

# 2017 Carolina Cup Pro Series Rules

**1.1** The Carolina Cup Pro Series (hereafter known as CCPS) is a regional point's series administered by CCPS hereafter referred to as the Series. This Series shall consist equally of NCR, CCR, SCR and Atlanta Regions of SCCA.

**1.2** The series will be run as restricted regional races sanctioned under the current General Competition Rules (GCR) of the SCCA and the CCPS rules. All host region's supplemental regulations apply. All CCPS races must be insured to regular SCCA standards by the host region.

**1.3** No rules, regulation or comment in these rules is considered to imply an exception to the latest GCR of the SCCA and in any dispute regarding interpretation, the GCR and standard operating practice of the SCCA will take precedence.

**1.4** The host region for each CCPS race will establish and collect the entire entry fee applicable to the CCPS race and pay CCPS directly a \$50.00 fee for each entrant. An entrant is defined in the current SCCA GCR. These Fees will be used by the CCPS for administration costs and prize purse fund. See also rule 10.1.

**1.5** Any SCCA region can be considered to host a CCPS event.

**1.6** No SCCA regions are required to host a CCPS event.

**1.7** The Series reserves the right to limit the number of CCPS events conducted each season.

## **CCPS Organization:**

**2.1** The CCPS committee will govern the CCPS. The committee will be comprised of members of NCR, CCR, SCR and ATL. Each region will assign one current region members to the CCPS committee. Each committee member will have one vote.

**2.2** The Board of Directors of any region hosting a CCPS race shall inform the CCPS committee of any meetings and/or Board meetings pertaining to CCPS business.

**2.3** Neither NCR, CCR, SCR or ATL are required to host a CCPS race.

**2.4** The CCPS committee will appoint a series administrator who will maintain points and distribute prize money. For 2017, this will be Richard Mesick.

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2.5 In the event of a tie in any voting procedure within the CCPS committee, the Regional executives of NCR, CCR, SCR and ATL will be asked to cast a vote. If a tie still remains, the Board of Directors from each region will cast individual votes.

2.6 At the end of each season, the CCPS committee will present a financial report of the CCPS to the NCR, CCR, SCR and ATL Board of Directors.

2.7 The CCPS committee has the right to change and/or amend these rules with the approval of the CCPS committee and notification to the Board of Directors of the NCR, CCR, SCR and ATL, without prior notice to CCPS competitors. Any change will not affect previously awarded points or money.

## Eligibility – Cars:

3.1 All cars must conform to the current SCCA GCR competition specifications and/or any other sanctioning body specifications as it applies to the class.

3.2 Cars in the following classes are eligible to participate in CCPS: ITS, ITA, ITB, ITC, IT-7, IT-7R, ITT, ITR, SM, Spec MX-5, SRF, SRF3, T3, T4, B Spec, STL, WDCR SSM, SMSE, WDCR SRX7, CCR SSM, MXP and MX-5 Cup.

3.3 SM class entries shall follow the current MARRS or SEDIV SM tire rule.

3.4 SSM class entries shall be prepared to the Showroom Spec Miata Rules of either Central Carolina Region or Washington DC Region. A car competing in SSM shall comply fully with one set of rules or the other including all seals and tire rules required by those rule sets.

WDCR SSM Rules can be found here:

<http://carolinacuppro.com/files/class/wdcrssm.pdf>

CCR SSM Rules can be found here:

<http://carolinacuppro.com/files/class/ccrssm.pdf>

3.5 ITT shall be prepared to the Atlanta Region ITT Rules.

Atlanta Region ITT Rules can be found here:

<http://carolinacuppro.com/files/class/itt.pdf>

3.6 WDCR SRX7 Rules can be found here:

<http://carolinacuppro.com/files/class/wdcrsrx7.pdf>

3.9 Any SCCA or NASA member/competitor may propose a new class for CCPS eligibility. Such proposals should be sent to the CCPS administrator for consideration by the CCPS committee. The CCPS Administrator shall in a timely

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manner distribute the proposal to the CCPS Board's members for discussion and their vote to approve or deny the proposal. The person(s) submitting the proposal will be notified directly via E-mail of the Board's decision. If approved, the CCPS Administrator will post the details of the new class and the implementation timing on the CCPS website (<http://www.carolinacuppro.com>).

## Eligibility – Drivers:

4.1 The SCCA Driver eligibility rules for Club Races, as provided in the current GCR, will apply to the CCPS.

## Entries:

5.1 Each entry will register as a team.

5.2 Each team will register a team name, the class they will compete in, and the team owner's name, postal address, E-mail address, and Social Security Number.

5.3 Each registered team will receive two (2) official CCPS decals that must be placed on the car. The position of the decals is as follows: one (1) located on the driver's side and one (1) located on the passenger side. Additional decals will be available for purchase from the CCPS Administrator.

5.4 A representative from each team must sign in with the CCPS's administrator in the timing and scoring building at each CCPS event and declare which eligible car number is intended to accrue team points at that event. Failure to do so at least 1 hour prior to the start of the CCPS race may result in no accrual of points and prize money for that team at that event. Event sign in forms will be available at each CCPS event.

5.5 Each declared points entry will be issued an official event decal for that specific event. The official event decal must be displayed on the right rear taillight area in a highly visible manner. Failure to display the official event decal may result in no accrual of points and prize money for that team at that event. "Highly visible" shall be at the discretion of the CCPS Officials.

5.6 No team can enter more than one car in a class at any given CCPS event regardless of CCPS status.

5.7 In order for a team to receive a refund of their pre-paid entry fee due to a withdrawal from competition, the team must furnish in writing a withdrawal

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request to the host region's event Registrar before the close of registration on the last day of the event. The request must include a signed statement from the Chief of Timing & Scoring stating that the event's T & S records indicate there was no participation by the team in any on track session scheduled for that CCPS event.

**5.8** In case of over subscription, CCPS registered teams shall take precedence over non-registered teams. Non registered SCCA class teams shall take precedence over non-registered NASA class teams in order of receipt of entry. In case of CCPS registered teams over subscription, entries shall be in order of their receipt of entry.

## CCPS Race Events:

**6.1** Car numbers will be issued by the host region registrar on a first come, first serve basis.

**6.2** Each CCPS race will be scheduled for at least 45 minutes in length and held after at least one scheduled minimum fifteen minute qualifying session. The host Region will establish the qualifying session's duration. The starting grid for each race will be in order of shortest elapsed lap time per each team as recorded in the race's qualifying session(s).

**6.3** CCPS chief operating steward has the right to shorten a CCPS event at any time if necessary, without any prior notice due to an unforeseen reason. The CCPS Officials, and host region Officials also reserve the right to shorten a CCPS race for any appropriate safety or schedule related reason. Shortened races that run for more than 50% of the 45 minute time distance and not restarted shall be a considered complete and shall be scored as of the last fully scored on track (hot) lap in accordance with GCR rule 6.10.5.B.

**6.4** There will be a mandatory 2-minute pit stop during each race for all cars during a 45 minute scheduled event. Any race over 45 minutes will require a 5 minute pit stop for every 2 hours of racing.

**6.5** There will be a 40 MPH speed limit on pit road.

**6.6** The top 4 finishers in each class will report to impound, or as directed by the series operating steward at the event.

**6.7** OFFICAL RACE RESULTS will be available at the track if time allows and if there are no outstanding protests. If OFFICAL RACE RESULTS are not available

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at the track post-race, the results will be emailed to all teams that have provided the Company with a valid E-mail address, per GCR 3.7.2.

## Pit Stops:

**7.1** The mandatory pit stop during each CCPS race will be a minimum of two (2) minutes in length. The pit stop shall not commence until at least 1 full (hot) lap has been completed after any green flag start or re-start. The pit stop shall not commence with less than 3 minutes prior to the checker. Failure to make the required 2 minute pit stop may result in a lap penalty or possible disqualification.

**7.2** Timing the pit stop will be determined using the following two methods:

### Method 1:

Use the timing charts for the race as provided by timing and scoring to determine the fastest lap times for competitors. By adding 2 minutes plus the time required to traverse pit lane at 40 MPH to this fastest lap time, a total pit stop time shall be determined for each entry. Lap charts shall then be checked to confirm that each competitor did have a total lap time equal to or greater than the previously determined lap time.

### AND, OR Method 2:

A log will be maintained to show the time and car number of all cars entering and exiting pit lane during the event. A study of the log shall show that all cars having entered and exited pit lane in a total time equal to or greater than 2 minutes plus the time required to traverse pit lane at 40 MPH.

Any non-compliance found by these methods will be reported to the Chief Steward with penalty recommendations.

**7.3** Computation of the 40 MPH transit time in pit lane at the maximum allowed 40 mph speed limit is as follows:

Charlotte, 22 seconds @ 40 MPH.

Kershaw, 11 seconds @ 40 MPH.

Road Atlanta, 14 seconds @ 40 MPH.

Roebing, 19 seconds @ 40 MPH.

Summit Point, 14 seconds @ 40 MPH.

VIR, 12 seconds @ 40 MPH.

**7.4** NO pit stops are permitted to be initiated during a full course yellow. Any car that is in the process of their mandatory pit stop when a full course yellow is displayed will be allowed to continue with that pit stop and re-enter the track upon completion of the stop.

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**7.5 NO re-fueling is permitted during 2 minute pit stops.**

**7.6 The minimum penalty for a short pit stop will be assessed in this order: 0 to 5 seconds – 1 lap, 6 – 15 seconds 2 laps, 15 – 30 seconds 2 laps and 5 season points max, over 30 seconds or no pit stop minimum penalty moved to last place in class with no series points and no series payout. Maximum penalty can be disqualification.**

## **Series Points:**

**8.1 Series points will be awarded according to the SCCA's National points system for race finishers refer to GCR Rule 3.1.1.C.**

**8.2 Each team's fourteen (14) best points finishes in the season's scheduled events will be used to calculate the current year end championship. Additionally, 10 bonus points will be given to any team participating in all scheduled events.**

**8.3 CCPS Series points will be awarded according to the finishing position of all registered team entries.**

**8.4 Upon receiving the OFFICIAL RACE RESULTS for each CCPS race, the Series administrator will calculate individual points and post them to the official CCPS web site ([www.carolinacuppro.com](http://www.carolinacuppro.com)).**

**8.5 The current point standings will be available from the Series' administrator at each event.**

**8.6 In the event of ties for year-end Series' points, winners will be determined according to the process listed in the GCR for awarding National competition points.**

**8.7 In order to be eligible for the year end Series points Championship, a team must START in at least 50% of all the scheduled races.**

## **Trophies:**

**9.1 For each individual points race, the host region may provide suitable trophies at the host regions discretion.**

**9.2 For the end of the season Series' point's Championship, trophies will be awarded by the Series to the winner of each class.**

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## Prize Fund:

**10.1** Per rule 1.4 above, the host Region for each CCPS race will establish and collect the total entry fee for each CCPS race. \$50.00 of the total entry fee for each CCPS race collected by the host SCCA Region will be promptly forwarded by the host Region to the CCPS Administrator to support the CCPS prize fund and Series' operating expenses. The breakdown of the prize fund payout will be as follows: \$15.00 will be paid out for each race; \$25.00 will be paid out for year-end prize fund. Series operating expenses will be offset in-part from fees collected for entries ineligible for individual race and, or year-end prize fund payouts.

**10.2** Pay out by class for each single event and the year end points championship will be as follows:

- 1st Place, 45%.**
- 2nd Place, 25%.**
- 3rd Place, 15%.**
- 4th Place, 10%.**
- 5th Place, 5%.**

**10.3** Additional funds or contingencies may be added to the individual race and, or year-end prize funds through sponsors. Specific classes or conditions may be sponsored.

**10.4** Sponsors may reserve the right to require certain criteria for eligibility.

**10.5** CCPS individual event prize money will be awarded according to the finishing position of all entries that have registered for the CCPS Series points.

**10.6** For Series points' awards and prize fund earning purposes, entries (teams) that are not registered with CCPS, will not be considered and all other CCPS entries will move up within class.

**10.7** Any awards and/or prize money won shall be made payable to the registered team owner.

## Disqualification:

**11.1** Any team found to be in violation of these rules might be disqualified. Disqualification will result in the loss of points and/or prize money.

**11.2** The Series Chief Steward may take away individual race and entry points due to disqualification.

**11.3** The Series may take away accumulated points due to disqualification.

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11.4 Previously awarded prize money will not be recovered or redistributed.

CCPS special class rules:

## 12.1 CCPS MAZDA MX-5 CUP

Built to current SCCA Pro Racing Regulations (PRR) with the following exceptions:

PRR tire use rules not required.

PRR wet tire use rules not required.

No engine or parts claiming.

Data Acquisition not required (OK to have).

Video not required (OK to have).

No MX-5 points will be awarded (not an official MX-5 Cup event).

Standard GCR club racing rules prevail. (protest, rules of the road, and etc. follow GCR protocol, not PRR).

Minimum weight = 2600 lbs. with driver.

Pro Racing Regulations can be found here:

<http://carolinacuppro.com/files/class/2012PRR.pdf>