



Rules and Regulations

PARTICIPANT CONDUCT- EXPECTATIONS

Every participant and driver at a Traction Optional sanctioned event will conduct themselves according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship particularly in their relationship with other drivers and Officials, and moreover the host venues expectations.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Be at least 18 years old (16 or over with Parental consent).
Hold a current valid state driver's license.
Have use of an automobile that meets Traction Optional's technical requirements.
Have proper safety equipment.
Fully pay all applicable fees.
Sign all registration forms and waiver of liability agreement.
All cars will be subject to a strict safety inspection as outlined in the rules and registration form.
Cars will be marked to show that inspection is complete.
Entrant must get their car teched before going to Drivers meeting
Drivers and crewmembers must attend the Drivers meeting

CONDUCT OF GUESTS AND CREW

Drivers will be responsible for the conduct and behavior of those accompanying them to an event such as crew, mechanics, and friends. Any offense committed by the driver's crew, mechanics, or friends will be directly chargeable to the driver. Damage to the racetrack, its surface, fencing, paddock, walls, buildings, trailers, Equipment, vehicles, etc., by the driver (including his/her friends, and crew) is the responsibility of the driver, and said driver agrees herein to make restitution.

PADDOCK RULES

A) The speed limit in the paddock is ten (10) MPH for any vehicle other than emergency vehicles.
B) Oil, water, electrical power, and compressed air are the responsibility of the entrant.
C) Participants will be held responsible for any damage they cause to the paddock, pit lane, fencing, bathrooms, and any other objects.
D) Do not dispose of tires at the race facility.
E) Do not litter or leave any mess.
F) Proper parking is a must to ensure that all participants will fit into the paddock.
G) Vehicles not on the racecourse that are moving about the area, i.e. pits, starting grid and area around the event must travel at a reasonable speed. No burnouts, clutch popping etc. Traction Optional officials and course marshals reserve the right to remove participants who are deemed unsafe. Participants who are deemed unsafe will be fined \$500.00 per offense and subject to removal and disallowed entry to further events.

ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

A) Any 2 or 4 door coupe, sedan or sports car
B) Must be powered by the rear wheels. Exceptions can be made if approved by TO Staff.

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CLASSES AND RUN GROUPS

- A) All drivers will be assigned to a class and run groups.
- B) Classes will consist of Beginner, Normal and Pro. Drivers in Pro class will be selected by Traction Optional staff based on abilities and eligibility to compete in advanced competition.
- C) Classes are not based on vehicle modifications or performance ability.
- D) Run groups will be based on the number of entrants.

TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS

All drivers and participating vehicles will be subject to a safety inspection. This inspection will be conducted by the Technical Manager or appointed Traction Optional staff. No vehicles will be allowed into racetrack area before inspection.

DRIVER

- A) Drivers must wear at minimum shirt, shorts and closed toe shoes. Long sleeves and pants recommended. Fire suits are encouraged, especially during tandem runs and competition.
- B) Helmet meeting current DOT, Snell specifications or equivalent is required.
Drivers must wear helmet and seatbelts in all on track sessions. It is strongly recommended that any helmet sustaining any substantial impact be replaced.

ENGINE RELATED

- A) Performance modifications are unlimited but must be completed in a safe and working fashion.
- B) Engine must be free of major leaks and open reservoirs.
- C) No loose items inside engine bay.
- D) Batteries must be secured to body of the car. No Bungee cords or rubber cords may be used to function as the sole hold down mechanism. An electrically non-conductive material must cover the positive battery terminal. Any battery located inside the driver's compartment should be fully covered and firmly secured to the chassis in a marine type battery case. True dry cell batteries may be mounted without a surrounding case, however a case is still recommended.
- E) Must have liquid overflow devices for oil and water. Minimum can size is 1liter.
- F) Throttle must have positive action return spring. A stop must be used to prevent linkage from passing over-center, sticking in the open position.

DRIVE TRAIN

- A) Drive shaft loops recommended for all cars. Open drivelines passing any part of the driver's body must be enclosed in steel plate mounted to the frame/chassis.
- B) All cars must have a reverse gear.

SUSPENSION, BRAKES

- A) Four wheel hydraulic brakes mandatory
- B) Brake calipers, lines, rotors, pedals must in good working order. Pedal will be tested for "brake feel".
- C) A working hand or emergency brake recommended
- D) Suspension modifications are unlimited for performance purposes but may not be rigid mounted and must have a minimum travel of 1 inch.

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TIRES

Any production tire type may be used but must not be below wear indicators. Severely worn, weather cracked or otherwise unsafe tires will not be allowed.

BODY WORK

- A) All bodywork must be clean and presentable. All doors, latches etc. must securely latch or fasten.
- B) Seatbelts must be securely attached in OEM locations or attached to roll cage according to SFI regulations.
- C) Driver and all passenger seats must be securely fastened to chassis of car.
- D) Roll cages are recommended for all cars

Exhaust work

All vehicles must have a muffler and must not exceed 120 db at 50 ft. unless stricter rules are required by host venue.

Interior

- A) All non-essential items must be removed.
- B) Gauges are free.
- D) Must be clean and professional in appearance.

Seatbelts and Harnesses

The seatbelts should be in good condition. No damage may be present on the seatbelts and they must be the factory configuration. Harnesses that are expired for racing may be used providing that they are in at least very good condition. The use of a lap belt without any shoulder restraint is not permitted. Passenger seatbelts must meet the same minimum requirements as the driver seatbelts if being used by a passenger.

*Aftermarket DOT-certified belt sets, installed to the manufacturer's specifications may be allowed. Proof of DOT certification and proper installation is the driver's responsibility.

Seats

All seats must be securely fastened to the structure of the car such that they are strong enough to withstand a major impact. If replaced, the replacement seat should be installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

If stock seats are to be used with a roll bar/cage, care should be taken to prevent the seat from submarining under the rollbar. Care should also be taken to prevent the occupant from hitting his/her head on the roll bar/cage

Loose Objects

All loose objects in car and trunk should be removed. Floor mats, dash mats, spare tire, jack, tools, etc. must be removed.

Camera Mounts

Video camera mounts should be approved by tech before entering the course at every event. Cameras should use at least one (1) bolt to attach the camera to the mount; and at least one strap should be used to secure the camera



Roll Cages

Roll cages are required only for tandem run groups, Roll cages must include minimum of one door bar for the driver. Passengers must meet same requirements if passenger side is occupied.

FLAG SIGNALS

The following signals are used to signal to Drivers of various conditions and direct Drivers to obey various specific conditions. Cloth flags are generally used, but may be replaced with similarly coded rigid boards or with lights. A steady light is the equivalent of a stationary flag, and a flashing light to a waved flag.

RED

The session has been stopped. Use caution and stop immediately.

Be prepared to proceed to pit lane if so directed. All vehicles must stop and start line will close until directed by a Traction Optional official.

The rules and guidelines contained are abstracted from Automobile Competition Committee for the United States (ACCUS) Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) Japanese Automotive Federation (JAF) and Federation of International Automobile (FIA). They are also compiled based on the needs and experiences of Traction Optional LLC. Traction Optional reserves the right to interpret and enforce these rules as needed to maintain a safe and enjoyable motor sports event. All persons participating in Traction Optional events must agree to follow these rules and those contained in the Waiver of Liability on the entry forms.