

SOLO EVENTS BOARD

SOLO EVENTS BOARD MINUTES | March 23, 2016

The Solo Events Board met by conference call March 23rd. Attending were SEB members Steve Hudson, Mike Simanyi, Richard Holden, Brian Conners, Eric Hyman, Mike Brausen, Bob Davis; Doug Gill and Howard Duncan of the National Staff; Terry Hanushek, Brian McCarthy, and 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 new rule, class, and listing change proposals herein is **1/1/2017**.

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Recommended Items for 2017

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.

Street

#17128 996 Turbo and Turbo S to SS

Remove from the exclusion list and add to SS, effective 1/1/2017:

Porsche

996 Turbo, Turbo S (2001-2005)

Street Touring

#17131 Differential Covers and Coolers

Add the highlighted language to 14.10.A:

“Oil pans, oil pickups, and differential covers may be modified or substituted. Addition or modification of windage trays or crankshaft scrapers is not allowed. Engine oil, transmission fluid, *differential fluid*, and power steering fluid coolers may be added or substituted (including oil to coolant heat exchangers) but may not serve any additional purpose.”

Note: This language adds an allowance for differential coolers.

Member Advisories

Street

#19013 Using module (Vag Com) to disable ESC

Disabling the stability control by altering the ECU code with a VAG-COM or similar is not compliant, per 13.9.G.

Street Touring

The SEB thanks David Whitener for his service as a STAC member.

Street Modified

The SEB thanks Jinx Jordan for his service as a member of the SMAC.

Modified

#17810 cockpit bodywork requirements

Per the SEB, the purpose of 18.4.a.1 is to outline the requirements for firewall, floor, belly pans and cockpit measurements. We encourage all competitors to follow all the rules. In the event of a disagreement of interpretation or ignoring a rule we believe the autocross community can self-police each other with favorable outcomes. If all else fails, the protest process is available to settle issues that cannot be resolved in any other manner.

As outlined in Appendix F, the Advisory Committees and the SEB can clarify specific questions of rules interpretation. The answer to your question is, there are no rules that can be ignored.

Change Proposals

Street

#19112 Harness Bar in C6 Corvette Grand Sport

The following rule change proposal is provided for member review and comment:

Change last sentence of 13.2.H as follows:

“Truss type harness bars *with more than 2 attachment points* are not allowed.”

Modified

#18845 Traction control rules change

To address comments regarding traction control and modern ECU's, the MAC is proposing the following rules revisions, which are provided here for member review and comment:

18. MODIFIED CATEGORY

Sports cars and sedans altered in excess of Prepared Category, sports racing and two-seat specials, Formula cars, single-seat specials, dune buggies, and kit cars *may compete in Modified Classes A through F (AM through FM). Active Automatic Braking Systems (ABS) and Traction Control Systems (TCS) are prohibited in Modified classes B (BM), C (CM), and F (FM). Traction Control Systems are prohibited in Modified Class A (AM). Active Automatic Braking Systems (ABS) and Traction Control Systems are prohibited in Modified Classes D (DM) and E (EM). Rules for Automatic Braking Systems (ABS) and Traction Control Systems (TCS) in CM and FM are as dictated for those cars by the Club Racing General Competition Rules (GCR). ABS is explicitly prohibited in all other Modified classes with the exception of AM. TCS is specifically prohibited in AM, BM, DM and EM, except that RPM ramp rate limits and similar systems that do not use wheel speed sensors, GPS, accelerometers, or other measures of car motion are excepted from this ban and are allowed in these classes. Additionally, in DM and EM a Stock Tub car (18.1.C.1) may use any ABS and/or TCS as long as it was a standard option on the car and the original unmodified control unit and programming are used. Engine RPM limiting devices (rev limiters) are allowed in all Modified classes. Data acquisition systems are allowed in all Modified classes unless specifically prohibited by the applicable Club Racing General Competition Rules (GCR) Section(s).*

Note: the SEB is also considering modifying the Section 12 definition of Traction Control to encompass the above issues.

Other Items Reviewed

Street

#14899 2009-12 Cayman S/Boxster S to AS

Thank you for your input. Please see item #17283 in the March Fastrack.

#18414 Support for Cayman/Boxster moves

Thank your input. The SAC has recommended moving the '09-'12 Boxsters/Caymans down a class. Other Porsche moves have been put out for member comment at part of items #17283 and #17901 in the March Fastrack.

#18527 Re-Class the Fiat Abarth to the same class as the Fiesta ST

Thank you for your input; please see item #15002 in the March Fastrack.

#18632 Move V6 ponycars from FS to GS

Thank you for your input

#18691 Letter #17179 Input

Thank you for your input.

#18692 Letter #17901 Input

Thank you for your input

#18697 Classification of my BMW 525i wagon

Thank you for your input.

#18705 981 Porsche Cayman 2.7 (base) to BS

Thank you for your input.

#18986 Moving 2006-2008 Cayman S from AS to BS

Thank you for your input.

#19046 6th Gen (2016+) Camaro V8 out of FS

The SAC has clarified the FS listing for this generation Camaro.

Please see the response to letter 19193.

#19078 2016-17 Camaro 1LE V8 & V6

The SAC is waiting until the 1LE's are officially released before classing them.

#19118, 19120, 19128, 19137 Feedback on #17748 (Base C7 Corvette to AS)

Thank you for your input.

#19193 6th Gen Camaro to AS

Thank you for your input. The SAC feels the 2016 SS is classed appropriately and we will class the additional variants as they are released.

Street Touring

#19063 February Fast Track #16000

Thank you your letter and for your feedback on these topics.

#19123 Turbo Buicks to STP

Since STP is a brand new category, the STAC and SEB need to make sure that the original vision, participation, and competitive balance can be achieved with the already classed cars before adding additional cars, even if they appear to be a good fit for the class.

Thank you for your letter and feedback.

#19144 M3 to STR?

Thank you for your letter and feedback - While we understand that this move appears counter to STR's formative vision, the STAC and SEB think that it is important to take this opportunity to ensure expanded classing options for the category as a whole, to best serve the membership's expectations for equitable and diverse competition offerings within each ST class.

#19166 NSX ST Classing.

Thank you for your letter and feedback. While it may seem logical to extend the MR classing to similar types of cars, the STAC does not think that it is in the membership's interest to expand this classing to include halo cars that are limited in production and expensive to obtain and maintain.

#19167 Comment about #17171, Reclass E36 M3

Thank you for your letter and feedback. Please see the response to item #19123.

#19170 STP Inclusion of newer vehicles for '16 Rulebook

Thank you for your letter and feedback. Please see the response to item #19123

Not Recommended

Street

#18990 2009-2011 Nissan GTR Classing (move to AS)

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

#18973 Staggered width wheels sizing

Per the SAC, allowing changes to factory wheel widths is not consistent with the philosophy of the Street category.

Street Touring

#19180 Fender Rolling Rule 4.2.E

Thank you for your letter. The STAC does not support additional bodywork allowances at this time.

Street Modified

#18856 Request to class non-USDM vehicles

The SMAC feels it is not in the best interests of the category to allow JDM cars into Street Modified.

Tech Bulletins

Street

#18992 Chevrolet SS sedan classing,

Per the SAC, add the following new listing to FS, effective immediately upon publication:

Chevrolet

SS Sedan (2013-2016)

#19193 6th Gen Amaro to AS

The SAC has provided the following corrections regarding the Camaro listings in FS:

Chevrolet

Camaro SS (2010-2016)

Camaro SS 1LE (2013-2015)

Street Touring

#18993 Chevrolet SS Sedan classing

The STAC recommends adding the following vehicle listing to STU in Appendix A, effective immediately upon publication:

Chevrolet

SS Sedan (2014-16)