STAC does not believe this is a good fit for STP.

The GT350 exceeds the performance potential of STP. It is configured from the factory with hard parts that are not found on the base GT model, and are not otherwise addressed with STP allowances. The performance differences are due in part to body and driveline changes including but not limited to a more powerful engine, twin plate clutch, lighter transmission, revised body work, and aero components.

#21506 Consider reclassing Mazdaspeed Miata from STU to STR

At this time we feel the car is correctly classed in STU. The STAC thanks you for your input.

#21595 Engine overbore allowances

The STAC prefers not to change the overbore allowance at this time because the committee does not believe this would be good for the category. Please also see the response to item #21365 in the April Fastrack.

Prepared

#21490 Time to do away with the Limited Prep rules

Thank you for your input. The PAC has seen good growth in EP because of the Limited Prep allowances. The PAC will continue to monitor Limited Prep participation.

Handled Elsewhere

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#21694, 21707, 21531, 21616, 21618, 21619, 21650, 21651, 21691, 21692, 21693, 21695, 21700 SSR Feedback

Please see the response to #21697, and items 20099 and 20246 elsewhere herein.

Street Touring

#20642 Reclass RSX Type S from STF to STX

Please see the proposal in response to letter #21408

Tech Bulletins

General

#21450 Solo rule 4.5

Clarify 4.5 to read as follows:

If during the event a vehicle develops mechanical problems resulting in its permanent withdrawal from the class heat competition, its driver(s) may finish his/her (their) runs in another vehicle which is compliant in that class, *provided the original vehicle is permanently withdrawn from **all further** class competition **for all drivers** for that day and heat.* Drivers needing to finish their runs in another vehicle must obtain the approval of the Chief Steward or the Operating Steward.

A driver may change cars prior to the beginning of competition until the driver's class heat begins, at the discretion of the Chief Steward or Chief of Registration in consultation with the Chief of Timing.

Street

#21623 2016 Scion FR-S Release Series 2.0

Per the SAC, the following error correction is provided for Appendix A:

CS

Scion FR-S (with TRD suspension inc Release Series 1.0 *and 2.0*)

#21557 Changes to standard part definition

The following sentence is added for clarification purposes to the Standard Part definition in Section 12:

Manufacturer options which are dealer installed must be specifically listed in Appendix A in order to be eligible.

Street Prepared

#21625 SP Class for 2016+ Ford Focus RS

Add to Appendix A under ASP

Ford

Focus RS (2016-2017)

#21472 SP classing clean up, Laser & Forester 2.5XT still shown in ESP

The SPAC has provided the following listing changes to correct errors in Appendix A

Remove from Appendix A, ESP, as follows

Subaru

~~Forester 2.5XT~~

Change line in Appendix A, ASP, as follows:

Plymouth

~~Laser RS Turbo AWD (1992-94)~~

~~Laser (AWD)~~

Change line in Appendix A, ESP, as follows:

Chrysler, Plymouth, & Dodge

~~Laser (Turbo, all) (1989-99)~~

~~Laser (FWD)~~