

**STMCC Club Race Meetings
Rules and Format**

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1 Conduct & Penalties

1.1 General Conduct

- All participants must strictly observe the instructions of the Race Director and Officials.
- Foul or Abusive language will not be tolerated and may, at the discretion of the Race Director, bring disqualification of the offending driver from the race or event.
- The consumption of alcohol or non-prescription drugs by drivers or officials during the race meet is not permitted.

1.2 Warnings and/or “Stop Go” Penalty

May be issued, to a Driver, by the Race Director or Official for the following:

- Unsportsmanlike driving or behaviour and intentional hitting of other vehicles
- Consistent or deliberate corner cutting
- Driving in a manner dangerous to other vehicles, e.g. driving against traffic.
- Deliberate swerving to block a vehicle attempting to pass. **Note:** A driver is permitted to hold their racing line when in front of a vehicle if both vehicles are on the same lap.
- Drivers failing to give way to faster cars during qualifying or lapping cars during a race.
- Abusive language or swearing and/or Abusing marshals.
- Failure to marshal or failing to obey instructions of officials.
- Using reverse.

A Stop/Go Penalty can be issued for driving infringements that are not redressed by the driver during the race.

A combination of 2 warnings in any race may result in the disqualification of the offending driver from that race.

A combination of 3 warnings/penalties on any day may result in the disqualification from that particular event.

The Race Director may report any person to the STMCC Committee for further investigation and penalty. Once reported, the issue will be discussed by the STMCC Committee at the next STMCC committee meeting.

STMCC reserves the right to refuse entry to any person for any event.

1.3 Appeals

Appeals, or verbal protests regarding any decision by an Official, including lap counting results or warnings, must be lodged with the Race Director immediately after the posting of that events results, or the decision concerned.

Should the Race Director’s decision on the matter be disputed or considered unsatisfactory the person may lodge an official protest.

1.4 Official Protest

An official protest must be in writing. The official protest must be lodged no more than 20 minutes after the completion of the race concerned or the decision concerned and may be handed to the Race Director or STMCC Executive Committee person.

In the event of an Official Protest, the protest will be dealt with by the STMCC Executive Committee

2 General Instructions

- Open toes sandals, thongs or bare feet will not be permitted on or near the track. Failure to wear adequate footwear will prohibit Competitors, Pit Crew or Marshals from participating in the event
- Cars are to be driven only within the confines of the track and may not be driven in the pits
- All cars must travel in the direction of racing at all times, racing or practice
- Cars will not be permitted to race in an un-driveable or dangerous condition

3 Lap Counting

- Lap counting shall be by computer system, with AMBrc transponders attached to each car
- Lap counting for the Novice class only may be manual input into the computer system
- Transponders must be firmly secured by the competitors in a position that is compatible with the operation of the system
- Races will not be re-run or finishing positions changed due to loss or failure of a transponder

4 General Competition Rules

- Inexperienced new members must compete in 540 Novice for 1 full series or compete in a minimum of 20 races, before being eligible to compete in other 540 classes
- Members must compete in Pro Tourer for 1 full series or compete in a minimum of 20 races, before being eligible to request Committee approval to compete in Stock
- Members must compete in Stock for 1 full series or compete in a minimum of 20 races, before being eligible to request Committee approval to compete in Super Stock or Modified
- Experienced new members may compete in all classes, except 540 Novice, at the race director's discretion.
- Battery changes shall not be allowed unless stated in the individual competition rules
- Only drivers officially entered in a particular race may start in that race. Consideration will be given to a driver, requiring "track time" to test a car following repairs, to drive a car on the track during a race. If approved by the Race Director, the car must be placed at the rear of the grid prior to the start of the race. The car being tested can only start once the competing cars have completed one half (1/2) of the first lap of the race and must be removed from the track after completing a maximum of two (2) laps. At no stage can the car being tested pass or race cars officially entered in the race.

5 Series Format

- Each Series shall consist of 5 race meetings
- A result in a class must be determined from 3 race meetings for a series winner to be announced in that class

6 Race Meeting Format

- Each race (qualifying heats and finals race) shall be of 6 minutes duration. After the time limit has expired the drivers continue to race until they finish the lap they are on (Modified – 5 minutes).
- Each Race Meeting shall consist of 2 qualifying heats to determine each driver's grid position for each of the 3 finals
- Each driver's grid position for the finals will be determined by the fastest qualifying time (Laps/Time) of the 2 qualifying heats
- Points will be awarded for a driver's qualifying position as follows:

Pole	15 points
2 nd	12 points
3 rd	9 points
4 th	7 points

and one less point for each place down to 1 point for 10th position
- Following the qualifying heats, 3 finals will be contested
- Each Finals race in a Series shall use the following scoring system:

1 st	15 points
2 nd	12 points
3 rd	9 points
4 th	7 points

and one less point for each place down to 1 point for 10th place.
- All races in a Series shall count to finding a series winner
- Points shall only be awarded to models that leave their grid and complete one full lap under their own power
- Race Meeting results can be determined after a minimum of 1 race in every class has been run
- Only current financial members may be awarded points; however some individual events may be opened to non-members by the committee.

7 Driver's Meeting

- A Driver's Meeting will be held each race day prior to the commencement of racing
- Any local rules should be explained or pointed out to the Competitors
- The race program should be explained by the Race Director and any questions shall be answered at this Meeting

8 Race Director

- The Race Director is under the direct authority of the relevant STMCC Executive Committee and is responsible for running the Event
- The Race Director is responsible for ensuring all tasks in conducting a race meeting are done correctly. These tasks include, but are not limited to:

Starts	Lap counting and display of results	Marshalling
Scrutineering	Frequency control	Issuing of warnings
Receiving of protests	Calling the jury.	

- Race Director may appoint appropriately skilled members to carry out any of the tasks
- The Race Director may make urgent decisions for safety or unforeseen situations
- Should any decision made by the Race Director be disputed or considered unsatisfactory an Official Protest may be lodged

9 Annual Awards

9.1 Series Awards

- The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place getters in each class in each series, that have competed at a minimum of 3 race meetings in that series, will be awarded a medallion

9.2 Class Champion Awards

- A Trophy will be awarded to the driver that has scored the highest number of points in each class over the calendar year
- A driver may drop their worst 4 race meeting results

9.3 Club Champion Award

- The Club Champion Perpetual Shield and Trophy is awarded to the member that has performed the overall best during the clubs calendar racing year, in all official events and series. The executive shall select the winner after looking at all the results and using any method that the committee may devise.

9.4 Most Improved Award

The Most Improved Shield and Trophy is awarded to the member who has shown the most improvement in all aspects of the club such as preparation, racing, marshalling, etc. The winner is decided by the executive using any method that the committee may devise.

9.5 Clubman Award

The Clubman Shield and Trophy is awarded to a member who has given that something extra for the club above and beyond any duties they may have on the committee or on race days. The winner is decided by a ballot submitted by members

9.6 Best and Fairest Award

At the end of the year, members vote in a 3, 2, 1 secret ballot, with the winner being the member who gets the most votes. Judged by members on who they believe has been the best driver and member, and the fairest driver and member.

9.7 Other Awards

Certificates may be awarded by the Executive for the following categories:

- **Encouragement Award**
Awarded by the committee following nominations from members of the club
- **Spitting the “Dummy” Award**
Awarded by the committee to the best 'spit' following nominations from members of the club
- **Best First Year Driver Award**
Awarded by the committee, to a first year driver, following nominations from members of the club
- **Service Awards**
5 years continuous membership and service

10 Cancelling a Race Meeting

- The Race Director may interrupt racing due to rain or if there is water on the track.
- If rain interrupts racing or qualifying the program can restart, from the last completed race, after a suitable delay.
- At least 1 races in every class must be completed for an event to be decided, and points awarded, if cancelled due to rain.
- When the race director has suspended racing they may ask the members present to decide, by majority decision, when to cancel an event. In the event of a tie the executive members present shall have the final say.