SPEED

Autocross – Standing Regulations

These Regulations must be read in conjunction with the Speed Event Standing Regulations (see "Speed" in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport).

Autocross is a type of event providing competition essentially at club level, and involving timed laps of an earth, grass, gravel or similar circuit (although some sealed surfaces may be included when the event is conducted on a permanent circuit) by day or night or both.

Being timed over a distance of more than 200 metres, it falls within the definition of a "speed event", but racing as such is not permitted in Autocross.

However, for convenience, it is permitted to have up to three cars on the circuit at the one time, provided that the circuit is of adequate length and that they are widely spaced, separately started and individually timed.

As Autocross events are intended to be primarily conducted at club level, no National Championship will be permitted for these events.

1. COURSE

1.1 **Length:** The course should not exceed 2km in length, nor be less than 400m. It may not include any sealed section. No straight section may exceed 200m in length. Sharp corners, water hazards, crests and other similar tests of driving skill may be used, but should not follow immediately from sections expected to be relatively fast.

1.2 **Unprotected obstacles** must be at least 20m from the edge of the track or, if such obstacles are protected by eg, straw bales, they must be at least 10m from the track. Wire fences must be clearly marked if within 40m of the track.

1.3 **Enclosures for paddock** and/or spectator cars must be at least 40m from the track, unless protected by a barrier sufficient to stop a competing car, in which case they must be at least 20m from the track.

1.4 **The edges of the course** shall be indicated by suitable markers, painted to be visible in normal light or by a competing car's headlights, if the competition is at night.

Observers shall be appointed to ensure that competing cars follow the course, and they shall be Judges of Fact in that respect.

1.5 **Prior to any Autocross being held,** a proposed circuit must be approved by CAMS, and such approval may be temporary or permanent, at CAMS' discretion. The conduct of any Autocross, even on an approved track, shall be subject to the stewards' approval on the day of the competition.

2. VEHICLES

2.1 Entries may be received for any vehicle which complies with Schedule A & B (where applicable). (Refer "General Requirements for Cars and Drivers" in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.)

2.2 **Entries:** The same car may, if permitted in the Supplementary Regulations, be entered up to three times in the same competition, provided that it is driven by a different driver in respect of each entry.

2.3 **Classes:** Cars may be grouped into classes or groups at the discretion of the organisers.

3. COMPETITORS

3.1 No driver shall be under the age of 14 years.

3.2 Drivers must hold a current membership card issued by one of the participating clubs together with at least a Level 2S or 2SJ or higher grade of CAMS licence.

A Level 2S or 2SJ licence is applicable for events up to international level.

Refer "General Regulations of CAMS" in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.

All licences must be presented at scrutineering.

3.4 No driver shall compete at an Autocross in more than one car.

3.5 All drivers shall wear a safety helmet, complying with Schedule D (refer "General Requirements for Cars and Drivers"). If the car is equipped with a roll bar or roll cage, a safety harness complying with Schedule I must be worn whilst competing. Goggles or helmet visor complying with Schedule D must be worn during competition in all open cars and in closed cars to which no windscreen is fitted.

4. PENALTIES

See Regulation 10 of Speed Events – Standing Regulations (see "Speed" in the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport).

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5. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

5.1 Winners shall be determined as provided for by Speed Events – Standing Regulation 8.

5.2 Special prizes may be given for the fastest lap or laps timed during the day.

5.3 The same number of runs by each competitor shall count towards the results, extra runs being discarded. However, in the event that one or more competitors have not completed the minimum number of runs stipulated in Supplementary Regulations, their failure to do so shall not necessarily reduce the eligible number of runs by other competitors to the number completed by the failed competitors.

5.4 If a driver, through his own error, fails to complete a run, he shall not be permitted a re-run, but shall be credited with the slowest time recorded by a competitor in his class, plus five seconds.

If his failure to complete a run is due to any other cause outside the driver's control, he shall be permitted a re-run.

6. ORGANISATION

6.1 No vehicle may be used for practice or competition until passed by the Chief Scrutineer as fit so to do. Any vehicle which has been modified in any way after scrutineering must be represented as soon as practicable for further examination prior to starting a run.

6.2 Practice of at least two laps shall be permitted to any driver unfamiliar with the course, and may be permitted (if time permits) to all entrants.

6.3 **First aid:** The requirements of Appendix T, Part 3 (refer "General Regulations of CAMS"), must be complied with.

6.4 **Fire precautions:** The organisers must comply with the requirements of the Track Operators Safety Guide, Article 3.3.4.

6.5 **Timing:** The competing cars may be timed either by automatic means or by hand-operated stop watches. In the latter case, it is desirable that the average of two times taken be regarded as official time.

6.6 Cars may not be started simultaneously, but either a standing or a flying start may be used. If the latter, the "run-in" distance shall not exceed 100m.

6.7 Spiked or studded tyres are prohibited, but otherwise tyres are free as to tread design unless further restricted by Supplementary Regulations.

6.8 In the event of any occurrence which may prevent a car on the course from completing its run some arrangement must exist which will prevent the next car due to start from so starting until the course is clear. The presence of an ambulance or other non-competing vehicle on the course shall necessarily halt the competition until the course is again clear.

6.9 The order of starting may be determined in any manner as provided by Supplementary Regulations, and shall thereafter be maintained. Any deterioration of the course through, for example, weather conditions, shall not be deemed sufficient reason to change the starting order. However, the Clerk of Course may at his discretion change that starting order if circumstances, such as a temporarily unserviceable car, warrant it.

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