



2010 Penalty Guidelines

The following are the standards by which we will operate races in all 9 divisions of SCCA in 2010. They are guidelines and are not the only penalties that may be imposed if there are extenuating circumstances. They have been established so that participants will have an expectation of what the stewards will do in common situations.

Sound Control (where applicable)

Competitors must not exceed 103dB (or a more or less restrictive limit if stated in the supplemental regulations) at any time on the course.

Practice:	First time over limit	Soundboard (closed black optional)
	Second reading over limit	Closed black and sound board
	Third reading over limit	Open black, may continue after repairs
Qualifying:	First time over limit	Soundboard (closed black optional)
	Second reading over limit	Closed black and sound board
	Third reading over limit	Open black, CSA action to lose times to that point, Continue after repairs, If still non-compliant, (one reading) times removed
Race:	First time over limit	Soundboard (closed black optional)
	Second reading over limit	Closed black and sound board
	Third reading over limit	May be black flagged, will be considered as a non-compliant car.

Avoidable Body Contact::

- Contact including bump drafting and rough driving, will not be tolerated. It will be dealt with in accordance with GCR 6.11.1. DRIVER CONDUCT; this section is explicit in regards to the avoidance of contact between cars on the race track and is expected that all drivers adhere to this rule. Contact, both cars continue: Chief Steward Action (CSA) or Request For Action (RFA) with a 1 or 2 position penalty to the offender
- Contact, only one car continues: CSA or RFA excluding the offender

Passing under the yellow:

Definitions:

- Yellow Zone: Starts at the plane of the yellow flag at its nearest intersection with the track and continues until the emergency area is passed.
- Pass: "The passing car having achieved an advantage, however slight, over the overtaken car." The car being passed must give way in a yellow flag zone once the overtaking car has edged in front, provided the overtaking car did so before entering the yellow flag zone.

The following are actions to be taken by the Chief Steward in the form of a Chief Steward Action (CSA) or Request of Action (RFA) for a verified pass under yellow.

- Practice:** **Open Black Flag** – session ended for competitor – counsel by Chief Steward or designee
- Qualifying:** **Closed Black Flag** – loss of qualifying times – counsel by Chief Steward or designee and may start at back of grid.
- Race:** **Closed Black Flag** – three position (same class) or lap penalty sufficient to affect finishing position.

Pass with Contact / Injury: **Closed Black Flag** – plus Request For Action (RFA) – expected minimum penalty is Disqualification (DQ).

Spin Under Yellow Flag: Car is not under control, same penalty as pass under yellow.

Jumped / Balked Starts: Loss of one position in class.

Car Not in Compliance:

- Prior to the Race: if found after qualifying, all qualifying times are removed
- Post Race: a noncompliant car shall be moved behind compliant finishers and may lose points

Non-Conforming / non-compliant car (deliberate performance modification):

DQ, Suspension, and probation; the probation is to include having the car presented at pre-and post-race tech at each event for compliance verification.

Vexatious Protest: Any GCR allowed penalty is available.

Fuel Testing,- SCCA fuel lab testing discloses the presence of banned substances:

- First time – Disqualification and loss of bond
- Second offense – Disqualification , loss of bond, and 6-month suspension
- Third offense - Disqualification , loss of bond, and recommendation to the BoD of loss of membership

Note: The loss of accrued points, as a penalty, does not need proof or suspicion of prior improprieties at other events. This is a penalty of and in itself that is available to the stewards.

These Guidelines have been approved and implemented by the Executive Steward for each Division and are unanimously agreed upon