



## Tidewater Sports Car Club HPDE/Track Event Supplemental Rules

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### Driver Eligibility:

1. All drivers must be at least 18 years of age and possess a valid driver's license.
2. All drivers must wear closed toed shoes, full length pants, and a long sleeve cotton shirt (or other natural material).
3. All drivers must wear a Snell SA2010 or SA2015 helmet. TSCC has loaner helmets available if need be, but is not responsible if there are not enough/don't fit correctly/etc.
4. All participants must not have any physical conditions which would preclude participation in physically or mentally demanding situations
5. All participants and spectators must sign the required club and facility waivers upon entry to the event.
6. This event will run in rain or other forms of inclement weather, unless the event director cancels the event. It is the driver's responsibility to bring the necessary equipment for the conditions. Refunds will not be issued because you don't want to run in the rain.

### Vehicle Supplemental Safety/Eligibility:

1. **All convertible/open top vehicles are required to have adequate rollover protection. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON RUNNING ANY CONVERTIBLE/OPEN TOP VEHICLE, THEN EMAIL [trackevents@tidewatersportscarclub.com](mailto:trackevents@tidewatersportscarclub.com) TO VERIFY IT WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.** Miata and S2000 stock rollover protection is NOT adequate and a suitable roll bar is necessary.
2. All convertible/open top vehicles must be able to pass the broomstick test. The broomstick test involves laying a wooden dowel/broomstick/etc across the windshield frame and the roll bar with the driver seated in their normal position and wearing their helmet. The driver must have 2in of clearance between the dowel and their helmet. NOTE: If you have a non-production-based vehicle/kit car and cannot prove that the windshield frame is a structural item, the broomstick test will be performed to the front shock tower/structural chassis point instead of the windshield frame.
3. **Final ruling on vehicle safety is ultimately subject to the Lead Tech inspector's discretion.** If there is something proven unsafe, even if not on the tech inspection sheet, the vehicle will not be permitted to run. Example: E36/E46 sub frame cracked; large windshield crack in driver's

field of vision; etc. If there is something you know needs fixed beforehand, the best thing to do is to fix it! Any questions can be emailed to [trackevents@tidewatersportscarclub.com](mailto:trackevents@tidewatersportscarclub.com) for any specific inquiries. This rule is in place because it is impossible to list every single potential safety condition. We want you to run with us and have a great experience, but safety comes first. If an unsafe condition undetectable in tech, but makes itself known on track (fuel spilling out of filler neck around turns for example), the vehicle will be pulled off track until the concern can be corrected. If repeated attempts to correct the issue are unsuccessful, the vehicle will not run for the remainder of the day, at the discretion of the Lead Tech Inspector.

4. If an instructor is to ride along, the passenger side of the vehicle must have identical-type safety gear to the driver side (if driver has 5pt belts, then no 3pt belts on passenger side, it must also have a 5pt harness).
5. Factory seat belts are permitted provided they are 3pt+ (lap belts found in older vehicles will not be permitted to run).
6. If aftermarket harnesses are installed they must meet the following requirements:
  - a. 4/5/6pt harnesses must be FIA, DOT or SFI rated.
  - b. The shoulder harness belts shall be mounted behind the driver, and at no more than a 20 degree downward angle from the shoulders. There should be an individual belt for each shoulder (no "Y" type belts permitted).
  - c. All belts shall be in like-new condition (not frayed, cut, etc).
  - d. Each harness strap shall have its own mounting point, be mounted with SAE grade 5+ hardware and with large diameter washers to spread out the load.
  - e. While not required, it is highly recommended to use a head and neck restraint system compatible with the installed belts/seat and helmet.

#### General Conduct:

1. All participants are expected to behave in an upstanding manner when interacting with fellow drivers and officials both on and off the track.
2. Drivers are fully responsible for the actions of their guests while at the facility.
3. All damage to the facility (track, paddock, barriers, buildings, etc.) is the sole responsibility of the driver. If you break it, you buy it.
4. Consumption of any alcoholic beverage is strictly prohibited for all participants during the event. Alcohol consumption outside of event driving time should be done responsibly.
5. Consumption of any dangerous or illicit drugs/narcotics, as defined by federal laws, is strictly prohibited for all participants and guests on site.
6. Participants are solely responsible for their own possessions, and are highly encouraged to lock any valuable possessions in a secure location.
7. Tidewater Sports Car Club reserves the right to take corrective action up to and including ejecting any participant or spectator from the event for violating these Rules.

#### Paddock Rules:

1. The speed limit in paddock is 5 mph. This applies to all vehicles regardless of whether they are powered or not.
2. All other posted speed limits within the facility must be obeyed.
3. Any trash or left over car parts must be removed upon exiting the facility

#### Track Conduct:

1. All drivers are required to keep their vehicle on the track surface at all times during their session. Any excursions off the surface shall be followed immediately by a return to the track access for a re-tech. Repeated off track events will result in being parked for the next session, or for the rest of the day, depending on severity.
2. Novice (Green) group drivers shall not have passengers (other than an instructor) in the vehicle with them on track.
3. Both front windows must be in the fully open position during all weather, including rain.
4. All body parts must remain within the vehicle at all times (except for hand signals/point-by), and may not be in such a location as to get caught between a roll cage member and a body panel in a crash.
5. There will be absolutely no passing anywhere except designated passing zones for the applicable run group.
6. There will be no passing without the lead car having first shown the correct point by signal.
7. There will be no passing under a yellow flag condition. The condition is considered over when the vehicle reaches a flagging station which is not showing a yellow flag.
8. Though physics requires both drivers to perform safely to ensure a safe pass, the driver executing the pass is deemed responsible for the safe execution of the maneuver. Do not force a pass if it is unsafe to do so (even if given a point-by).
9. All rule violations are subject to penalty. The first violation will result in a warning. The second will result in being parked for the current and next session. The third violation will result in being parked for the rest of the day.
10. Stopping on course is not allowed unless it is the result of an emergency. This includes slowing to a very low speed. Stopping to help a disabled vehicle is prohibited.
11. Anytime a driver must stop (mechanical failure, medical emergency, etc), it is imperative that the car is first placed in such a location so as to not be a hazard to the other drivers.
12. Travel in the incorrect direction is prohibited unless the course has been closed or cleared, or when specifically ordered to do so by a track official.

13. If a driver spins, or leaves the track surface, the next move is to report immediately to the track access (exit point) for a re-tech. If the vehicle leaves the track surface, the driver will enlist the help of a track official to aid with re-entry to the course in a safe manner.
14. Body contact is strictly prohibited. All drivers involved in contact must immediately go to the track access to report to the track marshal, or the event director.
15. Anyone involved in a major crash or mechanical failure must remain in the car (unless it is on fire) with all safety gear still in position until the track officials direct otherwise.
16. Anyone involved in a rollover or impact which caused the vehicle to no longer operate must report immediately to the medical staff.
17. Tidewater Sports Car Club will take appropriate action up to and including ejecting a driver from the event without refund if deemed dangerous (putting the instructor and/or other drivers around at risk of bodily harm/death) per their instructor with approval of the Chief Instructor.

#### Flags:

1. All drivers must immediately obey any flags shown by course workers.



2. Green Flag denotes an open session

3. A motionless Yellow Flag denotes danger ahead, slow down, zero passing. This condition is



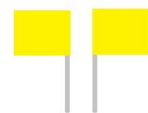
applicable until the first station that does not show the same flag.

4. A waving Yellow Flag denotes extreme danger ahead, get ready to stop. Zero passing is



permitted until the next station that does not show the same flag.

5. Double Yellow Flags denote a full course Yellow Flag condition. Do not slow considerably, but



be prepared to encounter a slow moving pack, and passing is not permitted.

6. An open Black Flag denotes a condition where it is necessary for the driver to pull onto the track



access immediately.



7. A furlled Black Flag is a warning that your unsafe behavior has been noted.

8. A waving Black Flag is notice that all vehicles need to return to the track access.
9. A Red Flag denotes an emergency which requires all vehicles to come to a stop on the side of



the track immediately.

10. A Blue Flag with an orange stripe is notice that traffic is being held up, and a point by is needed



in the next passing zone.



11. The Yellow and Red Striped Flag denotes debris on the track ahead, be careful.



12. The White Flag denotes a slow moving vehicle on course.



13. The White Flag with Red Cross denotes an emergency vehicle is on course, pass very carefully.



14. The Black Flag with Red Ball in center denotes a mechanical failure with the participant's vehicle,



report to the access road at reduced speed.

TIDEWATER SPORTS CAR CLUB RESERVES THE RIGHT TO UPDATE OR MODIFY THESE SUPPLEMENTAL RULES AS NEEDED. CURRENT CALENDAR YEAR CHANGES MADE WILL BE DOCUMENTED BELOW:

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