



**SOLO**

**SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

**2018**

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# **TEXAS REGION SCCA SOLO SUPPLEMENTARY RULES**

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## **1. Governing Rules**

- 1.1 Except as modified herein, the 2018 SCCA Solo Rules shall apply to all Texas Region Solo events.**
- 1.2 Any rule herein may be changed only by majority vote of the Solo Board.**
- 1.3 These Supplementary Rules shall be available at each event for review by competitors, and shall be posted on the Texas Region SCCA Solo web page.**

## **2. Solo Board**

- 2.1 The Solo Board shall consist of members who volunteer for Board positions as enumerated below. The Assistant Regional Executive (ARE) for Solo shall regulate Board appointments.**

- 2.1.1 The ARE/Solo Board shall have the ability to add and/or alter the positions described below as the need arises.**

- 2.2 Board Composition: The Board may be comprised of the following positions.**

- 2.2.1 Assistant Regional Executive for Solo (also known as the Solo Chairman)**
  - 2.2.2 Secretary**
  - 2.2.3 Chief of Registration/Registrar**
  - 2.2.4 Course Design Chief/Event Master**
  - 2.2.5 Youth Steward**
  - 2.2.6 Chief of Protest**
  - 2.2.7 Worker Chief**
  - 2.2.8 Chief of Waivers**
  - 2.2.9 Chief of Timing & Scoring**
  - 2.2.10 Chief of Tech**
  - 2.2.11 Solo Safety Steward**
  - 2.2.12 Webmaster**
  - 2.2.13 Chief of Sound**
  - 2.2.14 Novice Chief**

- 2.3 Removal from Board: Inasmuch as the Board is a volunteer group appointed by the Solo Chairman, the Solo Chairman has the right, with majority approval of the Board, to remove any Board member who is not acting in the best interest of the Texas Region Solo program.**

## **3. Regional Series Championship**

- 3.1 The Regional Series shall consist of nine events, normally beginning in March and ending in November. The events will normally be held on Sundays.**

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**3.2 Series points:** The total points from each competitor's seven best events will count towards the series championship in each class.

**3.2.1** A score of "DSQ" (disqualified; for failing to work, as a result of protest, or for other reasons) will be assigned a zero point value and shall be counted as one of the seven scored events.

**3.2.2** A score of "DNF" (did not successfully complete the course on any run) will be assigned a zero point value.

**3.2.3** To be eligible for the series championship, each entrant must compete in at least five events in the same class. A score of "DNF" may be used to satisfy this requirement.

**3.2.4 Points:** points toward the series awards will be awarded for each class as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	9 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	7 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	6 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	5 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	4 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	3 points
7 <sup>th</sup> Place	2 points
8 <sup>th</sup> Place and lower	1 point

**3.2.5 Qualifying for Year-End Trophy:** A minimum of five events and total points equal to at least 50% of the class winner's points are required.

**3.3 Ties:** In case of a tie, the greater number of 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes from the competitors' seven best finishes shall decide, followed by greater number of 2nds, etc. If that fails to break the tie, the results of head-to-head competition in the seven best events shall be used.

**3.4 Awards** will be given at each event to the highest placed drivers in each class on the following basis: One award for one to three entrants in a class; two awards for four to six entrants in a class; three awards for seven to nine entrants in a class; one additional award for every four additional entrants or fraction thereof.

## 4. Heats and Run Order

**4.1** The Worker Chief shall determine the number of heats and the run order for the event, with the objective of balancing the worker assignments and length of each heat.

**4.2** Each competitor shall run with their class in the designated heat.

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## 4.3 Heat Structure (typical)

**4.3.1** *If/when the Formula Junior program is sanctioned and offered, all Formula Junior Karts will normally run at the beginning of the first heat and shall normally complete all of their runs before other classes begin competition runs however event officials reserve the right to modify this run order if required to ensure efficient event operations.*

**4.3.2** All other classes will be divided into heats, typically four, as deemed appropriate by the Worker Chief to balance the heats as evenly as possible. An effort will be made to rotate the time slots for the different classes at each succeeding event during the course of the year so that a class does not always run in the same heat. This is solely at the discretion of the Worker Chief based on entries and worker requirements, with the primary object being the timely and efficient operation of the events.

**4.4 Solo Board Member Allowance:** Solo Board members may run out of turn provided it is a result of their duties and does not create a premeditated advantage. The intent of this allowance is to permit Solo Board members to a) run in the heat that best fits the demands of their responsibilities, and b) cut into the staging line so as to minimize the time away from their job. It is not intended to allow an individual to make all runs within the heat with the best course conditions unless doing so is a direct result of performing their job function. Example: if the T&S system experiences problems that take several heats to resolve, the Chief of Timing & Scoring could legitimately take all his/her runs in the last heat.

## 5. Vehicle Safety Inspection Requirements

In addition to the requirements in Section 3 and other applicable sections of the Solo Rules, the following shall apply to vehicles competing in Texas Region Solo events.

**5.1** Any vehicle found to be depositing fluids such as oil, brake or transmission fluid or antifreeze on any portion of the event site at any time, whether or not the vehicle previously passed Tech, may be disqualified from competition until effective repairs are completed.

**5.2** With the exception of vehicles which have an annual inspection certification, a vehicle owner or driver may not inspect their own vehicle.

**5.3** Vehicles with an overall height equal to or greater than track width (such as those listed in Appendix A of the Solo Rules) are not eligible for competition in Texas Region Solo events.

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- 5.4 Vehicles must be presented for inspection in the same configuration as they will compete. This specifically includes, but is not limited to, any camera or recording device to be used during competition runs. Any such device must be present during Tech inspection; use of any such device installed after Tech will not be allowed under any circumstances without approval of the Chief of Tech or the Solo Chairman. Violation of this requirement will result in forfeiture of any runs made with such uninspected device.**
- 5.5 In the event of any incident involving impact (other than normal cone hits) or loss of parts/pieces of a vehicle while on course during an event, the vehicle(s) involved must be re-checked by a Tech Inspector prior to making any run subsequent to the incident.**
- 5.6 All required driver's safety equipment will be checked during Tech for compliance with Section 4.3 and/or Section 19.1.G of the Solo Rules. Helmets determined to not meet current standards will be impounded by the Chief of Tech and may be picked up by the owner after completion of their competition runs.**
- 5.7 Annual Inspection**
- 5.7.1 Texas Region may offer an annual safety inspection program. Details of any such program will be made available on the Texas Region web site prior to the date(s) for implementation.**
- 5.7.2 An annual safety inspection program, if offered, is a privilege not a right and does not alleviate each competitor's obligation to ensure the safety of his/her own vehicle. It is designed to be self-policing, and violation of program requirements may result in revocation of annual inspection privileges.**

## **6. Personal Conduct**

- 6.1 At no time during the set-up and operation of an event shall any participant (including competitors, crew members, workers, guests, etc.) consume any intoxicating substance or illicit drug. The penalty for such action shall be the immediate suspension of the offender from all further Texas Region Solo events for the remainder of the year and loss of eligibility for series awards. Competitors shall be fully responsible for the actions of their guests or crew members in this regard.**
- 6.2 All participants shall be responsible for maintaining the integrity and cleanliness of event sites and shall prevent the deposit of any trash or fluids (excluding water) anywhere at or on the event site. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in penalties which may include disqualification from the event and/or disqualification from further competition in Texas Region Solo events, at the**

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discretion of the Solo Chairman. Competitors shall be fully responsible for the actions of their guests or crew members in this regard.

6.3 No form of tire warm-up will be permitted. The penalty for such action shall be disqualification from the event and ejection from the site.

## 6.4 Pets at Events

6.4.1 Bringing pets to Texas Region Solo events is strongly discouraged. Individuals who choose to bring a pet are responsible to see that it is leashed, supervised and under control at all times.

6.4.2 Pets are not allowed in the grid or course areas at any time.

6.4.3 Pets may not be left tied and/or unattended.

## 6.5 Waivers and Credentials

A wristband will be issued to every individual present during a Texas Region Solo event, upon signature of the event waiver or presentation of a SCCA Annual Waiver Hard Card. The wristband will be worn on the wrist and will be visible at all times during the event, to allow event officials and site owners to confirm the SCCA insurance requirements have been satisfied.

## 7. Protest Fee

The protest fee shall be \$25.00.

## 8. Car Classification

8.1 Determination of the proper class/category of a vehicle is the responsibility of the entrant of that vehicle, however any vehicle which cannot be assigned to a specific class per the Solo Rules must be referred to the Chief of Tech for review to ensure compliance with the Solo Rules prior to competition.

8.2 Car numbers and class letters must be on the bodywork of the vehicle, must be displayed on both sides of the vehicle, and must be easily readable by all course workers, Timing & Scoring, etc. All vehicles will be checked for compliance with this requirement during Tech Inspection, and may be checked for continued compliance during competition while in Grid.

8.3 Car numbers or class letters will not be allowed on any vehicle windows.

8.4 The Chief of Tech or, in his absence, the Solo Chairman, will have the final authority in the event of any dispute regarding legibility and compliance with this requirement.

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## 9. Drivers per Car

Cars may be entered with more than two drivers in one class, however in such cases entrants are responsible for discussing procedures for running such cars with the Chief of Timing & Scoring, the Worker Chief, the Grid Marshall for their assigned heat, and the Solo Chairman prior to the start of the event.

## 10. Registration and Drivers Meeting

- 10.1 Unless changed in an event supplemental and posted on the Texas Region Solo web site, registration will begin at 7:30 AM and close no earlier than 8:30 AM.
- 10.2 No entrant will be registered after 9:00 AM unless special arrangements are made with the Chief of Registration. A late registrant is responsible for (i) ensuring that the Chief of Timing & Scoring is aware of the late registration, (ii) having the entered vehicle inspected by the Chief of Tech or his designee prior to competition, and (iii) checking in with the Worker Chief to receive a work assignment. *Competitors who arrive for Check-In or Tech Inspection during or after the Drivers Meeting may be refused entry or may be subject to penalties that could include but are not limited to forfeiture of runs, at the discretion of the Solo Chairman.*
- 10.3 There are no guaranteed pre-assigned worker positions. Every effort will be made to accommodate preferences and special needs, but smooth operation of the event will take precedence.
- 10.4 Pre-registered entrants must check in with Registration *by the 8:30 AM close of registration.*
- 10.5 On-line Pre-registration
- 10.5.1 Event pre-registration will require payment. Event pre-registration must be completed by 11:59 PM CT on Friday prior to the event, or such alternate time as deemed appropriate by the Chief of Registration.
- 10.5.2 Participants will be able to pre-register for the event by several different means:
- 1) Online, at a web site designated by the Chief of Registration, with payment via PayPal or other online payment method
  - 2) Annual prepaid program
- 10.5.3 There will be no refunds after the event pre-registration deadline, unless specific exception is made by the Solo Chairman.



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10.5.4 All methods will have a provision for indicating work assignment preferences (i.e. what work assignment you would prefer), however work assignment or heat cannot be guaranteed prior to the event. There will also be a provision for indicating special circumstances (such as medical conditions, couples who can't be working/running at the same time due to childcare issues, etc.).

10.5.5 Work assignments and class run order within heats will be determined by the Worker Chief based on event pre-registration. Every effort will be made to post this information on the Solo web site prior to the event.

## 10.6 On-site Registration (walk-ups)

10.6.1 *Except for the annual TMS Road Course event, which is pre-registration only*, participants may register on-site the day of the event.

10.6.2 The Solo Board reserves the right to limit the number of walk-up entries.

10.6.3 On-site registration will incur a \$5 surcharge in addition to the regular fees listed in Section 13 below.

10.7 The Solo Chairman may impose a cap, or limit, on the number of entries for an event.

10.8 There will be a mandatory drivers meeting *at each event*, starting at approximately 9:00 AM. All drivers are REQUIRED to attend. Failure to attend may result in disqualification (DSQ) and forfeiture of runs at the discretion of the Solo Chairman.

## 11. Region-Level Classes

Texas Region has added several classes to those found in the current SCCA Solo Rules, as region-only classes. Each such additional class will stand alone for trophies and will not be incorporated into any "bumping" arrangements for existing classes. *Note: for 2018, Kart classes (KM and JK) will not be offered at Texas Region Solo events due to lack of venues suitable for karts.*

### 11.1 Novice Class

11.1.1 An entrant in the Novice class should be someone who has not competed in a regular class.

11.1.2 A competitor who runs in the Novice class during any Regional Series event may continue to run in Novice class for the balance of that calendar year series, however the competitor must then move to a regular class for the following calendar year series (regardless of the

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number of events he/she ran in Novice class during that previous calendar year series).

**11.1.3** Scoring will be based on the current year PAX index. This means that each competitor's best run is multiplied by a handicap factor that converts the time into a number that can be compared directly to the time for a car in a different class. As with all classes, lowest number wins.

**11.1.4** Class designation for the Novice class is "N" followed by the letters for the class the car would normally compete in (e.g. NASP for a novice running an A Street Prepared car). Novice entrants will run in the same heat with their "base" class.

**11.1.5** *All Solo rules for the "base" class (i.e. the class the vehicle would normally compete in) will apply to vehicles entered in Novice class. Exception: Novice class does not allow the use of DOT "R" compound autocross or road race tires, regardless of legality of such tires for the base class.*

## **11.2** Formula Junior (previously Junior Karts)

**11.2.1** *Texas Region does not currently have venues available that are suitable for junior karts and is not offering this program for 2018. In the event that suitable venue(s) become available in the future, the Texas Region Formula Junior program would follow the National Solo Formula Junior rules.*

**11.2.2** The Youth Steward may implement additional local supplemental rules to ensure the safe and efficient running of the Formula Junior program. Any such additions will be incorporated herein and/or posted on the Texas Region Solo web site prior to implementation.

## **11.3** X Class

**11.3.1** X will be an indexed class using the current year PAX index. Anyone competing in a Solo-eligible vehicle shall be eligible for X Class. The class winner at each event will be determined by the fastest PAX-indexed time.

**11.3.2** All Solo rules for the "base" class (i.e. the class the vehicle would normally compete in) will continue to apply (example: if street tires are required in the "base" class, they will continue to be required in X Class).

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**11.3.3 Class designation for the X Class is “X” followed by the letters for the class the car would normally compete in (e.g. XASP for a competitor running an A Street Prepared car).**

## **11.4 Women’s Class**

**11.4.1 Women’s Class will be an indexed class using the current year PAX index. Any female competing in a Solo-eligible vehicle shall be eligible for Women’s Class. The class winner at each event will be determined by the fastest PAX-indexed time.**

**11.4.2 All Solo rules for the “base” class (i.e. the class the vehicle would normally compete in) will continue to apply (example: if street tires are required in the “base” class, they will continue to be required in Women’s Class).**

**11.4.3 Class designation for the Women’s Class is “W” followed by the letters for the class the car would normally compete in (e.g. WASP for a competitor running an A Street Prepared car).**

## **12. Passengers**

**12.1 A passenger is allowed for the purpose of driving instruction or to introduce new people to the sport, provided they are eligible to be an entrant in the event.**

**12.1.1 All passengers must be a SCCA member. A temporary weekend membership satisfies this requirement.**

**12.1.2 All passengers must wear an approved helmet, use a seat belt or harness, and must have signed the SCCA insurance waiver.**

**12.1.3 Children ages 12 – 15 may also ride if a correctly executed minor waiver is on file. In addition, it is the parents’ responsibility to see that: (i) a properly fitting helmet is worn; (ii) the seatbelt or harness securely restrains the child; and (iii) the child is properly supervised at all times.**

**12.1.4 Formula Junior competitors are eligible to ride as a passenger, subject to the provisions above and any limitations imposed by the event insurance coverage.**

**12.2 Competitors may ride as passengers in any vehicle that meets Solo safety requirements for carrying a passenger, including presence of a proper seat and passenger restraints, at any time regardless of whether or not they have previously completed their competition runs. Only one passenger is allowed during any competition run.**

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## 13. Fees for 2018 Texas Region Solo Events

13.1 Entry fees shall be determined by the Solo Board prior to the beginning of the season, and shall be posted on the Texas Region web site as well as incorporated into all forms of event entry. Entry fees shall not be changed after the beginning of the season.

13.2 Entry fees for Texas Region Solo events shall be as follows:

Members	\$ 45.00
Non-members	\$ 60.00
TMS Road Course event	\$ 15.00 adder for all entries
Solo School	\$ 80.00 (non-member, \$90.00)

Note 1: Non-member fee includes \$15.00 weekend membership.

Note 2: \$20.00 Solo School discount for those that do annual pre-registration.

Note 3: On-site registration will incur an additional late entry fee of \$5.00.

13.3 Annual Pre-registration: Competitors (SCCA members or non-members) may register for the full season by paying for all events at the beginning of the season. Annual pre-registrants will receive a discount of two events.

13.3.1 The annual pre-registration fee for Members shall be \$325.00.

13.3.2 The annual pre-registration fee for non-members shall be \$430.00.

13.3.3 Entrants may request a specific work assignment with their annual registration and the Worker Chief will make every attempt to honor such requests, however there is no guarantee and work assignments may be changed to satisfy individual event requirements.

13.4 Solo Board members shall pay an annual pre-registration fee of \$195.00. No reduced entry fee will apply to any Solo Board member for non-regional and/or special events.

## 14. Texas Region Special Procedures

14.1 Soloist of the Year

Each year a special trophy shall be awarded to an individual who has displayed special and inexhaustible energies for the benefit of the Solo program.

14.1.1 This person may be nominated from the group as a whole or from the Solo Board, and will be chosen by vote of the Solo Board. The recipient may not be that year's Solo Chairman. It is highly recommended that this person have at one time served on the Solo Board. The vote is to be

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secret, and the results held in confidence until the annual Texas Region Awards Banquet. A perennial trophy has been provided that will carry the names of past winners and will be retained by the award winner until the following year's banquet. The recipient should also receive a year-end plaque inscribed with the words "SOLOIST OF THE YEAR" and bearing that year's date.

## 14.1.2 Past Winners of the SOLOIST OF THE YEAR award

1984	Richard Bonheim	2001	Eddie Hernandez
1985	Steve Finigan	2002	Dennis Rothermich
1986	Bill Thompson	2003	Janis Hernandez
1987	Peter Fehn	2004	Phil Adams
1988	Neal Bellamy	2005	Matt Lucas
1989	Craig Hamilton	2006	Gerry Terranova
1990	Pat Laurie	2007	Greg Piper
1991	Tommy Saunders	2008	Bob Neff
1992	George Curl	2009	Tim Bergin
1993	John Banks	2010	Mark Berry
1994	Peter Fehn	2011	Mark Wortham
1995	Jim Griffin	2012	Jerrett Jan
1996	Marty Smith	2013	Jennifer Maxcy
1997	Neal Bellamy & Bud Collins	2014	Sherrie Ledbetter
1998	Marty Smith	2015	Gary Kramar
1999	Kurt Janish	2016	Hal Collins
2000	Donaleigh Engstrom	2017	<i>Ann Bergin</i>

## 14.2 SOLO MEMORIAL EVENT

Starting in 2015 and continuing each year thereafter, the first event of each season shall be named the SOLO MEMORIAL EVENT.

The Solo Memorial Event is so named to honor and remember prominent members of the Texas Region Solo community that have passed away. The names of these individuals will be announced at the event, along with their successes in and contributions to the sport of autocross.

The year and name of each such member will be recorded in the Texas Region Solo Supplementary Rules as an ongoing memorial to those contributions.

1986 David Wade, the first National Tech Inspector in Texas

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- 1996 Paul Weaver, was involved in many aspects of the Solo program including the Solo Dogs program, also acted as unofficial social ambassador for registration and events
- 2008 Tom Ramey, served for a number of years as the Solo ARE
- 2012 Ed Kramar, a Texas Region Solo participant for over 25 years, and also served as Texas Region Tech Inspector
- 2014 Bill Thompson, a Texas Region Solo participant for over 40 years, and a two-time National Champion
- 2014 Tommy Saunders, a Texas Region Solo participant for over 30 years, the “father” of the Region Junior Kart program, and a nine-time National Champion
- 2014 Kierstin Eaddy, an active multi-year participant in the Junior Kart Program, and a mentor and inspiration to others in the program
- 2014 Jim Harris, long-time member of Texas Region and a true ambassador of the sport

## **14.3 CARROLL SMITH MEMORIAL**

The July event of each season will be named the Carroll Smith Memorial.

Carroll Smith was the premier engineer of racecars. He was counsel to Carroll Shelby for the suspension engineering of the Cobra. He was an engineer, author, designer and friend of the Soloists of the Texas Region.

Many times he traveled to Texas to confer with his good friend Dr. Bob Woods of UTA. When here, he would listen to our members’ car problems and offer solutions and advice. In his retirement no amount of money could buy his expertise, but he would give it gladly to our members. He helped a few of us become National Champions, and more than a few of us to become faster.

Carroll died in 2004; he will be missed for his experience and his generosity.

## **14.4 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

The Solo Chairman may choose to acknowledge a first-year participant with a “Rookie of the Year” award at the annual awards ceremony. Any such recipient is selected by the Solo Chairman, who may or may not solicit inputs/nominations from the Solo Board at his or her discretion. Candidates will have displayed a high level of success or improvement throughout the year as well as a willingness to be a good ambassador for the sport. Other characteristics may include: a willingness to get involved in club operations, consistently assisting with event preparation and/or management, excellent sportsmanship, and a general willingness to get involved and advance the club and the sport.