

# 2014 NASA Western States Championships

## Event Regulations Version 1.2

1. This event is held in accordance with the NASA CCR and Class Rules as posted under the Rules section of the [www.nasaproring.com](http://www.nasaproring.com) website.

2. Rules set forth by these Regulations are NOT PROTESTABLE or APPEALABLE.

All rules, procedures, and formats announced, defined, and decided upon during the drivers meeting supersede these rules, the CCR, and all other applicable rules.

### 3. Driver Meetings

- 1) Race Drivers Meeting is TBD **Location: TBD**
- 2) There will be an automatic penalty of being moved to last starting position for the first qualifying race for missing the meeting. Attendance is required by the driver!

### 4. Eligible Classes/Race Groupings

**NOTE: Race groupings are subject to entries. Groups will be set as entries dictate. Our intent is outlined below but may change as needed. Start Type TBD by Series Directors.**

- Group A : TBD
- Group B : TBD
- Group C : TBD
- Group D : TBD
- Group E : TBD
- Group F : TBD
- Group G : TBD
- Group H : TBD

### 5. Eligibility

The requirements set forth below must be met in their entirety.

- 1) Race class competitors must participate in five (5) races. Any number of races in any NASA class and any NASA region will qualify as credit. Participation in Time Trial will be limited to a maximum of 2 credit towards race class qualification. Endurance events less than 6 hours will count as 1 race credit for the team. Endurance events more than 6 hours will count as 2 race credits for both the drivers of the team.
- 2) Drivers may participate in any racing class at the Championships, regardless of class(s) run to qualify (racers may not participate in TT unless qualified per TT rules).
- 3) Once the above qualification requirements are met, a competitor may enter as many classes as they wish.
- 4) Time Trial competitors must meet qualification requirements in 2014 TT rules.
- 5) Teams may enter the event. **Both drivers must INDIVIDUALLY meet the Championships 5-race participation requirement.** It will be up to teams to prove both drivers have individually participated in 5 races if they drive as a team during the season as outlined in the CCR Section 22.4.

- 6) If competitors enter as a Team, both drivers do not have to be present at the event, but the Championship result will be scored in the Team name.
- 7) NASA Management/Promoter reserves the right to invite competitors that do not fit within these guidelines.
- 9) Each class must have at least 4 entries by midnight (PST), October 27, 2014 in order to be defined as a "Championship Race".
- 9) Those drivers that enter an undersubscribed class will be given notice and given a full refund or offered the opportunity to compete in another class where their vehicle can be classified.
- 10) Race groups will be capped at 70 cars for spec classes and 60 cars for mixed class groups. Acceptance priority to a specific sold-out group will consider (not limited to), date of registration, amount of regional NASA participation, and current regional points standings.

## 6. Registration/Entry Fees/Entering the National Championships

At Track Registration Hours:  
TBA

- 1) Online Registration will open by June 1, 2014

### 2) Entry Fees:

#### Racing:

\$549 through June 30  
\$599 through July 31  
\$699 through August 31  
\$799 in September and October  
\$899 in November

\$299 "**Supersize**" fee for second race entry.

#### Time Trial:

\$399 through June 30  
\$499 through July 31  
\$599 through August 30  
\$699 through September 31  
\$799 in October/November  
Time Trial Friday Test/Tune: \$249

- 3) A competitor may withdraw from the event and receive a refund by giving written notice of cancellation via email, fax or mail no later than (postmarked, if mailed) October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The entry fee amount minus a \$75.00 handling fee will be refunded. There will be no exceptions to this policy. Send cancellation notification to: [will@drivenasa.com](mailto:will@drivenasa.com) or see [www.nasaproracing.com/aboutnasa/regions.html](http://www.nasaproracing.com/aboutnasa/regions.html) for fax and mailing information.
- 4) Competitors that are unsure whether they will qualify or not are encouraged to enter. Your entry fee will be returned if you do not meet the 5 race

- qualification requirement. In order to receive a refund, you must give notice by email notification, fax or postmarked letter no later than October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- 5) ALL Drivers, Crew and Officials are required to stop at registration to sign waivers, receive credentials and other information.
  - 6) Once registration has closed for the day access to the facility will be limited to credentialed participants. Please plan your arrival accordingly.
  - 7) Competitor must be a member of NASA, in good standing (as defined by the CCR), hold a valid NASA Competition License, and must meet all criteria set forth by these Event Regulations.
  - 8) Each entry includes One (1) driver and Two (2) Crew persons. Additional crew credentials will be available for \$50 each at the track or on the registration page.
  - 9) **Car Numbers are available on a first come first served basis.**
  - 10) Parents and Minors are REQUIRED to fill out and return the Minor Waiver forms, available at <http://www.nasaproring.com/norcal/event/minor-waiver.pdf>

## 7. Qualifying

- 1) Friday qualifying will set the start order for Friday's qualifying race. Friday's qualifying race finishing position will set the start order for Saturday's qualifying race.
- 2) Results from both qualifying races will determine the start order for the National Championship races being held on Sunday.
- 3) Points will awarded to each finishing position in each qualifying race based upon the Default Season Point System, 2014 CCR section 22.1.1
- 4) Remaining ties in points will be broken by the tied driver that set the fastest lap time in either of their respective qualifying races.
- 5) In the event that a qualifying session or qualifying race is ended less than halfway or is otherwise cancelled, or the results thereof are deemed unusable or inaccurate by the Race Director, the Race Director reserves the right to form the grid by any method.
- 6) The Race Director will determine the groupings, splits and flag type for the race starts. This will be indicated on the posted grid sheets.
- 7) If a competitor changes or adds classes during the event, only the results from the matching class shall be used to calculate points and/or starting positions.
- 8) All changes to class must be completed by 6PM on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>. If a competitor wishes to run in a different class after that time, they may add that class by entering as a supersize entry.

## 8. Grid

- 1) Drivers running in back to back sessions may have their second car staged in the pit lane or grid with the permission of the Grid and Pit Lane/Re-Entry Officials.
- 2) Cars not in position by the 1 minute signal may be held at the front of pit lane until their respective class/group has received the green flag.

## 9. Start / Finish / Race Length

- 1) All starts and restarts will take place on the front straight.
- 2) Flying Starts will take place per CCR Section 20.5.1. A Pace car will be used and will exit the course.
- 3) Standing Starts will take place per CCR Section 20.5.2. The primary starting method will be with a flagman start.
- 4) Jumped Starts will be penalized. There will be a Start Judge assigned for the purpose of assessing starts.
- 5) Race length will be 45 minutes. Time will begin when the pace car starts the pace lap and includes the cool down lap. Note: Races may end early due to emergencies, clean up, or other unforeseen circumstances as ordered by the Race Director.
- 6) The Red Cross Flags will be used along with a Waving Yellow to denote an emergency area where safety and towing personnel are present. The system only works well if the drivers make a conscious and concerted effort to proceed slowly through those areas. Failure to exercise enough care in these areas will force the Race Director to make use of the Pace Car, Black Flag All, or Red Flag as necessary. This reduces Green Flag track time, so it is strongly advised to heed these regulations.
- 7) Drivers should be aware that the timing loop is located near the start / finish line. This may affect the lap count whenever a driver missed the warm up lap. Timing and Scoring may correct this by adding a lap at the direction of the Race Director. It is however, ultimately the competitor's responsibility to notify the Race Director should this situation occur.
- 8) Competitors should be aware that there will be no Splitter Steward (per CCR Section 2.10.11). Starting formation will take place per CCR Section 20.5.

## 10. Timing & Scoring

- 1) AMB Tranx 260 Transponders must be used and must be functioning at all times. Non-working transponders may not be timed or scored. Drivers with multiple entries must have separate transponders for each racecar.
- 2) NASA officials will determine the final finishing order in the case of a "photo finish." The intent of this rule is to allow the officials to override any mistakes in scoring due to positions of transponder location, or possible error in the system that might happen when two cars cross the line at nearly the same moment.

## 11. Scrutineering and Impound/Post Race Inspection

Safety Inspection Hours:

TBA

- 1) Scrutineering location **TBA**. Competitors need not bring their vehicles to tech if the vehicle has a current Annual Inspection and 2014 Tech Decal.
- 2) Please have your Annual Inspection completed before arriving at the event. If your car needs re-inspection because of a logbook notation, has a NASA logbook but does not have a current Annual Inspection decal and/or does not

have a NASA logbook please contact the Event Director at [will@drivenasa.com](mailto:will@drivenasa.com) to schedule an appointment. There will be a **\$100 fee** for this service at the track. You **MAY** miss track time due to delays for onsite inspections.

- 3) The Tech Sticker must be affixed near the top left corner of the windshield for the duration of the event. Competitors must display their Annual Tech Sticker before going on track.
- 4) Random Safety and/or Compliance Inspections may take place at any time during the event.
- 5) Non-Compliant parts will be retained by NASA Pro Racing.
- 6) Impound/Post Qualifying and Race Inspection will take place each day during event hours.
- 7) **ALL classes may be subject to technical inspection for safety and compliance items, REGARDLESS of CLASS RULES.** Some disassembly of your racecar may be required. Any tools and/or manpower required are the responsibility of the competitor.
- 8) All competitors in classes requiring a dyno certification must have a valid certificate in their possession.
- 9) All compliance dyno results performed by NASA will remain the property of NASA.
- 10) All competitors are reminded of CCR 15.12 "Tow Eyes." It is **required** that all race vehicles have at least two (2) easily accessible (and usable) tow eyes, or tow points; one (1) in front and one (1) in back. They must not protrude dangerously from the car or require manipulation of the bodywork and/or panels to access the tow eyes. They must be strong enough to support the weight of the car. If tow eyes or tow points are not available the towing crew will hook onto other things that may cause damage to the driver's car. The tow crew and NASA will not be held liable for any damage.  
Please note that there have been recent problems with tow eyes missing or not being strong enough to support the weight of the car.  
If your car is disabled and you have inadequate or missing tow points, NASA will either leave your car in position until it is more convenient to retrieve, or NASA will drag it to a safer location at the Race Director's discretion. Please use an engine hoist, jack, or other suitable method to test your tow eyes before you go on track.

## **12. Body Contact/ Protest/Appeal/Request For Action**

- 1) Penalties may result in fines and/or withholding of payment of applicable contingencies.
- 2) Body Contact and Protest/Appeal/Request for Action forms will be available at Driver Information and Tech Inspection.
- 3) All body contact shall be reported via a body contact form which to be immediately filled out at impound. Failure to file a form may result in additional penalties.

## **13. Results**

- 1) Qualifying, Qualifying Race, and Race Results will be available at Driver Information.

#### **14. Required Patches and Decals**

- 1) NASA Patches and Decals are required. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Prizes and awards (trophies, victory ceremonies, contingency and prize monies) may be forfeited.
- 2) Other race sanctioning bodies' identification must be removed or covered in such a way that it may not be identified as such. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 3) Patches and Decals will be available from the Driver Information and/or Tech.

#### **15. Time Trial Regulations**

- 1) Time Trial competitors must meet qualification criteria as set forth in the TT Rules Section 18.
- 2) The National Champion in each Time Trial class will be determined by fastest lap set in each class during the event.
- 3) Download Sessions may be held after each session at a location TBA. All drivers are required to attend any meetings and it is your duty to check with your group leader.

#### **16. Pit Lane and Paddock Specific Rules**

- 1) Paved Parking Spaces will be issued on a first come first served basis. A detailed map will be posted to the National Championship web site.
- 2) Do not poke holes in paved surfaces for tent stakes, etc. This may lead to removal from the facility.
- 3) Please dispose of waste fluids responsibly.

#### **18. General Facility Information**

1. Registration location is TBA
2. EVERYONE (entrants, workers, crew, guests) must sign at registration and receive a wristband to enter the guard gate and paddock. Wear the wristband ALL weekend. See schedule for registration hours.
3. Please bring current NASA membership, State driver's license cards to show at registration.
4. Quiet hours are 6pm – 8am
5. Sound Limit is 105 db 50 feet from the track.
6. Camping is permitted. No tent stakes are to be driven into the asphalt.
7. Fuel spillage will not be tolerated. Costs for the use of Fire Extinguishers and/or oil dry will be passed to the driver.
8. Any costs for damage to the guardrails, tire barriers, or other damage to the property will be passed along to the participant who damaged them.
9. Paddock speed limit is 5mph. Please watch out for small children and other participants. We encourage a family atmosphere.

10. Crew must have an access wristband from registration to access Pit Lane  
No one under 18 is allowed on pit lane.
11. Entrants are responsible for removing all chemicals, liquids, tires, fuel, and other gear.
12. You must have a state drivers license to ride bikes or operate motorized vehicles in the Paddock.
13. No off-road riding
14. No illegal substances, firearms or weapons.
15. No Smoking in pit lane.
16. The paddock will be guarded during the weekend. Do not leave wallets or other valuables out in the open. NASA and Sonoma Raceway are not responsible for lost or stolen items.
17. Any and all questions can be forwarded to [will@drivenasa.com](mailto:will@drivenasa.com) or call 737-932-7004

**Arrive safely!!!**

**PLEASE SECURE YOUR CAR/TRAILER/EQUIPMENT and OTHER VALUABLES. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR PADDOCK AREA WITHOUT SECURING YOUR BELONGINGS. NASA and Road Sonoma Raceway are not responsible for theft or damages.**