2026 RUNOFFS PENALTY GUIDELINES

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ON-COURSE DRIVER CONDUCT

1. **Failure to control your car resulting in contact with another car. (GCR 6.11.1.)** [NOTE: Safe, consensual drafting among cars in same class may be forgiven.]
   a. Investigation by Race Director to determine circumstances.
   b. Driver injury or significant body damage to one or both cars, or only one car continues – CSA/RFA position penalty to ensure car at fault finishes behind car that could not continue.
   c. Clearly identified at-fault driver, no injury or body damage – CSA with position penalty one position greater than the number of positions lost.
   d. Multiple contact by same driver in same session – Race Director's Probation – 1 to 3 weekends based on circumstances or an RFA for further investigation.
2. **Improving position during the pace lap (GCR 6.5.2.C.)** [NOTE: This includes regaining grid position during the pace/safety car lap and false starts.] -
   a. Obvious and Documented: Open Black Flag with a Stop and Go at Black Flag Station
   b. Loss of the greater of one more than the number of positions gained or a minimum of two positions.
3. **Overdriving or Passing Under a Yellow Flag (PUY) (GCR 6.1.1.B.)**
   a. **Test Days –** Open Black Flag, reprimand
   b. **Qualifying –** Loss of qualifying times from that session.
   c. **Race –** Penalty three positions in class or laps, plus probation
   d. **Spin under yellow/black –** Car not under control, same penalty as a PUY
   e. **Contact/Injury during yellow/black -** Disqualification from event, probation
   f. **Any yellow or black violation with workers in yellow zone –** Disqualification for session(s) or event, plus probation
4. **Passing Under a Black Flag All (BFA) (GCR 6.1.1.F.)** – same as passing under yellow
5. **Assistance or Getting Out of Order During Race Session Stoppage (GCR 6.7.2.)** –
   a. Minimum restart at end of grid or
   b. Minimum of 45 seconds added to driver's total race time.

Additional Thoughts: If a driver is disqualified from an entire event, add the following statement to the CSA/RFA/Protest form: 'The driver will receive no event participation credit for the event.' Awards in the competition or event are automatically forfeited. Upon review of the situation, the CS/RD/SOM may, alternatively, disqualify a driver from a specific session such as practice, qualifying, or race.

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT

1. **Non-tech violation of GCR while on probation for GCR sections 2 or 6**
   a. Different section of GCR from probation – unsatisfactory signoff
   b. Same section of GCR as probation - disqualification
2. **Acts of physical violence between event participants, (drivers, crew, officials, volunteers, and spectators) (GCR 2.1.8.)**
   a. The Race Director will remove the participants from their assigned positions, maintaining order as necessary until an initial evaluation of the incident has been completed.
   b. The Race Director will immediately notify the Division Executive Steward, by phone if not on the property or in person if on the property.
   c. The Race Director will notify the Specialty Chief if applicable.
   d. The Race Director will initiate an RFA.
   e. The SOM will process as any other action utilizing GCR Sections 7.1. through 7.6.
   f. The Race Director and/or the Chair of the SOM will notify the participants of potential further action by the Division Executive Steward or SCCA National Office if warranted.
   g. If unwanted physical contact is verified, consider suspension of license.

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CAR COMPLIANCE SITUATIONS

1. **Car not in Compliance (GCR 9.1.) (excluding cameras)**
   a. Prior to the Race: If found after qualifying, loss of all previous Qualifying times
   b. Post-Race: A non-compliant car shall be moved behind compliant cars
2. **In-Car Video Camera (GCR 9.3.11) – all camera issues must be logbooked**
   a. Camera clearly inoperable (not present, no card inserted, no battery present/hardwires missing) – DQ from session for which it was discovered.
   b. Camera not working, but should be operable (anything not covered by the above):
      1. First offense- CSA reprimand with zero points
      2. Second offense- reprimand with 1 point
      3. Third offense- loss of all previous Qualifying times or moved to last in class during the Race
      4. Fourth offense- disqualification from event
3. **Car not in Compliance (GCR 2.1.2. and 2.1.3.) For deliberate, substantial, non-compliance.**
   a. Disqualification; Suspension or Probation – with possible disallowance from entering the 2027 SCCA Runoffs
4. **Failure to report to Impound or leaving before inspections have been completed (GCR 5.9.3.C.)**
   a. Qualifying – Loss of times for that session
   b. Post-Race – Disqualification - with possible disallowance from entering the 2027 SCCA Runoffs
5. **Sound (where applicable) (GCR 5.7.2.)**
   Competitors must not exceed 103 dB or the stated limit in the Supplemental Regulations. Below are suggested actions unless otherwise defined in the Supplemental Regulations.
   a. First reading over limit – Sound Board
   b. Second reading over limit - Sound Board
   c. Third reading over limit
      1. Test Day - Open Black Flag, may continue after repair
      2. Qualifying – Open Black Flag, lose times to that point, and may continue after repair
      3. Race - May be Black Flagged, will be considered non-compliant.
6. **Fuel Testing - SCCA testing discloses the presence of banned substances: (GCR 9.3.25.A.)**
   a. Qualifying – Loss of all lap times for that session
   b. Race – Disqualification; may include 6-month suspension and disallowance from entering the 2027 Runoffs