



Waiver Procedures for SCCA® Solo® Events

There may be a bit of confusion surrounding the “Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement” document (what we just call a “waiver”), especially when minors are involved. I’ll attempt to cover most of those concerns, and I will always be glad to hear from you if there are any.

A Chief of Waivers is REQUIRED at all SCCA® Solo® events to make sure proper procedures are followed (e.g., making sure the waivers have been witnessed and signed). The description of this position is found in Section 5.5 of the [SCCA® National Solo® Rules](#).

All waivers MUST be in color and witnessed by an adult SCCA® member to be considered valid legal documents (in color is crucial). There are three (3) adult waiver forms and two (2) minor waiver forms. If you’re a resident of California, Florida, or New York, there are some differences in some of those forms. I’ll cover those later.

THE “GATE” WAIVER OR THE EVENT WAIVER FOR ADULTS

One of the adult waiver forms, with which we are most familiar, is the “per event” waiver (used for all states EXCEPT New York) at the site entrance. It has about 10 lines towards the bottom for signatures. The “per event” waiver has “SCCA Adult Event Waiver 1155 02/16” printed in the lower right corner. (There is also an adult per event waiver in Spanish – “Exoneración de Adultos para Eventos de SCCA 1155 02/16.”) If the waivers at your events have anything else in the lower right corner, please do NOT use them and discard them. NEVER have a minor sign this waiver and NEVER have an adult sign this waiver for a minor (I’ll cover the minor waiver later). An adult SCCA® member MUST witness each signature. The member must sign and date EACH PAGE where indicated at the bottom of the waiver form (missing witness signatures is a concern).

Does everyone need to sign the “per event” adult waiver?

There are two types of insurance at every SCCA® event – participant insurance (covers the “hot” areas) and spectator insurance (covers the “cold” areas). A waiver is required for the participant insurance; a waiver is NOT required for the spectator insurance. A participant MUST sign the waiver to have access to “hot” areas – active grid, staging, start, finish, and course areas (paddock is not considered a “hot” area). Spectators do not have access to these hot areas and therefore do not need to sign the waiver. If a spectator is given access to hot areas, that spectator becomes a participant and MUST sign the waiver. If a Region doesn’t have spectators and/or the event site is not suited for spectators, then everyone MUST sign the waiver or present their annual waiver membership card.

I may be using the terms “spectator” and “participant” differently, but I’m just trying to clarify who needs to sign the waiver. Participant insurance covers those in the active grid, staging, start, finish, and course areas (“hot” areas). Spectator insurance covers those while in paddock and other “cold” areas. If a competitor is injured in the paddock, spectator insurance covers it (not participant insurance). Thankfully, we usually don’t have to concern ourselves with those details.

If the Region allows spectators to enter the site, there should be some system to demarcate a boundary between “hot” and “cold” areas. Some sort of physical barrier (cones, streamers, fence, signage, etc.) and/or crowd control marshals may be all that’s needed to keep spectators in the “cold” area(s).



New York adult per event waiver

The state of New York requires a different adult “per event” waiver. This waiver has “SCCA Adult NY Event CL-29 2/16” printed in the lower right corner. Any other event waiver in the state of New York should NOT be used and be discarded.

ANNUAL WAIVER FOR ADULTS

The adult annual waiver has “SCCA Adult Annual Waiver 1306 01/16” printed in the lower right corner. It must be witnessed by an adult SCCA® member in good standing. For SCCA® Solo® events, any member can be an official (this is a bit different from SCCA® Road Racing). If an adult SCCA® member is not available to witness the signing, it can be witnessed by a notary (EXCEPT in California) and then sent to the SCCA® National office.

California Adult Annual Waivers – notary witness

If a resident in the state of California, the correct waiver to be notarized has “SCCA Adult CA Annual Waiver 1306 01/16” printed in the lower right corner.

MINOR WAIVERS (all minor waivers are annual waivers)

There are five minor waivers used in SCCA® with California and Florida having some differences explained later. The waiver most used has “SCCA Minor SCCA Official 1068 09/15” printed in the lower right corner and is two (2) pages except for the state of Florida. The first page is for BOTH parents/guardians to sign; the waiver is NOT an effective document WITHOUT BOTH parent/guardian signatures. An adult SCCA® member MUST witness and sign. The second page is for the minor participant to sign and must also be witnessed and signed by an adult SCCA® member. The minor participant MUST sign the second page; this is a requirement of our insurer. If the waiver is witnessed and signed on site, the Region should retain the original and send it to the National office for issuance of an annual waiver (membership) hard card. If the minor will be participating in other SCCA® events before receiving a hard card, the original may be copied, or a second waiver may be filled out with “Copy” written on it, to be retained and presented until receipt of the hard card. If a minor is not an SCCA® member and can be a passenger in a car or a worker on course, a weekend membership should also be filled out and sent to the National office with the completed minor waiver. Write “Passenger” or “Worker” at the top of the weekend membership application; the Region will not be billed for the weekend membership.

If one parent/guardian has full custody of the minor and no other parent/guardian has any claim to custody, then one signature is all that is required. The parent/guardian does NOT have to show any type of document to confirm custody. (An affidavit is NOT required.)

Do all minors need to have a signed waiver?

No. Only minors that enter “hot” areas; they are participants (drivers, passengers, workers, etc.). If a minor takes a ride with a competitor or is old enough to safely fill a worker position, a minor waiver as discussed previously should be presented. Children under 12, except Junior drivers, are NOT permitted in “hot” areas per *Solo® Rules* section 1.3.2.0; therefore, a minor waiver is NOT necessary.



Minor Waivers – notary witness

There is another minor waiver to be used if another adult SCCA® member is not available to be a witness. Having a notary witness the signatures necessitates the use of form “SCCA Minor Notary 1068 09/15” printed in the lower right corner EXCEPT in California.

California Minor Waivers – notary witness

In the state of California, the appropriate minor waiver for a notary has “SCCA Minor CA Notary 1068 09-15” printed in the lower right corner.

Florida Minor Waivers

The minor waivers in the state of Florida can be confusing, but it depends on the location of the Solo® events. Florida Solo® events that are on the property of a permanent race track facility (including the track’s parking lot) should use the “SCCA Minor Notary 1068 09/15” minor waiver form previously mentioned. However, Florida Solo® events that are NOT on a race track property (parking lot, airport tarmac, shopping center lot, etc.) must use “SCCA Minor FL SCCA Official 1895 09/15” for those events.

If the Solo® events in Florida change locations between permanent race track facilities and other non-race properties throughout the year, use the latter annual minor waiver, “SCCA Minor FL SCCA Official 1895 09/15.” This minor waiver form will be used by most SCCA® Regions in Florida.

CONCLUSION

If your annual waiver is notated on your membership card, it is valid in all states. For example, if your residence is in AZ, NV, OR, or any other state, the annual waiver or the minor waiver is good in California and vice versa. It’s the same if your residence is in AL, GA, or any other state, your annual waiver is good in Florida and vice versa.

All SCCA® waiver forms can be found on the “Downloads” webpage. Go to www.scca.com, click on “ABOUT SCCA” near the top of the page, and then click on “DOWNLOADS” from the drop-down menu. They are under “Insurance Forms (Must Be Printed in Color).” There is also an “SCCA WAIVER CHART” pdf file that can be helpful in determining which is the correct waiver form to use.

I hope this has clarified most of your concerns. I’m always willing to discuss this.

Thank you for all that you do for our club and Solo®! Have fun!

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