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Code and Regulations – 2026

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POLICY

It is HSR's policy for all cars to be restored, maintained, or built to the configuration as they were or would have been raced in a recognized series. Cars may be built up to competition specifications using streetcar platforms or from other resources, but the completed make and model should be identical in all respects to an actual example. The only modifications that are acceptable are those required by HSR in the interest of safety. Modifications that increase performance or handling to later or contemporary standards will be judged as grounds for reclassification.

HSR FIVE-YEAR RULE

A particular Make & Model must have been first built and raced at least five (5) years prior to the start of the current year to qualify for awards. Once the first year of that Make & Model meets the five-year point, all identical later cars of that series are eligible. For 2026, the eligibility year is 2021. **Cars with homologations post-2021 are not eligible for HSR.**

CARS MUST BE RETIRED FROM ALL FORMS OF PROFESSIONAL RACING.

HSR also has eligibility for racing series cars that may not be considered as vintage or historic by the more traditional vintage racing organizations. These cars will often have supplemental regulations administered and published by a third-party organization. When this is the case, those regulations will prevail over this HSR Code when in conflict.

HSR will publish Supplemental Regulations for various makes, models, and categories from time to time. Any of these that apply to a particular car will be used in conjunction with this HSR Code and the appropriate Tire Specifications, to determine suitability and legality.

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

RACE CAR INFORMATION SHEET (RCIS)

All cars new to HSR must have submitted an RCIS and Photo prior to being accepted and classified. This provides vital information to ensure proper group and class placement. This is in addition to the online registration car information profile.

VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

- "Legacy" Vintage and Historic Production cars and Sports Racers through approximately 1975.
- "Post-Historic" Production and GT cars (IMSA, FIA, Grand Am, World Challenge, Trans Am, etc.) through 2001.
- Street Stock cars as specified in the HSR Street Stock Category Supplemental Regulations.
- Historic and Post-Historic Sports Racing cars and Prototypes.
- "Modern" IMSA/FIA GT cars through 2021.
- "Modern" Prototypes including World Sports Cars/Daytona Prototypes, LMP through 2021
- Classic Stock Cars (Winston Cup, Busch, Nextel, ARCA, etc.) through 2021.
- Formula cars, F/V, F/F, F/SV, F/B, F/2, F/Atlantic, F-3000, F-5000, F-1, Indy/Indy-Lights through 2021.
- Track Day Cars that meet acceptable esthetic and safety standards.
- Replicas and continuation cars deemed appropriate with respect to period specifications.
- Other historically significant cars by application.
- Race cars from invited series that are compatible with the HSR spirit and mission.

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RACE GROUP AND CLASSIFICATION

Placement in a race group and class is based on information provided on the RCIS and specifications observed at an event. Pre-event entry lists may be subject to corrections once the event starts, based on erroneous or new information. It is the entrant's responsibility to bring any perceived errors to the attention of HSR officials.

Examples of reasons for reclassification.

- Wrong tires for class or group.
- Engine displacement incorrectly reported.
- Incorrect or unreported aero devices; wings, splitters, and/or spoilers, etc.
- Car incorrectly classified to begin with.
- Driver request to move "up" or "down" to a different class/group.
 - Request with Competition Director and/or Race Director.
- Driver deemed under qualified for assigned group.

DRIVER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All driver safety equipment must be used as stated by manufacturer specifications of equipment.

- i. **Helmets:** Automobile racing helmet with a Snell Foundation SA2020, FIA 8860-2010, 8860-2018 certification. Full-face helmets are strongly recommended. SA2025 helmets will be released for sale Oct 1, 2025; SA2015 is no longer accepted.
- ii. **Driving Suit:** Suit and Underwear of fire-retardant material; Minimum SFI 3.2/5, double-layer Nomex or FIA 8856-2000 or equivalent.
- iii. **Gloves & Shoes:** SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000 gloves and shoes.
- iv. **Glasses, goggles, or a face shield are required.**
- v. **Head and Neck Restraint:** All drivers, except pre-war, must use a head and neck restraint system. The head and neck restraint system must be certified by SFI certification 38.1 or FIA certification 8858-2002. Devices that do not actually carry an SFI or FIA certification sticker are not approved. For HANS Device users, no padding should be placed between the harness shoulder belt webbing and the yoke of the HANS. The harness must be in direct contact with the yoke of the HANS.

These systems shall be recertified every five (5) years. Product inspection, maintenance, and/or replacement procedure is per individual manufacturer. The inspection must be done by an authorized recertification provider; and, if approved, a new SFI 38.1 conformance label marked with the inspection date shall be placed on the product, along with new correctly dated tethers. FIA devices will need a new dated tether every five (5) years.

RACE CAR SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND CONDITION

1. **Roll Bar:** The main roll bar hoop must be at least 2" higher than the driver's head. The design of the roll bar/roll cage structure is the entrant and driver's responsibility, but it is recommended to follow SCCA or FIA specifications. Note: Certain vintage coupes that are limited by design, are exempt from 2" rule. Cars built to pre-1972 racing specifications should not extend the cage to suspension points. However, it is allowed and recommended to attach the fuel cell mounts and driver seat mounts to the cage structure.
2. **Fuel Cells:** An FIA/FT-3 approved fuel cell is required. The fuel cell must be replaced or re-certified in 10-year cycles. An inspection at five (5) years of age is highly recommended. Fuel cells that cannot be age-verified must be recertified before the next event. Certain modern street stock cars with centrally located safety tanks may be given a race-to-race waiver. The fuel cell vent should have a one-way check valve, such as a PCV valve, to prevent fuel overflow.
3. **Seat Belts:** Minimum of a 5-point racing type seat belt, shoulder harness and submarine strap, is required. The mounting hardware and all attachment points must exceed the strength of the actual belt. Snaps must be pinned or safety wired. The date of manufacture should not exceed five (5) years; however, the Chief of Tech may disqualify worn or damaged belts of any age.
4. **External Cut-Off Switch:** The switch must cut off electrical power to the engine's ignition system and all fuel pumps. The switch should be clearly labeled with the standard lightning bolt decal. Additionally, it is recommended that all cars with an electric fuel pump be fitted with an oil pressure-controlled cut-off switch (NAPA 701-1577 or equivalent).

5. **Fire Extinguisher:** A minimum of a 2.5# B/C approved, hand-held fire extinguisher or a 5# on-board fire suppression system installed to SFI 17.1 specification is required. All hand-held extinguishers must be securely mounted with a metal clasp within reach of the driver. All extinguishers must be labeled for currency and be recertified every FIVE (5) YEARS. On-board systems should have all lines and nozzles checked and cleaned annually. It is a good idea to have a hand-held device in addition to an on-board system.
6. **Firewalls:** There must be a metal firewall between the cockpit, engine, and fuel tank. No open holes are permitted.
7. **Lights:** All cars, except formula cars, must have at least one (1) working brake light. Formula cars must have a working rain light, for running in limited visibility conditions. Cars running enduros after sunset must start the race with two (2) headlights and two (2) taillights. In case of a light failure on track, a minimum of one (1) headlight, one (1) taillight and/or one (1) brake light is allowed. Glass headlights must be taped.
8. **Fluid leakage:** All fluid vent lines must be routed to a supplemental catch tank. No leakage of any type is permitted.
9. **Mirrors:** All cars must have at least one rear-view mirror.
10. **Excessive wear:** Suspension, steering linkage, wheel bearings and drive shafts, etc., must not have excessive free-play or be out of adjustment.
11. **Cosmetic appearance:** Cars should be presented in a properly finished condition, to a high standard, both cosmetically and mechanically. Cars with existing cosmetic damage or in partial primer will not be permitted to race.
12. **Arm restraints/window nets:** Window nets in closed cars and arm restraints in open cars are highly recommended. Cars that traditionally raced with plastic side windows are exempt. Arm restraints should be attached to the forearm and limit the movement of the driver's hands to just above the helmet.
13. **Exhaust:** Exhaust systems must be designed so that gasses cannot enter the driver's compartment. Coupes with exhaust pipes that exit in front of the rear wheels must have both side windows open while racing.
14. **Towing eyes:** All cars, other than formula, must have tow hooks for easily accessible towing. A D-ring strap carried in a secure place is acceptable. The roll bar is not considered a good place to attach a towing strap. Location of hidden towing eyes should be clearly marked with an arrow decal.
15. **Anti-Freeze:** Cooling systems may not contain anti-freeze. Non-slippery wetting agents and lubes are permitted.
16. **Logbooks:** All cars should have a logbook that is presented at Tech. Those without logbooks will be issued one on request. Logbooks from other organizations will be accepted.
17. **Racing Numbers:** Priority in number assignment for all entries is based on entry submission time. Early entry is the best strategy for obtaining your requested number. Numbers must be clearly visible to Timing & Scoring for proper identification. Minimum requirements: 8" high, 1.25" stroke, on a contrasting background. Numbers should be prominent on both sides and the front of the car. Rear numbers are optional.
18. **Camera:** A minimum of one (1) in-car camera is mandatory. Your car should be equipped with at least one (1) forward facing in-car camera (make and model at the discretion of the competitor). The camera must be securely mounted (open-cockpit cars must include a suitable tether) and positioned in the cockpit in such a way that the driver is in view and as much of the view outside the windshield as possible. Cameras must be set to "record mode" during any on-track activity. The storage device for the camera should be of sufficient size that it can record video content for the duration of that car's on-track session. During an event, Competitors may be asked to provide video content from said camera to the Competition Director. Penalties may be assessed for non-compliance.
19. **Flagtronics:** The use of the Flagtronics in-car marshalling system is mandatory. Flagtronics model numbers FT200 or FT-RD are permitted and must be securely mounted (open-cockpit cars must include suitable tether) and positioned in the cockpit in such a way that the driver has a clear line of sight view to the display. The Flagtronics display must be powered on during all on-track activity.

GENERAL REGULATIONS

The various Groups, Classes, Categories and Series may have additional specifications and exceptions that must be respected along with these General Regulations. Individual Makes & Models may have Supplemental Regulations that describe standard specifications and allowed modifications. These will be found on the HSR website.

1. **Racing Fuel:** Fuel used during all HSR events will be track supplied race fuel or premium pump gas or equivalent by Sunoco. No oxygen enriched fuel, additives or "exotic fuels." Cars which traditionally use special fuels, such as methanol, are exempt provided the fuel used was legal historically. Race cars that use methanol or alcohol must be annotated near the fuel filler location, stickers will be available at HSR Tech.
2. **Chassis:** Cars must use the same type of suspension as originally manufactured. Type and number of springs and shocks must be original except tube-type shocks may be substituted for lever-type shocks. Remote reservoir shocks are prohibited in Vintage and Historic Production cars. The suspension pick-up points must be in the original locations.
3. **Engine:** The engine must be of the same type and material as originally provided in the years of production. Period-type engine modifications are permitted. For every car entered, the specific engine displacement must be disclosed in a certified engine builder's form (ECF). Stock bore may be increased by .047"/1.2mm, so long as the standard stroke is retained, unless Supplemental Regulations state otherwise.
4. **Induction:** All cars should respect the rules of the series in which they historically competed. Prototypes are required to have intake restrictors or throttle bodies appropriate for their historic series.
5. **Wheels:** Width: Up to 1.5" over stock or as homologated or as specified in Supplemental Regulations are permitted. Wheel diameters other than stock must be listed as options on Supplemental Regulations or be specifically approved by Technical Director.
6. **Tires:** HSR will publish a separate tire list that specifies what tires are legal for each group and class. Cars within the same group or class may not have the same tire permissions.
7. **Body:** Body modifications that differ from original, or as originally raced is not permitted. Specifically flares, spoilers and air dams are not acceptable unless originally fitted and raced in period. Louvers may be added to fenders or hood. Production cars must have a grille in place unless the car came without one. Documentation is required for unusual devices.
8. **Aerodynamics:** If allowed in a category or class, aero devices must be in compliance with the rules of the racing series for which the car is prepared. In most cases, production and GT cars may not have a wing higher than the roofline or further back than the rear bumper. Series cars such as Porsche GT3 Cup, Ferrari Challenge, et al, must use the series-approved wing.
9. **Technical Inspection:** All cars must pass technical inspection prior to participating in an HSR event. The car must be presented at Tech in a race-ready condition with all necessary forms and driver equipment. The Technical Director or Chief of Tech may reject any car deemed unsuitable for competition based on these rules, or for other unspecified reasons. It is the owner and driver's responsibility to ensure the car is in safe working order and in compliance with these rules at all times. The Chief of Tech will oversee an annual tech program, to include safety equipment. The Technical Director will decide on issues concerning general rules compliance. Having passed event tech or holding an annual tech does not exempt any car from further scrutiny at any time during an event.
10. **Official Weights:** Almost all eligible cars have an official minimum weight. The *Official Weight* must be met or exceeded at all times during the event. Unless specified, all official weights are measured without driver at the end of a session. Residual fuel will be considered part of the weight. The official weights are listed by make and model in the *Supplemental Regulations*. When weights are listed without driver, car may optionally be weighed with driver by adding 175# to official weight figure.

NOTICE

As a condition of entry acceptance by HSR, all entrants and drivers certify they have read these rules, and their entry complies with these rules. HSR reserves the right to interpret, apply, modify, or create new rules at its sole discretion.