

CLUB RACING BOARD MINUTES | September 7, 2021

The Club Racing Board met by teleconference on September 7, 2021. Participating were Peter Keane, Chairman; David Arken, David Daugherty, Jim Goughary, John LaRue, Paula Hawthorne, Tom Start and Shelly Pritchett, secretary. Also participating were: Bob Dowie and Dayle Frame, BoD liaisons; Deanna Flanagan, Director of Road Racing, and Scott Schmidt, Series Tech Chief. The following decisions were made:

Member Advisory

None.

No Action Required

B-Spec

1. #30815 (Steve Introne) 9.1.10 B-Spec, line item 35 Clarification needed
Thank you for your letter. Please see letter # 30814 in September Fastrack.

EV General

1. #30997 (Clifford Rassweiler) The Fastest Road Racing EV's Might Have Three Wheels
Thank you for your letter. We appreciate the information you shared. Our goal is to create a series of specific protocols to address every SCCA program, event and venue.

GTX

1. #30667 (Joe Aquilante) Allow GTX as Runoffs Class in 2022
Thank you for your letter. Please see the response to letter #30665 that will appear in current Fastrack.

IT General

1. #30351 (Steve Taylor) Request to Classify 2007 Audi A3 2.0l Turbo
Thank you for your letter. We have submitted a tech bulletin to include the Audi A3 in ITR at 2950#. Please note that Turbo cars have only recently been allowed into Improved touring. The rules for turbo engines are very strict including stock turbo, stock intercooler and charge piping, and stock ECU calibration. Please review ITCS 9.1.3.3 Turbocharged Engines for complete regulations. Cars built to World Challenge or Continental/Koni Challenge etc. regulations will not be compliant in IT and should be fielded in STU.

Prod General

1. #31070 (Charles Baader) BMW Chassis Request
Thank you for your letter. Specifically listing the allowed body styles in a spec line (i.e. coupe, sedan, convertible) isn't necessary. The competitor would just need to be able to prove that the vehicle/spec line they're choosing to compete with, did indeed ever come from the factory in the body configuration that they're using, if it was ever questioned.

Not Recommended

AS

1. #30880 (Nathan McBride) Request Pontiac GTO aftermarket parts
Thank you for your letter. The CRB does not feel the weight reductions as requested are not the desired method to achieve minimum weight. We are willing/committed to make adjustments to help achieve the min. weights requirements.
2. #30892 (Scott Marcero) Request headers for Ford Mustang 10-14 Gen 1

Thank you for your letter. In order to maintain the restricted prep nature of the class the CRB does not recommend headers to be eligible for the 5.0 I engine in the Mustang.

3. #30893 (Scott Marcero) Request rear coil overs for Ford Mustang 11-14 Gen 1

Thank you for your letter. This topic continues to be discussed within the ASAC/CRB, but at this time we do not recommend this modification.

B-Spec

1. #30788 (Zachary Fox) Request to Allow Block off Plates When Removing A/C Condenser

Thank you for your letter. The Mazda 2 was available without A/C from the factory. Please use the parts that would block airflow from the OEM. No approval of additional parts necessary.

2. #30851 (Matt Downing) Request to Change Restrictor Size to 32mm (2015+ Honda Fit)

Thank you for your letter. No BOP changes are being considered at this time.

3. #30870 (James Rogerson) 2021 Balance of Power

Thank you for your letter. No BOP changes are being considered at this time.

4. #30981 (Chris Taylor) Request for a Spec Mini Class

Thank you for your letter. No BOP changes are being considered at this time.

5. #30986 (Rob Piekarczyk) Request to add cold air intake for 09-12 Honda Fit

Thank you for your letter. No BOP changes are being considered at this time.

6. #30987 (Dan Hardison) Request to add cold air intake for 2009-2012 Honda Fit

Thank you for your letter. No BOP changes are being considered at this time.

7. #30988 (Michael Olivier) Add Cold Air Intake For 2009-2012 Honda Fit

Thank you for your letter. No BOP changes are being considered at this time.

8. #30989 (Michael Olivier) 50 pound weight reduction for 2009-2012 Honda Fit

Thank you for your letter. No BOP changes are being considered at this time.

FA

1. #30796 (PAUL RAVARIS) Request to classify PM-18 in FA class

Thank you for your letter. The Club Racing Board does not recommend this change.

GCR

1. #31017 (Rocky Entriiken) Request to change Lap records

Thank you for your letter. Given the inaccuracy inherent in the measurement of track length and the difference between driven line and track length, a speed calculation using the lap time is at best, a precise approximation.

2. #31125 (Mike Ogren) Please Update The Rain Light to Include the Flashing Red for All

Thank you for your letter. Allowing strobing rain lights in non-Formula or Sports Racing classes could cause confusion with required brake lights in those classes.

GT1

1. #30318 (Alan Cohen) GT1 Classification

Thank you for your letter. The CRB does not support making a change in GT1 block material at this time. Aluminum blocks are allowed in GTX.

GTL

1. #31126 (Peter Shadowen) Request Use of Aftermarket Honda B16 Cylinder Head.

Thank you for your letter. Availability of the Honda B16 cylinder head seemed adequate. Additionally, it is unknown if this aftermarket part is more responsive to modification.

GTX

1. #30665 (Michael Pettiford) Make GTX a Runoffs Class

Thank you for your letter. The CRB has considered your request but does not wish to make GTX a RUNOFF'S eligible class at this time.

EP

1. #30944 (Kevin Navarre) Underbody Covers

Thank you for your letter. This is not recommended. An allowance for a non-stock identical copy of these pieces would be difficult to enforce, and used examples appear to be still available at a reasonable cost.

Prod General

1. #31071 (Charles Baader) Scrutineering request: Cam Lift

Thank you for your letter.

How valve lift is to be measured on all Prep Level 2 cars is already defined in 9.1.5.E.2.f.7:

“Where maximum valve lift is specified, valve lift is measured at the valve with zero lash or clearance.

There are a few exceptions to this rule, where a spec line specifically allows for valve lift to be "measured as raced - w/ lash". These spec lines are from the original "Limited Prep" classifications that were made, many years ago, and that was the process/ruling at that time. As the "Prep Level 2" ruleset matured, and more waves of cars got classified to it, this measurement method was re-evaluated and changed to the current rule. Previous classifications have since been allowed to "grandfather" their original rules. Just as competition balance is monitored between Prep Level 1 and Prep Level 2 cars, the same is true for these original "pseudo-Limited Prep" classifications. Reverting this valve lift measurement process again would not make building these cars any easier, would not balance the performance potential of the field, and just tempt competitors to re-do their cam designs to chase an extra few thousandths of lift. Due to all of that, this request is not recommended.

T1

1. #31030 (Don Van Nortwick) Request to run a FP 350S as T1 vs (T1-LP)

Thank you for your letter. The FP350S is not a Shelby GT350 and therefore is not classified in T1-FP. The FP350S is spec-line car classed in T1-LP. The GT350 lacks a few of the performance advantages that are built into a FP350S, which is the reason for the 5mm difference in the FPR.

Recommended Items

The following subjects will be referred to the Board of Directors for approval. Address all comments, both for and against, to the Club Racing Board. It is the BoD's policy to withhold voting on a rules change until there has been input from the membership on the presented rules. Member input is suggested and encouraged. Please send your comments via the form at www.clubracingboard.com.

AS

1. #31193 (American Sedan Committee) clarification of fog light openings for brake ducts

In GCR, Section 9.1.6.D.7.c.2. add the following:

"Front parking/fog light assemblies may be removed for ducting of air."

General

1. #31115 (SCCA Staff) Sunset Spec MX-5 Class Regional only ruleset

In GCR section 9.1.11, remove Spec MX-5 Regional only rules from the GCR as follows:

Remove Spec MX-5 ruleset and place on SCCA website in technical forms and Downloads. Former SM5 cars are classified in T4 and STL.

In STL, Mazda MX-5 Cup, add link to the SM5 ruleset in the Notes as follows:

"SM5 rules can be found here - <https://www.scca.com/pages/technical-forms-and-downloads>."

STU

1. #31074 (John Weisberg) Water Cooling

In GCR, Section 901.4.H. change as follows:

"1. Water Cooling

Provided that the stock method of cooling is retained, the cooling system is free, including cooling fans, ~~but~~. Water radiator(s) must remain in the approximate OEM location *or removed*. The mounting angle may be changed."

Taken Care Of

P1

1. #31103 (Johnnie Crean) Request restrictor change for the Wombat for more power

Thank you for your letter. Please see the responses to letter #30787 in the August 2021 Fastrack, letter #30484 in the May 2021 Fastrack, letter #29621 in the December 2020 Fastrack, and letter #29232 in the October 2020 Fastrack.

EP

1. #30948 (Kevin Navarre) #30944 MR2 Follow Up

Thank you for your letter. Please see response to letter #30944 in current Fastrack.

What Do You Think

GCR

1. #30855 (James Devenport) Request use of tire warmers

The Club Racing Board has received a request from a competitor to create a rule that would not allow tire warmers to be used at SCCA Club Road Racing events. We are seeking input on whether this rule should apply to all classes at SCCA Club Road Racing events effective 1/1/2022. Please send a letter to the CRB with your opinion.

T2-T4

1. #29428 (Touring Committee) Consider changes to sway bar rules for touring T2-T4

The Touring committee is considering making a change to the sway bar philosophy in T2, T3 and T4 for the 2022 racing season. Currently aftermarket sway bars are only allowed on a case-by-case basis on individual spec lines. We are considering allowing aftermarket sway bars on all touring cars in the category rules. Please write in to provide input, thank you.

RESUMES

1. #30379 (Jim Locke) Resume

Approved for Touring Advisory Committee.