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## Indy SCCA Time Trials Series Program

**PHILOSOPHY:** SCCA Time Trials (TT) are timed competitive events where the drivers vie for the fastest individual lap time in their class. TT is not designed to be wheel-to-wheel racing. Motorsports are inherently dangerous.

These rules are intended to assist the orderly conduct of a motorsports activity and are in no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators or others. You can reduce risk by driving well, by properly using superior safety gear, by paying attention, and by reporting unsatisfactory issues to the event officials.

The event organizers reserve the right to impose additional rules or regulations to be incorporated in the Event Supplements for each track/event.

**Indy SCCA TT Series:** The Indy SCCA TT Championship Series rewards drivers who earn Championship points in the Indy SCCA TT Series events and qualify for a car class championship as defined in Section IV. Awards are given out at the Annual Indy SCCA Awards Banquet.

**DRIVER ELIGIBILITY:** Drivers shall meet one of the following:

- **License Holders:**
  - SCCA Time Trials Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, or Time Trials Pro License
  - SCCA Novice or Full Competition License
  - Any license listed in the SCCA GCR Section 2.8.B
  - Other sanctioning body Time Trials License
- **Minor Drivers**
  - All drivers aged 15 to 17 must contact event officials before the event and get **approval from the Event Lead (Event Chairman)**. In addition to approval by the Event Lead, the following
  - items are required for participation by a minor:
    - Completed Annual Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (note: forms vary by state and witnessing method).
    - Completed Minor's Assumption of Risk Acknowledgment (note: forms vary by state and witnessing method)
    - Weekend or Full Membership of the SCCA
    - A valid driver's license which does not require a passenger in the vehicle, issued by state, province, territory, or country
    - When applying for a Time Trials License, he or she must apply directly to SCCA Member Services

## ELIGIBILITY OF VEHICLES:

### Indy SCCA TT Series Championship:

- SCCA Time Trials National Rules Classing (Sport, Tuner, Prepped, Max, Unlimited) as defined in the current SCCA Time Trials Rules
- Regional Time Trials Classes per Section II. Inclusion of Regional Time Trials Classes is at the discretion of the Event Organizer and Chief Safety Steward.

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## **SECTION I - Indy SCCA Safety Rules and Regulations**

### **REQUIRED DRIVER SAFETY EQUIPMENT:**

All driver safety equipment for Time Trial events shall meet the current SCCA Time Trials Rules corresponding to the class in which the driver is competing. There is a considerable gap between a minimum standard and the best protection that current technology can provide. It is recommended that seats, restraint systems, roll bars, and helmets meet the highest safety standards possible.

### **MINIMUM VEHICLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT:**

All vehicle safety equipment for Time Trial events shall meet the current SCCA Time Trials Rules corresponding to the class in which the driver is competing.

### **VEHICLE PREPARATION AND INSPECTION:**

Vehicles must be inspected to participate in SCCA Time Trials and the official tech form must be filled out, signed by the driver and turned in to the designated event official(s). Alternately, a vehicle logbook may be presented. The driver is responsible for ensuring that the vehicle being used is properly prepared for operation under elevated acceleration, braking and cornering forces.

#### **1. Installation Requirements**

Whenever the following items are installed on a vehicle, an SCCA Tech Inspector must evaluate the installation:

- a) Any aftermarket safety item required by SCCA Rules
- b) Aftermarket seat(s)
- c) Aftermarket seat belts/racing harnesses
- d) Roll bar or roll cage

#### **2. Inspection Requirements**

Items must be inspected for secure installation and proper fasteners (e.g., sandwich plates on bolt-in roll bars/cages). The driver is responsible for the installation being compliant with manufacturer guidelines, and adequate material (e.g., tubing size and thickness) but inspectors should be on the lookout for obvious inappropriate installation or improper material.

#### **3. Required Driver Gear Safety Inspection**

The following driver gear safety items must be inspected by an SCCA Official. A vehicle shall not be approved to go on track until gear for the driver(s) of that car has been checked.

- a) Helmets must be inspected, and a tech sticker should be affixed so that officials can easily check that the helmet has been inspected and approved. Helmet stickers may be annual.
- b) Any required driver gear item must be inspected by an SCCA Tech Inspector.

#### **4. Logbooks/Annual Inspections**

- a) Vehicles may be annually inspected, and that inspection may be noted with proof of inspection (e.g., sticker, card or logbook).
- b) A vehicle with an annual tech is not required to be inspected at an event, but the driver shall still turn in a completed tech form or logbook. A full vehicle inspection may be performed at any time at the discretion of the SCCA Tech Inspector.
- c) Any change or addition to aftermarket safety equipment requires a re-inspection, even if that vehicle is within the annual inspection period.

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- d) SCCA Road Racing Annual Inspections may be honored and a Road Racing vehicle with an annual tech is not required to be inspected at an event, but the driver shall still turn in a completed tech form or present a logbook.

Note: Car numbers are required and shall be at least 8 inches high and class letters shall be at least 4 inches high.

### GENERAL RULES OF THE ROAD:

- No driver, entrant, or crew may consume alcohol until all practice, racing, or track time for his group is finished for the day. Anyone who has consumed any alcohol on the day of an event, other than following the conclusion of his activities, shall not participate on that day, may be excluded from the balance of the event, and may be penalized. Alcohol may not be consumed in the pits until after all the day's on-track activities are concluded. Performance impairing substances are prohibited at all times. Everyone in attendance must properly follow applicable rules and regulations of the event.
- Unless specifically authorized by the Event Lead, passengers are not allowed in a vehicle.
- The default standard for Indy SCCA events is that no driver may pass another vehicle without first receiving a point-by in a designated passing area. The driver being passed shall maintain their racing line, and indicate via point-by, which side the passing driver must use to initiate and complete the pass. After granting a point-by, it is the responsibility of the driver being passed to reduce their speed, if necessary, to ensure that the passing driver can complete the pass within the designated passing zone. Passing rules will be indicated in the Event Supplemental Regulations as agreed upon by the Event Organizer and the Event's Chief Safety Steward.
- The default standard run group formation for Indy SCCA TT events will be as follows:
  - Beginner
  - Intermediate
  - Advanced

This grouping is intended to place drivers of comparable skill levels on track at the same time. Run groups may be modified as agreed upon by the Event Organizer and the Event Lead.

- Procedures will be defined by the operating officials and communicated to the participants during the drivers' meeting and in the supplemental regulations.
- Indy SCCA Time Trials do not require weighing of cars as part of technical inspection, nor impounding of cars at the conclusion of each heat/session.
- The SCCA provides event liability and participant accident coverage for those who are properly registered (including waivers and credentials if necessary). Access to some areas require SCCA membership (weekend memberships are available).
- There are no restrictions on tire usage during an Indy SCCA TT Series event, provided they meet the required class tire restrictions and safety requirements.

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## **SECTION II - Indy SCCA Class Designations:**

The classes eligible for the SEDIV TT Points Championships are as follows:

SEDIV Time Trial (TT) Points Championship All SCCA Time Trials National classes. Vehicle classifications shall be in accordance with the SCCA Time Trial National rules in effect at the time of the event.

### **Time Trials Classes:**

- Sport – S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6
- Tuner – T1, T2, T3, T4, T5
- Prepped – P1, P2, P3, P4
- Max – M1, M2, M3
- Unlimited – U1, U2

### **Regional Time Trials Classes:**

- N/A at this time

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## **SECTION III - Indy SCCA Time Trials Championship Series Rules**

1. These Indianapolis Region (Indy SCCA) Time Trials (TT) Championship Series rules apply to all Indy SCCA Time Trials designated points events that constitute the basis for the Indy SCCA TT Championship Series. These Indy SCCA TT rules supplement the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) Time Trials Rules (TTR).

2. **Competitors must be an Indianapolis Region member or associate member prior the start of the final points event of the season.** Anyone who joins before the start of the final points event of the season will receive points for events run during the season as a non-member. Proof of membership must be submitted to the Event Lead. Anyone who joins after the start of the final event of the season will receive points only for events run after joining. If the final event of the season should be cancelled, points will not be awarded to non-members unless proof of Indianapolis Region membership is presented to the Event Lead showing valid membership before the day of the cancelled final event. Proof of membership must be presented within two weeks after the scheduled date of the cancelled event.

3. The default format for Indy SCCA TT events are “Time Attack” format. Time Attack is a competitive, scored session with a specified allotted time. The fastest single timed lap over the course of the event will be used as the basis for event scoring and determination of finishing position in class.

Note: This is the preferred event format, as it allows drivers to address mechanical, health considerations (driver fatigue, heat), weather concerns (rain, cold temperatures), or track issues (red flag, etc.) by omitting a session or ending a session early, without penalty. Additionally, this format utilizes standard track timing equipment and transponders, without the need for additional equipment.

3.1. Events deemed “double points” events will be scored using the fastest single timed laps for each day of competition. Finishing position will be determined separately for each day of competition.

3.2. At the discretion of the Event Organizer, an Indy SCCA event may utilize one or more TrackSprints. TrackSprint is an SCCA event format which utilizes a specific portion of a track for a point-to-point course which competitors attempt to complete as fast as they can. Vehicles should be separated by enough time that they will not be caught or catch the cars running in succession with them. There should not be passing in a TrackSprint. TrackSprint times may be added to Time Attack sessions for determination of finishing position in class.

3.3. At the discretion of the Event Organizer, an Indy SCCA TT event may utilize the National Competition Format. This format utilizes both Time Attack and TrackSprint sessions. Scoring of these events will be determined by cumulative time of fastest laps or runs of a given event.

3.4. When formats other than the Time Attack default format are used, they shall be announced prior to the day of the event.

4. Indy SCCA TT Championship awards will be presented in accordance with these Indy SCCA Time Trials Rules. Awards will be presented at the annual Indy SCCA awards banquet.

5. Unscored (practice) sessions and Timed (competition) sessions will be orchestrated according to the SCCA National Time Trials Rules, this includes, but not limited to, scoring, penalties, and other on track activities noted by the event lead at the drivers’ meeting or prior to the event.

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**6.** To qualify for a class championship or year-end award, a driver must compete in 50% of the Indy SCCA TT designated points events. In the event of an odd number of events, the required number of points events will be rounded up to the next whole number. Example: If there are 3 events, 2 are required for a trophy; if there are 6 events, 3 are required for a trophy.

The Indy SCCA TT Event Lead may reduce the number of events required for qualification due to event cancellations. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be head-to-head competition or the most first place finishes, in that order. The class Champion will be the driver who qualifies for a championship and scores the most points. Second place will be awarded to a driver who qualifies for a championship, finishes second in the points and is in a class with 4 or more drivers who entered at least one event. Third place will be awarded to a driver who qualifies for a championship, finishes third in the points, and is in a class with 7 or more drivers who entered at least one event.

**7.** Points earned in 66% (rounded up) of the number of Indy SCCA TT designated points events will be counted for year-end championships (i.e., if there are 4 events, the top 3 will count for championship points).

**8.** TT Championship points will be awarded by finishing points position (in each class) as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> - 10, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5, 4<sup>th</sup> - 4, 5<sup>th</sup> - 3, 6<sup>th</sup> - 2, 7<sup>th</sup> - 1, 8<sup>th</sup> and lower - 1, DNF - 1, DNS - 0

**9.** Points will be awarded for all classes recognized in Section II of this document.

**10.** The Indy SCCA TT Event Organizers will distribute an event schedule.

**11.** Multi-driver cars will be allowed as long as the car is properly numbered for each driver. Event organizers have the right to limit the number of drivers per car. Drivers may be required to run the car in separate run groups (i.e. intermediate and advanced). It is up to the drivers to notify event staff prior to the start of the event that they will be sharing a vehicle. It is the drivers' responsibility to be prepared at the beginning of each of their on track sessions. Each driver may only compete in one class per event per championship series. Drivers of multi-driver cars may compete in separate classes where eligible.

**12.** While Indy SCCA TT is primarily a competition between individual drivers in a given class, there are legitimate reasons for drivers to choose to compete as a team. Some of these reasons include: lack of funding, inability to attend an entire season's events, pooled resources for doing repairs/maintenance/vehicle storage/travel, team sponsorships, expectation of a driver moving up to TT mid-season and others. Teams are legal in Indy SCCA TT, provided that specific guidelines are followed. While individual competitors will get recognition for their achievements using their full names, teams will be recognized only by their team names. Track records made by a member of a team will be recorded with the team name, not the individuals. Championship trophies, if engraved, will have the team name on them, and website results will list the team name.

**12.1.** A team is composed of two to a maximum of four drivers. A driver may only be on one (1) team per Indy SCCA TT class. The team must have a designated team captain. A team will be recognized by their team name and the Indy SCCA TT Event Lead must approve all chosen names. The team must declare their driver list to the event registrar before they will begin to accrue points as a team. Prior points earned by either driver will not be carried over to the newly formed team. Once the team is declared, the team drivers shall have their future points tallied together. A driver may collect points for himself/herself, independent of their declared team, if they notify the Event Chair before the first competition session of the day. A team may not run more than one vehicle in the same class during a run session.

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**12.2.** If a team splits up mid-season, the team captain will retain rights to the team name and the team's points, and may use any of the team drivers on the original roster to continue to compete; however, all recognition for wins, track records, championship placing, etc. will still go to the team, not any individual.

**13.** Official results of the event will be posted on the region's website (indyscca.org) prior to the next event. Results shall include driver name (team name if applicable), vehicle, car class, car number, place in class, waiver of points (if applicable), and finishing time.

### **14. Protests/Rules Compliance**

Competitors with a question or concern about another competitors vehicle may file a "Compliance Query" to the Competition Director, in writing. The Competition Director or designated official or compliance committee will determine the answer to the question as soon as possible and before official results are posted.

#### **14.1. What must be included in a Compliance Query**

- A.** The question about compliance and rules area covering the item in as much detail as possible.
- B.** The name or names of questioner or group of questioners.
- C.** Query fee, if applicable.

#### **14.2. Query Fees**

- A.** There is no fee for Compliance Queries asked through the end of lunch break on the first day of competition.
- B.** Compliance Queries after the end of lunch through the end of competition of a 1 day event require a fee of \$100.
- C.** Compliance Queries asked on the final day of competition of a 2 day event will require a fee of \$500.
- D.** Compliance Queries filed by event officials shall have the fee waived.
- E.** Event lead or Competition Director reserves the right to waive fee.
- F.** Reasonable queries will have question fee returned.

#### **14.3. Non-Compliance**

If a competitor or vehicle is determined to be non-compliant the following are the series of actions which may be taken.

- A.** Coaching/Reclassification.
- B.** Disqualification.
- C.** Exclusion from program for up to one year.



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## **SECTION IV - Indy SCCA Information:**

### **Useful links:**

**SCCA Time Trials Rules, Safety Requirements, and National Class Rules:**

<https://timetrials.scca.com/>

**SCCA General Competition Regulations:**

<https://www.scca.com/pages/cars-and-rules>

**The Official Indy SCCA Facebook Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/indyscca>

**Indy SCCA Social Page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/180454502118/>

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