

### SOLO EVENTS BOARD | July 26th

The Solo Events Board met by conference call July 26th. Attending were SEB members Mike Simanyi, Brian Conners, Mike Brausen, Bob Davis, Zack Barnes, and Marshall Grice; Doug Gill of the National Staff; Bob Dowie of the BOD. These minutes are presented in topical order rather than the order discussed. Unless noted otherwise the effective date for all 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. Member input is suggested and encouraged. Please send your comments via the form at [www.soloeventsboard.com](http://www.soloeventsboard.com).

#### General

##### #21022 Update to 12-month rule

The SEB is recommending the following proposed change to section 3.2:

#### “3.2 VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION

New car makes, types, and models will be classified by the SEB as soon as sufficient information is available to do so. The SEB may reclassify a car ~~within the 12-month period following its~~ *at any time up to and including December of the calendar year following that of the* initial classification, without the approval of the Board of Directors. ‘Initial classification’ includes the addition of a new listing on an exclusion list.”

Explanation: The SAC routinely has to delay initial classification to manage the current 12-month rule; The SEB believes it’s in the membership’s best interest to get initial classifications out as early as possible yet still allow the SAC and SEB to see results from the National Championships before deciding if a car should be moved.

##### #21023 Timing Systems Requirements Update

The SEB is recommending the following proposed change to 7.2, to more accurately reflect how the National Staff and event officials manage available alternate (backup) timing equipment for the Solo National Championship:

#### “7.2 TIMING SYSTEMS FOR NATIONAL SOLO EVENTS

There shall be at least two (2) operable electronic timing systems per course at the Solo National Championship. ~~The Chief Steward will establish the timing accuracy between the systems prior to the beginning of the runs. One system will be designated the primary system and all times listed obtained from such system. In the case of a primary system failure, the secondary system shall be used, with appropriate time corrections being made prior to the listing of the times, until the primary system can be activated and utilized.~~ Alternate *timing* systems and *operating* procedures may be approved by the SEB.”

## #21024 National Appeals Committee

The SEB is recommending a minor change to the NAC composition rule, as follows:

### “10.4 COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL APPEALS COMMITTEE

The purpose of the NAC is to render a final decision in any appeal permitted to be taken under this Section. The NAC will be appointed by the SEB *and shall consist of three standing members plus two alternates*. Members who competed in the same event and class addressed in an appeal, or who have other personal interest in the appeal, must disqualify themselves from participating in the appeal. If fewer than three members are available, then additional people to reach a total of three may be appointed by the SEB to address that appeal. It is the intent of these provisions to provide for resolution of differences before a Committee composed of individuals with individual and collective expertise in Solo® matters.”

## #21025 Protest Chief Duties

The SEB is recommending the following minor change to the Chief of Protest duties in section 5.10:

### “5.10 CHIEF OF PROTEST

The duties of the Chief of Protest *are* to serve as Chairman of the Protest Committee, to provide leadership to the Protest Committee, *to provide prompt notification of protest filings to affected parties*, and to provide notification of protest decisions to the parties involved (i.e., the protestor[s] and protestee[s]). He/she may or may not elect to vote on protest rulings. He/she may also be a driver in the same event, but will perform no other duties for the event.”

Explanation: In most cases, a successful protest will change the results of the class. We are proposing this change so the duties of the Protest Chief include notifying those who would be effected by the change. An example would be an announcement to those on the grid that a protest has been filed.

## #21111 Docol R8 tubing (steel) for roll bars

Add after first sentence in Appendix C, subsection B.1:

*“Docol R8 is also considered an acceptable material (tube sizing and wall thickness requirements are as per SAE 4130).”*

## #21399 I.2.2

The following rule change proposal is recommended by the SEB:

Change I.2.2 as follows:

“2. The SEB shall appoint the respective Chief Stewards, Chairmen of the Protest Committees, approve Solo® Safety Stewards, and other Chiefs of Specialties such as Timing, Tech, Impound, and Course for the Solo® National Championship events. ~~Any SEB member in attendance at the Solo® National Championship may serve on the Appeals Committee.~~ *Members of the SEB may not serve on the National Championship Protest Committee.*”

## Member Advisories

### Street

#22307 civic type R for DS

Due to its late availability, the SAC is continuing to evaluate the Civic Type R and is delaying official classification as we continue to evaluate the performance potential of the car, and is currently deciding between BS and DS. For Regional competition the SAC suggests classing the car provisionally in DS until the final classing decision is made after the 2017 Solo National Championships. The SAC encourages feedback on classing via letters and at the SAC Town Hall in Lincoln

### Prepared

#22559 Committee Personnel

The SEB is anticipating vacancies on the PAC and is seeking members with CP, FP, or EP experience who are interested in serving on the committee. Interested members are invited to submit their qualifications via [www.soloeventsboard.com](http://www.soloeventsboard.com)

## Change Proposals

### Prepared

#21828 XP non-OE wing mounting

The PAC is requesting member feedback on cleaning up the wing mounting allowance for XP. The PAC does not feel that mounting location impacts wing performance as long as all elements are still within the box created by the centerline of the rear axle, the width of the vehicle, and the rearmost portion of the body work. The PAC proposes the following changes to the applicable wording.

Appendix A: 1.c. "Aerodynamic Aids: Wings may be added, removed, or modified. Non- OE wings may only be attached to the rear ~~deck/hatch area~~ *chassis or body* behind the centerline of the rear axle. For convertibles/roadsters with no roof and targas with no rear window, no portion of the wing may be higher than 12" (30.48 cm) above the ~~wing's point of attachment to the of body of the vehicle~~ *highest point of the body that is behind the centerline of the rear axle.*"

## Other Items Reviewed

### General

#21249 Standard Part Redefinition

Thank you for your input.

### Street

#22236 Keep the existing octane rule

Thank you for your input on the octane rule change proposal.

#22313 General Parameters for determining Street Classes.

Thank you for your input. The SAC uses many evaluation tools beyond power/weight ratio to classify vehicles.

## #22420 Letter against Proposal #20102

Thank you for your input on the proposed electronic shock rule changes. The SAC is continuing to evaluate this proposal.

### **Prepared**

#### #21222 Regarding #18207

Thank you for your input; please review the #18207 rewording in July 2017 Fastrack. The PAC would like feedback on the updated proposal.

#### #21295 17.2.G Bumpers

Thank you for your input; please review the #18207 rewording in July 2017 Fastrack. The PAC would like feedback on the updated proposal.

#### #21329 response to letter #18207

Thank you for your input; please review the #18207 rewording in July 2017 Fastrack. The PAC would like feedback on the updated proposal.

#### #21452 Please correct the weight calculation example in

The PAC thanks the member for their input. The rulebook has been updated to show the corrected weight formula example.

### **Not Recommended**

#### **Event Operations**

##### #22371 Inclement weather and event operations

Thank you for your input. The SEB does not believe this change is necessary.

##### #22372 Revising Run Order for National Tours and National Championships

Thank you for your input. The SEB does not believe this change is necessary.

#### **Street**

##### #22258 2018 Proposed classing of the Lotus Exige S260

Thank you for your input on the proposed Lotus classing changes.

##### #22294 6th gen camaro 1le and mustang gt350 to bs

Thank you for your input. The SAC will continue to monitor the competitive balance between BS and AS.

##### #22295 Issue with proposed rule change

Thank you for input regarding the proposed octane rating change. The SAC would like to remind competitors that we are basing the proposed octane ratings on the  $(R+M)/2$  formula which is different from the quoted RON metric.

##### #22314 Fiat 500e eligibility

The SAC cannot class the Fiat 500e as it does not meet the rollover guidelines per 3.1.A and there is currently no SSF rating available for this model.

##### #22338 Camaro V6 1LE from BS to FS

Thank you for your input. The SAC will continue to monitor the balance between BS

and FS.

#22387 We think the 2017 BRZ & 86 should be classed in DS

Thank you for your input. The SAC will continue to monitor the performance balance between the newer and older “twins.”

#22394 Include 2017 NSX in SSR

Thank you for your input. The SAC will continue to monitor the performance balance in SSR but does not believe the NSX is an appropriate addition to the class.

#22395 Audi S4 (B8) to D-Street

Thank you for your input. The SAC believes the S4 is appropriately classed.

#22407 2017 Acura NSX Classing

Thank you for your input. The SAC believes the car is appropriately classed.

#22416 Re-class S2000 CR from AS to BS

Thank you for your input. The SAC believes the S2000 CR is appropriately classed.

#22444 Move Porsche 991.1 and 991.1S to AS

Thank you for your input. The SAC believes the 991 base and S are appropriately classed at this time.

## **Prepared**

#22240 Carbon fiber body panels in prepared

The PAC feels that carbon fiber body panels are within the current definition of Prepared. In many instances carbon fiber body panels are a similar price to fiberglass and OE replacement parts. The PAC also feels that non-structural composite body panels are within the scope of the home-based builder.

## **Street**

#21519 More expansive, non-performance electronic defeats

Per the SAC, make the following addition to Section 13:

### ***13.9.1***

***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.***

## **Handled Elsewhere**

### **General**

#20248 Using a Turn-Down Elbow as a

Please see the related proposal in item #22455 in the August Fastrack.

### **Street**

#22255 Please Class the 2017 Civic Si

Please see the response to #22105 in the August Fastrack.

#22341 Electronic shock proposal feedback

Please see the response to #22420 in the July Fastrack.

#22352 Electronic shock removal

See the response to item #22420 in the July Fastrack.

#22415 Re-class S2000 CR from AS to BS

See the response to item #22416.

## Prepared

#21812 Wing mount clarification

Please see item #21828 for a related proposal.

## Tech Bulletins

### Street

#22243 SSF of Nissan Leaf

Per the SAC, add the following listing to Appendix A:

HS

Nissan

*Leaf (2011-2017)*

The SEB and SAC thank the member for supplying the government's documented SSF data for this model.

#22322 request to have Alfa Romeo Giulia Base and Quadrifoglio classed

Per the SAC, add the following listings to Appendix A

AS

*Alfa Romeo*

*Giulia Quadrifoglio (2017)*

DS

*Alfa Romeo*

*Giulia (incl TI) (NOC) (2017)*

#22431 Clarify wheel +/- 1

Thank you for your input on clarifying the wheel diameter rule in the Street category.

Per the SAC, add to 13.4.B as shown:

Wheel (rim) diameter may be increased or decreased 1" from the standard part. *This change may be applied to the front, rear, or both axles.*

#22436 Change wording for HS Ford Focus

Thank you for your input.

Per the SAC, please clarify the following listing in Appendix A as shown:

HS

Ford

Focus *(except AWD and ST 2013-17)*

**Modified**

#22302 GCR rule reference change

The MAC recommends updating Appendix A - FM - A.9 as follows:

“The measurements for the height, the maximum width (bodywork), and the distance from the tires of sidepods as specified in the GCR, Bodywork *D.9.C*, shall have an allowance from the GCR of  $\pm 1$ ” ( $\pm 25.4$  mm).”