

**SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS  
RALLYCROSS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
2009**



# SCCA RallyCross National Championship Supplemental Regulations

In addition to the 2009 SCCA RallyCross rules, the following regulations and procedures apply to the 2009 SCCA RallyCross National Championship. Any questions not directly answered by the regulations are defaulted to the RallyCross rulebook and then the Chief Steward for interpretation.

## Schedule: (All times listed in blue are approximate)

### Friday Oct 9, 2009

12:00 - 6:00 Registration and tech  
2:00 – 5:00 Practice course open (pay per run)  
7:00 Welcome Barbeque provided by Colorado Region  
8:30 “Shot-in-the-Dark” regional event and test session begins  
11:30 Night session complete

### Saturday Oct 10, 2009

7:00 Breakfast (available on-site)  
7:30 Late registration and tech  
8:15 Class inspection  
9:00 Drivers' meeting Opening ceremonies  
9:30 Competition begins, heats 1/2 (3-5 runs per group)  
1:30 Lunch (available on-site)  
2:30 Competition resumes, heats 3/4 (3-5 runs per group)  
6:30 Competition ends  
7:30 Dinner (provided on-site)  
8:00 Town Hall

### Sunday Oct 11, 2009

7:00 Breakfast (available on-site)  
8:00 Cars in grid  
8:30 Drivers' meeting  
9:00 Competition begins, heats 5/6/7/8 (2 - 4 runs per group on the "big course")  
1:00 Competition complete  
1:30 Lunch on-site provided by Colorado RallyCross  
2:00 Awards

## Entries:

1. All drivers shall be current regular SCCA members in good standing.
2. An entry is not considered final until the completed entry form and the entry fee have been received by the SCCA Rally Department
3. Fees are posted on the [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com) website along with a paper entry in a pdf format. Check the website for fees.
4. Entries shall be mailed to:

SCCA RallyCross National Championship  
PO. Box 19400  
Topeka, KS 66619

Or faxed to

(785) 861-1760

Or entered Online at [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com)

5. Cancellations received on/before Sept 28, 2009 will receive a full refund. Cancellations received after Sept 29, 2008 but before Oct 7, 2009 will receive half of the entry fee paid. Cancellations made after Oct 7, 2009 will not receive a refund. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Cancellations must be in writing. (emails are acceptable to [pmack@scca.com](mailto:pmack@scca.com))

### **Timing and Scoring:**

1. Entrants are responsible for submitting all corrections, i.e. name, class, car number, to Timing and Scoring.
2. Car identification numbers are assigned by the SCCA on a first come, first serve basis. The entry form provides space to indicate three (3) possible numbers of your choice. Numbers must be placed on both sides of the car. Car numbers are limited to a maximum of three digits. If you have two drivers in the same car and in the same class each driver must submit a separate entry form and the "second" driver must choose the first driver's number, plus or minus a number (1st driver # 98 2nd driver # 198). Requests for numbers will be given on a first come, first served basis. If there is a request for a number already given out, the next closest number or one using the same digits will be assigned. If you have any questions email [pmack@scca.com](mailto:pmack@scca.com) prior to the Monday before the event.
3. To prevent interference with the timing and scoring equipment and personnel no team or crew will be allowed within the designated timing and scoring area or start and finish lines. Timing and Scoring concerns should be directed to the Operating Steward or the Chief Steward.
4. All runs will be scored. The winner is determined by the lowest cumulative time. If a competitor does not finish a run (DNF) they will receive a default time. This time will be determined by timing and scoring using the slowest competitor's time in class and run plus ten (15) seconds.
5. Drivers with mechanical difficulty shall have ten minutes after the car is scheduled to start to present a car at the start line, drivers may take one mechanical delay per run group. The Chief of Grid must be notified of the driver taking a "mechanical". The Chief of Grid will notify the Operating Steward, who will notify timing.
6. Drivers will receive one parade lap per course. No parade laps will be given for minor changes or alterations. Drivers will be verbally notified of any course changes.

### **Run Order**

#### CLASS RUN GROUPS

Group 1: Stock Front / Stock All  
Group 2: Stock Rear / Prepared Front / Prepared Rear / Prepared All  
Group 3: Modified 2  
Group 4: Modified 4

This run order may change according to the number of vehicles entering in each class. Changes will be posted at the event.

Run order within the classes will be randomly determined by draw with the first driver of two driver teams having the primary draw and the secondary driver entering the order

where reasonable time is allowed for the driver swap. Order will be determined the Wednesday prior to the event by the National Staff. The second day's run order will be the same.

### **Penalties**

1. 10 seconds for starting prior to the starter's signal for "Go".
2. Slowest run time in class plus 15 seconds for a DNF including:
  - a) An uncorrected deviation from the course at the discretion of the Operating Steward such as driving across the course to take a shorter path, missing more than two consecutive course features or going off course completely and returning to the finish without completing the course.
  - b) Vehicles unable to complete a timed run due to a mechanical problem.
3. All upright cones count, including those after the finish, within 50 feet of the finish line. Any cones displaced by "wheel spray" will be considered a penalty.
4. Run order must be maintained. A delay of over 30 seconds shall be considered a DNF, except as described above for a "mechanical".
5. All penalties are subject to the Chief Steward's review. Additional penalties may be added or assigned penalties removed at the Chief Steward's discretion.

### **Tech Inspection**

1. All competition vehicles must pass the pre-event safety/tech inspection. Vehicles are to be presented ready for competition.
2. No vehicle will be allowed to participate without the safety/tech inspection sticker on the driver's side windshield lower corner.
3. Each class will hold a mandatory class inspection prior to the start of the official competition where class competitors may inspect all the other vehicles in their class and question eligibility at that time. **Any entrant 10 minutes or less late will be assessed a 10 second penalty on their first run, any entrant more than 10 minutes late will get a DNF for their first run.** The Chief Steward will resolve all matters of eligibility and/or preparation non-compliance. Protests against vehicles shall be lodged no later than the start of the first competitor, given to the Chief Steward at this time. See the RXR's section 7.3.D. The Chief Steward will make the final determination of eligibility at that time. Class inspection times will be posted on the official notice board-attendance is mandatory for all drivers and vehicles.

### **Required Decals**

**Car number (minimum 6" high) and class must be visible on both sides of the car.**

All competition vehicles must display the SCCA RallyCross windshield banner on the uppermost portion of the windshield (this will be available for purchase at registration). The windshield banner may go on the back window if a required banner for contingency is on the front windshield (i.e. VW). Other placement by prior approval of the Rally Manager. The SCCA RallyCross bumper sticker (also available for purchase) on both sides of the car, and the safety/tech decal on the front lower corner of the windshield.

1. Additional event sponsor decals shall be placed on the vehicle where appropriate or as required by the sponsor/contingency.

### **Rules of the Paddock**

1. Competition vehicles should be worked on in the paddock area although minor repairs and adjustments can be made in grid. It is recommended that all vehicles in the paddock area have a tarp placed underneath.
2. Do not pour gas or oil on the ground anywhere on the facility.
3. Pets must be on leashes at all times.
4. **No practicing, testing or fast driving is allowed in the pits, paddock or adjacent roads, including the transit between finish and staging. Competitors will receive one notice of violation and will be disqualified if a second violation is witnessed.**
5. **Grid for competition cars only. No support vehicles on the concrete pad.**

### **Safety**

1. A speed limit of 10 mph will be enforced at the event site including the paddock area and grid.
2. Children and pets are allowed on the event site. During active competition children under 12 and pets are not allowed in the grid, staging or course area. Pets must be leashed at all times.
3. Refueling vehicles must be accomplished with an assistant holding a fire extinguisher outside the vehicle.
4. Photographers desiring to enter a course area must be approved by the Safety Steward and they must be accompanied by a spotter. This spotter may not be a course worker at that location. Minors may not be photographers or spotters on course.
5. All incidents involving injury and/or property damage occurring on the event site or felt associated with the event must be reported as soon as possible to the Safety Steward, if not immediately available report to the Chief Steward or Event Chairman.
6. If someone is under a jacked vehicle, for any reason, there must be at least one jack stand in place in addition to the jack.

### **Driver's Meeting**

There will be a driver's meeting Saturday morning of the event. Changes to the Supplemental Regulations and other items of information as well as the names of all event officials will be included in the material provided at on site registration, or posted at Registration.

**IT IS THE COMPETITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK AT REGISTRATION AND THE POSTING AREA FOR CHANGES TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS.**

### **Entrants as Workers**

All competitors are required to work the event. Workers shall report to the Chief of Course before the beginning of the last run of the run group prior to their assigned work group. Failure to work will result in additional work assignments or disqualification, as decided by the Chief Steward.

First run workers should report as soon as possible after the group technical inspection.

Run work order will be posted at the event. Check the information area at the Operations Trailer.

## Awards

Awards will be given based on the list below. Awards will be ordered based on the entry list 14 days prior to the event. If additional awards are needed they will be mailed to the winners after the event.

1-3 Vehicles 1 award	10-15 Vehicles 4 awards
4-6 Vehicles 2 awards	16-25 Vehicles 5 awards
7-10 Vehicles 3 awards	

## The following Event Guidelines and Rules have been added to the RXR and will be in effect for the 2009 RXNC:

### Article 4

4.1 **Articles** 1 (all), 2 (all), 3 (all), 4.1, 5 (all except 5.2E) 6.1, 6.2b 6.3 and 7 (all) of these rules are mandatory for all SCCA sanctioned RallyCross events.

(NOTE: the current word used is Sections...it should be Articles).

### Article 5.2 Event Operating Rules

**Article 5.2.0** Competitors should only enter the course under the following conditions:

1. their duty as a worker requires it;
2. during a course walk;
3. as a driver/passenger during a parade lap for their run group; and,
4. as a competitor driving a timed run.

Items 2 and 3 (above) are allowed only during designated periods.

### Article 5.4 Event Officials

#### **Article 5.4.C.4**

All course changes after competition starts must be authorized by the acting Safety Steward at the time the issue is raised. This does not mean that all issues raised about the course require action on the course. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE SAFETY STEWARD OVERSEE THE CHANGES.

#### **Article 5.4.G.1 Conduct of Event Officials**

An official can also be a competitor but must follow the rules in this section (Article 5.4.G.2) to avoid the perception of, or actual conflict of interest.

The Safety Steward (and subsequent Safety Stewards if required) and Course Designer must not be the same person. This will avoid any conflicts of interest arising from an interaction between these two positions.

#### **Article 5.4.G.2**

- a. Officials who are competitors must not take any action or make any ruling that may have an impact on the outcome of the competition in their favor.
- b. Officials who are also competitors must be aware that their duty as an official continues through the event regardless of role. They will still be able to compete, but if they notice safety issues those issues must be brought to the attention of the acting Safety Steward rather than taking action directly. The integrity of the sport rests in the hands of the officials and competitors acting in a responsible manner.
- c. If a competitor, who is also an event official, has a concern about the event, conduct of another competitor or official or safety

issue, he or she must bring the matter to the attention of the proper official. After a description of the issue, the official must then step away and let the other event officials resolve the matter.

### **Article 7.2 Protests**

While the right to protest in proper cases is undoubted, it should be remembered that RallyCross events are Motorsport events conducted in a sporting spirit. Events are organized and managed by amateurs who cheerfully give their time and do their best. The competitor may encounter some imperfections with the event organization, his fellow competitors and course conditions. It is recommended that a competitor wishing to file a protest confer with one of the stewards at the event prior to doing so. No competitor will be denied his/her right to file a protest.

### **Article 7.3 Protest Process**

#### **A. Types of Protests**

1. An inquiry is an informal written communication from the competitor to the organizer describing a situation and requesting an action. It requires unilateral action on the part of the organizer. Organizers will respond in writing. If such an inquiry is given to the event or safety steward, it will be passed along to the organizer in a timely manner.
2. A protest is a written communication on an official protest form, submitted to the Event Steward. These forms will be available from the Event Steward or the organizers.

#### **B. Fees and Decisions**

1. Protest must be accompanied by a \$50.00 fee per item. The fee is payable to SCCA and collected by the Event Steward. This fee will be returned if the protest is upheld and may be returned regardless of the disposition of the protest.
2. All decisions of the Protest Committee shall be reduced to writing and a copy of the written answer will be posted on the Official Notice Board. A copy of the written answer will also be given to the protester and protested. Written witness statements and the committee's decision will be recorded during the meeting and kept on file by the SCCA Rally Department.
3. The Protest Committee is expected to make a decision on any/all protests filed before the end of the event. If a decision cannot be made at the event (i.e., missing information, etc.) it must be resolved as soon as possible after the event (See Article 7.D.1.A). All parties filing the protest, the competitor protested and the SCCA Rally Department will be notified by the Chair of the Protest Committee by telephone of the decision of the protest committee. The Chair of the Protest Committee must also notify the Chair of the Court of Appeals by telephone of the date of notification of the protested party.
4. Monies from protests that are denied by the Protest Committee shall be retained by the Event Steward and forwarded to the SCCA Rally Department.

#### **C. Protest Committee**

1. A committee of three voting members shall settle all protests. The committee will be chosen prior to the start of competition and consist of two competitors from different classes and one representative of the organizing committee. These three members will choose one of the competitors to be the chair of the protest committee. The organizer representative will not serve in this position.
2. An alternate will also be selected for each of the original Protest Committee members (three alternates). To reduce the possibility of

conflicts of interest, all protest committee members and their alternates should be chosen from different competition classes.

3. If the composition of the Protest Committee includes a member with a conflict of interest in a properly filed Protest, that member must step aside and an alternate will replace that member for that protest.

D. Hearing the Protest

1. **Meeting**

The Protest Committee shall hear the protest as soon as practical after the protest is lodged. All parties concerned shall be given adequate notice of the time and location of the hearing. They shall be entitled to call witnesses, but shall state their cases in person. In the absence of a party, judgment may go by default. Each party or witness shall be heard separately and in private. If judgment cannot be given immediately after the hearing, all parties shall be informed of the time and method by which the decision shall be communicated. All parties shall be notified of the final decision.

Anyone who has filed a protest, been protested or is the subject of a Stewards action shall remain until a ruling has been issued, or until expressly released by the Chairman of the Protest Committee.

A. Continuing the Meeting

If the Protest Committee is unable to reach a decision at the event, the following steps will be followed to continue the meeting:

1. All original members of the Protest Committee will reconvene by conference call or in person if possible.
2. A witness from the RXB will be present at the reconvened meeting of the Protest Committee. This witness will have no interest in the outcome and will not actively participate in the call.
3. The Protest Committee will follow notification rules as specified in Article 7.3.B.3.

2. **Judgment**

All parties concerned shall be bound by the decision given, subject only to appeal as provided in Section 4.4., Appeals Process

3. **Reasonableness**

It is expected that protests shall be reasonable, logical, and based on sound evidence, thus well-founded. A well-founded protest shall further be defined as one upon which reasonable men or women may differ. A protest may be well-founded even if not upheld.

**A. Forfeiture of Protest Fee**

If a protest is judged to be not well-founded, the protest fee shall be forfeited.

**B. Vexatious or Bad Faith Protests**

A protestor who has acted in bad faith or in a vexatious manner may be penalized by the Event Steward.

- Article 7.3.D: Protests against the Conduct of the Event
- Article 7.3.E. Protests against Competitors
- Article 7.3.F. Protests against Vehicles
- Article 7.4 Appeals Process
  - 7.4.1 Courts of Appeals

Effective 2009, the RallyCross Board will establish a standing Court of Appeals to hear any/all appeals that arise from RallyCross events. This COA will consist of three members who will serve for a period of one calendar year (1/1 to 12/31), but

may serve more than one consecutive term. One will be a member of the current RallyCross Board of Directors and the other two will be competitors. The RallyCross Board of Directors will also pick three alternates to serve should any member of the standing COA have a conflict of interest arising from either the original protest, the decision of the protest committee or the appeal. Should the COA and alternates still have a conflict of interest; the RXB will choose additional members to serve for that appeal ONLY.

#### 7.4.2 Appeal Contents -1

- A. Any person, entrant or organizer named as a party to a protest shall have the right to appeal any decision or penalty imposed by the Protest Committee. An appeal starts with a written notice of intent to appeal and submission of one-half of the \$200 appeal fee that must be given to the Event Steward within 30 minutes of the announcement of the decision of the Protest Committee.
- B. If the announcement of the decision of the Protest Committee comes after the event, the Chair of the Protest Committee is responsible for placing a telephone call to the parties involved in the original protest. Upon reaching the protested party, there will be a 48-hour period to file a notice of appeal and submit the appeal fee as described above. It is the responsibility of the Chair of the Protest Committee to notify the Chairman of the COA asap when the protested party was contacted. The notice of intent must go to the Chairman of the COA by email or telephone. All fees due at this time will be received at the SCCA National Office, Rally Department and held until the COA has finished deliberations.
- C. The final portion of the appeal consists of the written notice of appeal and includes the balance of the appeal fee (\$100 for a total appeal fee of \$200). This portion must be received by the SCCA Rally Department within 10 days after the notification of the Protest Committee's decision.

#### 7.4.3 Appeal Contents - 2

The Notice of Intent to Appeal shall include items 1, 2, and 6 below. The written appeal

must also include items 1 and 2, and may provide additional detail for item 6.

The written appeal shall include:

1. State the name of the party making the appeal
2. State the decision or portion thereof appealed
3. Explain why the appeal should be decided in their favor
4. Include information the appellant wishes the COA to consider
5. Present any new information that was not available or reviewed by the Protest Committee hearing the original protest upon which the Appeal is based
6. Specify which part(s) of the RallyCross Rules and/or Supplemental Regulations for the event that were considered to have been enforced in a manner that was not fair or equitable to the appellant.

#### 7.4.4 Hearing Appeals

All properly filed appeals (per Section 7.4.2 and 7.4.3) shall be heard by the Court. The Court will review the original Protest and the Protest Committee Decision, the Notice of Intent to Appeal and the written appeal that must contain all the evidence the appellant wishes the Court to consider. The COA may make any other inquiries it feels warranted, before making its decision. It may, at its discretion, require the appellant to submit any additional evidence it deems necessary for an equitable decision; hear directly evidence from any person deemed to have pertinent information or necessary data prior to making a decision; permit other parties to the decision under appeal to make written comments on the appellant's Notice of Appeal; and/or seek information from any source it desires. Written comments submitted without request from the COA or not contained or referenced with the Notice of Appeal will NOT be heard. The Court of Appeals shall render its final decision on the appeal, within (15) days of its receipt of the Notice of Appeal. No member of the Court shall have taken part as a competitor or Official in the event in which the Court will render a decision, or shall have been directly or indirectly interested or involved in the matters under consideration. The decision of the Court shall not be subject to further appeal.

#### **7.4.5 Judgment of the Court of Appeals**

- A. After considering all material it deems relevant, the Court of Appeals shall meet privately, reach its decision, and prepare a written opinion. It may decide that the penalty or other action of the Protest Committee should be nullified, mitigated, affirmed, increased, or a different penalty imposed, but it shall not order a competition to be re-run. The Court of Appeals may order a rehearing by the original Protest Committee at the Court's discretion.
- B. At no time shall the Court of Appeals act as a first court.
- C. The Court may order the return or forfeiture of appeal fees or of stay bonds. The Court shall direct the disposition of protest fees and teardown bonds, if any, in those cases where the original Protest Committee decision is nullified or otherwise changed.
- D. The Court's decision shall be final, binding and not subject to further appeals by any other party, either within the SCCA organization or outside the Club.

#### **7.4.6. Publication and Effect of Decision**

SCCA, Inc. will distribute a copy of the final decision of the COA to all parties of the appeal as soon as possible after the decision becomes final and will use its best efforts to publish said final decisions as soon as possible after finalization. Persons, entrants, or organizations referred to in each said decision shall have no right of action against SCCA, Inc., or any person publishing such notice, and said decision shall be final and binding. Any penalty of the Court shall be effective immediately or as stated in its decision. Penalties involving time, disqualification, or suspension shall be made effective from the date of the conclusion of the event involved. *If the COA affirms a suspension penalty imposed by the first court or determines that an additional penalty should be imposed, the COA will determine the date on which the additional penalty begins (if applicable).*

#### **7.4.7. Bad Faith Appeals**

If the Court determines that the appellant has acted in bad faith or in a vexatious manner, it may deem such conduct a violation of

the RXR and impose any penalty listed in Section 7 for said violation.

#### **7.4.8. Appeals Affecting Final Points Standings**

For all National Events held less than 28 days prior to the commencement of the National Championship (October event), any appeal affecting the National Championship points standings within a division, including all evidence, must be received in the National Office within 48 hours after either the receipt of a judgment issued by the Protest Committee or the completion of the event, whichever comes last. National Championship registrations to all parties named in or affected by the appeal will be held until the appeal has been finalized. An "Intent to Appeal" letter will not be accepted. This rule shall supersede any other time allowances for filing an appeal.

#### **7.4.9 Appellant Rights and Obligations**

The current year RXR (and amendments) describes how a named party may appeal a decision taken by a Protest Committee at an event sanctioned by the SCCA Rally Department.

First, and most important, the letter of appeal must be sent within ten (10) days of the date the appellant (you) is notified of the decision of the Protest Committee. You may send your appeal by mail, Express Mail, fax or email. The date of your appeal will be determined by the U.S. Post Office postmark date, or the date that appears on the Express Mail cancellation, the fax cover sheet or the email. All appeals should be addressed to the RallyCross Court of Appeals c/o SCCA Rally Department and include a check or credit card information for the amount of the appeal fee outstanding. If you fax or email your appeal, include a credit card number for your outstanding appeal fee to be billed. Your ten-day period normally starts from the weekend day you were informed by the Protest Committee of their decision (this is usually at the event). However, if that decision is not made at the event due to other circumstances, the ten-day period starts from the date the Event Steward or Protest Committee Chair informs you verbally or in writing (excluding email) of the final decision. The Protest Committee Chair will advise the Rally Department of the decision and the method of notification to all parties.

Second, you must submit all materials you wish the COA to consider within the ten-day period allowed by these rules. You will normally NOT be contacted by the COA as the Court presumes you have provided all the information you feel is important in your appeal. If you feel other individuals can provide information not presented to the Protest Committee that could be beneficial to your case, list those individuals and state their written statements will be coming separately from the appeal. Then contact those individuals to be sure the Court receives their statements within the ten-day appeal period. Statements not listed in the letter of appeal or received after the ten-day period may not be considered in the appeal process.

NOTE: Appeals affecting national points standings for events held within 28 days prior to the National Championship event (October) have a 48-hour appeal period. This will replace the ten-day period during this 28-day period.

Third, your rights to file an appeal do not include being heard in person either by phone or at a COA hearing. The COA is not established to simply hear the same testimony that the Protest Committee has already heard, but to:

1. Review the process followed by the Protest Committee to determine if all parties involved followed the RXR;

2. Review any new information that was not available, or not known, which became available to you after the Protest Committee deliberation and decision; and,
3. Decide whether or not there is sufficient evidence presented to warrant changing the Protest Committee decision.

Fourth, if you file an appeal in a case involving another person (Section 7.3.E), such as a driver-to -driver protest involving a violation of the RXR, you should be aware that the individual will receive notification of your appeal and be given a brief period to respond to the appeal. The Protest Committee Chair, Event Steward and Event Chairman are also notified. The procedure assists the COA in understanding all sides of the case. Fifth, the COA will maintain confidentiality of all information related to the original protest and appeal. The confidential information will not be distributed as part of the decision of the COA.

Sixth, videos are frequently part of the appeals process. The Court will ONLY ACCEPT unedited videos. Video media and data files furnished by the Protest Committee, the appellant or other competitors as part of this appeal may be retained by SCCA as a permanent part of the record.

Seventh, if a conflict of interest does not exist between the standing members of the COA and the appellant or the original protest, the composition of the COA shall not be changed. If a conflict of interest is present, the alternate COA member will serve on the COA for this appeal ONLY.