



The following are the penalty standards for SCCA club racing. The guidelines are established for consistency in similar situations outlined.. Circumstances may modify the penalties.

## On Course Driver Conduct

**1. Failure to control your car resulting in contact with another car. (GCR 6.11.1)** [NOTE: Safe, consensual drafting among cars in same class may be forgiven.]

- a. Both cars continue: Chief Steward Action (CSA) or Request For Action (RFA) with a 1 or 2 position penalty to the offender
- b. Contact, only one car continues: CSA or RFA disqualifying the offender

**2. Improving position during the pace lap (GCR 6.5.2.C.)** [NOTE: This includes regaining grid position during the pace lap and false starts.]  
Either:

- a. Loss of greater of one more than the number of positions gained or two positions,
- b. Open Black Flag with stop-and-go

**3. Passing Under a Yellow Flag (PUY) (GCR 6.1.1.B) For verified PUY** [NOTE: A safe, inadvertent PUY followed by a giveback may be forgiven.]

- a. **Practice – Open Black Flag**, session ended for competitor, counsel by Chief Steward
- b. **Qualifying – Closed Black Flag**, loss of qualifying times, counsel by the Chief Steward and may start at the back
- c. **Race – Closed Black Flag**, penalty three position in class or laps
- d. **Spin under yellow** – Car not under control, same penalty as a PUY
- e. **Contact/Injury during a PUY**: Closed Black Flag, possible disqualification

**4. Assistance During Race Session Stoppage (GCR 6.7.2)**

- a. Race – Restart at end of grid

## Car Compliance Situations

**1. Car not in Compliance (GCR 9.1)**

- a. Prior to the Race: If found after qualifying, loss of Qualifying times
- b. Post-Race: A non-compliant car shall be moved behind compliant cars and may lose points.

**2. Car not in Compliance (GCR 2.1.2 and 2.1.3) For deliberate, substantial, non-compliance.**

- a. Disqualification; Suspension or Probation

**3. Failure to report to Impound (GCR 5.9.3.C)**

- a. Qualifying – Loss of times for that session
- b. Post-Race – last in class, and may lose points.

**4. Sound (where applicable) (GCR 5.7.2)**

Competitors must not exceed 103 dB or the stated limit in the Supplemental Regulations

- a. **First reading over limit** - Sound Board
- b. **Second reading over limit** - Sound Board and Closed Black
- c. **Third reading over limit**
  - i. **Practice** - Open Black, continue after repair
  - ii. **Qualifying** - Black flag, lose times to that point. Continue after repair
  - iii. **Race** - May be Black Flagged, will be considered non-compliant.

**5. Fuel Testing - SCCA fuel lab testing discloses the presence of banned substances: (GCR 9.3.26.A)**

- a. First time – Disqualification and loss of bond
- b. Second offense – (a) plus 6-month suspension
- c. Third offense – (b) plus recommendation to the BoD of loss of membership

### **Additional Thoughts:**

- o If a driver is disqualified from an entire event, the following statement should be added to the CSA/RFA/Protest form: 'The driver will receive no event participation credit for the event.' Alternatively, the CS/SOM may disqualify a driver from one competition (i.e. session). Please note that awards in the competition or event are automatically forfeited.
- o The Whistler is a screening device only. Stewards should not take action based on Whistler results.
- o **All on track body contact (including contact during drafting) that causes a car to act erratically and result in a change of position or a car leaving the course will be investigated."**