

# **SCCA Southwest Division F&C License Guidelines 2013**

## **F&C LICENSING GUIDELINES**

General SCCA guidelines for Flagging and Communication Licenses are readily available and state the minimum requirements for licensing and upgrading. Southwest Division license holders are expected to continue our history of going beyond the minimum and being among the finest workers in SCCA .

Following is Southwest Division's philosophy for application of licensing guidelines. License upgrades are not based simply upon number of events or days worked. The most important factors in upgrading your license are participation, experience and demonstration of skills. At the higher license grades, add a willingness to go beyond the minimum effort required.

Understand that each individual's experience at the track will be different, so your particular training curve will not necessarily be the same as someone else's.

## **REGIONAL LICENSE**

The Regional License is the novice and learning license grade. To receive a Regional License, complete an application and submit it to either Registration or the Region Flag Chief. Applications are available from your Region Flag Chief and at Registration at events.

Normally, a Regional License is held for a minimum of 2 years. A Region Flag Chief may recommend an individual that demonstrates outstanding ability and progress to the Division Administrator for early upgrade. A Regional License holder will develop competency in the following basic flagging and communication skills.

All Flags	Observation (mechanical and track)
Communications	Safety and Incident Response

Regional licenses must be renewed on an annual basis. There are no minimum participation requirements to maintain a Regional License. However, participation weighs heavily in consideration of upgrade requests.

There is no shame in continuing in Regional grade for an extended period of time. A Regional License assures the holder of participation in any SCCA club event and, with region Flag Chief's recommendation and agreement event Flag Chief will normally allow participation in Pro events.

## **DIVISIONAL LICENSE**

The Divisional License is the accepted 'Standard of the Industry' for a corner worker. Most workers will earn Divisional Licenses. At the divisional level, you will refine basic F&C skills, learn advanced skills, and begin training in managerial/administrative aspects of F&C.

As prerequisites for upgrade to Divisional License, a worker must demonstrate competency in the basic F&C skills listed above and should participate in an Advanced Worker or Basic Captain-In-Training (CIT) school and work in Race Control on at least two occasions.

Training at the divisional level includes development of the following advanced F&C skills:

Station Physical Evaluation and Setup  
Station Personnel Evaluation and Management  
Race Control and Steward Interaction

Divisional licenses must be renewed on an annual basis. A minimum of 6 days/year (normally 3 events) participation is required to renew a Divisional License. Under extenuating circumstances, Divisional Administrator may waive minimum requirements for 1 year only. However, continued participation is required to retain a Divisional License.

A Divisional License all but assures you of acceptance at any road-racing venue (Club or Pro) utilizing SCCA workers.

## **NATIONAL LICENSE**

This is the 'expert' worker, one who is capable of being specialty chief (this is not to say you must serve a specialty chief). The National License holder has demonstrated a willingness to go beyond typical qualifications and accept the responsibilities of leadership.

As such, the prerequisites for upgrading to a National License are significant. First, you must have demonstrated high proficiency in basic and advanced F&C skills. In addition, you must have taught Novice Worker Schools, conducted Basic Captain-In Training schools, have gained significant experience in Race Control procedures, and acted as Assistant Flag Chief at SOWDIV events. While not required, F&C experience at multiple Pro Events is recommended, as is F&C work out of division. As a National License holder, you are expected to share knowledge with newer workers and accept responsibility for leadership. The National License holder is expected to further participate by giving time and effort in contributing to the good of the F&C team.

National licenses must be renewed on an annual basis. A minimum of 8 days/year (normally 4 events) participation is required to renew a National License.

## **SENIOR LICENSE**

A Senior License is not simply an acknowledgment of years of service. It is recognition of continued dedicated service and significant contributions to the F&C specialty over a long period of time.

Issuance of a Senior License requires nomination by a Region Flag Chief and approval by both the Division Administrator and the Division Executive Steward.

Senior Licenses are renewed on a three-year basis. While no minimum participation requirements have currently been set, the Senior License holder assumes all the rights and responsibilities of a National License. A Senior License holder will understand the obligation that the license brings and will continue his/her contributions to the F&C team.