

## **Tarheel Cup Pro Series Rules**

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### Series

1.1 The Tarheel Cup Pro Series (hereafter known as TCPS) is a regional points series conducted by the North Carolina Region (NCR) of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) and any other region(s) in the SEDiv. of SCCA which requests the right to include a TCPS regional race in their own region's race calendar, which request receives the prior approval of the BoD of the NCR and the TCPS Committee.

1.2 The series will be run as restricted regional races sanctioned under the current General Competition Rules (GCR) of the SCCA and the TCPS rules. All host region's supplemental race regulations shall apply, not inconsistent with these rules or the GCR. All TCPS races must be insured to the regular SCCA standards by the host region.

1.3 No rule, regulation or implication in these rules is considered to imply an exception to the then current GCR of the SCCA and in any dispute regarding interpretation of these rules, the GCR and the standard operating practices of the SCCA will take precedence.

1.4 The host region of a TCPS race will pay the TCPS Committee a fee for each entrant, per TCPS race. An entrant is defined according to the GCR. The minimum fee per entrant, per race, is \$70.00. Fees will be used by the TCPS Committee for its administration costs and the TCPS prize fund and year end championship awards/prize.

## Organization

2.1 The TCPS Committee will govern the TCPS. The Committee will be comprised of two members of the NCR, appointed annually by the RE of the NCR. Each other region authorized to run TCPS races, pursuant to paragraph 1.1 above, may assign a current member, from its region, to the TCPS Committee. Each Committee member will have one vote.

2.2 The Board of Directors of any region hosting a TCPS race shall inform the TCPS Committee of any action taken by its Board pertaining to the TCPS rules and/or the TCPS race schedule(s), eligible classes, race dates and other significant actions regarding the TCPS.

2.3 Neither the NCR nor any other authorized region is required to host a TCPS race.

2.4 The TCPS Committee will appoint a Series Administrator who will maintain the series points records and distribute the TCPS prize money and perform such other functions as may be directed by the Committee.

2.5 In the event of a tie in any voting procedure within the TCPS Committee, the Regional Executive of the NCR is then authorized to cast a vote.

2.6 At the end of each year the TCPS Committee will present a written financial report of all its receipts, disbursements and its balance on hand to the NCR and to the other authorized region(s).

2.7 The TCPS Committee may request changes deemed needed to the TCPS rules and request the approval of the Board of Directors of the NCR and any other Board of Directors of other authorized region(s), who shall unanimously approve all rule changes. Any change will not affect previously

awarded points or prize money. The NCR may disband this series without any approval of any other region.

### Eligibility – Cars

3.1 Cars classified in the following SCCA classes are eligible to participate in the TCPS: All cars eligible for SARRC participation and IT7R, ITE, SRX7 and SSM, plus such other classes as may be approved by the TCPS Committee, subject to a veto by the NCR, via its Board of Directors.

3.2 All cars must conform to the then current SCCA GCR competition specifications and/or any other sanctioning body specifications as it applies to the eligible class(es).

### Eligibility- Driver

4.1 The SCCA eligibility rules for drivers in SCCA club races, as provided in the then current GCR, will apply to the TCPS.

### Entry

5.1 The annual series registration fee per driver in the series is \$10.00, for each calendar year. This annual fee is non-refundable and may be adjusted annually by the Committee. A completed W-9 is required for participation by those drivers desiring to be eligible to receive prize money.

5.2 Each entry will register as a team.

5.3 Each team will register a team name, the class they will compete in and a team contact person.

5.4 Each team will register for contingency prize money at the time of their race registration.

5.5 Each registered team will receive two (2) official TCPS stickers that must be placed on the car. The position of the stickers is as follows: one (1) located on the driver's side and one (1) located on the passenger side. Additional stickers will have to be purchased from the TCPS Administrator.

5.6 Any driver that has not paid the annual registration fee and completed a W-9 Form will, nevertheless, be allowed to compete in a TCPS race event, but will not be eligible to receive prize money or series championship points.

5.7 In order for a team to receive a race entry fee refund due to a withdrawal from competition, the team must furnish in writing a withdrawal request to the Registrar before the close of registration on the last day of the TCPS race event. The request must include a signed statement from the Chief of Timing & Scoring saying that the T & S records indicate there was not participation by the team in any on track session scheduled for the TCPS event.

## Races

6.1 Car numbers will be issued by the host region Registrar on a first come, first serve basis.

6.2 All races will be 45 minutes in length, unless a shorter time period is approved by the Committee and the host region.

6.3 There may be a mandatory 2 minute pit stop for some or all eligible TCPS classes, as such is specified by the Committee and the host region.

6.4 There will be a 40 MPH speed limit on pit road.

6.5 The top 4 finishers in each class will report to impound.

6.6 Not all eligible TCPS classes must be included in each TCPS race event; such determination of the selected classes to be included in each TCPS race event shall be determined by the Committee and the host region.

7.1 Any mandatory pit stop, of 2 minutes in length, shall not commence until at least 1 lap after the green flag nor less than 2 minutes prior to the checkered flag. Failure to make a required 2 minutes pit stop shall result in a time or lap penalty or possible disqualification.

7.2 Timing of a required pit stop will be determined through these 2 methods:

#### Method 1

Use the timing charts for the race, as provided by timing and scoring, to determine the fastest lap times for competitors. By adding 2 minutes plus the time required to traverse pit lane at 40 MPH to their fastest lap time, a total pit stop time lap shall be determined for each entry. Lap charts shall then be

checked to confirm that each competitor did have a total pit stop time lap equal to or greater than the minimum determined lap time for the required pit stop lap.

## Method 2

A log will be maintained to show the time and car number of all cars in a class entering and exiting pit lane, during a TCPS race event, having a required pit stop. A study of the log must show that each car (in a class required to make a pit stop) entered and exited pit lane in a total time equal to or greater than 2 minutes plus the time required to traverse the pit lane at 40 MPH.

7.3 Any non-compliance found by either of these two (2) methods will be reported to the Chief Steward and the TCPS Administrator for appropriate action.

7.4 Computation of the 40 MPH pit lane speed limit is as follows:

Kershaw	11 seconds at 40 MPH
VIR	12 seconds at 40 MPH
Charlotte	22 seconds at 40 MPH
Roebing	19 seconds at 40 MPH

7.5 No required pit stops will be allowed during a full course yellow. Any car that has entered the pit lane in the process of their mandatory pit stop when a full course yellow is displayed will be allowed to continue with its pit stop and re-enter the track at the proper time.

7.6 No re-fueling will be allowed during required pit stops.

## Points

8.1 Finishing points will be awarded according the SCCA National points system.

8.2 Each individual race entry will receive 5 bonus points. Withdraws and no shows will not receive the 5 bonus points. If less than 3 TCPS events for an eligible class are scheduled during one calendar year, 10 bonus points will be given to any team participating in all scheduled events. If 3 or more TCPS race events for an eligible class are scheduled during one calendar year, 1 race will be dropped from final points calculations and the 10 bonus points will not apply.

8.3 TCPS championship points will be awarded according to the finishing position of all entries that have paid the annual registration fee. In the event there are entries that were not registered with the TCPS, these entries' points will not be considered and all other TCPS entries will move up within their class.

8.4 Upon receiving the final race results, per TCPS race event, the Series Administrator will calculate individual points and forward the points standings to the RE's of the participating regions to be published.

8.5 The current point standings will be available from the Series Administrator at each event.

8.6 In the event of ties for year end points, winners will be determined according to the process listed in the SCCA National competition points.

8.7 In order to be eligible for the year end points championship, the team must START at least 50% of the scheduled TCPS races for their class for the year.

9.1 For each individual points race, the host region or the TCPS Committee may award trophies to the top 3 finishers in each class, regardless of TCPS annual membership registration status.

9.2 For the end of the season point's championship a award/prize will be awarded by the TCPS Committee, to the winner of each eligible class.

#### Prize Fund

10.1 A portion of the entry fees available to the Committee from each TCPS race event will support the prize fund. The breakdown of the prize fund payout will be as follows: 75% will be paid out for each TCPS race, 10% will be accumulated for the year-end championship awards/prize, together with any additional funds available from the administrative fund (15% of the \$70.00/per TCPS entry) which are not needed for the administrative costs for the TCPS.

10.2 Pay out by class for each single TCPS race event will be as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	45%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	25%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	15%
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	10%
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	5%



10.3 Additional funds may be added to the individual race prize fund and/or year-end championship awards/prize through sponsorships of the series and/or individual TCPS race events.

10.4 TCPS individual event prize money will be awarded according to the finishing position of all entries in each class that have paid the annual registration fee and provided the completed W-9 tax form. In the event there are entries that were not registered with the TCPS, these entries will not be considered and all other TCPS entries will move up within their class.

### Disqualification

11.1 Any team/driver found to be in violation of these rules may be disqualified. Disqualification will result in the loss of points and/or prize money.

11.2 The Stewards may take away individual race and entry points due to disqualification.

11.3 The Committee may take away accumulated points due to disqualification.

11.4 Previously awarded prize money will not be recovered or redistributed.