

**PROVISIONAL**                      **2014**  
**USF2000**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**SPORTING REGULATIONS**

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**PREFACE**

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The Rules apply to the 2014 USF2000 Championship. Each Member has been provided with or has been given access to a copy of the Rules, is deemed to have a full awareness and understanding of the Rules, and has agreed to abide by and be personally responsible for compliance with, the Rules.

## **HOW TO READ THE RULES**

Substantive modifications and/or additions to the 2014 version of the Regulations from those of 2013 are denoted by the inclusion of a sidebar on the right margin of the Article whenever possible. Formatting, grammatical and other simple changes, including language re-ordered or moved, are not illustrated. Deletions are not illustrated. Further information may be obtained by contacting:

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## 1. GLOSSARY

- **ACCUS-FIA** - The Automobile Competition Committee of the United States ("ACCUS") is the National Sporting Authority ("ASN") of the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile ("FIA") for the United States. ACCUS is comprised of the seven major motorsports sanctioning organizations (known by or within the FIA as "member clubs"): Grand Am, IMSA, INDYCAR, NASCAR, NHRA, SCCA and USAC. ACCUS is the liaison between the member clubs, other ASNs and the FIA. ACCUS prepares listings on the international calendar, issues international motorsport licenses to U.S. and foreign citizens living in the U.S., issues authorizations for foreign participation, and certifies and maintains U.S. and international records.
- **Andersen Promotions** – Andersen Promotions, LLC that serves as the organizer of the "USF2000 Championship" Series and its Events.
- **Associate** – The firm(s), corporation(s) or other business association(s) named on an Associate's membership application approved by INDYCAR, remaining in good standing, and uniquely identified by a tax identification number. Associate includes Associate and Associate's officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives, and affiliates. Associate includes Manufacturers. Associate is responsible for Associate Group as defined in the membership application.
- **Car** – A four-wheel automotive vehicle consisting of the combination of chassis, Engine, transmission and tires. The vehicle must be supplied by Manufacturers, approved by INDYCAR, and conform to the specifications, spirit, and illustrations in, and intent of, the Rules.

- **Competitor** - A Driver, Entrant, crew member, Manufacturer or any other individual or entity who is a Member and participates competitively in an Event.
- **Discretion** - Refers to the exercise by Officials of their judgment in making a determination as to the application, construction, and interpretation of the Rules and is required because of the need for decisions that depend upon immediacy without reflection and/or that are often subjective.
- **Driver** - The individual named on a Driver's License and membership application approved by INDYCAR and issued by ACCUS-FIA (or another ASN, if applicable) and remaining in good standing. Driver is responsible for Driver Group as defined in the license and membership application.
- **ECU** – Engine Control Unit.
- **Engine** - An engine supplied by the engine Manufacturer, approved by The SERIES, and conforming to the specifications.
- **Entrant** - The firm(s), corporation, or other business association(s) named on an Entrant's License and membership application approved by INDYCAR and issued by ACCUS-FIA, remaining in good standing, and uniquely identified by a tax identification number and Car number. Entrant includes Entrant and Entrant's officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives, and affiliates. Entrant is responsible for Entrant Participants and Entrant Group as defined in the license and membership application.
- **Entry** - An Entrant's Car and Driver combination on an Entry form displaying the Entrant's Car number and approved by the USF2000 Championship for participation in a designated Event.

- **Event** – Any racing, promotional and/or entertainment or other activities associated with, sanctioned by and/or organized in cooperation with INDYCAR or occurring at the site of, contemporaneously with or reasonably connected to said activities in cooperation with INDYCAR. Event does not include any Indy Lights, or Pro Mazda Championship events, as those events are covered by separate Rules.
- **Event Agreement** – The agreement in effect between INDYCAR and an Event Promoter regarding the conduct of a Race Event.
- **Event Promoter** – The firm(s), corporation(s) or other business association(s) named on an Event Agreement with INDYCAR and responsible for designated operations of an Event. Event Promoter includes Event Promoter and Event Promoter’s officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives, and affiliates.
- **Headings** – The subject headings are included for purposes of convenience only, and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of any of the Rules.
- **INDYCAR** – Indy Racing League, LLC d/b/a INDYCAR which owns and operates the IZOD IndyCar Series. “Indy Racing League”, “INDYCAR”, and “Leaders Circle” are registered trademarks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and cannot be used without authority from INDYCAR or Brickyard Trademarks, Inc.
- **IZOD IndyCar Series** - The IZOD IndyCar Series operated by INDYCAR. IndyCar Series (and design) are registered trademarks of Brickyard Trademarks, Inc., used with permission. IZOD is a registered trademark of PVH Corporation, used with permission. Any reference in the Rules to IZOD IndyCar Series may include INDYCAR and any reference to INDYCAR

may include a reference to the IZOD IndyCar Series, if the context so requires.

- **License** - An authorization approved by INDYCAR and issued by ACCUS-FIA (or another ASN, if applicable) to an individual or entity to participate in an Event as a Driver, Entrant or Official.
- **Manufacturer** – The firm(s), corporation(s) or other business association(s) named on an Associate’s membership application approved by INDYCAR, remaining in good standing, and uniquely identified by a tax identification number. Manufacturer includes the approved chassis, tires, engine, and transmission manufacturers and their officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives, and affiliates. Manufacturer is responsible for Manufacturer Participants and Manufacturer Group as defined in the membership application.
- **Member** - An individual, firm, corporation or other business association completing an INDYCAR membership application, receiving an acknowledgment of acceptance of such application from INDYCAR, and remaining in good standing. Without limitation, each Competitor and Official must be a Member. Member is responsible for Member Group as defined in the membership application.
- **Officials** - Any and all authorized USF2000 Championship officers, employees, agents, representatives, and subcontractors. Officials specifically referenced in the Rules include:

“CEO,” Dan Andersen

“Appeal Official”, Brian Barnhart

“Race Director”, Randy Hembrey

“Competition Director”, Paul Walter

The CEO, Appeal Official and/or Race Director may replace any Official with another Official(s) at any time. The above-named Officials may delegate their authority in whole or in part to another Official(s) at any time.

- **Official Test** – An Official Test is a Test organized by The USF2000 Championship to which all Entrants are invited to participate.
- **Pace Car** – The official pace car approved by Officials, driven by an Official and used during on-track activities.
- **Participant** - Any individual or entity along with their officers, directors, members, owners, successors, assigns, agents, employees, representatives, and affiliates that are in any way associated or connected with Track premises, testing facilities or other INDYCAR approved locations or event including but not limited to facility owners, Event Promoters, municipalities, racing associations, sanctioning organizations, series organizers, Officials, workers, volunteers, Entrants, Car owners, Drivers, pit crew members, safety crew members, medical/rescue personnel, sponsors, manufacturers, suppliers, designers, advertisers, inspectors, construction contractors, engineers, architects, insurers, and all individuals in a restricted area.
- **The USF2000 Championship (The SERIES or SERIES)** – The SERIES organized by Andersen Promotions, LLC and sanctioned by INDYCAR. USF2000 Championship is a registered trademark of Andersen Promotions, LLC, used with permission. Any reference in the Rules to The SERIES may include INDYCAR and/or Andersen Promotions and any reference to INDYCAR and/or Andersen Promotions

may include a reference to the The SERIES, if the context so requires.

- **Qualified Car** – A Car that successfully completes qualifications.
- **Race** - The feature activity of a race weekend.
- **Racing Surface** - The area designated by the Race Director as eligible for use during competition. It may be formed by boundaries such as a wall or a line. It does not include grass or runoff areas.
- **Registration** - The unique identity number assigned to a specific Car by the Manufacturer.
- **Restricted Area** - Areas that may only be accessed by Members, Participants and individuals designated by Officials including but not limited to the pit area, the pit lane, the pit entry, the pit exit and the Racing Surface. Restricted Areas may vary by Event and will be designated by Officials.
- **Rules** - This 2014 SERIES Rule Book, including without limitation, sporting regulations, technical specifications, supplementary guidelines, and bulletins issued by Officials, whether containing Rules applicable only to a particular Event(s) or containing Rules of general applicability. The Rules are made available in both hard copy and electronic format. Because of the ability to alter the electronic format, the hard copy issued by Andersen Promotions controls as to any discrepancies. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Rules may be issued verbally in mandatory meetings such as Driver meetings held during Events.
- **Series** – The USF2000 Championship (USF) is an annual calendar of races owned and organized by Andersen Promotions, that determines Driver and Team Champions. There are no Entrant or manufacturer championships. Every Event is organized according to The Regulations

- **Series Points Championship** – The program whereby Andersen Promotions provides benefits and points to Drivers in exchange for their commitment to The SERIES. Drivers must submit an application and receive an acknowledgment of acceptance of such application from Officials. SERIES Points Championship Members must remain in good standing.
- **TEAM Championship** – The program whereby Andersen Promotions provides benefits and points to Entrant and Entrant Participants in exchange for their participation in all of the Races. Entrants must submit an application and receive an acknowledgment of acceptance of such application from Officials. TEAM Championship Members must remain in good standing. Officials, at their discretion, may limit the number of TEAM Championship Members as they deem appropriate.
- **Team** – One or more Entrants under common ownership and/or control as determined by INDYCAR.
- **Test** - is defined as any period during which a Member conducts any Testing
- **Testing** - is defined as the use of the approved chassis, Engine, transmission, and tires, separately or in any combination during a period other than a Race Event.
- **Track** – The area including without limitation the Racing Surface, pit entrance lanes, pit lane, and pit exit lanes located between the outer and innermost retaining walls.
- **Use** – This is defined as being propelled under power generated by the Engine.

# **1. GENERAL**

## **1.1. Governance**

### **1.1.1. General**

**1.1.1.1.** The Rules govern 2014 USF2000 Championship Events and supersede all previous rules, bulletins and supplementary rules and regulations, except as otherwise indicated.

**1.1.1.2.** Each Member is personally responsible for the Member's compliance with the Rules.

**1.1.1.3.** Officials may penalize any Member and/or exclude any Member or equipment from any Event if Officials deem any act or any condition to be hazardous and/or not meeting the specifications, spirit, illustrations, and intent of, the Rules. Conditions that may warrant penalty and/or exclusion include without limitation any action that an Official deems to be a threat to the integrity of INDYCAR, The SERIES, Andersen Promotions LLC and/or the orderly conduct of the Event and/or that relates to the design and construction of a Car or repairs to a damaged Car.



**1.1.1.4.** If the Rules do not expressly permit a variation, then the Member shall presume that such variation is prohibited. If a Member is uncertain if an act, part, etc. violates a Rule, the burden is on the Member to receive pre-approval in writing from Officials. For this purpose, e-mails are not written approval unless otherwise expressly permitted and specified by The SERIES by bulletin. If not, the Member assumes the risk of noncompliance. Failure to gain an advantage by a Rule violation may not reduce or negate a penalty.

**1.1.2. INDYCAR and/or SERIES Authority**

**1.1.2.1.** The Rules shall be applied, constructed, and interpreted by Officials, and the Officials', application, construction, and interpretation shall be final and binding.

**1.1.2.2.** Officials reserve the right to revise the Rules at any time, including without limitation during an Event. Notices, bulletins, supplementary Rules, regulations, and penalties are effective on the date and time issued, regardless of the date and time when a Member receives actual notice.

**1.1.2.3.** Officials shall have the right to authorize and supervise Events of any kind; to create, interpret and enforce Rules and to render decisions concerning them; to grant, approve, refuse or withdraw Licenses, memberships, and sanctions; to assign and cancel dates for Events; to appoint and rescind the appointment of Officials; to impose and remove penalties for any violation of the Rules; to establish standards of eligibility for participation in Events; to establish Rules for its own procedure; and to do any and all things which, in its judgment, are consistent with the enhancement of the Events. Officials also reserve the right to take whatever action and/or impose whatever penalty deemed necessary to

maintain the integrity of INDYCAR, The SERIES, and/or its Events.

### **1.1.3. Officiating**

**1.1.3.1.** The SERIES, Andersen Promotions and/or INDYCAR will select Officials as they deem appropriate.

**1.1.3.2.** Officials shall have the authority to take any actions and make any determinations they deem necessary or appropriate during, or in connection with, an Event including without limitation determinations as to whether a Rule violation has occurred and whether a penalty should be imposed.

**1.1.3.3.** Officials have the right to determine whether or not to publish or cause to be published a notice stating that Officials have penalized any Member and/or rendered a judgment on a protest or appeal. If published, the notice may include without limitation a description of the penalty or judgment and names of the affected Members. Having accepted the privileges and obligations of membership, Members referenced in any such notice waive any and all rights of action against INDYCAR and/or Andersen Promotions and/or against any individual publishing such notice. Officials may publicize the results referenced in such notice in the posting and awards or otherwise.

**1.1.3.4.** Officials will secure necessary timing and scoring and technical equipment and record all timing and scoring and technical information, including the standings of an Event; control the designated timing and scoring and technical areas; provide competition information to the Competitors, the Event Promoter, and the press; and facilitate the award distributions. Officials shall be the final authority on the content of the

official posting of all Entry lists, practice sessions, qualifications results, Race finishes, point standings, and award distributions.

**1.1.3.5.** Officials may order the completion, postponement, or cancellation of an Event or any portion thereof in the case of inclement weather, physical condition of the Track, or for any other reason. Officials may terminate a Race before its scheduled number of laps or allotted time and in such case determine the Race results and disposition of the awards, and may terminate a Race after one or more Cars have finished. Officials may increase, reduce the scheduled number of laps, allotted time, or they may declare an Event completed, postponed, or abandoned.

**1.1.3.6.** As soon as practical after the conclusion of an Event, Officials shall prepare a report giving the results of the Event and may identify protests lodged and any discipline administered. The SERIES shall keep a record of Cars declared out of the Race and the reason therefor.

#### **1.1.4. Acceptance of the Rules**

**1.1.4.1.** Every Member who is involved in and/or participates in any way in any Event shall be deemed to have a full awareness and understanding of, and to accept, the Rules.

**1.1.4.2.** Every Member agrees to follow the direction of Officials with respect to the enforcement of these Rules or be subjected to penalties for failure to comply with such directions.

#### **1.1.5. Assumption of Risk, Liability Release, Acknowledgment and Indemnity**

**1.1.5.1. ASSUMPTION OF RISK - EVERY MEMBER AGREES TO BE BOUND BY THE RULES**

AND ASSUMES ALL OF THE RISK OF SUCH MEMBER'S INVOLVEMENT AND/OR PARTICIPATION IN AN EVENT.

**1.1.5.2. LIABILITY RELEASE** - RECOGNIZING THAT AUTOMOBILE RACING CAN BE A HAZARDOUS UNDERTAKING, MEMBERS, FOR THEMSELVES, THEIR HEIRS, EXECUTORS, REPRESENTATIVES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, AGREE, BY THEIR MEMBERSHIP, THAT THEY RELEASE AND DISCHARGE INDYCAR, ANDERSEN PROMOTIONS, FIA, ACCUS-FIA, EVENT PROMOTORS, OTHER MEMBERS AND THE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, AFFILIATES, REPRESENTATIVES, OWNERS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS EACH OF THEM FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, AND/OR DEATH, IN ANY WAY RELATING TO ANY EVENT OR THE MEMBERS' INVOLVEMENT AND/OR PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENT, REGARDLESS OF HOW THE CLAIM MIGHT ARISE INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION RACE OFFICIATING, RULE INTERPRETATION AND VIOLATIONS, PHYSICAL CONDITION OF THE TRACK, AND/OR EMERGENCY TREATMENT OR RESCUE.

**1.1.5.3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**1.1.5.3.1.** MEMBERS RECOGNIZE THIS RELEASE APPLIES EVEN IF THE RELEASED PARTIES OR ANY OF THEM ACTED NEGLIGENTLY AND UNDERSTAND THAT MEMBERS MAY BE ASKED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE BY OTHER AGREEMENTS THEY MIGHT SIGN AS A PREREQUISITE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EVENT OR EVENTS.

**1.1.5.3.2.** EACH MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE MEMBER HAS MADE THE MEMBER'S SPOUSE AND/OR DEPENDENTS AWARE OF THE MEMBER'S DECISION TO ASSUME AND INCUR

THE RISK ASSOCIATED WITH RACING WITHOUT THE RIGHT TO PURSUE CLAIMS OF WRONGDOING.

**1.1.5.4. INDEMNITY** – EACH MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR VIOLATION OF MEMBER'S AGREEMENTS BY MEMBER, MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING LOVED ONES AFFECTED BY MEMBER'S PARTICIPATION, AND MEMBER'S PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS. THIS RESPONSIBILITY APPLIES TO ALL VIOLATIONS OF MEMBER'S AGREEMENTS WITH INDYCAR OR THE SERIES. THIS INCLUDES THE MISUSE OF CREDENTIALS AND THE FAILURE TO ACCEPT THE ASSUMPTION OF RISK, THE WAIVER, AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY, THE BINDING NATURE OF THE RULES, INDYCAR'S INTREPRETION OF THE RULES, AND THE FINALITY OF THE APPEAL PROCEDURE. MEMBER UNDERSTANDS THAT THIS RESPONSIBILITY INCLUDES THE DUTY TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD INDYCAR HARMLESS FROM THE CONSEQUENCES AND DAMAGES ARISING FROM THE VIOLATION.

## **1.2. Safety**

**1.2.1. Safety Policy** - While Officials seeks to maintain safe conditions for Competitors taking into account all aspects of the Event, Members recognize that conditions may not be safe and can be affected by human error. All Members acknowledge and agree that racing is a hazardous activity and their participation is with expressed assumption of this risk.

**1.2.1.1.** While acknowledging the inherent risk of racing to Competitors and other Members participating in an Event, Members are personally responsible for the safety of their racing equipment and their own safety. No Event Promoter, Andersen Promotions, INDYCAR, Officials or any Manufacturer is responsible for the

adequacy of a Member's racing equipment or racing activity to accomplish this purpose. No Event Promoter, Andersen Promotions, INDYCAR, Officials or any Manufacturer makes any representation, warranty or covenant that safety equipment and/or personnel will prevent or reduce the Member's risk or extent of injury in an Event.

**1.2.1.2.** Officials may take any action including canceling, postponing, temporarily stopping or delaying an Event, if Officials determine that safety requires such action. Officials may order off the Track any Member or Car that Officials determine constitutes a hazard. Officials may prohibit any Member or Member's equipment from entering or continuing in an Event if Officials consider the Member or Member's equipment to be reckless, hazardous or acting without due consideration to others. None of such decisions during an Event may be protested or appealed. In the event a Driver is ordered off the Track due solely to driving, the Entrant may replace the Driver with a qualified Driver approved by Officials and continue in the Event.

### **1.2.2. Security**

**1.2.2.1.** Only authorized personnel are permitted on the Track and other locations designated by Officials or an Event Promoter including without limitation spotter stands, corner worker stations, safety truck locations, photographer locations and broadcast platforms.

**1.2.2.2.** Officials and the Event Promoter have the right to engage in such searches of individuals and property at any Event facility, as they deem necessary or appropriate for security of the Event. If they deem necessary, Officials and the Event Promoter have the right to remove any individual and/or property from the Event facility.

**1.2.2.3.** Officials may penalize any Entrant, Associate or other Member whose representative or equipment enters a restricted area at an Event facility prior to the scheduled opening time or remains in a restricted area at an Event facility after the scheduled closing time without prior approval from Officials and the Event Promoter.

**1.2.2.4.** Only Members possessing a valid driver's license are permitted to operate a motorized vehicle in a restricted area during an Event. Only approved vehicles are permitted in the pit area. Officials and/or an Event Promoter may have additional or different requirements for a particular Event, and Officials may modify the foregoing Rule accordingly.

**1.2.2.5.** Members must not operate or permit another individual to operate a motorized or non-motorized vehicle at the Event facility recklessly or without due consideration to Members, spectators or others.

**1.2.2.6.** Smoking is prohibited on the Track, in the pit area, or in any fuel service area. Officials and/or an Event Promoter may have additional or different requirements for a particular Event, and Officials may modify the foregoing Rule accordingly.

**1.2.2.7.** The use or possession of illegal or unauthorized weapons of any sort by a Member during an Event is strictly prohibited.

### **1.2.3. Medical/Rescue Requirements and Injury Reports**

**1.2.3.1.** Officials may require the Event Promoter to use, in compliance with local regulations and/or ASN requirements, medical/rescue personnel and equipment acceptable to Officials to provide Members with assessment and treatment of

emergency medical conditions including breathing difficulty, spinal injury, cardiopulmonary arrest, and external bleeding.

**1.2.3.2.** A Driver may be required to demonstrate ability to exit the Car to the Officials' satisfaction.

**1.2.3.3.** A Driver involved in a crash or injured in another incident during an Event must report as directed by Officials and may not continue in the Event nor participate in future Events without clearance from Officials.

**1.2.3.4.** Any other Member involved in a crash or injured in another incident during an Event must report to the medical center or as directed by Officials before departing the Event facility prior to the conclusion of an Event.

**1.2.4. Biomedical Research and Device Testing Policy**– All Members must comply with The SERIES Biomedical Research and Device Testing Policy as necessary available from The SERIES office.

**1.2.5. Data Sharing Policy** - All Members agree:

**1.2.5.1.** INDYCAR and The SERIES own all data collected by or on behalf of The SERIES including without limitation all data from in-car cameras.

**1.2.5.2.** INDYCAR and The SERIES may disclose the data to third parties for any reasonable purpose including without limitation safety and/or medical research.

**1.2.5.3.** If an individual desires to receive any such data from INDYCAR or The SERIES, the individual shall submit a request in writing to the Race Director.



**1.2.5.3.1.** The written request shall specify the data requested and the proposed use of the data.

**1.2.5.3.2.** The decision whether to provide the data shall be in the discretion of Andersen Promotions, taking into account such factors as the nature of the data requested, the uses for which the individual requests the data and whether or not consent and/or approval of any other individual is required or appropriate in order to release the data.

**1.2.5.3.3.** The individual will be required to execute an agreement regarding approved uses for the data and the confidential treatment of any data that officials approve for use by the individual.

**1.2.5.3.4.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, an Entrant may record its own pit stop activities from its own pit area during Events for use only by such Entrant for internal evaluation of its own pit stop procedures. All other activities and/or uses require prior written approval.

**1.2.6. Safety Inspections** - Officials may inspect all equipment prior to each Event and re-inspect equipment at any time. An Entrant may be required to replace seats, seat belts, helmets, headrests, head restraint systems, and other equipment at any time.

#### **1.2.7. Personal Safety Equipment**

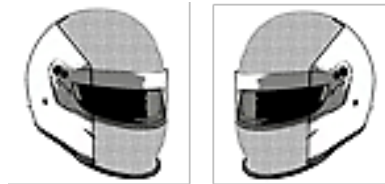
##### **1.2.7.1. Drivers - All Drivers must wear:**

- a)** Fire resistant one piece uniform conforming to SFI 3.2A/5 specification or FIA 8856-2000 specification;;
- b)** Fire resistant socks;

- c) Fire resistant shoes;
- d) Fire resistant gloves;
- e) Nomex underwear long sleeve tops and full length bottoms;
- f) Fire resistant head sock.

**1.2.7.1.1.** All removable dental appliances, chewing gum, rings, watches and other jewelry and comparable items must be removed before a Driver participates in an on Track Event. Mobile devices for texting or telephone use are prohibited on track.

**1.2.7.1.2. Helmets** – All Drivers must wear safety helmets designed specifically for automobile racing that meet or exceed the FIA 8860-2010 specification for all Oval track Events. 8860-2010 helmets must not be modified (drilling of holes, etc.) as such shall void the homologation. For all other Events, helmets that meet or exceed 2010 Snell Foundation or SFI 331.1 standards are permitted. Helmets must bear the required labels establishing their certification. Helmets must be spherical in shape and be fitted with a face shield that has an INDYCAR-approved positive latching mechanism designed to keep the shield down in the event of a crash. Aerodynamic devices must not protrude more than 0.250 inches from the surface outside of the shaded area shown below. Inside the shaded area a 0.500 inch high device is allowed. Flat back designs are prohibited. Helmets must be fitted with a radio communication device.



**1.2.7.1.3.** All helmets must be inspected and approved by Officials before use and are subject to confiscation and re-inspection by Officials at any time. Officials shall affix stickers to the helmets signifying approval for use. At any time, Officials may remove the approval stickers and require the helmets to be re-inspected and refurbished by a certified helmet manufacturer before Officials will consider them for re-approval. The helmet manufacturer must submit to INDYCAR (and/or The SERIES) documentation stating the refurbished helmet is approved for use in competition.

**1.2.7.1.4. Head Restraint Systems-** Officials requires the use of head restraint systems. Head restraint systems must meet or exceed SFI 38.1 certifications and be approved by Officials.

**1.2.7.1.5.** Officials may issue a serial number to each head restraint system. At any time, Officials may require the head restraint system to be re-inspected and refurbished by the SFI certified head restraint system manufacturer before Officials consider it for re-approval. The head restraint system manufacturer must submit documentation stating that the head restraint system is approved by SFI for use in competition.

**1.2.7.2. Crew Members and Other Competitors** - Except as otherwise specified in these rules, all credentialed personnel in the pit area must adhere to the following dress code:

- a) Long pants;
- b) Closed-toe shoes; and

c) Shirts with sleeves (no tank tops).

**1.2.7.2.1.** This Rule does not apply to individuals behind the pit area who are not Competitors or Officials or to any individuals in the garage area or non-restricted areas. Officials and/or an Event Promoter may have additional or different requirements for a particular Event.

### **1.3. Logo Display**

**1.3.1.** All Members agree to comply with The SERIES Style Guide.

### **1.4. Advertising**

**1.4.1.** Officials may regulate the advertising of any product on equipment, apparel or otherwise in connection with a Member, INDYCAR, The SERIES, or an Event.

**1.4.2.** Advertising must not be displayed until approved by Officials. Officials may disapprove advertising for any reason including but not limited to advertising that it determines is offensive, inappropriate, illegal, undignified, in conflict with any INDYCAR, The SERIES or Event Promoter sponsorship, potentially confusing or may detract from the interest in an Event and/or the integrity of INDYCAR, The SERIES and/or Andersen Promotions.

**1.4.3.** Officials may require a Member to agree in writing with a policy statement regarding advertising of a particular product.

**1.4.4.** Product advertising must comply with all Rules including without limitation size.

### **1.5. Product Use**

- 1.5.1.** A Member shall not make a false public statement concerning any product used or said to have been used in an Event. An Entrant may be required to provide Officials with an affidavit certifying product use. Display of an emblem on a Car or uniform does not constitute a statement concerning use.
- 1.5.2.** The SERIES may certify that a product was used at Events. A product manufacturer desiring to have The SERIES certify that its product was used in an Event must follow the procedures outlined in Rule 1.5.
- 1.5.3.** To be eligible to receive certification of product use, the product manufacturer must agree in writing to the following:
- 1.5.3.1.** The product manufacturer must agree to be bound by the Rules and must agree to be subject to penalty pursuant to the Rules.
- 1.5.3.2.** Any product to be advertised as being used in an Event must be reported to The SERIES in writing at least 30 days prior to the Event and approved for use by The SERIES. The product advertised must be used during the Event, and its use must be checked and certified by The SERIES.
- 1.5.3.3.** Product manufacturers posting awards contingent on product use and the display of advertising during an Event must provide Officials with a statement of the conditions at least 30 days prior to the Event. The product manufacturer shall provide Officials with proof of award distribution in accordance with these conditions within 30 days of certification by The SERIES of the product use.
- 1.5.3.4.** Any advertisement of products and the related use of these products during an Event must be consistent with the facts as determined by The SERIES and must not be likely to deceive or mislead the public.

**1.5.3.5.** The SERIES may add requirements, as it deems appropriate.

## **1.6. Event Activities**

**1.6.1.** At all Oval Events, spotters are required. They must be in the designated location(s) and have a radio capable of communicating with the Driver and an individual in the Entrant's pit.

**1.6.2.** An Entrant is not guaranteed a practice session or a minimum amount of green condition time during a practice session. Practice sessions may include all Cars or be divided into groups.

**1.6.3.** At all Events when there is a primary feature race (INDYCAR, etc.) on the same day as the last race of the Event for The SERIES, the Entrant's transporter awning must remain as deployed until the green flag for such feature race.

**1.6.4. Meetings and Activities** – Officials may schedule mandatory meetings and/or activities for Members. The Race Director may require a meeting with Member(s) at any time. Each Member must attend all official meetings and other activities designated by Officials as mandatory for that Member at the times and locations designated by Officials and must present their credential to the Official(s) taking attendance. Officials may conduct one or more meetings to discuss general application, construction and interpretation of the Rules and any specific Rules applying to a particular Event. These may include the following:

**1.6.4.1.** Driver Meetings – Officials may conduct one or more meetings of Drivers.

**1.6.4.2.** Attendance at such meetings is limited to the Driver participating in the Event and at least

one of the following representatives for Entrant: owner, manager, chief mechanic, or spotter.

**1.6.4.2.1. Team Manager Meetings** - Officials may conduct one or more meetings of Team Managers to discuss general application, construction, and interpretation of the operational or logistical Rules and any specific Rules applying to a particular Event.

**1.6.4.2.2. Chief Mechanic Meetings** – Officials may conduct meetings of chief mechanics to discuss general application, construction, and interpretation of the technical Rules and any specific Rules applying to a particular Event.

### **1.6.5. Pre-Race Activities**

**1.6.5.1. Driver Autograph Sessions** – Officials may conduct one or more autograph sessions of Drivers during each Open Test and Race weekend.

**1.6.5.2. Driver Introductions** – Officials may conduct Driver introductions during each Race weekend.

**1.6.5.3. At-Track** – Driver agrees media and marketing activities during an Event are essential to a successful Event and shall participate as requested by Officials.

**1.6.5.4. Pre-Race Ceremonies** - In preparation for a Race, Drivers shall follow the instructions of Officials. Unless otherwise directed, the Drivers shall fully participate in pre-Race ceremonies.

### **1.6.6. Post-Race Activities**

**1.6.6.1.** Upon completion of a Race, all Competitors shall follow the instructions of Officials. Unless otherwise directed, the top three

finishers in the Race shall proceed as instructed and fully participate in post-Race ceremonies including not removing, obscuring or otherwise altering any sponsor recognition. Specifically at a minimum, this includes the following:

**1.6.6.1.1.** The winning Driver must attend and participate in post-Race interviews in victory lane.

**1.6.6.1.2.** Unless otherwise directed, the 2nd and 3rd place Drivers must participate in media interviews.

**1.6.6.1.3.** The 2nd and 3rd place Drivers must proceed to victory lane and join the Race winner in post-Race ceremonies.

**1.6.6.1.4.** Immediately following victory lane ceremonies, the Race winner, 2nd place Driver and 3rd place Driver must attend and participate in post-Race interviews in the media center.

**1.6.6.1.5.** All other Drivers agree to attend and participate in the post-Race media center interview process, if requested.

**1.6.7. Championship** - All Drivers and Entrants mathematically eligible to win the end of season Driver and/or Entrant point standings agree to attend and participate in activities as follows:

**1.6.7.1. Celebration** - The winning Driver and Car owner must attend and participate in the Celebration at such times and locations as designated by INDYCAR.

**1.6.8. Penalties** – The Race Director shall determine whether a Member has failed to attend or engaged in inappropriate conduct during a meeting or mandatory activity. The following penalties may apply:



**1.6.8.1.** First Offense - \$500 and/or require attendance at an additional/substitute meeting or promotional appearance.

**1.6.8.2.** Each Additional Offense – Officials may double the fine, require attendance at an additional/substitute meeting or activity, and/or Officials may require the Driver's Car to start the Race at the rear of the starting field (in the case of a Drivers meeting).

**1.6.8.3.** Whether in attendance or not, Members are charged with knowledge of the matters discussed at meetings (whether mandatory or not). A Member and the Member's Entrant waive the right to protest and/or appeal any penalties assessed for any violation of the Rules if the Member was not present at the meeting when the subject was discussed.

**1.6.8.4.** No cellular telephones, wireless mobile devices, personal digital assistants or other recording devices may be used during any mandatory meeting and/or activity.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.1. General**

**2.1.1.** INDYCAR is a membership organization. Each Member shall be deemed to be an independent contractor of INDYCAR and Andersen Promotions, and the relationship between INDYCAR and/or Andersen Promotions and a Member shall not be deemed to be a partnership, joint venture or employment relationship by virtue of the membership.

### **2.2. Application**

**2.2.1.** Each applicant is required to submit the following properly executed materials:

**2.2.1.1.** Membership application on an INDYCAR form provided by Andersen Promotions,

**2.2.1.2.** Membership application fee (if any),

**2.2.1.3.** Substance Abuse Policy Authorization for Screening and/or Testing and Release (if the applicant is a designated Competitor or Official),

**2.2.1.4.** Participant Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information, and

**2.2.1.5.** Any other materials required by INDYCAR and/or Andersen Promotions.

**2.2.2.** Qualifications for membership shall be determined by INDYCAR and may be periodically revised.

**2.2.3.** Each applicant agrees to fulfill all contractual obligations such applicant and/or applicant's affiliates may have to INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, Event

Promoters, Manufacturers and their affiliates. Each applicant agrees that INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, Manufacturers and their affiliates shall have the remedy of specific performance with respect to any and all such obligations in addition to all other rights and remedies available at law or in equity and notwithstanding any terms to the contrary in any other agreement.

**2.2.4.** Each applicant must pay any and all outstanding financial obligations owed by applicant or its affiliates to INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, Manufacturers and their affiliates or make other arrangements acceptable to INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, Manufacturers and their affiliates.

**2.2.5.** Acceptance or rejection of any membership application is in the discretion of INDYCAR, although the rejection of a membership application may be protested and/or appealed in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 12 and Rule 13.

**2.2.6.** If an individual/entity participates in an Event without having properly submitted a fully-executed membership application, the individual/entity, by such participation, nevertheless agrees that the individual/entity is subject to all Rules and all statements, releases and obligations appearing in the membership application as if the individual/entity had properly submitted a fully-executed membership application.

**2.2.7.** Regardless of where the application is executed by the applicant and/or accepted by INDYCAR and/or the credential issued, applicant recognizes and agrees that the Member's application and associated agreement is an Indiana contract and forms a contractual relationship established in the State of Indiana and governed by the laws of Indiana. This contract and relationship is a legal one and applicant should consult his/her attorney if he/she has any legal questions.

### **2.3. Term**

**2.3.1.** Unless otherwise noted, a membership expires on December 31 of the calendar year. INDYCAR may issue a credential which may only be valid for a designated period or designated Event(s) as INDYCAR deems appropriate.

#### **2.4. Interim Review of Qualifications**

**2.4.1.** INDYCAR may review the qualifications of a Member at any time after accepting a membership to determine whether the Member shall continue to qualify for a membership under these Rules.

#### **2.5. Acknowledgement of Release and Assumption of Risk**

**2.5.1.** INDYCAR may periodically request a Member to acknowledge the release and assumption of risk in the membership application, but the failure of INDYCAR to request and/or a Member to sign an acknowledgement does not negate the release and assumption of risk in the membership application or in these Rules.

#### **2.6. Applicable Laws and Jurisdiction**

**2.6.1.** To avoid the need for specific inquiries, each Member represents, warrants and covenants to INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, and its affiliates that such Member has complied with and at all times will comply with all applicable local, state, federal and country laws, rules and regulations including but not limited to immigration, income/sales/use tax, safety/health, transportation, workers compensation, and frequency communications.

**2.6.2.** If there is a misrepresentation and/or a breach of this warranty and covenant, such Member shall indemnify and hold INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, and its affiliates harmless from any loss or expense incurred by INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, or its affiliates as a result of any noncompliance including without limitation claims of INDYCAR's, Andersen Promotions', or its

affiliates' sole or contributory negligence and/or a claim that INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, or its affiliates failed to supervise or achieve compliance.

**2.6.3.** These Rules shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana, including its choice of law provisions, and the Members submit to exclusive jurisdiction in Indianapolis, Indiana for any administrative or judicial proceedings.

**2.6.4.** If any litigation involving a Member and INDYCAR and/or a Member and Andersen Promotions is not dismissed pursuant to Rule 13.9, the Member agrees that the matter will be tried only before a judge of competent jurisdiction in Marion County, Indiana, and the Member hereby waives any right to trial by jury in such action.

## **2.7. Conduct Indemnification**

**2.7.1.** A claim of intentional or willful and wanton conduct by one Member against another should never be made unless the claim can be supported by established facts. Even if factually supportable, such a claim cannot continue unless the notice required in the membership application is timely completed.

## **2.8. Litigation**

**2.8.1.** Each Member agrees to reimburse INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, their affiliates, and other named Members ("INDYCAR Group") for all costs of litigation including without limitation travel expenses and attorney's fees if either of the following conditions occurs:

**2.8.1.1.** The Member initiates or otherwise causes a member of the INDYCAR Group to be named as a party in a legal proceeding not permitted or contemplated by the Rules;

**2.8.1.2.** The Member requests or compels a member(s) of the INDYCAR Group's participation in a manner other than as a party to the lawsuit.

## **2.9. Categories**

**2.9.1.** The following membership categories exist:

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| <b>a)</b> Entrant   | <b>f)</b> Sponsor        |
| <b>b)</b> Driver    | <b>g)</b> Event Promoter |
| <b>c)</b> Associate | <b>h)</b> Media          |
| <b>d)</b> Series    | <b>i)</b> VIP            |
| <b>e)</b> Official  | <b>j)</b> Guest          |

## **2.10. Age**

**2.10.1.** Before an individual shall be eligible for a membership or License and/or to participate in an Event, such individual must be at least 15 years of age and of sufficient age to participate in an Event and to sign an enforceable contract and/or a separate waiver and release form approved by INDYCAR.

**2.10.2.** INDYCAR may have additional or different eligibility requirements for a particular Event. INDYCAR reserves the right to limit participation to an age greater than 15 or to require additional documentation as a prerequisite to participation.

**2.10.3.** No one under age 18 shall be permitted in pit lane during Events unless permitted by applicable insurance requirements and previously approved by INDYCAR and the Event Promoter.

**2.10.3.1.** At INDYCAR's discretion, an individual, age 14, may be allowed to apply for a SERIES Driver's License. All agreements and documentation as to additional obligations as required by INDYCAR must be completed to INDYCAR's satisfaction before the application is considered. If accepted and for the duration of

time that INDYCAR allows, the individual will have all rights of a licensed Driver.

### **2.11. Moral Fitness**

**2.11.1.** The past or current conduct of an applicant or Member can have adverse consequences to INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, and/or The SERIES.

**2.11.2.** An applicant or Member must honestly answer questions raised by INDYCAR as to moral character.

**2.11.3.** Applicants and Members agree INDYCAR may refuse a membership application or revoke a membership for any reason including but not limited to those related to personal conduct, decency and whether or not any conduct of the applicant or Member creates adverse notoriety with respect to INDYCAR, Andersen Promotions, The SERIES and/or an Event.

### **2.12. Physical and Psychological Fitness**

**2.12.1.** INDYCAR may require any applicant or Member to complete a medical history form and/or complete and pass a medical examination as directed by Officials to determine physical and psychological fitness to receive a membership or License and/or to participate or continue in an Event. At any time, the Officials may require a Member to be examined by a designated medical professional at the Member's cost.

**2.12.2.** Members must not use or be under the influence of illegal drugs at any time, alcohol during an Event, and certain prescriptions and over-the-counter medications during an Event. Designated Competitors and Officials must complete and return to INDYCAR the current Substance Abuse Policy Authorization for Testing and Release and must comply with the provisions of the Substance Abuse Policy at all times. Whether or not an applicant or Member has formally executed the Substance Abuse Policy Authorization for Testing and Release, each applicant and Member agrees to submit to annual, random and/or reasonable suspicion examination/testing which may include without limitation the collection of urine, blood, saliva, hair, breath and/or any other scientifically-acceptable method of analysis for prohibited substances and/or alcohol if requested by INDYCAR. Examination/testing may be for any drug, medication or other substance including without limitation alcohol.

**2.12.3.** Any applicant or Member who is required to complete a medical history form and/or complete and pass a medical examination/test shall also immediately notify i) the INDYCAR Medical Director if the Member becomes aware of a change in the Member's medical condition, including if the Member is diagnosed with any medical condition (including pregnancy) by any medical professional, and ii) the INDYCAR Medical Review Officer at any time if the Member takes or is prescribed to take any drugs or medications (whether or not prescription drugs or medication and regardless of how taken).



**2.12.4.** INDYCAR may disqualify, suspend or otherwise penalize any applicant or Member for failure to promptly cooperate with any request for examination/testing and/or notification.

**2.13. Medical Examinations and Treatment**

**2.13.1.** Examinations and/or treatment of Members, including emergency rescue, performed by medical professionals acting on behalf of INDYCAR are based upon a relationship established in the State of Indiana.

**2.13.2.** Members acknowledge that the medical professionals are acting pursuant to their contractual obligations with INDYCAR and are not acting or rendering personal medical services to the Members. Members acknowledge that they shall have their own personal physicians.

**2.14. Determination of Fitness**

**2.14.1.** Members acknowledge that while the INDYCAR medical professionals render an opinion as to fitness, the final determination of a Member's ability to participate is made by the Race Director.

**2.15. Waiver of Claims**

**2.15.1.** Each applicant and Member waives any and all claims regarding any medical examinations/testing and/or examination/testing results, and/or the use or disclosure of such examinations/testing and/or examination/testing results, by INDYCAR, its agents and/or its medical professionals including without limitation claims of invasion of privacy and/or breach of confidentiality, notwithstanding whether such claims arise from strict liability, sole or contributory negligence of INDYCAR, its agents and/or its medical professionals, breach of contract, or any other legal theory.

**2.15.2.**

## **2.16. Penalties**

**2.16.1.** INDYCAR may disqualify, suspend or otherwise penalize any applicant or Member if the results of any examination/test are determined by INDYCAR, its agents and/or its medical professionals to be a violation of the INDYCAR Substance Abuse Policy or to enhance, impair, or otherwise affect the Member's ability to be involved in and/or participate in an Event.

**2.16.2.** Any Member who shows visible signs of exhaustion, physical or psychological impairment, or other physical or psychological irregularities may be disqualified and/or excluded from an Event and subjected to additional examinations/tests and/or penalties.

## **2.17. Violation of Laws**

**2.17.1.** Being charged with a violation of the law, whether alcohol/substance abuse or any other laws, may be grounds for suspension or other penalty. Any Member charged with any violation of the law relating to alcoholic beverages or illegal substances, or charged with any felony, must notify the CEO prior to the next scheduled Event or within 72 hours of being so charged, whichever is earlier.

## **2.18. Medical Records**

**2.18.1.** Each Member agrees and consents that in the event of injury or death arising in any way out of the Member's involvement and/or participation in an Event, INDYCAR may obtain access to and copies of any and all medical records of the Member related to such injury or death.

## **2.19. Memberships, Licenses and Credentials**

**2.19.1.** Prior to gaining access to restricted areas, each individual must have the necessary and appropriate credential. The holder of a membership, License or other credential shall produce it for inspection upon demand of any Official or security personnel at any Event along with any other document needed to confirm identification.

**2.19.2.** The annual credential consists of both the lanyard and the hard card. Use of one without the other invalidates the annual credential. In addition, a Member must not use a prior Event's, prior season's or other series' credential.

**2.19.3.** A membership, License or any other credential (including race mode) may not be disassembled, transferred, assigned, sold, altered, or duplicated. It must be used only by the Member to whom it is issued. If a Member intentionally or unintentionally disassembles, transfers, assigns, sells, alters, duplicates or otherwise permits another individual or entity to use or attempt to use the membership, License or credential, then the Member may be penalized and shall indemnify and hold INDYCAR and its affiliates harmless from any loss or expense incurred by INDYCAR and its affiliates arising in any way from the Member's action, even if the Member or a third party asserts that INDYCAR's and/or its affiliates' loss or expense is due to INDYCAR's and/or its affiliates' negligence.

**2.19.4.** The Rules regarding memberships, Licenses, and credentials are equally applicable to parking passes, Event credentials, golf cart passes, and all other privileges issued to a Member by INDYCAR or an Event Promoter unless such credentials, passes or privileges are expressly transferable, assignable, or eligible for sale.

**2.19.5.** INDYCAR may require an applicant and/or Member to provide a valid official government-issued identification including photograph and date of birth in order to receive or retain a credential. Acceptable identification includes but is not limited to state Driver's licenses, passports and military cards but does not include identification issued by educational institutions.

**2.19.6.** Members are responsible for the conduct of their Participants and guests.

## **3. SANCTIONS/GOVERNING**

### **3.1. Promotion of Events**

**3.1.1.** Andersen Promotions governs Race Events with an Event Promoter through an Event Agreement. The Event Agreement contains additional terms regarding the Race Event, such as those relating to postponement dates.

### **3.2. Event Promoter Responsibilities**

**3.2.1.** Event Promoters shall be responsible for designated operations of the Events including without limitation responsibility for obtaining and providing, at the Event Promoter's expense, insurance as required by the Event Agreement, safety precautions, services and vehicles for Competitors and spectators including medical/rescue personnel, equipment and facilities (such as ambulances, helicopters and examination facilities and equipment); physical condition of the Track; spectator control; and fire protection, all to meet or exceed the minimum requirements provided by Andersen Promotions and the ASN.

**3.2.2.** INDYCAR and/or Andersen Promotions shall not be responsible or in any manner liable for any of the Event Promoter's responsibilities under the Event Agreement or the Rules even though the Event Promoter fails or refuses to perform such functions, duties and responsibilities, in whole or in part, or if INDYCAR and/or Andersen Promotions voluntarily assumes performance of any or all of the Event Promoter's specific functions, duties and responsibilities.

### **3.3. Restrictions**

**3.3.1.** Event Promoter shall not schedule any ancillary or supporting entertainment, events or activities that

include racing activity on the Track during the Event without prior written approval by Andersen Promotions, in each instance.

## **4. ENTRANT/DRIVER REGULATIONS**

### **4.1. General**

**4.1.1.** Licensing criteria are available from the INDYCAR office and may vary depending on the particular on-Track activity. Entrants and Drivers must remain in good standing to participate in an Event. All Licenses shall be made on provided forms and submitted for approval. INDYCAR and ACCUS-FIA (and another ASN, if applicable) shall determine whether to approve and issue a License application. Applicant shall pay any and all costs associated with satisfying the License criteria. Driver Licenses are not transferable at any time; Entrant Licenses are not transferable without prior written approval.

**4.1.2.** Licenses are revocable at any time and for any reason. Without limiting the foregoing, Licenses for rookie Drivers are granted on a temporary basis.

**4.1.3.** Licenses may be limited to a particular type of Event or for a specified period.

**4.1.4.** Licensed Entrants and Drivers are eligible to earn awards and points as described in the Rules.

**4.1.5.** Eligibility for a License shall be determined based on such factors as are indicative of the applicant's ability to participate satisfactorily in an Event.

**4.1.6.** Fees may be charged for Licenses.

**4.1.6.1.** Fees are non-refundable. No fee or any part there of shall be refunded to a licensee because the licensee ceases to participate in Events regardless of the reason for such cessation.

**4.1.6.2.** License fees are for an entire season and will not be pro-rated for any reason including without limitation for Members who begin participating after the first Event.

**4.1.7.** A License is valid only for the current season and/or as otherwise restricted. Unless otherwise noted, all Licenses shall expire on December 31 of the calendar year.

**4.1.8.** An applicant may protest or appeal denial of a Driver or Entrant License and membership application, grade of Driver's License, determination of rookie status or eligibility for a rookie orientation or refresher Test in accordance with the procedures set forth in Rule 12 and Rule 13.

**4.1.9.** INDYCAR may continuously re-evaluate the eligibility and performance of a Driver and/or Entrant to determine if the Driver and/or Entrant shall remain licensed. As part of such evaluation, INDYCAR may consider input from Officials, Drivers and others as INDYCAR determines appropriate and may require a Driver and/or Entrant to participate in Testing under the observation of Officials, Drivers, and others.

## **4.2. Entrant License**

**4.2.1.** The individual signing the application represents that they are authorized to act on behalf of the named Entrant in all matters. Additional corporate representatives may be listed, and the authority of any individual may be limited. One corporate representative must be present at Open Test and Race Events.

**4.2.1.1.** If a corporate representative's status changes, an individual authorized to act on behalf of the Entrant may be required to submit a new application for that Entrant for approval. An Entrant may be required to submit another Entrant License fee and resubmit any other materials including but



not limited to Leaders Circle Agreement, Entry forms, etc.

**4.2.1.2.** Upon request, Officials must be provided satisfactory information regarding ownership of an Entrant.

#### **4.2.2. Eligibility**

**4.2.2.1.** After receipt of the application, the Entrant's competitive viability will be assessed to determine whether to approve and issue the License.

**4.2.3. Entry** – Upon issuance of the Entrant License, the Entrant may submit Entry forms identified by the Car number assigned to that Entrant License. The Entry (Car with Driver) must display the Car number at all times during the Event, and all points and awards earned by this Entry are credited to that Car number unless otherwise determined by Officials. An Entrant intending to compete with multiple Entries at a single Event must obtain an Entrant License with a unique Car number for each Entry or satisfy such other requirements as Officials may prescribe.

**4.2.4. Spotters** - At all Oval Events, spotters are required. They must be in the designated location(s) and have any SERIES mandated Course-Condition notification system, if applicable, and a radio capable of communicating with the Driver and an individual in the Entrant's pit.

#### **4.3. Driver License**

**4.3.1.** Licenses may be approved and issued to individuals determined eligible to compete in an Event and who otherwise meet the application requirements.

**4.3.2.** INDYCAR and/or ACCUS-FIA (and/or another ASN, if applicable) shall determine the grade of the License issued to a Driver. Except as otherwise provided by

INDYCAR and ACCUS, SERIES Drivers shall be issued Grade C Licenses.

**4.3.3.** In order for a Driver to compete in any Event, the Driver must hold a Driver License and at any time may be required to:

- a) Participate in any required Testing and/or
- b) Provide an updated resume, certified birth certificate, and/or
- c) Furnish a current medical clearance acceptable to INDYCAR attesting to the Driver's fitness for racing.
- d) At any time, INDYCAR may require a foreign Driver to provide proof of United States residency and an international letter of authorization from the Driver's ASN.

**4.3.4. Eligibility**

**4.3.4.1.** An applicant must have sufficient competitive driving ability and experience as determined by the Race Director.

**4.3.4.2.** The Race Director's determination as to ability takes into account all such factors as Officials deem relevant and are partially listed below. The criteria are subject to change at any time. An applicant must contact the Race Director for the current Race-specific criteria.

**4.3.4.3.** The Race Director may require the applicant to provide:

- 4.3.4.3.1.** A current resume containing a complete history of the applicant's competition to date and demonstrating the applicant's ability to properly handle the Car;

**4.3.4.3.2.** A letter of recommendation from the Race Director of the series in which the Driver last competed; and

**4.3.4.3.3.** Such other information as the Race Director may request.

**4.3.5. Medical Information** - The applicant must provide the medical information required by INDYCAR and The SERIES and must successfully complete any prescribed physical and psychological examinations, which may include without limitation eye, neurological and substance abuse screening and/or testing.

**4.3.6. Rookie**

**4.3.6.1.** Rookie – A Rookie is a Driver who has not competed in more than three professional USF2000 races. The SERIES shall determine whether a Driver is a rookie. If a Driver begins the season as a rookie, he/she remains a rookie until the end of the season.

**4.3.6.2.** Rookie Orientation Test – If a formal test is required, an applicant must demonstrate Car control, placement, and a consistent driving pattern. The SERIES may require additional Testing including without limitation Testing in close proximity to other Cars, before an applicant may be permitted to participate in an Open Test and/or Race.

**4.3.6.3.** Refresher Tests - An applicant including but not limited to a Driver who has not participated as a Driver in an Event during the past 12 months may be required to successfully complete a refresher Test. In lieu of a refresher Test, The SERIES may require an applicant to successfully complete a rookie orientation Test.

**4.3.6.4.** Costs – An applicant shall pay all costs incurred by The SERIES relating to such Tests.

**4.3.6.5.** Any driver who has not raced on an Oval Track at a SERIES – sanctioned event must be observed and approved by a SERIES Official at an open oval test or private oval test prior to participation at an Oval Track race with The SERIES.

#### **4.4. Radio Usage**

**4.4.1.** All Members agree INDYCAR and Andersen Promotions own all voice and data collected by or on behalf of INDYCAR and The SERIES, including without limitation all voice, data and telemetry from radio and wireless data frequencies.

**4.4.2. Radio Frequencies** – Each Member transmitting or receiving any signal including but not limited to voice, data, and telemetry, but excluding Internet related Wi-Fi (regulated pursuant to Rule 4.4) shall:

**4.4.2.1.** Provide the specifications (e.g., manufacturer, make, model, serial number) of the radio to be used in the Car to The SERIES or its designated representative prior to the first Race using the form on The SERIES website;

**4.4.2.2.** Not password-protect or otherwise affect the INDYCAR-designated representative's ability to scan and hear the radio to be used in the Car at any time;

**4.4.2.3.** Notify The SERIES or its designated representative immediately upon changing any of the specifications of the radio to be used in the Car;

**4.4.2.4.** Register all such frequencies, including Car frequencies, with The SERIES or its designated representative at each Event a minimum of 24 hours prior to the start of an Event using the form on The SERIES website.

**4.4.2.5.** Notify The SERIES or its designated representative immediately upon changing Car or crew frequency;

**4.4.2.6.** Operate all such frequencies in the 450-470 mhz UHF spectrum with a 12.5 channel spacing;

**4.4.2.7.** Not encrypt or digitize any Car or crew communications at any time during an Event;

**4.4.2.8.** Consent, and hereby does consent, to the taping and/or rebroadcast by The SERIES, INDYCAR, or its designee of any such transmissions through any and all media and for any and all purposes; and

**4.4.2.9.** Comply with all applicable laws regarding such use, and indemnify and hold The SERIES, INDYCAR and its designees harmless with respect to failure to comply with applicable laws, even if the violation involves The SERIES's, INDYCAR's or its designee's sole or contributory negligence.

#### **4.5. Car Registration**

**4.5.1.** A Car must compete only in the Event(s) in which the Car is entered. The Entry form must establish the Entrant's right to enter the Car in the Event and include proof of ownership of the Car acceptable to Officials upon request. After receipt of the Entry form, Officials may examine the Car. Officials use two unique numbers to identify the Car:

**4.5.2. Registration Number (serial number)** – The unique number assigned by the chassis manufacturer.

**4.5.3. Car Number** – Officials assign to each Entrant License (not Driver License) a unique Car number. The Car number must consist of a maximum of two digits. The Car number must not begin with the 0 digit. Car number 1 is reserved for the defending Entrant (not Driver) champion.

**4.5.3.1.** All Car numbers are owned by Andersen Promotions. No Member has a right to or ownership interest in a Car number. An Entrant must not assign a Car number without the prior written consent of Andersen Promotions.

**4.5.3.2.** Assignment, or reassignment, of Car numbers is in the discretion of Andersen Promotions and is not subject to protest or appeal. All Entrants desiring a particular Car number must make a written request. The Car number request must accompany the completed Entry form and/or TEAM Championship registration and fee. Andersen Promotions does not guarantee a request will be granted.

**4.5.3.3.** After a Car number is assigned to a particular Team, it remains with that Team until the end of the season, provided that Team enters a Car and displays the Car number on the Car at each Event. If the Team does not enter a Car and/or display the Car number on the Car at an Event, Andersen Promotions may reassign the Car number.

**4.5.3.4.** Each Car must display the Car number on the number backgrounds specified or provided by The SERIES as specified in the SERIES Style Guide. Unless otherwise approved by The SERIES, the required Car number areas must be free of all other decals, trim and decorations.

**4.5.3.5. Car Appearance** – Officials have the right to control the appearance of Cars to distinguish one Car from another. This may include but is not limited to Car color. Cars are required to display significantly different colors. In general, The SERIES may require different color schemes on any four of the following six components:

**a)** Mirror housings;

**b)** Air intake;

- c)** Front and rear wing end fences;
- d)** Leading edge of front and rear wings;
- e)** Roll hoop;
- f)** Nose.

## **5. ENTRIES**

### **5.1. General**

**5.1.1.** All Entry applications shall be completed on forms provided by Officials in the manner required and are subject to the approval of Officials. Entries are not transferable without the prior written approval of Officials.

**5.1.2.** An Entry consists of an Entrant, Driver, and numbered Car.

#### **5.1.2.1. Entrant**

**5.1.2.1.1.** An approved Entry serves as the authorization to compete in a specific Event(s) on behalf of the specific Entrant to whom the Car number is assigned.

**5.1.2.1.2.** If an Entrant participates in an Event without having properly submitted a fully executed Entry form, the Entrant, by such participation, nevertheless agrees that the Entrant is subject to all Rules, and all statements, releases and obligations appearing in the Entry form for the Event, as if the Entrant had properly submitted a fully executed Entry form.

#### **5.1.2.2. Driver**

**5.1.2.2.1.** Each Entry form must list a Driver.

**5.1.2.2.2.** Another Driver may be substituted for the original Driver, provided notification is provided in writing to the Race Director, and the Race Director approves the substitution.



Approval is granted or withheld in the discretion of the Race Director.

### **5.1.2.3. Car**

#### **5.1.2.3.1. Participation of a Car in an Event -**

In order to participate in an Event, the Car must be properly entered and be designated and explicitly identified by Car number on only one Entry form for that Event. Any Car participating in an Event while in noncompliance with the above requirements may be disqualified, and any Competitor who causes such noncompliance may be disqualified and/or otherwise penalized.

#### **5.1.2.3.2. Car Substitution during an Event**

**("Backup Cars")** - Another Car may be substituted for the entered Car provided that prior to the substitution being made, a written request is submitted and Officials grant approval.

**5.1.2.3.2.1.** Use of a "Back Up Car" shall have the following penalties:

- a. If use of a "Back Up Car" is approved prior to Qualifying, no penalty.
- b. If use of a "Back Up Car" is approved following Qualifying, the car must start at the back of the grid for Race 1.
- c. If use of a "Back Up Car" is approved following Race 1, the car must start at the back of the grid for Race 2 and so on for additional races of an Event.
- d. The "Back Up Car" must pass Technical Inspection prior to on-track use.

## **5.2. Fees**

**5.2.1.** Entry fees must be paid as directed by The SERIES.

## **5.3. Deadline**

**5.3.1.** The Entry deadline shall be stated on the Entry form. Unless otherwise specified on the Entry form, the hour of closing shall be 5 p.m. E.D.T. Officials may accept or refuse to accept late Entries. Late Entries, if accepted, may be penalized by Officials.

## **5.4. Electronic Entries**

**5.4.1.** An Entry by computer, facsimile or other means delivered by the Entry deadline may be accepted, provided it is subsequently accompanied by the original completed Entry form and Entry fee within 48 hours of Officials' receipt of the electronic Entry or as otherwise directed by Officials.

## **5.5. Reopening of Entries**

**5.5.1.** If Officials postpone an Event, Officials may authorize the reopening of Entries. Reopened Entries shall close not less than 48 hours before the declared starting time of the postponed Event.

## **5.6. Failure to Participate**

**5.6.1.** Any Driver, Entrant, or other Member who by Entry form or other means has agreed to participate in an Event may be penalized for failing to participate.

## **5.7. Entry Change**

**5.7.1.** Any Driver, Entrant or other Member who by Entry form or other means has agreed to participate in an Event may be penalized for failing to participate.

## **5.8. Entry Limits**

**5.8.1.** Officials may limit the number of Entries, or reserve a minimum number of Entries as may be required for a specific Event. Such limitations are announced by Bulletin

## **6. TESTING**

### **6.1. General**

**6.1.1.** Members are only permitted to conduct Testing in accordance with this Rule 6.

### **6.2. Approved Testing**

**6.2.1. Open Test** – An Open Test is a Test organized by The SERIES or an organizer with the approval of The SERIES. Schedule to be determined, including without limitation Event Promoter Test days.

**6.2.1.1.** Drivers previously not having competed at a SERIES Oval track event in the same type of Car must participate at The SERIES Oval track Open Test or schedule and pay for an Oval track observation test prior to participation in any SERIES Oval track race.

**6.2.2. Other Testing/Events** – Participation at Other Events such as Testing or Competition is considered as “Testing” for the purposes of Rule 6.

**6.2.2.1.** Participants must not test and/or compete at events at any facility yet to hold a USF2000 Championship Series Event with the exception of Skip Barber races and/or at events in cars fundamentally different in type and/or class from those of The SERIES. Participants may test and/or compete at an approved school, and/or other series race events at facilities not otherwise prohibited in this Rule 6. Drivers are prohibited from participating at any such event at a track yet to hold a SERIES Event.

**6.2.2.2.** A Driver and/or Entrant must submit a written request to test and/or compete in a fundamentally different type and/or class of car at any track that has yet to hold a SERIES Event. The request must state the particulars of the testing and/or competition including but not limited to: date, track, Driver name, sanctioning body, type of car, Entrant (if different from applicant), license(s) required and type of event. Requests are subject to evaluation and approval by The SERIES and approval or failure to approve such participation is not subject to protest or appeal.

**6.2.3. Private Test** – A Private Test is a Test organized by an Entrant and/or Driver and subject to the following restrictions:

**6.2.3.1.** Anyone desiring to conduct a Private Test must notify The SERIES no later than ten (10) days prior to commencement of any such test and to provide details of such test in order to receive permission from The SERIES.

**6.2.3.2.** The SERIES reserves the right to send a representative to any Private Test to check compliance with The SERIES Rules and the participant must co-operate fully with the representative's checks.

**6.2.3.3.** Private Tests are prohibited for participants from February 1st until the conclusion of the last race in the 2014 season at any facility that has yet to hold a Race of the 2014 USF2000 Championship Series.

**6.2.3.4.** Except as otherwise provided by The SERIES, any Member Testing at a facility must permit other Members to test at the facility on the same date (up to the maximum number permitted by the facility).

**6.2.3.5.** For each Private Test, a designated representative must be nominated to provide a

report, in writing, to The SERIES detailing any and all safety and/or medical incidents (or that there were none) including but not limited to: on-track incidents of contact resulting in damage or fire, Driver injuries, crew member injuries, incidents involving medical attention or response and details of other occurrences as may be requested by The SERIES.

**6.2.4.** Violation of this Rule 6 may result in penalty, including without limitation, the loss of Championship points and awards, the loss of grid positions and including up to the loss of the privilege to participate in the Event at the facility where the prohibited Testing occurred and/or a monetary fine or other penalty.

## 7. AT TRACK PROCEDURES

### 7.1. On Track Conditions

**7.1.1.** The Race Director determines the Track Condition. Track Conditions include the following:

**7.1.2. Green Condition** - The Green Condition signifies racing conditions.

**7.1.3. Yellow Condition** – The Yellow Condition signifies caution.

**7.1.3.1. Oval Events** – All Cars must slow down.

**7.1.3.1.1. Practice** – The Drivers shall reduce speed immediately, maintain position, yield to safety vehicles and/or personnel and return to their assigned pits. All times posted during the lap shall be voided.

**7.1.3.1.2. Qualifications** – A Qualifications attempt is stopped.

**7.1.3.1.3. Race** – All Cars must slow down. Drivers shall reduce speed immediately, maintain position, yield to safety vehicles and/or personnel. The Pace Car is dispatched to pick up the leader. Drivers are required to form a single file line and pack up behind the Pace Car.

**7.1.3.2. Road/Street Course Events**

**7.1.3.2.1. Local** – Drivers must reduce speed and be prepared to stop. Passing is prohibited between the first Yellow Condition and the subsequent Green Condition.

#### **7.1.3.2.2. Full Course Yellow All Events**

**During a Race** – All Drivers are required to proceed with caution, observe the flags, maintain position and yield to safety vehicles and personnel. The Race Leader shall return to Pace Car speed. The Pace Car will be dispatched and pick up the leader, or any car, if circumstances dictate. All other Drivers are required to form a single file line and pack up behind the Race leader. The Race Director shall determine if the leader or any other Car fails to pace the Race as directed. The Race Director shall determine the type and timing of any penalty as he deems appropriate. Such decision is not subject to protest and/or appeal.

**7.1.3.2.3.** Upon commencement of a full course yellow condition, pit lane shall remain open unless otherwise announced by Race Control. Cars entering pit lane under the yellow condition must not improve their position relative to Cars on Track and must rejoin at the back of the pack or as directed by Officials.

**7.1.3.2.4.** Pit lane starts and ends at points designated by Officials. The pit entrance and exit lanes are considered part of the Track. Taking an improper position upon leaving pit lane or failure of a Driver and/or Entrant to follow the direction of Officials may result in a minimum one (1) lap penalty. The Officials' determination of the order is not subject to protest or appeal.

**7.1.3.2.5.** A Car must not use pit lane to improve its position relative to the Pace Car or any Car remaining on the Racing Surface, but a Car may improve its position relative to other Cars in pit lane.

**7.1.3.2.6.** Laps completed are scored, unless stated otherwise by Officials.



#### **7.1.4. Red Condition**

**7.1.4.1. Non-Race Conditions** - All Drivers are required to slow to caution speed, maintain position and yield to safety vehicles and personnel. Cars are required to return to their pit location. Lap timing ceases at the declaration of a Red Condition.

**7.1.4.2. Race Conditions** - The Red Condition signifies racing conditions are no longer in effect.

**a)** Competitors must proceed cautiously to a location designated by Officials.

**b)** Unless otherwise instructed by Officials, no work is permitted on the Cars, except Entrants may plug in a booster battery and apply towels to bodywork and provide an umbrella to the Driver.

**7.1.5.** The decision as to whether to declare a Green, Yellow, Full Course Yellow, or Red Condition is not subject to protest or appeal.

**7.1.6.** While additional information regarding Track Condition is included in the Flag Code section for convenience, this information is equally applicable to the other systems of notification (Track Lights, Race Control Frequency, Track condition lights (ICAR)).

**7.1.7.** Decisions by the Race Director are effective immediately, regardless of the time the declaration is received by the Competitors. Officials use multiple systems to notify Competitors of such decisions. All Competitors shall react to the first notification they receive. The systems include the following:

**7.1.7.1. Track Lights** – Green and/or yellow lights positioned around the Track.

**7.1.7.2. "Race Control Frequency"** – The radio frequency used by The SERIES to provide direct

communication to Entrants during Events. The spotter (if applicable) and a representative of the Entrant in the Entrant's pit must both monitor it. Entrants failing to monitor it shall be charged with knowledge of communication on such frequency and are subject to penalty. Competitors failing to follow directions may be penalized.

**7.1.7.3. Track condition Radio (ICAR)** – All cars must use The SERIES provided ICAR and wiring harness without modification.

**7.1.7.3.1. Oval Events** – The ICAR signals a yellow condition.

**7.1.7.3.2. Road/Street Course** – The ICAR signals a Full Course Yellow during race conditions, or red condition during practice and qualifying.

## **7.2. Flag Codes (“Flags”)**

**7.2.1. Green** - signifies a Green Condition.

### **7.2.1.1. All Events:**

**a) Practice** – A practice session has begun.

**b) Qualifications** - A qualifications attempt or segment has begun.

**c) Race** – Unless otherwise instructed, a Race has begun.

**7.2.1.2. Road/Street Course Events Only-** The Track downstream of a Yellow Condition is clear.

**7.2.2. Yellow** - signifies a Yellow Condition. During Road/Street Course Events:

**7.2.2.1. Local** – A yellow flag is displayed at a marshal's post.

**a) Stationary** – A motionless yellow flag means reduce speed, passing prohibited, be prepared to change direction, a hazard beside or near the edge of the Track.

**b) Waving** - A waved yellow flag means reduce speed, passing prohibited, be prepared to change direction or stop, a hazard wholly or partially blocking the Track.

**7.2.2.2. Full Course Yellow** – Motionless double yellow flags displayed at all Marshal's posts. A waved yellow flag is displayed at the post with the hazard.

**7.2.3. Black** - The Driver shall proceed to the pit area on the next lap and follow the instructions of Officials.

**7.2.3.1.** The Race Director may declare a black flag for a Car if he determines that:

**a)** Any condition exists which could cause the Driver or the Driver's Car to create a hazard to the Driver or others;

**b)** If the Driver has violated a Rule.

**c)** Upon request by the Entrant.

**7.2.3.2.** When a Driver is ordered to the pit lane because of a hazardous condition of the Driver's Car, the proper repairs must be made and approved by Officials before the Car will be permitted to continue in the Event.

**7.2.3.3.** In the event of a violation of the Rules, the black flag may be declared to impose a penalty (a "black flag penalty") which may include repositioning Cars or requiring a Driver to:

**a)** Drive through pit lane at pit lane speed limits ("drive through");

- b) Stop in pit lane ("stop and go"); or
- c) Stop in pit lane for a prescribed period ("detention").
- d) Black and White divided diagonally (or Furled Black)** – The Driver is receiving a warning for unsportsmanlike conduct.

**7.2.3.4.** The Race Director shall determine the type and length of any Black Flag penalty. Satisfying Black Flag penalties must be initiated under Green Flag conditions. The penalized Car shall proceed to the pit lane as directed by Officials and may return to the Race only upon the declaration of Officials. In the case of a Driver violating the Rules, no work may be performed on a Car during the execution of a Black Flag penalty. Should any such work occur, the conditions of the penalty are unfulfilled and the penalty procedure must be executed again in its entirety on a subsequent lap. The penalty is not subject to protest or appeal.

**7.2.4. Black with Orange Disk** – Car may have a mechanical hazard. Report to your pit box for repairs.

**7.2.5. Blue Flag** - An approaching Car is attempting to overtake and the Car being signaled must give consideration to the overtaking Driver.

#### **7.2.6. White**

**7.2.6.1. Oval Event Qualifications** - The Car has commenced its last lap.

**7.2.6.2. Road/Street Course Events Practice/Qualifications** - When displayed from a marshal's post, a Car or safety vehicle is not at full speed on the Racing Surface ahead.

**7.2.6.3. All Races**— When displayed from the starter's stand, the leader has commenced his/her last lap and will continue to be displayed to all successive Cars as they cross the finish line.

**7.2.7. White with Red Cross** - When displayed from the Starter stand, safety vehicles and/or personnel are on Track.

**7.2.8. Alternating Red and Yellow Stripes** - Oil, water, debris or other substance has altered the Racing Surface.

**7.2.9. Checkered** - The practice session, qualifying session or Race is completed. All Drivers must enter the pits after receiving the checkered flag.

**7.2.9.1. Road/Street Course Events** - The checkered flag is displayed at the Finish line (Or, if so announced, at the marshal's post nearest the alternate Finish line at the end of all practice and qualifying sessions). Drivers must immediately enter the pits after receiving the checkered flag.

**7.2.9.2. Warm up Sessions** – The checkered flag is displayed from the Starter's stand.

**7.2.9.3. Race** – The checkered flag is displayed to the Race leader at the Finish line upon the completion of the Race Leader's final lap and will continue to be displayed until each Car running has received the checkered flag.

**7.2.10. Red** – Signifies a Red Condition.

**7.2.10.1. All Events:**

**a. Practice** – A Practice Session is interrupted.

- b. **Qualifications** – A Qualifications attempt or session is interrupted.

**7.2.10.2.** Unless otherwise declared by Officials, a Race stopped by the declaration of a red condition is considered incomplete unless more than 50% of the scheduled number of laps has been completed by the Race leader. If Officials schedule the continuation of the Race on a subsequent date or a later time, the Race will be restarted beginning with the unfinished portion of the scheduled number of laps.

**7.2.10.3.** If a Race is stopped by the declaration of a red condition and more than 50% of the scheduled number of laps have been completed by the Race leader, the Race may be considered complete in the Official's discretion, and final standings are determined by ranking all Cars in order by total laps completed and sequence of completion through the last official Race lap.

**7.2.10.4.** Officials will make reasonable effort to restart a Race stopped by the declaration of a Red Condition if the conditions warrant.

**7.2.10.5.** The Race Director's decision to restart or not to restart a Race stopped by the declaration of a Red Condition is not subject to protest or appeal.

### **7.3. Race Start – Rolling Start**

**7.3.1.** All Drivers must place their Cars in their respective positions on the parade and/or pace lap(s). If a Car experiences mechanical difficulty, the Car must not return to its original starting grid position. The Car shall be moved to the rear of the starting grid. If more than one Car is so affected, the Race Director shall determine the order at the rear of the starting grid as he deems appropriate in his discretion. The remaining Cars in the field must maintain their assigned positions unless otherwise instructed by Officials.

**7.3.2.** Cars dropping out on the parade or pace laps may be considered cause for delaying the start. Such Cars may be permitted to join the Race under the direction of Officials whenever their difficulty is corrected. Unless otherwise instructed, their first scored lap must begin at the starting line on the Track.

**7.3.3.** A Pace Car is used to pace the field at the start of the Race. The Pace Car has its flashing lights on during any parade and/or pace lap(s). At the appropriate time, the lights are turned off, indicating intent to start the Race the next time across the starting line. The Pace Car pulls off into the designated location. The lap count begins at the conclusion of the pace lap(s).

**7.3.4.** All Cars must maintain their respective Track position until the green condition is declared or as described by the Race Director. If a Driver improperly improves their position without cause prior to declaration of the green condition, the Driver may be penalized. The imposition or non-imposition of a penalty is not subject to protest or appeal.

**7.3.5.** Upon the Race Director's declaration, all Cars must start a Road/Street Course Race on "Wet-Type" tires. While changes may be made to the Cars on the grid to accommodate the "Wet-Type" tires, the Entrant remains responsible for complying with post-Race technical inspection. After such a declaration has been made, Entrants may change to "Dry-Type" tires only after taking the green flag on the Race Track.

**7.4. Race Start – Standing Start:** The Standing Start may be used as announced depending on the venue and at the discretion of the Race Director.

#### **7.4.1. Pre-Race Grid on Track**

**7.4.1.1.** All Entrants must have a representative stationed at each designated grid location on the Track to assist the Driver in locating the correct Start Box prior to the Cars moving from Pre-Grid to the start grid.

**7.4.1.2.** Entrant representative must clear the Track (a 60 second board may be shown indicating one (1) minute prior to the start of the reconnaissance lap) and remain at the signaling wall perpendicular to the Start Box to assist the Driver positioning the Car in their Start Box after the reconnaissance lap.

#### **7.4.2. Reconnaissance Lap**

**7.4.2.1.** The Pace Car leads the reconnaissance lap. Falling back to accelerate or undertaking a practice start(s) after leaving the Start Box is prohibited. Cars must maintain the Pace Car speed.

**7.4.2.2.** Any Car failing to leave the grid with the field, spinning or leaving the Racing Surface, forfeits its grid position and must start from pit lane, on the order of the Race Director.

#### **7.4.3. Standing Start**

**7.4.3.1.** At the end of the reconnaissance lap, the Safety Car enters the pit lane and the field must take their positions. The front wheels of each Car must remain inside the designated Start Box until the Start signal.



**7.4.3.2.** Once the Car is positioned in the Start Box awaiting the start sequence, the Entrant representative must move promptly to Entrant's pit box.

**7.4.3.3.** Once the Car is positioned in the Start Box only Officials are permitted on the grid and a board is shown indicating 15 seconds until the start of the light sequence.

**7.4.3.4.** The light sequence begins when the red lights illuminate from the bottom of the light box. They proceed upwards until the entire light box is illuminated red.

**7.4.3.5.** The Race starts at the moment the red lights change to green. A delay of not less than half a second and no more than three and a half seconds takes place between the red and green lights.

**7.4.3.6.** If a Car's wheels have moved beyond the Start Box or are moving forward when the start signal turns green, the Driver has committed a false start.

**7.4.3.7.** Officials may penalize a false start. Such penalty is not subject to protest or appeal.

**7.4.3.7.1. Aborted Start** - An aborted start is indicated by the red lights turning off in reverse order. Instructions are given to Entrants over the 'Race Control Frequency'. The standing start procedure may be reinitiated or abandoned; if abandoned, the Pace Car is dispatched to conduct a Rolling Start.

## **7.5. Race Restart**

### **7.5.1. After a Yellow Condition**

**7.5.1.1.** Prior to the restart, any Cars between the Pace Car and the Race leader are waved by to join the rear of the field. Waved-by Cars may pit. The Race Director may restart the Race prior to the waved-by Cars having joined the rear of the field.

**7.5.1.2.** When the Track is clear for racing, the Pace Car assists the field in preparing for a restart. At the appropriate time, the flashing lights are turned off, indicating intent to restart. The leader must maintain the pace lap speed until reaching a point designated by the Race Director near the start/finish line when the leader shall accelerate smoothly back to racing speed and the green condition will then be declared. All Cars must maintain their respective Track position until the green condition is declared.

**7.5.1.3.** The Race Director in his discretion may move lapped Cars to rear of the field prior to a restart.

**7.5.1.4.** During the yellow condition, Car(s) must not pass another Car unless:

**7.5.1.4.1.** The other Car is stopped on Track or the Driver of the other Car has waved by all of the passing Cars in a safe location and promptly confirms such action by radio communication to Officials;

**7.5.1.4.2.** The other Car is not maintaining the pace lap speed; or

**7.5.1.4.3.** Either Car is in the pit lane boundaries.

**7.5.1.5.** The penalty for passing the Pace Car or another Car during a yellow condition without authorization by Officials shall be a black flag, lap(s) or such other penalty as Officials deem appropriate.

**7.5.1.6.** The Race Director shall determine the restart procedure as he deems appropriate in his discretion. This includes when to give the proper passing signal, whether a proper passing signal has been given, whether to move lapped Cars to the rear of the field, if the leader or any other Car fails to restart the Race as directed, and the type and timing of any penalty. All such decisions made by the Race Director are not subject to protest or appeal.

**7.5.2. After a Red Condition** – All of the standard restart procedures shall apply with the following exceptions:

**7.5.2.1.** The Cars will be lined up in order beginning with the Race leader. The restart order of the remaining Cars is determined by their physical sequence at the start/finish line during the last scored Race lap.

**7.5.2.2.** Notwithstanding Rule 7.11.2.1, the following reasons may be cause for a Car to be placed at the rear of the restart lineup:

- a)** Cars involved in a crash during, or subsequent to, the last scored lap. The decision as to whether a Car has been involved in a crash is not subject to protest or appeal.

b) Cars stopped on the Track, including the pits, during the last officially scored lap.

c) The restart order of Cars placed at the rear of the lineup is in order by total laps completed and sequence of completion.

**7.5.2.3.** Any laps run under a yellow condition are scored. Any Cars remaining in pit lane at the time of a restart may join the Race if approved to compete by Officials.

## **7.6. Mechanical Conditions**

**7.6.1.** Officials shall determine whether a Car involved in a crash or with a hazardous mechanical condition will be permitted to continue in the Event or must first return to the pit lane or the garage area for necessary repairs.

**7.6.2.** Officials shall determine how the Car is removed and where the Car is taken. Officials are not responsible for payment, reimbursement, damage or loss to any Car as a result of such removal.

**7.6.3.** After any repairs have been completed by the Entrant's crew, the Car is subject to visual or other inspection by Officials prior to and/or during any further competition. If Officials determine that further repairs are warranted, the Entrant's crew must make those repairs before the Entrant's Car is permitted to return to competition.

**7.6.3.1. Oval Events** – Cars being repaired for more than three (3) laps are not permitted to return to the Race during the last two (2) laps of the Race.

**7.6.3.2. Road/Street Course Events** – Cars being repaired for more than three (3) laps are not permitted to return to the Race during the last one (1) lap of the Race.

**7.6.4.** A Car must only receive on-Track assistance as directed by Officials

**7.6.5.** Officials may approve technical or structural changes during technical inspection due to contact, material or parts failure.

**7.6.6.** All such decisions of the Officials are not subject to protest or appeal.

## **7.7. Timing and Scoring**

### **7.7.1. Race Distance and/or Time Limit**

**7.7.1.1.** Officials shall announce the scheduled number of laps and/or time limit prior to the start of a Race.

**7.7.1.2.** If Officials determine that there are time limitations due to weather, curfew, or otherwise, Officials may move the start time of a Race, shorten the distance of a Race, set a maximum time for a Race, or take such other actions as Officials deem appropriate.

### **7.7.2. Systems**

**7.7.2.1.** The electronic scoring system is the primary scoring record. Officials will record the physical sequence in which each Car crosses the start/finish line, including in pit lane.

**7.7.2.2.** At Oval Events, the serial scoring system may be a backup scoring record.

**7.7.2.3.** Other substantiating scoring systems may be used at the discretion of Officials.

**7.7.2.4.** If the Race Director cannot visually determine the position of a Car relative to other Cars, the Race Director may consult with other

Officials and access such other data as he determines necessary or appropriate to assist him in determining the order of the Cars.

**7.7.3. Start/Finish Line** - The scoring of Cars shall begin at the moment when the timing transponder of the lead Car reaches the starting line and the declaration of the green or yellow condition has been given by the Race Director or his designee.

**7.7.3.1. Oval Events** - A single start/finish line is defined across the Track, and extended across the pits where appropriate, in the immediate area of the starter's stand.

**7.7.3.2. Road/Street Course Events** - Officials may designate separate start/finish lines.

#### **7.7.4. Lap Credit**

**7.7.4.1.** A Car is credited with a lap when its timing transponder crosses the start/finish line after completing one entire lap of the Track with two wheels of the Car having remained on the Racing Surface at all times, as determined from the scoring records. Notwithstanding the foregoing:

**7.7.4.1.1.** If a Car returns to pit lane under its own power and retires from the Race, Officials may credit the Car with completion of the lap.

**7.7.4.1.2.** On the last lap of a Race, a Car will be officially credited with a lap when any part of the Car under its own power crosses the finish line.

**7.7.4.1.3.** A Car is not permitted to advance or maintain its position relative to other Cars due to an excursion off the Racing Surface unless the excursion was due to the Car taking evasive action as determined by the Race Director. Such

determination is not subject to protest and/or appeal.

**7.7.4.2.** A Car is considered the first Car out of the Race and awarded the final finishing position based on the following order:

- a)** The Car is a non-starting Car,
- b)** The Car does not leave the starting grid and does not return to the Race,
- c)** The Car drops out during the parade or pace laps, or
- d)** The Car drops out of a Race before completion of the first lap.
- e)** In the event more than one Car is affected in one of the above categories, Officials shall rank such Cars based on their original starting grid positions.

**7.7.4.3.** Final standings are determined by the sequence in which the Cars completed the scheduled number of laps.

**7.7.4.3.1.** Except as provided in Rule 7.7.4.1.2, a Race is completed by the Race winner at the moment the timing transponder of the Car crosses the finish line on the last lap. The Race is completed by each other Car when the timing transponder of each Car crosses the start/finish line after the Race leader. Scoring will thereafter cease, and the Race is completed. Officials' decision is not subject to protest or appeal.

**7.7.4.3.2.** Cars not completing the scheduled number of laps are ranked in order by total laps completed and sequence of completion, whether the Car is still running or not. The Race Director shall determine the "reason out" for each Car

not listed as running. The Race Director's decision is not subject to protest or appeal.

#### **7.7.5. Ties**

**7.7.5.1.** In the event the scorers are unable to conclusively determine any difference in the physical sequence for two or more Cars at the end of a Race, Officials shall determine the finishing positions based upon the Cars' positions at the finish line on the prior lap.

**7.7.5.2.** In the event two or more Cars post the identical number of laps led in a Race, the Car finishing the Race in the higher/highest position will earn the points or award for most laps led.

**7.7.5.3.** The Race Director's decisions are not subject to protest or appeal.

#### **7.8. Pit Assignments**

**7.8.1.** For the TEAM Championship, Officials shall make pit assignments based on Team points entering each Event beginning with the point leader at "pit out" and continuing in order of decreasing points to "pit in", with all Team cars being adjacent to one another.

**7.8.2.** If the Event is the first Event of the season, then the Team shall be ranked using the prior season's point standings. Any Entrants having not competed in the prior season shall be ranked toward the "pit in" end by blind draw.

**7.8.3.** Any Team not entered in the TEAM Championship shall be placed at the rear of the order based on blind draw.

#### **7.9. Pit Equipment**

**7.9.1.** All nitrogen bottles must be securely fastened and have a cage device or protected regulator approved by



Officials. All nitrogen bottles must be returned to the designated location at the conclusion of the Event.

#### **7.10. Pit Personnel**

**7.10.1.** No individual shall stand or sit on the pit wall.

**7.10.2.** Only individuals associated with an Entrant may be in the Entrant's pit (on the Track side of the pit wall) during a Race.

**7.10.3.** Throughout any Qualification session and also beginning with the "start your engines" command and continuing through the conclusion of each Race, a maximum of three (3) crew members are permitted to work on the Car. Crew Members must only assume their positions immediately before the Car arrives.

**7.10.4.** Manufacturer's representatives are not considered crew members and are permitted on the Track side of the pit wall at the Officials' discretion.

**7.10.5.** Except as otherwise provided by the Rules, all personnel and equipment must remain within the assigned pit.

#### **7.11. Pit Procedures**

**7.11.1.** Attire for pit personnel is required as set forth in Rule 1.2.8.2.1.

**7.11.2.** A speed limit is enforced during Events within the pit lane areas defined either by painted lines, cones and/or other visible markings. The pit speed will not exceed 45 mph.

**7.11.3.** A Driver who passes the Driver's assigned pit by more than one pit must continue around the Track and stop on the next available lap.

- 7.11.4.** A Car must not be pushed more than two pits beyond its assigned pit during a Race.
- 7.11.5.** Attire for pit personnel is as required as set forth in Rule 1.2.7.2.
- 7.11.6.** Cars being pushed or towed with a Member in the Car who must be able to apply the brakes at all times.
- 7.11.7.** Cars must be centered in their assigned pit.
- 7.11.8.** Beginning with the "start your engines" command and continuing through the conclusion of each Race, a maximum of three (3) crew members are permitted to work on the Car. Crew Members may assume their positions immediately before the Car arrives.
- 7.11.9.** No individual shall stand or sit on the pit wall.
- 7.11.10.** Only individuals associated with an Entrant may be in the Entrant's pit (on the Track side of the pit wall) during a Race.
- 7.11.11.** Manufacturer's representatives are not considered crew members and are permitted on the Track side of the pit wall at the discretion of SERIES Officials or the Race Director.
- 7.11.12.** Except as otherwise provided by the Rules, all personnel and equipment must remain within the assigned pit.
- 7.11.13.** All nitrogen bottles must be securely fastened and have a cage device or protected regulator approved by Officials. All nitrogen bottles must be returned to the designated location at the conclusion of the Event.
- 7.11.14.** A speed limit not to exceed 45mph will be enforced at all Events within the pit lane areas defined by painted lines, cones and/or other visible markings.

**7.11.15.** A Driver who passes the Driver's assigned pit by more than three pits must continue around the Track and stop on the next available lap.

**7.11.16.** A Car may not be pushed more than two pits beyond its assigned pit during a Race.

**7.11.17.** Fueling on pit lane is prohibited.

**7.12. Pit Penalties** – The following matters and any others determined by the Race Director are cause for a Car to be penalized:

**7.12.1.** Failing to follow designated procedures entering or exiting the pit area, including the acceleration and deceleration lanes;

**7.12.2.** Permitting two wheels or more of a Car to leave the designated pit entrance lane, pit lane or pit exit lane;

**7.12.3.** Leaving the assigned pit with air hoses, fuel hoses, air impact wrenches or other equipment attached to or hanging from the Car;

**7.12.4.** Car passing over or under any air line or hose or any other equipment;

**7.12.5.** Car contact with pit equipment outside of standard pit stop procedures;

**7.12.6.** Contact with another Car;

**7.12.7.** Contact with personnel;

**7.12.8.** Pit personnel not properly attired;

**7.12.9.** Permitting individuals not associated with an Entrant to be in the Entrant's pit;

**7.12.10.** More than three (3) crew members to work on the Car during a Race;

**7.12.11.** Car entering a pit other than the Car's assigned pit.

**7.12.12.** Penalties for violations of this Rule include, but are not limited to, a black flag and/or exclusion from the Event. No such penalties are subject to protest or appeal.

### **7.13. Performance Standards**

**7.13.1.** The Race Director may establish a performance standard that all Entries entered in an Event must achieve in order to participate in the Event. In general, Entries must perform within 108% of the Car posting the best time in their class and demonstrate Car consistency, control/placement and interaction with other Cars on track to the satisfaction of the Race Director. In general, the standard is announced to all Competitors prior to the start of the first practice session and will not be raised after practice has started. However, Officials may delay announcement of the standard until a later time based on the physical condition of the Track, safety and other considerations.

## **8. QUALIFICATIONS**

### **8.1. All Events**

**8.1.1. Overview** – Qualifications determines the eligibility and starting position of each Car desiring to participate in a Race by ranking the Car on the basis of its performance in qualifications.

**8.1.2. Meeting** – Officials may hold a specific meeting prior to the start of qualifications. Officials may designate the meetings as mandatory for some Members.

**8.1.3. Starting Time** - The Race Director shall determine the starting time for the qualifications period.

**8.1.4. Delays** - The Race Director may penalize any Member attempting to delay qualifications.

### **8.1.5. Interruption and Suspension**

**8.1.5.1. Interruption** – Qualifications may be interrupted by the commencement of a yellow or Red Condition. Qualifications is interrupted at the moment that the decision to interrupt is made

**8.1.5.2. Suspension** – Officials may suspend qualifications for any reason.

**8.1.5.3.** The decision to interrupt or suspend an attempt or qualifications (and reasons therefore) are not subject to protest or appeal.

### **8.1.6. Technical Inspection**

**8.1.6.1. Impound Area** - Officials shall direct selected qualified Cars to a designated "impound area" to check for compliance. No one is permitted in the "impound area" unless otherwise directed by Officials.

**8.1.6.2. Cars** – Officials reserve the right to seal any component.

**8.1.6.3. Fuel** - A fuel sample may be taken from all Cars prior to and after the qualifications attempt. During a qualifications session, fuel must not be added to a Car.

**8.1.6.4. Battery** - An external battery may be connected to the Car when the Car is in the qualifications line.

**8.1.6.5. Technical Violations** - Officials may penalize a Car(s) that does not successfully complete post-qualification technical inspection.

**8.1.6.6. Qualified Cars** – All qualified Cars must remain on the grounds of the Event facility after qualifications unless otherwise permitted by Officials.

**8.1.6.7. Crashed Qualified Cars**

**8.1.6.7.1.** If a Qualified Car is involved in a crash prior to the Race, Officials may permit the Entrant to start either a backup Car or the repaired Car in the Race. This decision is not subject to protest or appeal.

**8.1.6.7.2.** The backup Car must start the Race at the rear of the field in accordance with Rule 8.1.7.2.

**8.1.6.7.3.** The repaired Car must successfully complete technical and safety inspection to start the Race in its original position.

**8.1.6.7.4.** The Driver of the crashed Car must be approved by Officials in accordance with Rule 1.2.4.4.

### **8.1.7. Starting Field**

**8.1.7.1.** Except as otherwise provided by these Rules, the starting field shall be determined by best time rankings, from fastest to slowest, with the fastest qualifier occupying the pole position, followed by the second fastest qualifier, third fastest, etc., down through the slowest qualifier who has not been "bumped".

**a)** The starting field for the second Race of a two-race Event shall be determined by the second fastest Qualifying lap time or the fastest Race lap time from the first Race, whichever is faster, from fastest to slowest, with the fastest occupying the pole position, followed by the second fastest, third fastest, etc., down through the slowest. If no official Race or Qualifying time is recorded, the order shall be set at the discretion of the Race Director.

**b)** The starting field for any additional Races of a multi-race Event shall be determined by the fastest Race lap time from the preceding Race or the second fastest lap time from the first Race, whichever is faster, from fastest to slowest, with the fastest occupying the pole position, followed by the second fastest, third fastest, etc., down through the slowest. If no Race time is recorded, the order

shall be set at the discretion of the Race Director.

**8.1.7.2.** In the event two or more Cars post identical official qualifications times, the Cars shall be ranked in the order in which the completed qualifications attempts occurred.

**8.1.7.3.** A Driver who has qualified a Car must not make an attempt to qualify a second Car.

**8.1.7.4.** If a Car does not return to the pit lane after receiving the checkered flag, Officials may penalize the Entry.

**8.1.7.5.** The size of the starting field(s) for each Race shall be determined by Officials.

#### **8.1.8. Starting Field Determination**

**8.1.8.1.** No Qualifications/Qualifications Not Completed – Not all Entrants have been given an opportunity to qualify. Officials shall assign all starting positions based on the following priority:

**8.1.8.1.1.** Driver points entering the Event. At the first Event of the season, Officials shall rank Entries based on the order in which Entries were submitted, beginning with the first Entry received or;

**8.1.8.1.2.** Combined practice times.

**8.1.9. Subsequent Change in Condition** – After qualifications and prior to the start of a Race, an Entry may undergo a change in condition(s) that shall void its qualifications time, original starting grid position and/or practice time. In such case, Officials shall assign the Entry a revised starting grid position(s) at the rear of the starting field based on the following order:



**8.1.9.1. Substitute Starting Engine** – N/A.

**8.1.9.2. Substitute Starting Car or Car/Engine Combination** – An Entrant has requested and received permission to use a Back-Up Car pursuant to Rule 5.1.2.3.2. The Entrant will start the Race with the same Driver but a different nonqualified Car or Car/Engine combination.

**8.1.9.3. Alternate Starting Cars** – If a Car does not line up for the Race, Officials may select the Entrant's Car posting the next best qualifying time or the next highest Entrant points to complete the field.

**8.1.9.4. Non-Engine Related Penalty** Rule 1.6.6.2 and Rule 9 – An Entrant or Driver has been penalized and moved to the rear of the starting grid.

**8.1.9.5. Non-Starting Cars** Rule 10.3.4 – A Car does not line up for the Race.

**8.1.9.6.** If more than one Entry is affected in one or more of the above categories, The SERIES shall rank such Entries within such category based on the following priority:

**8.1.9.6.1.** Driver points entering the Event;

**8.1.9.6.2.** Combined practice times.

**8.1.10.** The pole sitter may elect to start from either front row position. The Driver must notify the Race Director of this decision no more than one (1) hour after the conclusion of Qualifications.

## **8.2. Oval Events**

**8.2.1.** This Rule 8.2 contains qualifications Rules for Oval Events that are in addition to the Rules for all Events contained in Rule 8.1 to the extent not inconsistent with them. In the event of any inconsistency, this Rule 8.2 shall govern Oval Events.

**8.2.2. Qualifications Order** – Cars are ordered in the reverse of combined official Practice times from slowest to fastest.

### **8.2.3. Qualifications Line**

**8.2.3.1.** Cars must be in the qualifications line at the designated time.

**8.2.3.2.** A Car reserves its position in the qualifications line as long as it remains in the designated position and proceeds with the qualifications attempt when signaled. The Official's decision whether a Car is in its designated position is not subject to protest or appeal.

**8.2.3.3.** While the Car is in the qualifications line, an Entrant's representatives may make tire pressure and front wing adjustments only. The Car must be moved as the qualifications line progresses. A Car must not leave the qualifications line without the approval of Officials.

### **8.2.4. Technical Inspection**

**8.2.4.1.** If a Car does not successfully complete pre-qualifying technical inspection as determined by Officials, the Car shall forfeit its "guaranteed attempt" and may be listed at the rear of the starting field pursuant to Rule 8.1.9.5.

**8.2.4.2.** When a Car is presented for pre-qualifications technical inspection, it must be in the same configuration in which it shall race, with the following exceptions:

- a) Flaps may be adjusted;
- b) Optional wickers may be changed, added or removed;
- c) Tire pressures.

**8.2.4.3.** An external battery may be connected to the Car when the Car is in the qualifications line, provided no extension cords are connected to the pit wall or generators.

**8.2.4.4.** Retracting the brake pistons into the caliper by any method is prohibited.

**8.2.4.5.** The Car must remain as presented at pre-qualifying technical inspection throughout the entire qualifications attempt unless otherwise approved by Officials.

**8.2.4.6.** Only after a Car's qualifications attempt or post-qualifications technical inspection is completed, whichever occurs later, may any of the foregoing permitted changes be made.

#### **8.2.5. Declaration of Intent**

**8.2.5.1.** A Car must be presented at the entrance of the "staging pit" when signaled to do so ("declaration of intent"). The Race Director shall signal a Driver when it is time for the Car to depart from the qualifications line to begin a qualifications attempt. Unless otherwise provided by Race Director, each Car must depart the qualifications line within 60 seconds of receiving the signal.

**8.2.5.2.** In order to make an official qualifications attempt, a Car must have been given the signal to depart from the qualifications line and have moved away with the Engine running prior to the end of the qualifications period.

**8.2.5.3. Warm-Up Laps** -- A Car shall be given a minimum of one (1) warm-up lap. The Race Director may add additional warm up laps as he deems appropriate.

#### **8.2.6. Qualifications Attempt**

**8.2.6.1.** Qualifications will be based on one individually timed attempt per Car. A qualifications attempt is the total of two consecutively timed laps.

**8.2.6.2.** Each Car will be permitted only one departure from the qualifications line to commence its qualifications attempt. A qualifications attempt may only be started and completed under the green condition.

**8.2.6.3.** All Cars in the qualifications order shall be given one "guaranteed attempt" to qualify. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the following matters and any others which may be determined by the Race Director are cause for a Car to forfeit its guaranteed qualifications attempt and to be listed at the rear of the starting grid in accordance with Rule 8.1.8.

- a) A Car is not presented in the proper order at technical inspection at the designated time;
- b) A Car is not presented in the proper order at the staging pit;
- c) A Car fails to leave the staging pit within the designated time;
- d) A Car leaves the staging pit but fails to receive the green flag;
- e) A Car fails to receive the checkered flag.
- f) If more than one Car is so affected, the Cars shall be ranked according to Rule 8.1.8.

**8.2.6.4.** If the qualifications period concludes before each Car has been given its "guaranteed attempt", then qualifications shall resume at a time designated by the Race Director, if practicable. If the Race Director is unable to resume qualifications and allow each Car its guaranteed attempt, the entire starting

field shall be determined in accordance with Rule 8.1.8.

**8.2.6.5.** If Officials interrupt qualifications for reasons caused by a Driver or the Driver's crew, the Driver's Car shall forfeit its guaranteed qualifications attempt and may be listed at the rear of the starting grid in accordance with Rule 8.1.8. If the interruption is not due to the actions of the Driver or the Driver's crew, the Car shall not be charged with its qualifications attempt and the Car may be permitted to return to its position at the front of the existing qualifications line and proceed with its guaranteed qualifications attempt.

**8.2.6.6.** If a Car has started its warm-up laps or its qualifications attempt when qualifications are suspended, the Car will not be charged with an attempt and will be returned to its position at the front of the existing qualifications line when qualifications resume. Officials shall preserve the qualifications line already established when qualifications resume. If Officials release a Car during a suspension, the Entrant is not required to keep its Car at the designated location during the suspension. Officials shall announce prior to resuming qualifications that all Cars are to be returned to the designated location. Any Entrant not returning an Entrant's Car to the designated location by the designated time shall forfeit the Entrant's guaranteed qualifications attempt and may be listed at the rear of the starting grid in accordance with Rule 8.1.8.

### **8.3. Road/Street Course Events**

**8.3.1.** Rule 8.3 contains qualifications Rules for Road/Street Course Events, which are in addition to the Rules for all Events contained in Rule 8.1 to the extent not inconsistent with them. In the event of any inconsistency, Rule 8.3 shall govern Road/Street Course Events.

**8.3.2.** Qualifications shall consist of one group unless announced by bulletin.

**8.3.3.** Officials may elect to divide qualifying into two groups. The groups shall be determined by Officials. If the conditions for qualifying are sufficiently different between the two groups, Officials may elect to rank each group on the grid in order of time as follows:

**8.3.3.1.** The fastest overall time from the two groups shall start from the pole position. All other Cars in the same group shall occupy the odd numbered positions, and

**8.3.3.2.** The fastest overall time from the other group shall start from position 2. All other Cars in the same group shall occupy the even numbered positions.

**8.3.4.** If a Car causes a Red Condition or otherwise interferes with qualifications as determined by the Race Director, the Car's best timed lap of the session may be disallowed.

**8.3.5.** If a Car causes two Red Conditions or otherwise interferes with qualifications as determined by the Race Director, all session times may be voided, and the Car may not be permitted to participate in the remainder of qualifying.

**8.3.6.** Upon the Race Director's declaration, all Cars must start Qualifications on "Wet-Type" tires. While changes may be made to the Cars on the false grid to accommodate the "Wet-Type" tires, the Entrant remains responsible for complying with post-Qualifications technical inspection. After such declaration has been made, Entrants must use "Wet-Type" tires only and must activate the rain light for the remainder of Qualifications.

## **9. PENALTIES**

### **9.1. General**

**9.1.1.** The Race Director may penalize any Member for any violation of the Rules. If an Official observes or is made aware of an act or omission by a Member that constitutes a violation of the Rules and if the Official determines that the act or omission is sufficiently serious to warrant the imposition of a penalty, the Official shall promptly report the violation to the Race Director. The Race Director shall consider the report and shall conduct whatever additional inquiry he deems appropriate under the circumstances. After concluding the inquiry, the Race Director shall determine whether disciplinary action is appropriate, and if so, what disciplinary action should be taken. The Member shall be informed of the determination, and if disciplinary action, except during a race, is imposed, the Race Director shall issue a Penalty Notice to the Member specifying the violation, a brief statement of the circumstances of the violation, and the penalty imposed. If the act or omission of a Member is determined by the Race Director to constitute a threat to the integrity of The SERIES, INDYCAR, or to the orderly conduct of an Event or to constitute a violation during an Event, the Race Director may take immediate action against the Member.

### **9.2. Scope of Penalties**

**9.2.1.** Penalties for violations of the Rules are divided into two categories: Race Procedure Penalties and Non Race Procedure Penalties. Regardless of the category, penalties are determined by the gravity of the violation and its effects on fairness of competition, the orderly conduct of the Event, and the interests and integrity of automobile racing, The SERIES, Andersen Promotions and INDYCAR. The Race Director shall have the authority to impose any or all or any combination of the

following penalties against any Member for any violations of the Rules at any time.

**9.2.2.** Race Procedure Penalties are a result of on Track conduct and are generally imposed during on Track activity. If circumstances do not permit a penalty to be served during on Track activity, Race Director shall determine the timing of the penalty (post-race), as he deems appropriate. If the imposition of a penalty is near or at the end of the on Track activity and the Driver/Car does not fulfill it, the Race Director may reposition the Driver/Car in the posting of results or apply the penalty to a subsequent on Track activity to reflect the fulfillment of the penalty. The penalty including without limitation any repositioning in a posting is non-protetable and/or appealable.

**9.2.2.1. Black Flag** - The Race Director may impose black flag penalties.

**9.2.2.2. Laps** - The Race Director may impose lap penalties. Lap penalties shall be imposed in complete laps only. The imposition of a lap penalty shall result in the removal of official credit for the specified number of penalty laps from the total laps credited to the Competitor, and the scoring records and all points and awards shall reflect the removals.

**9.2.2.2.1.** If the lap penalty is imposed during the on Track activity, the removal of official credit shall begin with the Competitor's lap in which the violation occurred and shall include subsequent consecutive laps, as required.

**9.2.2.2.2.** If the lap penalty is imposed after the on Track activity is completed, the Race Director shall determine, based on the severity of the violation, whether the removal of official credit shall begin with the Competitor's last lap and include previous consecutive laps as required, or begin with the Competitor's lap in which the violation occurred.



**9.2.2.2.3.** The Race Director shall make a reasonable effort to notify the penalized Competitor of a lap penalty at the time it is determined. However, failure to notify the Competitor during the on Track activity will in no way mitigate or change the penalty.

**9.2.2.3. Time Penalties** - The Race Director may impose time penalties as described below.

**9.2.2.3.1. On-Track:** The time penalty is the loss of time to participate in on Track activity including but not limited to Open or private Test, practice session or qualifications period. The time penalty must be fulfilled when directed. The time penalty begins when the Member, the Member's Car, and Entrant personnel are in pit lane and the green condition is declared.

**9.2.2.3.2. Post-Race:** A post-race time penalty will be added to the Entrant's overall Race time.

**9.2.2.4. Grid Penalties** – The Race Director may impose a grid penalty. A grid penalty is repositioning of an Entrant on the starting grid.

**9.2.2.5. Disqualification** - The Race Director may impose a sentence of disqualification. A sentence of disqualification shall entail the loss of any right to compete in the remainder of the current Event from the time at which the disqualifying condition first occurred. It may entail the forfeiture of Entry fees paid or payable, and the Race Director shall determine, based on the severity of the violation, whether or not the sentence includes the forfeiture of points and awards earned up to the moment at which time the infraction for the disqualification first occurs.

**9.2.2.6. Non Race Procedure Penalties** are a result of on or off Track conduct, but they are typically not imposed during on Track activity. They

are protestable and/or appealable unless otherwise noted.

**9.2.2.6.1. Additional Appearances and/or Meetings** – In lieu of a monetary fine, the Race Director may require a Member to participate in appearances and/or meetings in addition to those required of other Members pursuant to the Rules and any other agreements. The Race Director may specify the due date for completion. Failure to participate may result in reinstatement of the monetary fine.

**9.2.2.6.2. Monetary Fines** – The Race Director may issue monetary fines and specify the due date for payment. Unpaid fines may be deducted from any awards payable by Andersen Promotions to the Entrant or Manufacturer associated with such Member either before or after the specified due date. The Race Director may suspend or refuse to approve renewal of the License and/or membership of any Member failing to timely pay any fine during the period the fine remains unpaid.

**9.2.2.6.3. Probation** - The Race Director may place a Member on probation. Probation is a state of limitation upon a Member's privileges usually following an act or omission occurring before or during membership which calls into question the Member's willingness or ability to abide by standards required for membership. The purpose of probation is to establish a process to allow a Member to prove, by the Member's conduct, that the standards of membership are understood and will be honored at all times. During probation, a Member is under heightened scrutiny and the Member can be required to abide by specified standards of conduct that are more stringent than those which are otherwise applicable. If a Member violates probation, the

Member is subject to a more severe penalty. The Race Director shall determine the duration and conditions of probation.

**9.2.2.6.4. Suspension** - The Race Director may impose a sentence of suspension. A suspension may be total or it may be limited to a suspension of membership or License privileges at a particular facility or facilities, or for a particular series of Events, or for a specified or indefinite period of time. Unless expressly limited, a sentence of suspension shall entail the loss of any right to take part in any capacity whatsoever in any Event. Unless otherwise stated, individuals under sentence of suspension will not be issued credentials of any kind for an Event and the privileges and uses of the Track, pit area, and the garage area will be denied. Every suspended individual shall return all credentials and/or Licenses to the Race Director who will not return them until the term of the suspension has expired. Any delay in surrendering the credentials and/or Licenses shall be added to the term of the suspension. If the suspended individual does not return the credentials and/or Licenses, the credentials and/or Licenses shall be inoperative and invalid until the lifting of the suspension. Suspension may also render void any previous Entry made for any Event occurring during the term of such suspension and may entail the forfeiture of any applicable Entry fees paid or payable for any such Entries. The Race Director shall have the right to reduce, increase, or otherwise modify the unexpired term of a sentence of suspension pronounced under the Rules.

**9.2.2.6.5. Loss of Points and/or Awards** – The Race Director may Rule that a Member who violates the Rules will forfeit all or a portion of the points and/or awards earned in that year,

including points and awards earned in the Event in which the violation occurred.

### **9.3. Additional Provisions and Guidelines**

**9.3.1. Improper Conduct** - Any Member attempting to or engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct detrimental to racing, The SERIES, Andersen Promotions and/or INDYCAR whether during an Event or on or off the Track, may be subject to any or all penalties. Improper conduct shall include without limitation:

**9.3.1.1.** Engaging in reckless, careless, and/or overly aggressive actions or unsportsmanlike behavior toward other Members,

**9.3.1.2.** Impeding the conduct of an Event, including Car control, placement and inconsistent driving pattern,

**9.3.1.3.** Causing an avoidable yellow or Red Condition,

**9.3.1.4.** Endangering the safety of Competitors,

**9.3.1.5.** Failing to participate at competitive speed,

**9.3.1.6.** Failing to participate in close proximity to other Cars,

**9.3.1.7.** Failing to follow the direction of Officials, and/or

**9.3.1.8.** Using improper, profane, or disparaging language or gestures in reference to Officials, Members or actions or situations connected in any way with The SERIES, Andersen Promotions, INDYCAR.

**9.3.2. Blocking** – A Driver must not alter his/her racing line based on the actions of pursuing Drivers to inhibit or

prevent passing. Blocking will result in a minimum of a black flag "drive through" penalty.

**9.3.3. Avoidable Contact** – A Competitor must not initiate or attempt to initiate avoidable contact that results in the interruption of another Competitor's lap time or Track position, regardless of the occurrence of actual contact.

**9.3.4. Team Tactics and/or Orders** – Team tactics and/or orders on the Track are prohibited. If the Race Director determines one or more Members of a Team attempted to or engaged in team tactics or orders, the Race Director may issue a black flag penalty to any or all of the Team's Car/Driver combinations in addition to other penalties.

**9.3.5. Assault or Battery** - If any Member shall commit an assault or battery during or in connection with an Event, such Member may be disqualified and/or suspended by the Race Director and may be subject to additional penalties.

**9.3.6. Gambling on Events** – Applicants and Members shall not engage, nor attempt to engage, in any gambling activity (as defined below) relating to any Event, or any portion of an Event, (i) in which INDYCAR is involved, including, but not limited to, the USF2000 Championship Series, IZOD IndyCar Series, Indy Lights Series and/or Pro Mazda Championship Series, or (ii) in the judgment of INDYCAR could represent the potential for a conflict of interest, unsportsmanlike conduct or conduct detrimental to racing, the USF2000 Championship Series, Andersen Promotions, INDYCAR or their affiliates. The above Rule covers all gambling activities including, but not limited to, those available in any gaming facility, casino, lottery gaming facility, racetrack gaming facility, or on the internet or electronically, or in all other establishments and locations. Gambling activity, for purposes of the above, is defined as placing anything of value at risk, whether monetary or otherwise, in connection with a bet, wager,

or game of chance. If an Applicant or Member wishes to participate in any gambling activity associated with or related to the USF2000 Championship Series, Andersen Promotions, INDYCAR or its affiliates (for example, a celebrity blackjack tournament conducted at an approved Las Vegas casino (and in accordance with all laws and regulations) in connection with an INDYCAR Event), he/she may do so only if he/she has received the prior written authorization of INDYCAR'S legal department. Such authorization, if granted, is limited to the extent authorized by the legal department of INDYCAR.

**9.3.7. Personal Criticism of Officials** – If any Member uses improper, profane or disparaging language or gestures and in references to a specific Official by his/her name, such Member may be fined a minimum of \$25,000 and may be subject to additional penalties based upon the particular circumstances.

## **10. CHAMPIONSHIP, POINTS & POINTS FUND**

### **10.1. Championships and Point Standings**

**10.1.1.** The SERIES recognizes several different types of championships, including TEAM Championship and Driver Champions. To facilitate competition for these championships, Officials calculate and publicize complete rankings of all participating Teams and Drivers following the completion of each Race. Unless otherwise stated, all scheduled Qualifications and Races shall offer championship points.

### **10.2. Significance of the Car Number**

**10.2.1.** Points and awards credited only to the Team entered in the Event and to the Driver starting in that Car except as otherwise permitted by The SERIES. The Car number is listed on the Entry and signifies the Car to be credited. The points and awards accumulate on behalf of the Entrant's License for that Car number, separately from any other Team's License that Team may hold.

### **10.3. Crediting of Points**

**10.3.1.** Officials have established the following system under which eligible Entrants and Drivers entered in The SERIES Points Championship accumulate points. Teams and Drivers not entered in The SERIES Points Championship may enter Races, but they do not earn points.

**10.3.2.** Competitors in the TEAM Championship earn points per Race for the top two finishing Drivers on each Team registered in the TEAM Championship. Any Driver whose Team is not entered in the TEAM Championship

and any Driver who is not one of the top two finishers on their Team is removed from the results for the purposes of the TEAM Points calculation and all eligible Drivers will move up.

**10.3.3.** Driver points are credited only to Drivers holding a valid Driver License and membership at the time of the Event.

**10.3.4.** Teams and Drivers earn a minimum of one (1) point for starting a Race. To earn additional points, Entrants and Drivers must have completed no less than 50% of the total Race laps completed by the Race winner.

**10.3.5.** Competitors earn points based on their finishing positions.

**10.3.6.** The SERIES will not credit that one (1) point usually earned by the Team and Driver for starting a Race in the pole position if the starting field is determined in accordance with Rules 8.1.7.1.a and 8.1.7.1.b or 8.1.8.1.

**10.3.7.** The highest finishing Rookie in the Championship Class shall earn the Rookie of the Year award.

#### **10.4. Ties**

**10.4.1.** At the close of the season, the Team and Driver with the highest number of ranking points respectively shall be declared the Champion. In the case of a tie in the championship, Officials will determine the champion based on the most first place finishes. If there is still a tie, Officials will determine the champion by the most second place finishes, then the most third place finishes, etc., until a champion is determined. If there is still a tie, the finishing positions of the last Race shall be the determining factor.



**10.4.2.** Officials will apply the same system to other ties in the rankings at the close of the season and at any other time during the season.

**10.5. End of Season Points Fund**

**10.5.1.** Officials reserve the right to establish an end of season points fund.

**10.6. Points**

**10.6.1.** Officials award points as follows:

**2014 Points Chart – USF2000**

<b>Driver Points – USF2000</b>				
<b>Pos</b>	<b>Points</b>		<b>Pos</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	<b>30</b>		11.	<b>10</b>
2	<b>25</b>		12.	<b>9</b>
3	<b>22</b>		13.	<b>8</b>
4	<b>19</b>		14.	<b>7</b>
5	<b>17</b>		15.	<b>6</b>
6	<b>15</b>		16.	<b>5</b>
7	<b>14</b>		17.	<b>4</b>
8	<b>13</b>		18.	<b>3</b>
9	<b>12</b>		19.	<b>2</b>

10	<b>11</b>		20+.	<b>1</b>
<b>Additional Points</b>				
Pole Position: <b>1</b> Point				
Most Laps Led: <b>1</b> Point				
Fastest Race Lap: <b>1</b> Point				

<b>Expert Class Points – USF2000</b>				
<b>Pos</b>	Points		Pos	Points
1	<b>22</b>		6.	<b>8</b>
2	<b>18</b>		7.	<b>6</b>
3	<b>15</b>		8.	<b>4</b>
4	<b>12</b>		9.	<b>2</b>
5	<b>10</b>		10+.	<b>1</b>

<b>Team Points – USF2000</b>				
<b>Pos</b>	Points		Pos	Points
1	<b>22</b>		6.	<b>8</b>
2	<b>18</b>		7.	<b>6</b>
3	<b>15</b>		8.	<b>4</b>

4	<b>12</b>		9.	<b>2</b>
5	<b>10</b>		10+.	<b>1</b>
Note: Single car teams will receive <b>3</b> point bonus as an equivalency to multi-car teams				

## **11. AWARDS**

### **11.1. Approval**

**11.1.1.** The distribution of all awards must be approved by Officials.

### **11.2. Awards**

**11.2.1.** Officials shall determine the eligibility, nature, and amount of all awards for:

- a) Each Event, and
- b) End of season.

### **11.3. Withholding**

**11.3.1. Offset** – Officials shall have the right to offset any amounts owed by a Member to Andersen Promotions, INDYCAR, an Event Promoter or a Manufacturer or their affiliates against any awards otherwise payable to the Member or the Member's Entrant.

**11.3.2. Protest** - If a protest is lodged affecting the distribution of an award, all awards so affected shall be forwarded to the The SERIES office or in the case of monetary awards placed in an escrow account as directed by Officials within five business days after the filing of the protest, without obligation as to interest.

## **12. PROTESTS**

### **12.1. Submission of Protests**

**12.1.1.** A protest shall be submitted to the Race Director (Including his representative).

### **12.2. Protest**

**12.2.1. Written Protest** - A protest shall clearly state the errors claimed. Each claimed error must be stated in specific rather than general terms and must be accompanied by a written statement of the facts and grounds upon which it is based. Except in the case of penalties that are not subject to protest or appeal as set forth in these Rules, a Member who receives a penalty notice may file a protest pursuant to this Rule 12 or, if the penalty was issued by the Race Director, an appeal pursuant to Rule 13.

**12.2.2. Protest Fee** - The protest fee is \$1,000. This fee will be refunded if a penalty or ruling is overturned. The protest fee is in addition to any monetary penalty previously assessed.

### **12.3. Informal Inquiry**

**12.3.1.** All Entrants or Members are encouraged to resolve any dispute informally. If a potential issue is known before the posting of the official race results, affected parties may verbally request an informal inquiry which shall be conducted in any manner deemed appropriate by the Race Director. There shall be no fee payable for such informal inquiry. Once the posting occurs or the time lapse no longer permits, the provisions of Rule 12 applicable to all protests shall apply.

### **12.4. Right to Protest and Time Limits**

**12.4.1. Entry** - Only the Entrant submitting an Entry may protest the rejection of such Entry. A protest must be filed within 24 hours of notice of rejection of the Entry. Any Competitor who competes in any Event that is not in accordance with the published Entry form conditions waives the right to protest the non-enforcement of such conditions.

**12.4.2. Entrant** - Only an Entrant may protest an action of the scoring, inspections or awards of positions or an action of the Entrant or another Competitor during an Event. The protest must be lodged within 30 minutes after the official posting of results or the issuance of the penalty notice. To preserve the right to protest, the Entrant must verbally notify the Race Director of its intent to file a protest within 15 minutes after the official posting of results or the issuance of the penalty notice. If a penalty is not issued until the next business day or later after an Event, the protest must be lodged by 5 p.m. E.D.T. of the second business day following the release of the penalty notice.

**12.4.3. Other Members** - Except as otherwise provided in the Rules, a Driver or other Member may protest any action taken by Officials with respect to such Driver or Member. Protests of actions taken by Officials must be lodged within 30 minutes after the official posting of results or the issuance of the penalty notice. To preserve the right to protest, the Driver or other Member must verbally notify the Race Director of the Driver's/Member's intent to file a protest within 15 minutes after the official posting of results or the issuance of the penalty notice. If a penalty is not issued until the next business day or later after an Event, the protest must be lodged by 5 p.m. E.D.T. of the second business day following the release of the penalty notice.

**12.4.4. Violation Involving Multiple Members** - Where more than one Member of the same Team is involved in the same violation of the Rules, one protest and protest fee is necessary to cover all such Members. Where more than one Team is involved in the same

violation of the Rules, the Race Director may allow one protest and protest fee to cover all teams similarly affected. However, in order to not lose any rights, each team who desires to protest should timely file its individual protest and fee.

**12.4.5. Affected Member** -Any Member who is entitled to protest an issue being protested by another Member is an interested party who has the right to be heard but whose own interest will not be controlled by the protest or appeal decision unless INDYCAR chooses to provide relief. Likewise, a Member whose interest may be affected by a protest by another Member has a right to be heard at a protest hearing.

**12.4.6. Decisions Not Subject to Protest or Appeal** - Members recognize the need for Officials to make decisions that require judgment and the exercise of discretion, often instantaneously with Events as they are occurring. Members recognize that there is a limited system of instant replay during or after an Event. The exercise of judgment by Officials during an Event, and any other matters which may be designated as not subject to protest or appeal under these Rules, may not be protested or appealed and the decision of Officials is final and binding. Examples of this exercise of judgment include but are not limited to the following:

- a) To declare a practice session completed or to modify a practice session;
- b) To declare or end a yellow condition;
- c) When and where to move a Car;
- d) Whether a Car must forfeit its guaranteed qualifications attempt;
- e) To add warm up laps to a qualifications attempt, interrupt a qualifications attempt or extend qualifications;

- f)** To add provisional starting Cars;
- g)** To conduct Qualifications or start a Race on "Wet-Type" tires;
- h)** When a Car returned to its original starting grid position prior to the conclusion of the parade lap;
- i)** To reorder the Car at the rear of the starting grid;
- j)** When a Driver improved the Driver's position prior to crossing the start/finish line at the start of a Race or committed a "False Start".
- k)** When a Car advanced or maintained its position relative to other Cars due to an off Track excursion;
- l)** When a Car retiring from a Race in pit lane shall be credited with completing a lap.
- m)** When a Car was properly positioned upon the declaration of a yellow condition;
- n)** When the Pace Car signaled a Driver to pass during a yellow condition;
- o)** When a proper passing signal was given during a yellow condition;
- p)** When the Pace Car or another Car was improperly passed during a yellow condition
- q)** When a Car was properly positioned as it crossed the point designated as the end of the pit lanes;
- r)** When the Car leading the Race or any other Car fails to restart or pace the Race as directed by Officials;
- s)** When to declare or end a green condition during a Race, including declaring the abort of a Race start or restart;



- t)** When to declare a black flag, disqualification, or other non-monetary penalty;
- u)** When to reposition a Car in a posting to reflect the failure to fulfill a black flag or other penalty;
- v)** When a Member attempted to or engaged in unsportsmanlike behavior, blocking and team tactics;
- w)** When a Car followed proper procedures entering pit lane, participating in a pit stop, or exiting pit lane;
- x)** When a Driver passed the Driver's pit by more than one pit and was pushed back to the pit;
- y)** When a Car successfully completed technical inspection;
- z)** When a Car involved in a crash prior to the Race may be repaired or must be replaced by a backup Car and start at the rear of the starting grid;
- aa)** When a Car was in a hazardous condition or was involved in contact such that it will not be permitted to continue in an Event;
- bb)** To approve technical and structural changes during a Race;
- cc)** Whether to declare a red condition during a Race;
- dd)** To declare a Car was involved in a crash during or subsequent to the red condition;
- ee)** To restart a Race stopped by the declaration of the red condition, or to Rule a Race complete;
- ff)** When a Car caused an avoidable yellow or red condition;

**gg)** To declare a Race completed, canceled, postponed, temporarily stopped, or delayed.

**12.4.6.1.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, Officials may review a decision that is non-protetable as they deem appropriate. Review of a non-protetable decision does not render it protetable or appealable.

**12.4.6.2.** The Race Director may decline to accept a protest, even if the matter were otherwise protetable, if he determines that the alleged Rule violation is so insubstantial as to not provide a Member with a significant competitive advantage over other Members.

## **12.5. Jurisdiction**

**12.5.1.** The Race Director shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to resolve all protests. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Race Director shall have the right to select an individual or individuals to resolve a protest with all of the powers and responsibilities of the Race Director set forth in this [Rule 12](#). The jurisdiction of Race Director is limited to those matters and issues submitted in the written protest to the Race Director by the protestant. The decision which is the subject of the protest shall not be stayed pending the protest unless otherwise determined by the Race Director and upon such terms as the Race Director deems appropriate.

## **12.6. Advisory Committee**

**12.6.1.** While the Race Director has no obligation to use an advisory committee, the Race Director may choose to use an advisory committee selected by the Race Director to assist in making a determination on a protest. The members of the committee shall consist of individuals who do not have a financial interest in the outcome of the protest. The advisory committee may make a recommendation as to the disposition of the protest, but

the Race Director may choose to accept, not accept or modify the recommendation.

### **12.7. Hearing of the Protest**

**12.7.1.** The Race Director may cause an investigation to be made into the matters surrounding the protest and shall convene a hearing within 14 days of receipt of the protest unless the hearing date is extended by the mutual agreement of the Race Director and the protestant. The protestant and any Member requesting an opportunity to participate and who the Race Director determines has a material interest in the proceeding shall be given notice of the hearing and shall be entitled to be heard and given an opportunity to call witnesses. The effect on championship point standings does not constitute a "material interest". It is the Race Director's decision as to whether to permit a Member to be represented by counsel at the hearing.

### **12.8. Conduct of the Protest Hearing**

**12.8.1.** The hearing will be conducted according to the following procedures:

**12.8.1.1.** The hearing is not open to the public and admittance to the hearing is by invitation of the Race Director and can be revoked. The Race Director shall conduct the hearing in an informal manner. The hearing shall be confined to the errors claimed in the protest and evidence relevant to those errors.

**12.8.1.2.** The Race Director shall identify the parties and other necessary participants in the proceedings. The Race Director may summon any Member to testify at the hearing. If a Member is called as a witness and fails to appear, Officials may revoke the Member's membership or otherwise penalize the Member.

**12.8.1.3.** The Race Director shall not be limited to the technical common law Rules of evidence required in judicial proceedings but shall be satisfied the evidence submitted is of a type on which the Race Director can rely.

**12.8.1.4.** All parties to the proceedings shall be permitted to present and cross-examine witnesses and to submit evidence, both oral and documentary. The burden of proof shall remain at all times on the protestant.

**12.8.1.5.** Consistent with the informal nature of the protest hearing, there shall be no transcript of the hearing unless the Race Director determines otherwise.

**12.8.1.6.** The Race Director is not required to consider matters not assigned as error in the original protest or matters outside the scope of the submission by the protestant.

### **12.9. Unusual Circumstances**

**12.9.1.** The Race Director shall have the right to require the protestant to post an adequate bond to cover the costs of the protest or any reasonable foreseeable economic harm to The SERIES, Andersen Promotions, INDYCAR or other Members that might be caused by the protest. If the Race Director requires a bond, its form and substance shall be in the discretion of the Race Director.

### **12.10. Determination of the Protest**

**12.10.1.** There is no deadline for the issuance of a decision by the Race Director. The time frame will depend upon the nature of the protest. It is anticipated that a decision will normally be issued within 14 days.

### **12.11. Protest Procedure Final**

**12.11.1.** The decision of the Race Director on the protest shall be final and binding on all Members, subject only to the right to appeal the decision under the Rules. Any award withheld as a result of a protest shall continue to be withheld until the protest has been finally adjudicated in accordance with the Rules.

**12.12. Compliance with Procedures**

**12.12.1.** Any protest that fails to comply with any of the foregoing requirements may be dismissed and disregarded. Any error not specifically raised in the protest shall be deemed to have been waived.

## **13. APPEALS**

### **13.1. Submission of Appeals**

**13.1.1.** – An appeal shall be submitted to:

**Brian Barnhart (including his representative)**  
**INDYCAR**  
**4551 West 16th Street**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46222**

### **13.2. Appeal**

**13.2.1.** An appeal is intended to be formal as compared to the protest and includes:

**13.2.2. Written Appeal** - The appeal must contain reference to the specific action by Officials from which an appeal is taken, the date of the occurrence, the reasons for the appeal, and specific reference to any Rules allegedly violated and the relief requested. The appeal must be accompanied by copies of all written documents pertaining to the appeal, such as protests, responses, rulings, declarations, etc. The appeal must clearly and explicitly state the basis of the appeal.

**13.2.3. Appeal Fee** - The appeal fee is \$7,500 and is non-refundable. The appeal fee is in addition to the protest fee and any monetary penalty previously assessed.

### **13.3. Right to Appeal and Time Limits**

**13.3.1.** To the extent permitted under the Rules, any Member may appeal a determination by the Race Director on the imposition of a penalty or on a protest.

**13.3.2.** An appeal may be initiated by submitting the appeal by 5 p.m. E.D.T. of the second business day following the release of the protest decision.

**13.3.3. Violation Involving Multiple Members -**

Where more than one Member of the same Team is involved in the same violation of the Rules, one appeal and appeal fee is necessary to cover all such Members. Where more than one Team is involved in the same violation of the Rules, the Appeal Official may allow one appeal and appeal fee to cover all teams similarly affected. However, in order to not lose any rights, each team who desires to appeal should timely file its individual appeal and fee.

**13.3.4. Affected Member -** Any Member who is entitled to appeal an issue being appealed by another Member is an interested party who has the right to be heard but whose own interest will not be controlled by the decision unless INDYCAR chooses to provide relief. Likewise, a Member whose interest may be affected by an appeal by another Member has a right to be heard at an appeal hearing.

**13.4. Jurisdiction**

**13.4.1.** The Appeal Official shall have the exclusive jurisdiction to resolve all appeals. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Appeal Official shall have the right to select an individual or individuals to resolve an appeal with all of the powers and responsibilities of the Appeal Official set forth in this Rule 13. The jurisdiction of the Appeal Official is limited to those matters and issues submitted in the appellant's written appeal. The decision which is the subject of the appeal shall not be stayed pending the appeal unless otherwise determined by the Appeal Official and upon such terms as the Appeal Official deems appropriate.

**13.5. Advisory Committee**

**13.5.1.** While the Appeal Official has no obligation to use an advisory committee, the Appeal Official may choose to use an advisory committee selected by the Appeal Official to assist in making a determination on an appeal. The members of the committee shall consist of individuals who do not have a financial interest in the outcome of the appeal. The advisory committee may make a recommendation as to the disposition of the appeal, but the Appeal Official may choose to accept, not accept or modify the recommendation.

### **13.6. Hearing of the Appeal**

**13.6.1.** The Appeal Official shall convene a hearing within 14 days of receipt of the appeal unless the hearing date is extended by the mutual agreement of the Appeal Official and the appellant. The appellant and any Members requesting an opportunity to participate in the proceeding and which the Appeal Official determines to have a material interest in the proceeding shall be given notice of the hearing and shall be entitled to be heard and call witnesses. The effect on championship point standings does not constitute a "material interest". It is the Appeal Official's decision as to whether to may permit a Member to be represented by counsel at a hearing.

### **13.7. Conduct of the Appeal Hearing**

**13.7.1.** The hearing will be conducted according to the following procedures:

**13.7.2.** The hearing is not open to the public and admittance to the hearing is by invitation of the Appeal Official and can be revoked. The Appeal Official shall conduct the hearing consistent with a more formal proceeding than expected in the protest hearing. The hearing shall be confined to the errors claimed in the appeal and evidence relevant to those errors.

**13.7.3.** The Appeal Official shall identify the parties and other necessary participants in the proceedings. The



Appeal Official may summon any Member to testify at the hearing. If a Member is called as a witness and fails to appear, INDYCAR may revoke the Member's membership or otherwise penalize the Member.

**13.7.4.** The Appeal Official shall not be limited to the technical common law Rules of evidence required in judicial proceedings but shall be satisfied the evidence submitted is of a type on which the Appeal Official can rely. The Appeal Official may exclude irrelevant, immaterial, or unduly repetitious evidence.

**13.7.5.** All parties to the proceedings shall be permitted to present and cross-examine witnesses and to submit evidence, both oral and documentary. The burden of proof shall remain at all times on the appellant.

### **13.8. Structure of the Appeal Hearing**

**13.8.1.** The Appeal Official shall conduct the hearing in the following manner. Prior to opening statements or the submission of proof by the appellant, the Appeal Official may request that Race Director submit an explanation of the basis of his decision.

**13.8.2. Opening Statements** - The parties to the proceedings will be permitted to make opening statements, with the appellant making the first opening statement. Each party shall state the issue(s) before the Appeal Official and a brief summary of the position of the party with respect to such issue(s).

**13.8.3. Order of Proof** - The evidence shall be received by the Appeal Official in the following order:

**13.8.3.1.** The appellant shall first submit and present evidence in support of the appeal. Upon the completion of direct examination, each witness shall be subject to cross-examination by the other parties and by the Appeal Official.

**13.8.3.2.** The Race Director and the other parties shall then be permitted to present evidence, and any witnesses presented shall be subject to cross-examination by the appellant, by other parties, and by the Appeal Official.

**13.8.4. Closing Arguments** - Upon completion of the evidentiary portion of the hearing, all parties, beginning with the appellant, may make closing arguments.

### **13.9. Powers of the Appeal Official**

**13.9.1.** The Appeal Official shall have the following powers:

- a)** To receive and rule upon relevant evidence;
- b)** To ask questions of witnesses or the parties;
- c)** To regulate the course of the hearing;
- d)** To include or exclude individuals from the hearing;
- e)** To require the presence of witnesses;
- f)** To strike and disregard all testimony of witnesses refusing to answer proper questions;
- g)** To dispose of procedural requests, motions or similar matters;
- h)** To require a party at any time to state its position concerning any issue in the appeal or its theory in support thereof;
- i)** To impose any other requirement necessary to render a timely decision; and
- j)** To require the appellant to post an adequate bond to cover the costs of the appeal or any reasonable foreseeable economic harm to INDYCAR or other Members that might be caused by the appeal. If the

Appeal Official requires a bond, its form and substance shall be at the determination by the Appeal Official.

### **13.10. Determination of the Appeal**

**13.10.1.** There is no deadline for the issuance of a decision by the Appeal Official. The time frame will depend upon the nature of the appeal. It is anticipated that a decision will normally be issued within 30 days.

### **13.11. Appeal Procedure Final**

**13.11.1.** Decisions of Officials shall be final and binding unless such decisions and penalties may be protestable under the Rules, are protested, and appealed within the time limitations and other procedures prescribed by the Rules, and such protests or appeals are pending.

**13.11.2.** By submitting a membership application and in consideration of receiving the numerous benefits available, each Member agrees that the final decisions of Officials are non-litigable. Each Member agrees to abide by the non-appealable decisions of Officials and by the final resolution in the protest and appeal procedure as to decisions that are appealable.

**13.11.3.** A Member's exclusive right to contest a decision or the Rules is within the protest and appeal procedure of INDYCAR, and any decision reached within this procedure is final and binding.

**13.11.4.** Any unappealed protest decision by the Race Director or any appeal decision by the Appeal Official on these or any other matters shall be final and binding.

**13.11.5.** No court action of any kind may be taken by any Member.

**13.11.6.** Any Member participating in an Event waives any rights such Member may otherwise have to be a

party or to take any action in court seeking legal or equitable relief against any decision or action of any kind by Andersen Promotions, INDYCAR, their Officials or anyone acting on behalf of INDYCAR.

**13.11.7.** Each Member acknowledges that participation in an Event by other Entrants, Drivers and Members is in part in reliance on this waiver.

**13.11.8.** If a Member initiates or participates in litigation in violation of the Rules, all membership privileges shall thereupon be suspended and is subject to the provisions of Rule 2.8.

**13.12. Compliance with Procedures**

**13.12.1.** Any appeal that fails to comply with any of the foregoing requirements may be dismissed and disregarded. Any error not specifically raised in the protest or appeal shall be deemed to have been waived.

## **14. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**

**PLEASE NOTE: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS ARE THOSE OF 2013 AND NOT APPLICABLE. 2014 TECHNICAL REGULATIONS SHALL BE ISSUED WITH THE FINAL REGULATIONS.**

### **14.1. General –**

14.1.1. Unless otherwise specified within these regulations, all components must be as homologated/delivered by the manufacturer or authorized distributor and must not be modified in any way without the written permission of the Technical Director. The determination of compliance with this regulation is exclusively in the sole judgment of USF2000 Officials.

14.1.2. It is the responsibility of the Entrant to present a Car that is legal at all times. Out of compliance part(s), equipment or configuration(s) on the Car are not deemed to have been authorized or approved by reason of having passed through the technical inspection process at anytime or any number of times. Anything not expressly permitted in these Regulations is prohibited.

14.1.3. All Manufacturer Technical Bulletins (posted to the Series website) remain applicable in perpetuity unless otherwise rescinded by bulletin.

14.1.4. An entered Driver is permitted to enter a Car in the Championship class that does not comply with the Technical Regulations per Appendix 1, "Waiver Rule".

### **14.2. Chassis –**

14.2.1. Van Diemen is the only chassis approved for the Championship Class. The chassis must be 2001 and newer except 1999 and 2000 chassis are accepted, if updated to the 2001 specifications.

14.2.2. Ground clearance and ride height are unrestricted.

14.2.3. Stress bearing devices, including but not limited to body panels and engine compartment stiffening kits, are prohibited.

14.2.4. Surface contact (bottoming) blocks on the chassis must be installed with fasteners recessed above the bottom reference plane. Blocks must be non-deformable material and must not produce sparks or cause particles to be directed toward other Cars.

14.2.4.1. Bottoming blocks must be mounted in only two planes as follows:

- a. Maximum six (6) blocks, parallel to the longitudinal centerline of the chassis, not exceeding 12.0 inches length, 1.0 inch width and .500 inches height from the Car's flat bottom. Not less than 6.0 inches apart.
- b. Maximum three (3) blocks, perpendicular to the centerline of the chassis, not exceeding the chassis width at the point of attachment, 2.0 inches in fore-aft length and .250 inch in height from the Car's flat bottom. Located in any proximity to longitudinal blocks.
- c. Two (2) bottoming blocks permitted on the rear undertray for the sole purpose of preventing wear against the ground. Must measure between 1.0 inch and 1.5 inches square, with a maximum thickness of .500 inch.

14.2.5. Van Diemen nosebox crush structure is required.

14.2.6. Van Diemen side intrusion panels are mandatory for Oval testing and Events and recommended for all others. Van Diemen part numbers:

- a. DP08-40-039 Side Impact Panel-LH
- b. DP08-40-040 Side Impact Panel-RH

#### **14.3. Car Size –**

14.3.1. Overall maximum length: 436 centimeters (cm).

14.3.2. Overall maximum width, as measured at the outer wheel rim: 180 cm.

14.3.3. Minimum wheelbase: 257 cm.

14.3.4. Minimum track (between centerlines of the front or rear wheels): 164 cm front, 147 cm rear.

14.3.5. Minimum weight of the Car, including all fluids and Driver with all required safety equipment: 1190 pounds.

14.3.5.1. Ballast must be secured within the main chassis structure and be approved by the Technical Director.

14.3.6. The Technical Director may impound parts replaced or exchanged during any Event.

#### **14.4. Roll Hoop Structure –**

14.4.1. Forward braces and portions of the main roll hoop subject to contact by the Driver must be padded with resilient material.

14.4.2. Minimum height of the main roll hoop is 92 cm measured in line with the Driver's spine. There is no maximum height.

14.4.3. The top of the Driver's helmet must be a minimum of 5 cm below a theoretical line drawn between the top of the main roll hoop and the top of the forward roll hoop.

#### **14.5. Bodywork –**

14.5.1. Defined as: "Fixed external side, front, rear and top surfaces of the Car licked by the airstream". All Cars must be fitted with bodywork.

14.5.2. Bodywork must be securely fastened to the chassis.

14.5.3. Use of composite materials using carbon and/or aramids (Kevlar) as reinforcement is prohibited, except as permitted herein.

14.5.4. Maximum height of bodywork is 724 mm measured from the bottom of the chassis as determined by the Technical Director.

14.5.5. Maximum rear overhang of bodywork, including rear airfoils and endplates, is 805 mm measured from the rear wheel axis.

14.5.6. Maximum front overhang of bodywork, including airfoil, is 955 mm measured from the front wheel axis.

14.5.7. Maximum width of bodywork behind the front wheels is 94 cm.

14.5.8. Minimum lateral cockpit bodywork opening is 45 cm.

14.5.9. Minimum longitudinal/parallel cockpit bodywork opening length is 30 cm.

14.5.10. Minimum longitudinal/parallel cockpit bodywork overall opening length is 83 cm (without head surround).

14.4.11. Permitted to modify the engine cover, only in accordance with the description available for reference on the USF2000 website under Technical Information.

#### **14.6. Airfoils/Aerodynamics –**



14.6.1. Only the 2010 Van Diemen Aero Package is permitted. Components must be as-delivered. Modifications prohibited.

2010 Aero Package part numbers:

- a. Front Nose Assembly: ADP08-40008
- b. Front Wing Assembly: ADP08-45001
- c. Rear Wing Assembly: ADP08-47001
- d. Diffuser: ADP08-40-030

14.6.2. Wickers permitted on front flaps only. If installed, must not measure greater or less than .500 inch in height. Permitted to install only a 3 cm high wicker on center tunnel of the diffuser.

14.6.3. Front flap mounting brackets must be fastened to the upper side of the flaps.

14.6.4. Front main plane angle, zeroed on the lower horizontal frame members, measured on the top surface of the main plane, must be 7.2 degrees, +/- 0.5 degree. Shims permitted. Maximum shim thickness: .120 inch (3 mm).

14.6.5. All bodywork and suspension must have an intact approved seal applied by an authorized Van Diemen distributor.

14.6.6. Maximum height of any aerodynamic device: 962 mm, measured from the ground. Minimum height of uppermost rear airfoil: 75 cm.

14.6.7. Maximum width of rear airfoil, including end plates: 93 cm. Minimum width of rear airfoil: 917 mm.

14.6.7.1. The leading edge of any rear wing element and/or rear wing end plate must be rearward of a vertical plane tangent to the rear of the rear tire. Rear wing setback: 436

mm +/- 5 mm, measured from the rearmost face of the crossbeam (part # 99-D-2002) to the forward-most edge of the lower rear wing element.

14.6.8. Maximum width of entire front wing assembly: 1325 mm. Minimum chord length of front airfoil: 245 mm. Minimum chord length of front flaps: 225 mm.

14.6.9. Aerodynamic devices must be rigidly secured to the entirely sprung part of the Car and must remain immobile in relation to the Car at all times.

14.6.10. Rear wing stabilizer stays from Carl Haas Auto are permitted. If used, they must be installed in accordance with the Elan Technical Bulletin TB012.

14.6.11. Captive nuts (nut plates) on end flanges of rear wing flaps permitted. Captive nuts must only be positioned in accordance with the original holes and must maintain original fastener sizing.

#### **14.7. Flat Bottom Rule (Undertray) –**

14.7.1. Cars incorporate an undertray, extending from the front bulkhead to the main roll hoop bulkhead with a maximum deviation of 5 mm. Openings are prohibited. This undertray must also form the interior floor of the cockpit. Removable heel rests and equipment covers permitted, subject to approval by the Technical Director.

14.7.1.1. The undertray must lie on one plane within a 5 mm tolerance. 5 mm is a manufacturing tolerance, not intended to permit designs against the spirit of a "flat bottom".

14.7.1.1.1. The area of this "flat bottom" is measured from rearward of the vertical plane tangent to the rear of the front tires to

the fore of the vertical plane tangent to the fore of the rear tires.

14.7.2. No sprung part and no part of the bodywork is permitted below the plane of the lower surface of the undertray.

14.7.3. Cars must be fitted with a 4 mm thick replaceable jabrock plank (skid), measuring a minimum 30 cm rearward from the front of the forward bulkhead. Deviation of 1.5 mm due to wear permitted.

#### **14.8. Steering and Suspension –**

14.8.1. Steering and suspension must remain in proper working order.

14.8.2. Rod ends on suspension and steering components must be retained either by the design of the mounting brackets, or by a larger area captive washer, or by inherent mechanical design of the unit (circlip or Messerschmidt joints).

14.8.3. Threaded fittings, as installed, must have a minimum 2X diameter thread engagement inside the suspension component.

14.8.4. Springs must be steel, 5 inches long, 2 inches ID, rated only: 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000 pounds, +/- 4%.

14.8.5. Single thrust bearing at each damper permitted.

14.8.6. Suspension must not be offset. Track must be equally disposed to the longitudinal centerline of the chassis within a tolerance of +/- .250 inch. Tolerance exists only to accommodate a permitted Oval Event set-up (i.e. camber settings).

14.8.7. Ceramic bearings prohibited. Bearings must retain the same number of balls as originally

manufactured and outer seals must be in place.  
Upright bearings otherwise unrestricted.

**14.9. Dampers –**

14.9.1. Only Series-mandated Dynamic Suspension 1640 3-way sealed dampers, serviced by Carl Haas Automobile Imports, Inc. permitted.

14.9.1.1. Damper Length (center of each eye +/- 1 mm).

a. Front: 320 mm.

b. Rear: 286 mm.

14.9.2. Bump rubbers and packers prohibited.

14.9.3. Removable steering wheels, approved by the Technical Director, are mandatory.

14.9.4. Van Diemen anti-roll bars permitted, with standard drop links only:

a. Front: .625 inch or .875 inch diameter.

b. Rear: .500 inch or .625 inch diameter.

14.9.5. Suspension bushings (hats, spacers) for dampers, push-rods, anti-roll bars, and bellcranks must remain without modification, with the exception of surfacing the outer face for fitting into each specific location.

**14.10. Brakes –**

14.10.1. If evident that a Car is without effective brakes, necessary repairs must be completed before the Car is permitted to continue in the sole judgment of the officials.

14.10.2. Strongly recommended that all brake lines be of stainless steel and flexible lines be high-pressure Teflon lines.

14.10.3. Cars must use Series-mandated Performance Friction (PFC) aluminum calipers.

14.10.4. Cars must use Series-mandated PFC rotors marked for USF2000.

14.10.5. Cars must use Series-mandated PFC 01 compound pads.

#### **14.11. Wheels –**

14.11.1. Cars must be fitted with OZ Wheels.

14.11.2. Diameter: thirteen (13) inches; front width: six (6) inches; rear width: eight (8) inches.

14.11.3. Balancing weights must be secure.

14.11.4. Positive type wheel-nut locking devices (pins) required on all wheels.

14.11.5 Pressure limiting devices are prohibited in the wheel/tire assembly.

14.11.5. Wheel tethers are mandatory at all Oval Events and recommended at all others.

14.11.6. Van Diemen inner wheel covers permitted.

- a) The wheel covers may be modified per the description available for reference on the USF2000 website under Technical Information.

#### **14.12. Tires –**

14.12.1. Cooper Tires are the Official tire supplier of the USF2000 Championship Series.

14.12.2. A spec tire, type, size and compound is established for each Event and only the approved Dry-Type and Wet-Type tires are permitted.

14.12.3. Tires must be purchased in accordance with the requirements of the Official tire supplier.

14.12.4. Competitors must purchase a minimum of one (1) set of Dry-Type tires at each Event.

14.12.5. For Events including three (3) races, up to four (4) sets of Dry-Type tires (16 tires total) may be nominated for each Car. For Events including two (2) races, up to three (3) sets of Dry-Type tires (12 tires total) may be nominated for each Car. For Events including one (1) race, up to two (2) sets of Dry-Type tires (8 tires total) may be nominated for each Car; using the Tire Nomination Forms (as detailed below):

a. Competitors are responsible for downloading and printing Tire Nomination Forms, available on the Series website.

b. Record the unique serial number for each tire nominated in the space(s) provided.

c. The form must initially be submitted to the Technical Director no later than one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the first Official session of the Event.

d. Additional nominations, up to the maximum number, may be made at any time during the Event but must be submitted to the Technical Director no later than one (1) hour prior to the commencement of the session in which the tires are first used.

e. Tires not nominated are prohibited in any Official session.

f. Tires are nominated for a specific Car and must not be shared between other Cars regardless of team or other affiliation.

14.12.6. It is permitted to re-nominate a previously nominated tire for use at a subsequent Event on any Car.

14.12.7. It is prohibited to modify any tire.

14.12.8. Wet-Type tire quantity unlimited for use.

14.12.9. Wet-Type tires prohibited during a “dry” session.

14.12.10. Competitors may have up to four (4) nominated tires per season replaced (only one (1) per occurrence) without penalty at the sole discretion of the Race Director.

14.12.11. Competitors requiring the nomination of additional tires for any reason beyond as permitted in Article 14.12.10, or a manufacturer defect, forfeit their qualifying times and must start the Race at the rear of their class.

14.12.12. Addition of any foreign substance (i.e. traction compound) is prohibited.

14.12.13. Any method of tire warming (heat blankets, heat guns, ovens, etc.) prohibited.

14.12.14. Tire manufacturer’s recommendations available for reference on the USF2000 website under Technical Information.

#### **14.13. Driver Restraint System –**

14.13.1. Approved seat belt sets with quick release mechanism required. Both the fastening design and condition of the belt set is subject to inspection and approval by Officials.

14.13.2. Life of belts must not exceed two (2) years and must be date-stamped by manufacturer.

14.13.3. HANS-specific double shoulder belts permitted, provided they are mounted and used according to manufacturer's specifications.

14.13.4. Belts must conform to SFI specifications:

- a) 3 inch: SFI 16.1; 2 inch: SFI 16.5.

14.13.5. Only separate shoulder straps are permitted (H-type configuration).

14.13.6. At any point where belts pass through seat or body structure of the Car, surrounding edges must be rolled or have grommets to prevent damage to the belts.

#### **14.14. Driver Seat –**

14.14.1. Materials (system) must only be high-density polystyrene beads and epoxy resin (vacuum cured).

14.14.2. Seat must fit securely when installed.

14.14.3. Seat must conform to Driver's anatomy and be constructed to provide support and energy attenuation, laterally and rearward. Seat must fill as much of the cockpit under and to the sides of Driver as possible. Seat must be fitted during inspection.

14.14.4. Top rearmost portion of the seat behind the Driver's shoulders must extend, at minimum, to the uppermost seat belt mounts.

14.14.5. Any cockpit rim padding must be made of energy attenuating material and must not be closer than 25 mm to the sides of Driver's helmet in the normal seated position. There must be no



projections that might provide a fulcrum between the Driver's head and neck.

- 14.14.6. Van Diemen head surround (part # DP08-40-029) is required for all Oval Events and recommended for all others.

It is not recommended to modify the construction of the head surround. Any modification must only be to the rearmost portion to accommodate Drivers of different stature and must not trap or restrict the movement of the HANS device. No more than 50% of the thickness of the material may be removed, measuring no more than 28 square inches total area. Any modification must be approved by the Technical Director in advance. The head surround covering must be restored as originally designed prior to use.

- 14.14.7. The seat must be a minimum of .500 inch thick on the bottom plane and a minimum of .750 inch thick on the rear (back) plane.

- 14.14.8. Cuts through the seat to create sections facilitating removal must be a minimum of ¼ of the total width off the longitudinal centerline and at a minimum 30 degree angle through the seat.

**14.15. Mirrors –**

- 14.15.1. Cars must have two (2) mirrors providing an unobstructed view to the rear.

**14.16. Electrical Master Switch –**

14.16.1. Cars must be fitted with a master circuit switch that must cut all electrical circuits including but not limited to: ignition, fuel pump(s), alternator, lights, battery; except the fire extinguisher system. It must be clearly marked by a spark symbol on a blue triangle. It must be easily accessible from outside the Car and be near the right side of the main roll hoop, approximately at Driver's right shoulder.

14.16.2. Cars must be equipped with an Engine cut-off switch, easily accessible to the Driver normally seated and with belts fastened.

**14.17. Rain Light –**

14.17.1 Cars must be equipped with a red taillight of at least 15 watts. This light must be mounted as high as possible on the centerline of the Car under the lower rear wing element and be clearly visible from the rear. The rain light must operate only in a steady-on mode.

14.17.2. Rain light must be switched on during any declared “wet session” or as required by the Race Director.

**14.18. Radio (See also Rule 4.4) –**

14.18.1 Entrants must submit a completed Radio Frequency Declaration Form, available on the Series website, prior to participation in their first Event and in the event of any subsequent changes to their frequency(s).

14.18.2. Cars must be fitted with a pit to Car radio. The pit to Car radio must function at all times that the Car is on Track.

14.18.3. Teams are required to monitor (scan) the primary Race Control radio frequency from no later than 15 minutes prior to the commencement of a session until at least five (5) minutes after all Cars have cleared the pit lane.

**14.19. Timing and Scoring Transponder –**

14.19.1 Cars must be equipped with an AMB Transponder X 260 transponder, compatible with the USF2000 timing and scoring system.

14.19.2. Transponder must be fitted to the Car on the right side of the front bulkhead, next to the master cylinders.

#### **14.20. Fire Extinguisher –**

14.20.1. Cars must have an on-board fire extinguishing system, minimum capacity of five (5) pounds.

14.20.2. Bottle must be mounted so that a substantial protective structure surrounds it and retains the bottle in event of accident.

14.20.3. Bottle must be easily removed for inspection.

14.20.4. A nozzle outlet must be directed into the Driver compartment but must not be pointed directly at the Driver. A nozzle outlet is required near the fuel delivery system.

14.20.5. Fire extinguisher trigger(s) must be readily visible to a person engaged in rescue work and identified with a red "E". Trigger(s) must be accessible to rescue personnel and to Driver normally seated and with belts fastened.

#### **14.21. Starter –**

14.21.1 Cars must be equipped with a functioning self-starter.

#### **14.22. Batteries –**

14.22.1. Batteries (on-board power supply) must be securely fastened to the chassis.

14.22.2. Positive (+) terminals must be adequately insulated.

14.22.3. Battery location is unrestricted within the bodywork.

14.22.4. Only a sealed battery can be located in the Driver compartment.

14.22.5. Staubli CEB battery jump plugs permitted.

**14.23. Engine –**

14.23.1. Cars must use the 2.0 liter Mazda MZR Engine, assembled and sealed by Elite Engines.

14.23.2. New Mazda MZR Engines must be obtained from the USF2000 Championship Series.

14.23.3. Engines must be installed as-delivered and must not be modified.

14.23.4. Engines must have the required two (2) upper seals intact.

14.23.5. All Mazda MZR parts must be obtained through the Series, Carl Haas Auto, or Elite Engines. All spec items attached to the Engine, including but not limited to; velocity stacks, airbox, and airfilter, exhaust, cooling system must be obtained from Elite Engines. The spec Zetec airbox or the Mazda MZR airbox, part number ECVD1021, are the only airboxes permitted for the Mazda MZR.

14.23.6. Exhaust system part number: ECVD1015S. Ceramic coating permitted.

14.23.7. New Mazda MZR ECUs and chassis harnesses must be obtained through the Series.

14.23.8. ECUs must be mapped by Elite Engines.

14.23.9. Officials may inspect or replace an ECU at anytime.

14.23.10. Officials may impound any Engine. Any impounded Engine is shipped to Elite Engines for inspection and testing.

14.23.11. New Mazda MZR chassis conversion kits must be obtained through the Series, Carl Haas Auto or Elite Engines. Aftermarket conversions prohibited.

14.23.12. Mazda MZR rebuilds must be performed only by Elite Engines and must be arranged through the Series per the rebuild protocols.

**14.24. Oil Supply –**

14.24.1. It is recommended that all oil lines should be, at minimum, high quality stainless steel hoses with fuel and oil resistant innerliners and "B" nut covers or as approved by the Technical Director.

14.24.2. Oil breather line is unrestricted.

**14.25. Catch Tanks –**

14.25.1. Oil catch tanks must be fitted to Engine and transmission breathers vented to atmosphere to prevent oil from spilling onto the Track.

14.25.2. Minimum capacity: one (1) liter.

14.25.3. Fuel tank vents-to-atmosphere must pass into the above catch tank(s) or must have its own reservoir.

14.25.4. A separate catch tank for the radiator coolant overflow is required to prevent liquid from spilling onto the Track. A closed recovery system is recommended.

14.25.5. Catch tanks must be of translucent material or include a transparent panel or gauge in order to facilitate checking the contents.

**14.26. Fuel System –**

14.26.1 All Cars must use the approved safety fuel cell with a current serviceability certification.

14.26.2. Two (2) Series approved dry-break fittings must be installed in the fuel delivery and return lines as specified and approved by the Technical Director. The female half must be connected to the tank/pump side of the installation and must permit the lanyards, as-delivered, to be captured by the main roll hoop fastening hardware. Fittings available from the Series.

**14.27. Fuel –**

14.27.1. Sunoco is the Official fuel supplier of the fuel required at USF2000 Championship Events.

14.27.2. Fuel must be purchased in accordance with the requirements of the Official fuel supplier.

14.27.3. Fuel may be randomly tested for compliance.

14.27.4. Refueling permitted only in the paddock and with a dedicated crew member manning a fire extinguisher in attendance.

**14.28. Cooling System –**

14.28.1. Only water must be used in the cooling system. Wetting agent(s) (water wetter) and/or a water pump lubricant may be introduced. Competitors must notify the Technical Director of supplements prior to the first time on track.

**14.29. Clutch –**

14.29.1. Clutch: Tilton 7.25 inch metallic double plate.

**14.30. Gearbox –**

14.30.1. Gearbox: Hewland LD200.

14.30.1.1. Gearbox must at all times contain four (4) forward gears and an operable reverse gear, capable of engagement by the Driver, seated normally with belts fastened.

14.30.2. Two adjacent studs of the gearbox differential cover and of the rear selector cover must be drilled to permit fitting seals. Holes must be outboard of properly tightened nuts and fit .032" safety wire. Holes must be no larger than .050".

14.30.3. Gear Ratios:

14.30.3.1. Ratios permitted, "wide" gears only, in any combination unless otherwise specified by the Series:

a. 1<sup>st</sup>: 16-30

b. 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>: 18-28, 16-24, 20-27, 19-24, 24-28, 24-27

14.30.3.2. Lucas Oil Raceway ratios for testing and races restricted. 24-28 and 24-27 prohibited.

#### **14.31. Differential and Final Drive Ratio –**

14.31.1. Only 13-36 ring and pinion permitted.

14.31.2. Differential must be unmodified nor influenced in any way to limit or change its normal operation.

14.31.3. Only the standard, unmodified, Hewland steel differential carrier permitted.

14.31.4. Ceramic materials or coatings prohibited. REM treatment permitted.

#### **14.32. Data Gathering Systems –**

14.32.1. Chassis/Engine data gathering systems permitted and may include only the following:

Engine RPM (one each)  
Throttle Position (one each)  
Steering Input (one each)  
Fore/aft and lateral G-loads (one each)  
Front Wheel Speed (one each)  
Exhaust Gas Temperature (one each)

Water Temperature (one each)  
Engine Oil Temperature (one each)  
Engine Oil Pressure (one each)  
Gearbox Oil Temperature (one each)  
Gearbox Oil Pressure (one each)  
Suspension Travel  
Brake Fluid Pressure  
Fuel Pressure (one each)  
Battery Voltage (one each)

14.32.2. Data gathering system must have a separate wiring harness with visible wire traceability.

14.32.3. Downloading of gathered data on pit lane or in impound during or after Qualifications or Races prohibited. Downloading data on pit lane during testing or practice sessions permitted unless otherwise directed by the Officials.

14.32.4. Officials reserve the right to access and require copies of any and all data at any time. Download port access must be maintained with Driver seated normally with belts fastened.

#### **14.33. In-Car Cameras –**

14.33.1. In-car camera systems permitted. Installation must be approved by the Technical Director.

14.33.2. Such approval does not release Entrant from their sole responsibility for any damage to an in-car camera system during, but not limited to, any incident recovery procedure.

14.33.3. Officials reserve the right to access and require copies of any and all video at any time.