

CHIEF STEWARD'S LETTER – Please Read

Regional Races 7 & 8 - June 28th & 29th, 2025 @ Laguna Seca

To all Competitors -

I am Bill Kirkwood, your Chief Steward for the SFR Regional 7 & 8 at Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca, June 28th-29th. I will also be there for the test day, June 27th. We have a very large number of entries, this has caused some group and schedule changes. Be sure to pick up the latest schedule and check for those changes early, you could be affected. A new schedule will be dated June 21st or later.

First and foremost, welcome to what should be a great race weekend. As most of you know, this is our only event this year at Laguna. We all want it to be fair and safe for everyone but also lots of fun. The Stewards will do our best to make that happen. I've made a couple of notes on a few of the more common items we deal with. This is not the full extent of the General Competition Rules (GCR) or our Regional Supplemental Rules (Supps) that drivers are responsible to know. The link to our Regional Supplemental Regulations is at the bottom of this note. There are *new Supplemental Regulations* coming out shortly, one change is to TROPHIES, RESULTS AND POINTS. They may be posted by the time you receive this note and will be in effect for the Laguna event.

The forecast currently is for normal temperatures each day, which on the coast means it could also be heavy fog and wet in the early morning and later in the evening. Plan accordingly and bring plenty of liquids for the heat of the mid-day. Temperatures, if we are to believe history should be in the low 50's the mid 60's °F.

If you need to speak with me, I will be around the paddock generally walking between Race Administration and Impound. If you don't see me ask any Steward with a radio to contact me. I will be at Registration at the end of racing Saturday and Sunday.

If you need a Hardship Lap or Sound Check, ask any Steward with a radio and they will forward your request to Race Control. Schedule permitting your request will be allowed! *{Sound checks... go full speed in your normal gear up the hill from turn 5 to turn 6 if you want a correct reading. You can get the result at the Black Flag station in the pits.}*

Notes:

- *We will use a Checkered Flag at Turn 7 for the test day only. Once you see the **Checkered Flag at Turn 7 go directly Back Paddock at Turn 10**. If you want to check tire temps you may use Impounds parking area. **Do not continue to start finish or the pits** as cars will be released from Grid (at Turn 11) in quick succession to maximize everyone's track time.*
- *A gentle reminder, the rules changed on regarding track entry. We now **use the "motorcycle lane" and enter the track at the exit of Turn 2**. The only time you go directly on the track is behind the Pace Car. This also means crossing the first line to the left of the track with all 4 tires is an off, **you can no longer use the lane as racetrack** and if you gain an advantage you will be penalized.*
- *I'm frequently asked about pit speeds and passing. We do not have a pit speed limit and you may pass when its safe in the pit lane. **Do not use the pit boxes to pass!** Use common sense and*

watch for workers and crew people pass only to the right side of pitted car. If you're in the pits and it is not a Black Flag All pull to the left and pit next to the wall. Do not stop in the middle of the pit lanes. If you're going slow in the pits, stay to the left to let others pass you on the right.

- *The schedule will read a start time and class then followed by. This means you'll need to listen for a call to grid or start prepping when the prior group takes the track. This format has helped increase track time by doing away with down time between sessions. This also allows time for cleanup from incidents without impacting the next groups track time.*

Please take a few minutes to review the Supplemental Regulations, these are what we mostly see:

* **SOUND, Laguna Seca:** The noise limit is 103.0 dbA all day every day. You will be black flagged the first time a reading is 103.1 dbA. The Mechanical Black Flag flag stations are at Start-Finish and Turn 7. They will try to have a number board but if they don't have time they will point to your car. *Sound checks count against you if at 103.1 or higher. Check the supplemental rules in case they have changed.*

* **FORWARD FACING CAMERAS:** All cars must have forward facing cameras. Cameras must be operational with a battery and memory card. All competitors must retain video for one hour after each race, or on track session. The cameras may be mounted either inside the car, or on the body. If video is needed to make a determination of an on-track incident, a competitor's video may be requested by race officials, whether or not said competitor was involved in the incident. Failure to provide such video may result in a penalty or loss of points.

* **BODY CONTACT:** The Region has adopted a standing policy that drivers at fault in the event of body contact may be penalized as outlined in the GCR. All cars involved in body/wheel contact during an event, no matter how slight, shall stop at Impound at the end of that session. *CS Memo: Too many drivers are not reporting to impound after a body contact causing delays in results being posted. I also recommend you review the GCR Appendix P on passing. A lot of drivers have the wrong concept about owning "the line" and giving "racing room." The Stewards will use all available tools to reasonably assess fault for contact incidents. If the rules are not clear, ask questions prior so you can race cleanly and avoid unnecessary body contacts.*

* **TIRE SCRUBBING:** Tire scrubbing is prohibited on track except when following the Pace/Safety car. No tire scrubbing in the pit lane.

The stewards are committed to maximizing track time to the fullest extent they can. Have Fun, Stay Safe and looking forward to some Competitive Racing. See you at the track -



Bill Kirkwood, Chief Steward

SFR SCCA Supplemental Regulations: <https://www.sfrscca.org/road-racing-1/rules-forms/>