Houston Region SCCA
Solo Operations Manual



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Maintenance of These Rules

These rules are under the control of the Houston Region SCCA Solo Committee. Only the Committee can authorize changes to these rules. The active set of rules will reside on the Houston Region SCCA web site under Solo (Autocross) - Rules/Classes. The Committee reserves the right to change the rules at any time if warranted. Changes will be announced in HouSCCA Solo Program Facebook group and on the HouSCCA.com website.

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Section 1 - Solo Committee

Solo Committee

The Solo committee will consist of eleven (11) positions, all Chiefs. One person may fill more than one position, but only holds one vote. The committee reserves the right to replace any committee member who doesn't perform their duties or misses three (3) consecutive meetings. New committee positions start between November 1st and January 1st at the discretion of the ARE-S. For regional events, autocross committee chiefs & current ARE-Solo registration fees will be waived (committee members charged full entry fees for practices, schools, and other non-regional events).

Solo Committee Elections

Solo Committee elections are organized and managed by the incoming ARE-S for the upcoming season. Solo Committee elections must take place after HouSCCA Board elections are complete. Nominations for committee positions will take place in early fall. After the nominations close, Committee election voting is held in late fall / early winter. Nominations & elections are held via MotorsportsReg survey, with nominations and elections announced in advance via email and Facebook group post. The eligibility criteria for a vote to be counted is that *either* the voting member is a current SCCA member with Houston Region as their region of record, *or* is a current SCCA member who has attended 25% of the Houston regional event within the last 12 months.

Committee Meeting Voting

At the monthly meetings it will take eight (8) votes - to make any rule changes or to pass a motion. This will be a 2/3rds vote. The ARE-S will by forfeit, vote for any and all committee members not present at a scheduled Solo meeting. Only committee members can vote. A minimum of 6 committee members must be present to reach a quorum and proceed to voting on any rule changes or motions.

Committee Member Responsibilities and Tasks Defined

Assistant Regional Executive-Solo (ARE-S)

- The ARE-S is responsible for the outcome of the Solo program. This doesn't imply, however, that the ARE-S must do all of the work to execute a successful program. The ARE-S will serve on the Houston Region Board and should attend all club meetings. The ARE-S must develop a schedule and financial / operational targets for the year and submit it to the Board at the December meeting. The ARE-S is responsible for submitting a bid for a National Tour, ProSolo, and/or Divisional if the Solo Committee so chooses. The ARE-S should keep up with rule changes and points of interest as printed in Fast Track. The ARE-S will submit the sanction applications / audits for each Solo event, acquire the insurance certificates and ensure that the Solo Safety Steward and site manager received copies. The drivers meetings at Solo events will be conducted by the ARE-S. Tasks may be delegated as necessary.

Former Assistant Regional Executive-Solo

- The Former ARE-S will assist the current ARE-S when needed, and fill in at meetings or events when the ARE-S cannot be there. The Former ARE-S position is an advisory non-chief (non-voting) position intended to provide continued support and guidance for future committees. Former ARE-S is charged normal entry fees for Regionals events.

Chief of Workers

- Update the worker check off sheet, making it current with existing needs.
- Be at the event site before registration opens.
- Determine from the course map how many workers may be needed.
- Determine from Run/Work order what classes run when.

- Prepare spreadsheets with Run Work order and work assignments.
- Verify that entrants work and report anyone who does not work to Timing and Scoring for disqualification.

Chief of Registration

- Create, & publish, and manage regional events on MotorsportReg.com. Registration should open at least 1 month before the event.
- Provide support through email to help members with registration, modifying their registration, classing, & general event questions.
- Print blank entry forms and obtain SCCA membership forms from SCCA prior to the event. Membership forms can be ordered from membership@scca.com
- Recruit an adequate number of registration workers for the event.
- Advertise upcoming events and changes through email (attendees of events within last 3 years) and Houston SCCA Solo Facebook group.
- Develop and deploy a process for check-in on on-line registered entrants.
- Keep up with rule and class changes and keep a current SCCA Rulebook on hand for reference.
- Be at the site early enough to set up the registration trailer/table and be ready to open registration at the published time. Answer any membership questions during morning registration.
- Ensure that all registration forms are filled out properly.
- Provide an account of all money transactions to the treasurer following the event.

Chief of Waivers

- Ensure, to the best of one's ability and as allowed by circumstances, that each competitor, non-competitor, and visitor to an SCCA Solo event signs the waiver.
- Inform & assist members in filling out SCCA electronic annual waivers.
- Arrive early and join Chief of Registration in setting up the registration trailer/table.
- Maintain an adequate supply of waivers and wrist bands, including separate waivers & wrist bands for minors.
- Verify that all waivers used at an event are correctly signed, witnessed, and completed, including the event designation, location, date, and all required signee and witness information.
- Ensure waiver workers are on duty from the time the gate or site is opened until the event has been completed. Ensure that each waiver worker understands their duty and responsibility. Ensure waiver workers are SCCA members and have been recruited, trained, and assigned in cooperation with the Chief of Workers. Ensure waiver workers understand waiver requirements for families with minors.
- Submit waivers (preferably electronically) to the National SCCA Office (including Speedwaivers).
- Coordinate with Chief of Registration to submit digital waivers.
- Provide ARE-S the Trial Membership form for submittal as part of the event audit.
- Submit site waivers (if applicable) to the site administrators in accordance with their instructions (Typically submitted by hand at the end of each event).

Chief of Timing and Scoring

- Ensure all necessary timing equipment is at the event. This includes the timing computer, Farmtek timing lights system, spare batteries, pens, laser printer cartridges, and paper.
- Set up timing eyes and confirm the computer is getting good trips before the drivers meeting.
- Provide list of timing workers to the Worker Chief before the event.
- After registration has closed on the morning of competition: enter registration changes into the timing computer and coordinate with Chief of Workers to rebalance heats.
- Ensure online live timing is operational during all timed competition. Update live timing after any audits.
- Ensure the announcer display is active during all timed competition.
- After timed competition, perform a partial audit to confirm class trophies, and export class results for trophy presentation.

- Assign Championship Series points based on event results.
- Post "year to date points" to the web in collaboration with the Chief of Web.
- Send class and Pax results to the Chief of Web, or post on the web, no later than the Monday evening following the event.
- Hold Timing Schools to train new & current timing workers.
- Maintain a digital backup of the Pronto event file before and after audits. Retain hard-copy audit sheets from the audit and radio workers positions for the full competition season.
- Before each new year, review any class or PAX changes and work with Pronto support to update the Pronto timing software.

Chief of Tech

- Conduct at least three annual tech clinics per year. Submit collected annual tech fees to the Treasurer.
- Arrange for spot checks of annual tech participants at Regional Events.
- Maintain annual tech logbook for the Region.
- Print and distribute annual tech cards and vehicle inspection stickers.
- Conduct monthly safety (tech) inspections of REGISTERED vehicles not participating in the annual tech program per section 3.3.3 of the Solo Rules.
- Verify helmets are in compliance with Solo rule 4.3.1 and impound any helmets not in compliance during timed competition (duty shared duty with SSS). Mark helmets with a helmet tech sticker.
- Verify that numbers and class letters meet regional requirements.
- Open tech 15 minutes after event registration and keep it open until 15 minutes after registration closes or per published schedule as appropriate.
- Keep an adequate supply of monthly tech inspection stickers easily distinguishable from month to month.
- Have on hand extra annual tech stickers.
- Maintain a supply of multiple colors of painter's tape for class and number markings, which is put out and made available to competitors on event day.
- Maintain tech supplies, clipboards, and simple hand tools for removing hubcaps, tightening batteries, etc.
- Keep tech inspection form current per SCCA Solo and regional rules.
- Ensure an adequate supply of tech forms is available for each event.
- Conduct spot checks of vehicles and helmets in each grid to ensure each has been teched. Inspect those that have not been teched.

Chief of Equipment/Course

- Manage delivery and return of timing & equpment trailer to events and set up days.
- Maintain trailer, license tags, and keep trailer efficiently organized.
- Purchase flour, soap, crayons, spray chalk, gasoline, and other consumables as necessary.
- Ensure water & ice are available on set up & event days.
- Coordinate set up and tear down, ensuring adequate labor is available. It is not incumbent upon committee members to act as set up and tear down labor, but committee members should and are encouraged to actively participate in event set-up and clean-up activities.
- Ensure annual equipment evaluation is conducted.
- Maintain radios including maintenance and replacement. Ensure radios are fully charged before timed competition.
- Chief of Equipment may enlist a Deputy of Equipment to support equipment duties and attend committee meetings (this is a non-voting position).
- Set out & retrieve corner station equipment. Corner stations must have a red flag, a fire bottle, and cones.

Chief Safety Steward

- Display the insurance certificate at the event.
- Ensure a licensed Solo Safety Steward is on duty at all times during the event per the Solo rules and is clearly identifiable, such as through the use of a brightly colored safety vest.
- Ensure fire extinguishers and red flags are available at the event site and in serviceable condition.
- Approve the course and the conduct of the event for SAFETY.
- Ensure an emergency action plan is available for the event and coordinated with the site owner.
- Ensure First Aid is available at the event site.
- Ensure all SCCA safety rules and policies applicable to Solo events are enforced to the best of one's ability as allowed by circumstances.

Secretary/Chief of Trophies

- Supply a copy of the Solo meeting minutes to the ARE-S.
- Verify the Solo meeting reservations and notify committee members of any meeting changes.
- Keep a file containing a copy of the minutes of each meeting and have the file available at committee meetings.
- Verify the Solo section of the Houston Region website is updated with accurate event dates, meetings, and contact information.
- Order and keep a running inventory of trophies & bring trophies to the event.
- Perform trophy presentation with ARE-S after timed competition.
- Coordinate voting for annual trophies at Solo committee meetings (section 2).
- Select types of personalized class trophies and trophies for year-end awards and obtain Solo committee approval. Typical class trophies are embroidered jacket or bag for champion & plaques for all trophy positions.
- Order and manage engraving of year end trophies.
- Coordinate & book food trucks & porta potties for events.
- Coordinate with Chief of Registrations to notify membership via email & social media communications / marketing of upcoming events.

Treasurer

- Supply an event financial report to the ARE-S prior to each board meeting.
- Provide reimbursements for approved expenditures. No money will be paid without the approval of the ARE-S and a receipt.
- Manage the deposit and accounting of revenues.
- Keep an account of the budget for the year and be able to produce a year end report.
- Provide the Board treasurer with financial information needed for meeting tax obligations.

Chief of Rookies

- Conduct a rookie walk through of the course and convey safety, procedural, and proper conduct information to rookies for each session.
- If possible, coordinate an intermediate walk for immediately before or after the rookie walk.
- Manage the Houston Region Solo Rookie program per section 3.
- Develop and conduct at least 1 Houston Region Rookie School each calendar year.
- Develop, implement, and update a web based communication package that more effectively educates rookies.
- Ensure appropriate instructor coverage for the events for each heat.
- Between events, answer questions from potential rookies and entrants.

Chief of Web

- Maintain accuracy of event dates and times on the website.
- Administer Solo email addresses and email forwarding.
- Integrate new information as requested by ARE-S to the Solo section of the Houston Region website.

- Coordinate the addition of event results, course maps, meeting agendas, and other recurring updates for the website.
- Ensure timely updates to calendars, webpages, and web-hosted images.

Chief of Grid

- Work with Chief of Workers to ensure that each heat of an event has enough grid workers, those assigned grid workers are in attendance of the event, and confirm that the grid workers have shown up for their work assignments. If grid workers have not shown up by the start of their assigned heat, report missing grid worker to the Chief of Workers.
- Confirms that all required equipment is available in Grid before the start of the first heat and reports to Chief of Equipment if any item(s) are missing.
- At the time of setup, after Tech has been completed, Chief of Grid reviews the grid area and sets the flow of the cars and ensures that the flow continues throughout the event and adjusts as needed to ensure the optimal flow of traffic.
- Chief of Grid continually monitors grid during each heat (assigns a proxy during their run) to ensure that each heat is running smoothly and that grid workers are adhering to worker requirements (using radios, wearing appropriate vests – not yellow in color). Chief of Grid addresses any training issues with grid workers during each heat.
- Chief of Grid coordinates an efficient grid change over between heats.
- If Timing reports to Grid that a car(s) has inappropriate letters/numbers, Chief of Grid will advise the driver of items needing to be corrected and report issue to Chief of Tech.
- Chief of Grid helps to ensure that drivers and spectators are adhering to safety guidelines in grid during each heat and reports any unsafe actions to the on-duty Safety Steward / Chief of Safely / ARES.

NOTE:

- Chiefs may delegate duties or have an assistant, but the chief is ultimately responsible for listed duties.
- All chiefs are responsible for providing a budget for their project expenses for the year to the Solo committee for approval.
- All chiefs are responsible for attending all Solo committee meetings and participating in voting and discussions.

Non-committee position: Event Chair

The Event Chair is a special non-committee position assigned on a per-event basis. The Event Chair is responsible for planning and organizing a regional event in coordination with the solo committee & ARE-S. The Event Chair is responsible for the overall operation and running of the event.

The Event Chair must coordinate submittal of a course map at the Solo committee meeting prior to his/her event for committee approval.

At the event, the Event Chair should make sure the course is set up and ready to run, including worker stations.

Event Chairs must be SCCA members, but do not have to be committee members.

Event Chairs must be approved by the ARE-S.

Section 2 - Awards and Trophies

Year End Award Points/Event Points

For determination of placing for the year end trophies in each class, the eight (8) best events count towards the total. A competitor must compete in at least seven (7) events in a single class and is required to be a SCCA member. As all competitors must be SCCA members, either yearly or weekend, any competitor is thus considered to be an SCCA member and eligible for an award if they meet the aforementioned requirements. Event points are awarded as follows:

1st place = 12	4th place = 6	7th place = 3
2nd place = 9	5th place = 5	8th place = 2
3rd place = 7	6th place = 4	9th place & beyond = 1

Year End Awards

The competitor must compete in at least seven (7) events in a given class. In the event that no drivers have 7 events within the same class, no year-end trophies will be awarded. Champions in each class will be awarded an additional trophy (traditionally a jacket with the name and class embroidered). In the event that there is a tie based on points, then the driver with the most wins in head to head competition over the other driver is considered the champion. If, in the unlikely event, that also results in a tie, then the driver with the highest yearly PAX finish will be considered the champion. The mean PAX for each driver will include all the events in which that driver participated. In the highly unlikely event that the mean PAX for each driver out to three decimal places is the same, then co-champions for that class will be crowned. In the event of a year with a shortened schedule of only 10 or 11 events, the required minimum of events will be lowered to 6 and the best event count will be lowered to 7.

The number of trophies awarded follows the award schedule listed in Solo rule 1.1, clarified in the table below. Note that the "No in class" represents the number of competitors who are eligible for trophies by competing in 7 or more events in a given class.

No in class	No of trophies	No in class	No of trophies	No in class	No of trophies
1	1	8	3	15	5
2	1	9	3	16	5
3	1	10	4	17	5
4	2	11	4	18	6
5	2	12	4	19	6
6	2	13	4	20	6
7	3	14	5	21	6

Solo Driver of the Year

This is awarded to the Houston Region SCCA member who has exhibited a high level of ability, competitiveness, and success in Regional Solo competition during the current year. The recipient of the award is chosen by the Solo Committee using a combination of criteria to determine a short list of candidates. From that short list of candidates, a 3/4 vote by the Solo Committee is required for a candidate to win. The criteria will include PAX results, class winners and their winning margins, and the list will be representative of the region's Solo demographics. A competitor may not win the award two (2) years consecutively. The minimum number of events for this trophy are the same as for a class trophy (7 in a year with 12 events).

The Barry Ballard Award

This is awarded to the Houston Region SCCA member who displayed dedication to the sport of Solo in competition, working, and service above and beyond normal duties. The Solo Committee chooses the recipient of the award by secret ballot. Only the previous year's recipient is to know the name of the winner. In cases where the previous year's winner is not available the ARE-S or Trophy Chief will handle the details. The award may not be won two (2) years consecutively.

Norman Jackson Rookie Driver of the Year

This is awarded to a Houston Region SCCA member who, in their first full year of competition, meets the requirements needed to qualify for a year-end trophy. Besides exceptional driving, sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the sport are also considered. The Solo Committee chooses the recipient of this award.

Rookie Driver of the Year nominations are made by the Solo Committee using a combination of criteria to determine a short list of candidates. The criteria will include PAX results, class winners and their winning margins, as well as sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the sport of Solo. The list will be representative of the region's solo demographics. A subcommittee composed of the ARE-S, past ARE-S, trophy chief, & Rookie Chief, will choose the winner from this list.

A rookie is a Houston Region member in their first full year of Solo competition. First full year of competition implies that the driver is in their FIRST FULL year of Solo competition, regardless of where they competed. A member is not eligible, for instance, if they had competed in Solo in another region for 2 years and then moved to the Houston Region and competed in Houston for a full year. The committee should strive to ensure this criterion is satisfied. The definition of a full year of competition is that the driver competed in at least 7 events during the calendar year. Drivers that have raced with the club for multiple years without attending events often enough in past years to meet the 7 event minimum are not the target of this award.

Sometimes, the only verification of this fact would be the drivers themselves, and this is to be considered proof enough. If driver verification is required, the verification should be performed without giving away the reason for the verification.

Sara Tooth Most Improved Driver of the Year

This is awarded to a Houston Region SCCA member who has improved the most in a calculation of previous year and current year PAX average. This will be calculated in a spreadsheet maintained by the Timing Chief and/or the Trophy Chief. The minimum number of events for the two years being compared is 5 events in each year.

NOTE:

- For the purposes of year-end awards, "Houston Region SCCA member" means a current SCCA member with their SCCA region of record listed as Houston Region.

Section 3 - Houston Region Novice Program

The Houston Novice Program consists of resources to help new drivers acclimate to the Solo program as well as a Novice competition class.

Houston Novice Program Goals

Promote safety at each event.
Allow for a more efficiently run event.
Improve a Novice's driving skills.
Make for a fun event.
Help acclimate the Novice to the Houston Region and SCCA in an effort to increase Solo participation.

Resources for Novices

The Houston Region will strive to ensure that every novice
Participates in the rookie walk through of the course.
Drives with an instructor in the passenger seat the first time on course.
Drives with an instructor on subsequent runs at the discretion of the instructor or Chief of Rookies.
Understands the flow of the event.
Understands their work assignment.

Who's Eligible for the Novice Class

The Novice Class is intended for beginner and novice autocrossers with less than a year's experience.
You have advanced beyond the Houston Region Novice Class and are NOT eligible for this class if you:
Have competed in 3 or more events. *
Have won the Houston Region Novice class more than twice or won a novice class with more than 3 entrants or earned regular season trophies.
Have more than 3 events of autocross experience from another region or sanction.
*Some exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Rookie Chief and/or an instructor.

Novice Class Rules

These rules are in addition to any normal class rules
On MotorsportReg.com, register in the "Novice" class, then select the PAX class that corresponds with your vehicle. If unsure of the PAX class then reach out to the Chief of Registrations for help. After graduating from the Novice class, this PAX class will be the class you will run in.
Identify your car and class by putting an "N" in addition to the normal class & car # markings. For example, if you registered as number 5, and your car is in CS, you would mark your car "5 NCS". This should be legibly marked on both sides of your car in large contrasting colors to ensure that timing & scoring can correctly associate your times with you.
Street tires only (By SCCA definition: DOT with a tread wear rating of 200+).
Trophies will be awarded at each event, however there is no year-end trophy for this class.
Points do not transfer to any non-novice class.
Novice class drivers will run in the same heat as the corresponding open class.
Novice is scored as an index class. Class positions are determined by multiplying each competitor's raw time by the PAX for the corresponding open class.
Running (or not) in Novice class has no impact on eligibility towards the "Rookie of the Year" award, but it may help you get recognized as a newcomer!
The Rookie Chief and Solo Committee may make appropriate adjustments to the class rules if necessary to ensure fairness to all competitors.

What a Novice Should Expect to Gain From the Novice Class

The Novice Class was created to help people new to autocross have fun and learn from the very first event. This is a new sport for you, and we want to ensure that you are comfortable at all times. This class will help you to learn from an instructor, to show you some of the basic skills to get you started, and help you get all of your questions answered.

The Novice Class is designed to let all newcomers compete against each other, regardless of their car or preparation level. Novice class drivers compete only against each other, scored by PAX indexing. The PAX index is used to handicap the different classes and categories for even competition. Trophies are awarded for the Novice Class by the same system used for the open classes.

Most importantly, remember this is a Novice *Program*, a whole package for instruction and fun. It includes instructors, a guided course-walk, and rides with experienced drivers. We want to answer all of your questions and help you have fun.

Section 4 - Houston Region Practice Events

The Solo program will facilitate Practice events under the following guidelines. Practice events are not required and are chaired and organized by volunteers. Solo Chiefs are encouraged, but not required, to support the practice events.

Goals and General Guidelines

Provide 2 to 4 Solo practice opportunities per year for a limited number of SCCA members on the Saturday before a regular event.
Structure the program to not require specific specialty chiefs to attend practice events.
Create a positive, predicable income, NEVER a loss.
Must be conducted in a manner at least as safe as a regular event.
Reward worker chiefs and set up crew for the extra time spent at the site putting on the practice.
Conduct the practice in a manner that does not interfere with set up for the Regional Event on the following day.
Practice events are scheduled by the Solo Committee.
Twelve (12) to eighteen (18) runs per event can be expected on a somewhat shorter than normal, 30 to 40 second, course.

Practice Event Details, Structure, and Requirements

Registration

A practice event is open to SCCA members and will occasionally be conducted the Saturday before a regular event.
Attendance is limited to registered drivers, workers, and their guests.
Cost will be set by the committee for each event.
Limited to forty (45) regular entries,
A minimum of 25 regular entries are required.
Competitors must sign up and pay in advance.
There are no refunds for cancellations at any time. Credit cards will be charged when the MotorsportReg registration is completed.
The event will be conducted rain or shine. The Houston Region may cancel a practice event on the Monday prior via a notice on the Solo Web Page, HouSCCA Solo Facebook group announcement, or e-mail and issue credits and/or refunds accordingly.
Entrants must sign up to work a one (1) to one and one quarter (1.25) hour shift sometime during the day of the practice event.

Restrictions

Visitors will be issued special wristbands to distinguish them from paid drivers.
Only paid drivers may drive. Paid drivers can practice an unlimited number of teched cars, but may only enter one car in the practice.
All cars must be teched.
One passenger per car MAXIMUM.
Passengers must be members (annual, weekend, or trial).

Event Set Up

Typical schedule subject to change on a per-event basis: Gates will open at 7:00 AM with the first car off at 9:00 AM. Finish time is 2:00 PM to allow time for the Regional Event set up.

Course designs will stress fundamentals.

Multiple courses may be set up and run concurrently.

Other separate exercises (not necessarily) courses, such as slaloms or a skid pad intended to aid in car set up, may occasionally be included.

Participants are asked to help mark cones at the beginning of the day and to help pick up the cones after the practice.

A single registration & waiver area will be designated. A wristband will be issued for each paid driver.

Cars will be tech inspected in grid. A tech sticker will be issued for each car.

Timing will typically be shown after each run using the scoreboard displays. Times are not recorded, live timing will not be active, and times will not be posted after the event.

Loaner helmets will be available.

A drivers meeting must take place before the first car runs.

Event Administration

Event chairs and worker chiefs will be assigned at the Solo Committee meeting.

Any Solo Committee member can volunteer for any of the working chief positions, to be filled on a first come basis, with the exception of the Chief of Safety. Only licensed Solo Safety Stewards (SSS) may volunteer for the safety steward positions. A SSS must be on duty when the course is hot.

Section 5 - Regional Supplemental Rules

All events will be conducted within the scope of current SCCA Solo National Rules, except as noted:

Registration

All registration must be competed online at MotorsportReg.com prior to the event. Walk-up registrations will not be accepted.

The credit card on file will be charged at the close of registration. Any cancellations and changes must be made prior to the close of registration. Registration fees will be set on a per-event basis.

A limited number of Double Entries will be available. The DB registration fee is $20 per event.

Permanent numbers reset at the beginning of each season.

Safety

Passengers must be no younger than twelve (12) years old **~OR~** at least 57" tall. Parents should ensure that children are supervised at all times. Pets must be leashed and are not allowed in hot areas. No smoking or vaping allowed in hot areas.

Nitrous oxide is not allowed under any circumstances. Cars with N_2O systems must have the systems disabled and the bottle removed from the car during competition.

Helmets are required for ANY navigation of the course.

For all events held at The Houston Police Academy, the minimum gate width shall be 12 feet. This will allow course designs which are better able to control vehicle speed. The gate width should be larger at other sites.

Course Design

All regional event courses must be designed by (or reviewed and endorsed by) a current SCCA licensed Solo Course Designer. Course designs must be submitted to the ARE-S and Chief Safety Steward at least 10 days in advance of the event date for review. Course designs are also reviewed by the full committee during the committee meeting before the event. Courses are "test-run" by a qualified SSS or SCD (in a different car than their competition vehicle) after setup is complete and before the course is opened for walking. The Event Chair and Chief Safety Steward must approve of the finished course setup before driving competition begins.

General Items

Typical schedule: Twelve events, January - December, with an optional "off-season" to avoid hosting events during Houston's hottest weeks and Solo Nationals competition.

Competitors who fail to pick-up or arrange for pick-up of their award by the next event will forfeit said award.

Year End Awards will be presented at the SCCA Houston Region Annual Banquet. Those trophies not picked up at the banquet will be handed out at the next event.

Drivers Per Car: There is a maximum of 2 drivers per car per heat. This is to avoid event delays due to overheating and grid confusion.

Any competitor that doesn't work the event will be disqualified. He/she will receive no points or trophy for that event, the person disqualified would move to the bottom of the class, moving all others up in class. The disqualification shouldn't affect the number of competitors in that class for the basis of determining the number of trophy positions.

All members are required to display their class and car numbers as per the Solo rulebook. Car numbers must be min of 8" tall and class letters must be min of 4" tall. Tape markings are acceptable as long as the tape color contrasts with the vehicle color. Magnets or vinyl markings are highly encouraged for returning members.

The committee may reclass cars that are incorrectly classed, and will address all misclassifications brought to their attention. Every attempt will be made to resolve any misclassifications in a timely manner before or during timed competition. However, it may be necessary to reclass incorrectly

classed cars during the post-event audit.

In the interest of increasing driver skill and the competitiveness of the Houston Region as a whole, any driver may take a ride at any time, before or after their competition runs. A driver may NOT perform practice runs or DB runs BEFORE their competition runs.

Loaning equipment to other clubs is allowed but they must obtain approval from the Solo RE and agree in writing that in the event the equipment is damaged they will pay for repair or replacement.

The recognized PAX for the SCCA national classes will be used for all classes in Houston Regionals.

Section 6 - Houston Region Classes

N – Novice Class

Detailed in Section 4 – Houston Region Novice Program

L – Ladies Class

Class Format & PAX Determination

Ladies class is run as a combined index class. Class positions are determined by multiplying each competitor's raw time by the PAX for the corresponding open class.

All Ladies drivers will compete in the same run heat.

Regional trophies, year end points, and year end trophies will be awarded as a single Ladies class. 1 champion trophy will be awarded for the Ladies class.

PAX for each competitor will be determined from the PAX of the corresponding open class.

Year end points do not transfer to any non-Ladies class.

Registration

On MotorsportReg.com, register in the "Ladies" class, then select the PAX class that corresponds with your vehicle.

Identify your car and class by putting an "L" in addition to the PAX class & car # markings. For example, if you registered as number 5, and your vehicle is eligible for CS, you would mark your car "5 LCS". This should be legibly marked on both sides of your car in large contrasting colors to ensure that timing & scoring can correctly associate your times with you.

X – Expert Class

Designed to provide a class where the National level competitor can participate without causing the rookie competitor to get discouraged by being beaten by a wide margin. X-Class competitors are encouraged to be instructors. Historically, X Class (when it was a non-competitive class) was run in all heats and was used by drivers whose work assignment such as safety steward necessitated some flexibility in distributed run/work orders. Examples of this are scheduling Timing Chief or in order to cover all heats with Safety Stewards. Since X-Class has become a competitive class where trophies are awarded the Worker Chief and organizer will make an effort to run the entire X class within a single heat, the same as all other competitive classes. Permission to run in X Class in a different heat requires a waiver from the Solo RE or the Event Chairperson for each event and/or person.

Class Format & PAX Determination

X class is run as a combined index class. Class positions are determined by multiplying each competitor's raw time by the PAX for the corresponding open class.

Regional trophies, year end points, and year end trophies will be awarded as a single X class. 1 champion trophy will be awarded for X class.

PAX for each competitor will be determined from the PAX of the corresponding open class.

Year end points do not transfer to any non-X class.

Only the competitor's first 3 runs count towards X class competition. Any subsequent runs are considered "fun runs" and will not count towards X class competition. However, ALL runs for X class competitors count towards "Overall PAX" and "Overall Raw Time" standings for the event (and for consideration in year-end special awards such as Driver of the Year). The intent behind this rule is to prepare X class competitors for National Tour & Solo Nationals competition (where drivers only get 3 runs).

Section 7 – Landon Thompson Scholarship



The Landon Thompson Scholarship was created to honor the life of a passionate and talented member of the HouSCCA Autocross community. Landon personified the type of member Houston Region seeks to invite and retain. He actively sought out new members to ensure they were having a good time, and lent his expertise to anyone who would listen. His favorite part of events was offering ride-alongs to people who would always cross the finish line with giant grins plastered on their faces. He showed up to every event with the same joy and enthusiasm he had at his very first event. His charisma and excitement were contagious.

Landon started autocrossing with the Houston region in 2014 when he showed up in his Chevy Sonic. Despite being completely unprepped, it didn't take long for Landon to establish himself as a talented driver. After earning Rookie of the Year, he was offered opportunities to co-drive cars with fellow region members. Once in a better prepped car, his ability and accomplishments exploded. Throughout his time with Houston Region Landon received many recognitions including Driver of the Year. He also served as Rookie Chief for the region. In 2016, Landon started participating in National events, including SCCA Solo Nationals where he trophied all 4 years of attendance driving someone else's car. It was through the generosity of fellow HouSCCA members that Landon was able to develop his skills and participate at such a high level of competition.

The intent of this scholarship is to recognize the talent and passion he had along with the generosity of others that allowed Landon to compete with such success. The Houston Region will honor Landon's legacy by continuing to provide opportunities to enthusiastic drivers who might not otherwise be able to attend SCCA National & Divisional events. The scholarship will be funded through donations from friends, family and fellow region members. An informed, but impartial sub-committee will award funds to cover entry fees for drivers attending their first SCCA national or divisional event including – National Tours, ProSolos, & Solo National Championships.

Scholarship Criteria

The Landon Thompson Scholarship will be awarded to drivers based on the following criteria:

- Passion and enthusiasm for the sport
- Participation in Houston Region Autocross
- Attending a National Event for the first time (or with limited National event experience)
- A need for financial assistance

Award Details

The Landon Thompson Scholarship award will cover 100% of the competitor's entry fees for the national event. Additional financial assistance can be awarded at the committee's discretion to help with travel & lodging costs associated with events outside of the greater Houston area.

Scholarship Application

The Solo Committee will announce the application period for the Landon Thompson Scholarship in advance of each applicable event. Applications are typically received through a web-based survey (such as a MotorsportsReg survey). It is not necessary to register for the National event before applying for this scholarship.

Typical Application Questions

- Are you currently an SCCA member?
- Is Houston your primary autocross region?
- Have you attended a [EVENT TYPE] event before?
- If "Yes", list your previous [EVENT TYPE] experience
- What vehicle will you drive at the event?
- What class will you compete in?
- How long have you been autocrossing?
- Why do you want to attend the [EVENT NAME] event in [EVENT LOCATION]?
- What goals do you have for participating in the [EVENT NAME]?
- What lessons or skills have you learned/gained from participating in autocross?
- Did anyone have an impact on your desire to participate in the [EVENT NAME]? If yes, please go into a little bit of detail on how…
- How do you, or how would you like to contribute to the welcoming and competitive atmosphere of the Houston Region?
- Anything else you would like the committee to know about you when considering your application?
- Do you have any questions or concerns about participating in the [EVENT NAME]? We'd love to help!
- Please list your preferred contact method (text, FB messenger, email…) and the number / address / account name to reach you at.