

**ARIZONA REGION, SCCA**  
**2005– 2006 SAGUARO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RULES**

**Definition:** Regional Points Championship

**Schedule:** All Regional Races conducted within the Arizona Region during the 2005– 2006 season, unless excepted on the Entry Information. Out of Region events are not eligible for this series, unless announced on the Region's web site.

**Participation:** To qualify for the championship, a competitor must compete in more than 50% of the available races (a race is a sanction number). "Compete" is defined as putting a wheel on the track in any session; however, a driver or car disqualified from the event will not receive credit for competing in that event.

**Points:** Only Finishers may earn points. Points are awarded as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place – 12 points	6 <sup>th</sup> place – 4 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 9	7 <sup>th</sup> – 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 7	8 <sup>th</sup> – 2
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6	9 <sup>th</sup> – 1
5 <sup>th</sup> – 5	

In the event of a tie, the following rules apply:

The first tie-break is the number of events run: the driver competing in more events prevails.

The second tie-break is the number of wins: the driver with the larger number of wins prevails.

If there remains a tie following the above, the position is shared.

**Eligible Participants:** Only Arizona Region of Record or Associate Members may participate in the series, though all SCCA licensed drivers are welcome at Arizona Region events. A competitor joining Arizona Region begins series participation at the event immediately following; or if he joins during a race weekend, he will be credited with the finishes he earns that weekend.

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These are additional guidelines which the Arizona Region has adopted to govern our Regional Racing Program.

**REGION-ONLY CLASS STATUS.** The Arizona Region includes all classes defined in the GCR in its Regional racing program, beyond several other locally popular classes, such as CF, SF, SRX7, and S944. These are in a category called Region-only classes because they are not nationally defined. The purpose of having Region-only classes is to respond to the needs of our local racers and assure that their interests are being served.

There are two avenues for entry into Arizona Region's Region-only program. A sister Region in SoPac may request that the Arizona Region accept their Region-only classes by applying to the Race Committee and by submitting a set of rules to that Committee for review.

Alternatively, a group of drivers may form a committee to write a set of rules and submit those to the Race Committee. In addition, before approval, the group must account for a minimum average of five cars per event for one half season. An event is defined as a sanction number. The cars will run in currently existing classes until they achieve the participation number. Each class will be reviewed at the end of each half season by the Region's Race Committee. Classes meeting the participation minimums and approved by the Region's Race Committee would be included in the Region's next half season racing program.

A Regional-only class failing to meet the half-season participation minimum will be placed on probation and officially notified on the Region' web site.

To maintain Region-only status, a class must meet the participation minimum average during the next half season. Competitors in a Region-only class failing to meet the minimum average participation requirement for two consecutive half seasons would be encouraged to continue to compete in other currently existing classes, reorganize, and reapply. CF and SF are exempted from this requirement by virtue of their longstanding participation.

Competitors are reminded that even if there is no Region-only class for their cars, there are many opportunities to compete in such global classes as ASR, FS, ITE, SP, and RS – these classes are exempt from minimum participation requirements. It is Arizona Region's policy to do all we can to assure that cars meeting our safety requirements are able to find a place to race within our class structure.

**COMBINING GROUPS.** The Arizona Region works to provide a safe and interesting and fun racing environment for competitors and volunteer officials, alike. It is our belief that fewer than 10 cars in a race group does not constitute interesting and fun. If, within the bounds of safety, two smaller race groups can be combined into a larger group, the Region will strongly urge the Stewards to do so. Any group less than 10 cars is subject to being combined. So as to assure that all competitors are registered and present, combining will occur following the first set of practice sessions. The current target is a minimum of 10 cars in a race group.

**SINGLE CLASS RACE GROUPS.** A Regional class which establishes and maintains an average entry of 15 cars per Regional race (a race is a sanction number) for a half season may petition the Race Committee to become a single-class race group. The decision to award a class it's own race group will be based on several factors, including the entry numbers in other classes and the ability of the Region to accommodate all such requests without extending the day beyond reasonable limits.