

2026 Empire Hill Climb
Supplementary Regulations
September 19, 2026 - Empire Michigan

SCCA Sanction # 26-HC-nnnnn

I. EVENT SCHEDULE

Please note: The event schedule below may change slightly prior to the actual event. Please be sure to check our web site (<https://empirehillclimb.racing>) prior to the event for the most current schedule to alleviate any confusion.

Friday, September 18, 2026

Course set up	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Lions Club Pavilion, corner of S Reynolds St & W Phillips St
Registration (competitors & volunteers)	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Lions Club Pavilion
Tech	6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Lions Club Pavillon
Bonfire, Burgers & Brats! for all competitors/volunteers	6:00 PM - till the food is gone	Lions Club Park (weather permitting)

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Competitor Registration	7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Lions Club Pavillon
Volunteer Registration	7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Lions Club Pavillon
Tech	By appointment only – times are limited	In your paddock space on Front St
Volunteer Meeting	8:00 AM	Lions Club Pavilion
Parc Expose	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Front St. (Service Area)
Volunteers to assignments	9:00 AM	
Mandatory Drivers Meeting	9:00 AM	Empire Town Hall
Group 1 lines up	9:45 AM	Start/Finish Line
Car 1 First run up the hill	10:00 AM	
End Timed runs	6:00 PM	
Awards & Dinner for all competitors/volunteers	7:00 PM	Lions Club Pavilion

II. ORGANIZATION

2.1 Directive: This event is governed by the SCCA® HILLCLIMB RULES, SCCA® DRIVER ELIGIBILITY and SCCA® HILLCLIMB SAFETY RULES (Level 2), as amended for 2026 per “FasTrack”. These may be found at: <https://timetrials.scca.com/pages/hillclimb>. Any deviation from these rules is noted by a black bar to the left of the paragraph. The 2026 Empire Hill Climb Organizing Committee will work together with Detroit Region, SCCA to organize and conduct this event in accordance with the above rules, bulletins and the Supplementary Regulations as published here and on the official event web site: <https://empirehillclimb.com>.

2.2 Committee and Officials

Chairman	Paul Skinner	paulskinner@charter.net
Chief of Tech	Grant Hoxie	hoxiegarage@gmail.com
Tech/Advisor	Ryan Thompson	Ryan@Leelanaucars.com
Paddock Chief	Jeremy Anderson	Jeremy.016@hotmail.com
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Equipment Manager	Matt Wolfe	lonewolf171@gmail.com
Media Contact	Rory Carroll	rcarroll1982@gmail.com

III. GENERAL CONDITIONS

3.1 Course: Course will include approximately 100' of run in approach to start of timed portion of road and completed at the summit as indicated by finish signs. All runs will be timed electronically using photo-eye sensors or pneumatic trip hoses at each end of the course.

3.2 Control Zones: All cars are to be considered in "Control Zones" within 1,000 feet of start or finish line as marked, within the service area on front street, or transiting to/from competition road. All Competition cars within the control zones must obey 15 MPH speed limit, and all marshal/official instructions. Any competitors observed exceeding speed limits, or disobeying instructions will be removed from the competition immediately.

3.3 Entries: The total number of vehicles starting the 2026 Empire Hill Climb will be limited to 50. **The first 40 will be on a first entered basis. The remaining 10 will be chosen by the EHC from the wait list or by special invitation. Decision on additional entries will be made by July 27th.**

3.4 Registration: All entry applications for this event must be completed and submitted via Motorsportsreg.com at <http://msreg.com/EmpireHillClimb-2026>.

3.5 Multiple Drivers: Only one driver per car is allowed. No passengers are allowed.

3.6 Entry Fee: Entry Fee for all competitors will be \$160.00

3.7 Refunds: No refunds will be given once your entry is accepted.

3.8 Paddock: The Paddock for the 2026 Empire Hill Climb will be a closed portion of Front St. in Downtown Empire. Spaces will be assigned by the Paddock Chief. Accommodation has been made for approximately 24' of paved curbside area for each team. Contact Jeremy Anderson with any requests for location near others.

3.8.1 Oversized/unusual service vehicles: If you have special needs or would like special consideration for a large or unusual service vehicle, please contact the Paddock Chief prior to the event.

3.8.2 Trailer Parking: Please place all non-servicing trailers in Lions Club field parking area, adjacent to tech area, as indicated on overview map included with registration packet.

3.8.3 Speed Limit: The speed limit in town is 15 mph. Violators may be disqualified.

3.8.4 Sound Limits: Please be respectful of the neighbors. They allow us to disrupt their hometown and do not need excessive noise.

IV. CLASSES AND CAGES:

4.1 There will be five total competition classes as follows:

*Class 1 – NA 2.0 l and less, FI up to 1.0 l

*Class 2 – NA 2.1-3.9 l, FI 1.1-1.9 l

*Class 3 – NA 4.0 l and up, FI 2.0 and up.

*Vintage – (trophies only, not for prizes)

*Drift – Prize awarded by judge appointed by EHC committee. (MAXIMUM 5 entries to be selected by EHC committee)

Hybrid or electric vehicles will not be allowed.

4.2 Cages: Material and dimension of tubing can be found beginning on Page 4 of the 2026 SCCA® HILLCLIMB RULES at <https://timetrials.scca.com/pages/hillclimb>.

V. SCRUTINEERING / TECHNICAL INSPECTION

5.1. Technical Inspection: Technical Inspection will take place in the Empire Lions Club Pavilion at Empire Lions Club Park as indicated in your registration packet.

5.2 Rules and Regulations: Will be posted and updated as necessary here: <https://www.motorsportreg.com>

5.3 Head and Neck Restraint System: The use of a head and neck restraint system that has been certified in accordance with SFI 38.1 or FIA 8858-2002 or 8858-2010 is required; an SFI 38.1 or FIA 8858-2002 or 8858-2010 label must be properly affixed to the device

VI. RUNNING OF THE EVENT

6.1 Course Familiarization: Once a driver has completed Registration, they can familiarize themselves with the Empire Hill Climb Auto Road if the Auto Road is open to the public. Any vehicle may be used for this purpose that meets the criteria of the Auto Road when it's open to the public, including race vehicles, as long as the driver **maintains the speed limit of 25 miles per hour and does NOT** impede the flow of traffic - failure to maintain the speed limit and/or the stopping of traffic will result in the driver being disqualified from the event. Be mindful, this is a PUBLIC ROAD, with TWO WAY TRAFFIC.

6.2 Race Day Driver's Meeting: A mandatory driver's meeting for all competitors will take place with the Chief Steward prior to Opening Ceremonies in front of the town hall building located on Front Street at 9:00 AM.

6.3 Number of runs: **PAY ATTENTION! BE CONSIDERATE!** The Empire Hill Climb committee is committed to giving everyone the greatest number of runs up the hill as possible during our road closure period. The expectation with 50 cars is for every competitor to get at least 6 runs up the hill including one practice and five timed runs.

6.4 Scoring: Each competitor's single fastest run of the day will be the time scored. Familiarization/Practice run is not timed. Awards will be given for first place in each class and fastest run of the day overall. Drift entries will be graded by a judge appointed by EHC committee.

6.5 Alcohol & Drugs: The consumption or use of alcohol and/or drugs by competitors or crew members during the hours of and prior to practice or competition is strictly prohibited. If a competitor or crew member is found to be using any controlled substance during the hours of practice or competition, the team's entry will be immediately disqualified.

The consumption of alcohol or drugs in the Paddock area by anyone during the hours of practice or competition is strictly prohibited. Failure to abide by this rule will lead to immediate disqualification.

6.6 Local Conveniences:

- Empire Chamber of commerce web page: <http://www.empirechamber.com/>
- Fuel: Empire EZ mart, 9968 W Front St, Empire, MI 49630. Now with Premium Unleaded!
- Lodging: Empire Lakeshore Inn: <http://www.empirelakeshoreinn.net/>
- <https://empirechamber.com/where-to-stay/>
- Camping: Indigo Bluffs: <https://www.indigobluffs.com/>