

# SOVREN COMPETITION RULES

## Rules for Car Eligibility and Competition

SOVREN's Rules for Car Eligibility and Competition are subject to change by a combined vote of available board members, competition chairmen and run group committee chairmen who hold a current SOVREN Competition License. Anyone presenting a current SOVREN competition license may submit a rules change proposal for review and a vote. These proposals should be submitted to the SOVREN E board and will be distributed to the competition and run group committee chairmen for review, research and discussions 45 days before a vote will be made. Proposals should detail what section of the rules would be changed or added to and include both the old rule and the new rule as proposed. Each proposal should also include a PRO statement detailing why the proposal should be incorporated into the rules.

### 2016 Car Eligibility and Rules Regarding Competition

The goal and purpose of SOVREN shall be restoration, preservation, and competition with pre-war, vintage, and historic automobiles. This goal and purpose shall embody the "Vintage Spirit" of authenticity and integrity in preparation and good sportsmanship in competition.

SOVREN may elect to modify, delete or promulgate additional rules governing its members, events and activities. Only those members of SOVREN holding current racing licenses recognized by SOVREN may vote on these rules and any modification thereto. These rules are intended as a guideline. Any driver or entrant found to be attempting to or deliberately circumventing rules or not acting in the spirit of the SOVREN rules and goals may be excluded from participation in SOVREN events and activities.

### Vehicle Categories

Cars racing with SOVREN must fit into one of the club's general racing classes. These shall be defined as:

#### Pre-War

Automobiles produced on or before and in a configuration as raced prior to December 31, 1940.

These automobiles must be in as near-to-original configuration as possible.

#### Vintage

Automobiles produced after December 31, 1940 and on or before December 31, 1962. These shall include cars that are built beyond this date providing it is of a continuing and unchanged model and conforming to the appropriate 1962 or older FIA or SCCA "point-in-time" regulations. In no case may the automobile have been manufactured after December 31, 1969. These automobiles may be in the configuration as allowed by the appropriate FIA or SCCA "point-in-time" regulations or in the case of formula racing cars, age, eligibility and configuration shall be as allowed by the Monoposto Register Rules and Regulations governing Formula B, Formula Ford, Formula Junior, and Formula Vee.

#### FIA Category A (recognized production cars)

Groups 1 through 4 will be treated the same as SCCA production cars and sedans. Competitors will be allowed to modify a production vehicle with no racing provenance to either FIA Group 1 through 4 or SCCA production or sedan configurations but not a combination of FIA and SCCA.

#### Historic

Those automobiles produced after December 31, 1962 but on or before December 31, 1985. A Vintage automobile's "point-in-time" may be upgraded to the 1985 regulations but shall then be designated as a Historic automobile. In the case of formula racing cars, age, eligibility and configuration shall be as allowed by the Monoposto Register Rules and Regulations governing Formula B, Formula Ford, Formula Junior, and Formula Vee with exceptions as noted below (see Wheels, page 23, and Formula Ford Replacement Parts, page 24).

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#### FIA CATEGORY B & C (special and racing cars)

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Group 5 and up will be treated the same as SCCA modified/sports racing/formula vehicles. They must be original vehicles with racing provenance, and competitors will not be allowed to modify production street vehicles or build “new” vehicles to these configurations.

## **Modified cars**

In order for a Historic car to be eligible to run as a “Modified” or Sports Racing” car (per SCCA period regulations) and compete in SOVREN events, it must have a period history of having raced with such modifications. Street cars modified in the current era will only be allowed to run as production cars with the changes that were allowed in the era PCS’s and NOT with the additional changes that would have been allowed in the “Modified” or “Sports Racing classes.” In no case shall a car accepted under this rule as a “modified” or “sports racing” car have modifications which were not available in the era.

## **Exhibition and Formula Cars**

Significant purpose-built racecars that do not fit into SOVREN classes produced on or before December 31, 1989 may be allowed to run in an Exhibition grid at some SOVREN events. In the case of Formula racing cars manufactured on or before December 31, 1989, age, eligibility, and configuration shall be as allowed by the Monoposto 70 Rules and Regulations governing Formula 5000, Formula Atlantic, F2, and Formula SV.

FF70 Formula Fords as allowed by Monoposto 70 Race Class-Group IV: Formula Fords from 1973 through 1981 will be allowed to race with Historic Formula Fords.

FF70 Formula Fords will use the same tires as specified for Historic Formula Fords. Partial or full carbon monocoques are prohibited.

In the case of sports racing cars, the eligibility and acceptance shall be as allowed by the attached “Exhibition Grid Eligible Sports Cars” list. Purpose-built racecars manufactured after December 31st, 1989 that are unchanged in technology from the 1989 models already accepted by SOVREN may apply to the Competition Committee for approval to race with SOVREN. A list of these cars will be added to the “Exhibition Grid Eligible Sports Cars” page as certain

models are approved by the Competition Committee. The Competition Chairman may consider later cars, but in all cases shall have sole discretion on a car-by-car and race-by-race basis.

Production-based cars must adhere to existing SOVREN rules and will not be permitted to race in the Exhibition class.

## **Advanced License**

For the following EXHIBITION CLASS purpose-built racecars: Sports Racers over 1800cc, FSV, FB, F2, FA F5000, CanAm, Formula 1

## **All other Exhibition Class cars**

In view of the advanced driving ability that the above cars require, an advanced license will be required by SOVREN. Items of consideration include previous racing experience in SOVREN cars, advanced racing school experience, race test days in the cars listed, and professional coaching in the cars listed. Review and approval for the advanced license will be made by the Competition Chairman and Competition Committee. Upon approval by the Competition Committee, the new advanced driver will be under a three-race weekend probation period for observation and then final licensing. Additionally, first time acceptance into either the Pacific Northwest Historics or Columbia River Classic will also be approved by the Competition Chairman and Committee.

## **No reproduction or replicas of any sort or kit cars produced after December 31, 1969 shall be permitted.**

There shall be no special dispensation for any vehicles except for exhibition type categories at selected events. The burden of proof relating to authenticity of all vehicles, equipment, and modifications shall always rest with the person presenting the vehicle for competition.

The Competition Chairman along with other E-Board appointees to a Competition Committee will divide the cars for competitive events generally based on their being Pre-war, Vintage, Historic, or Exhibition category cars with emphasis on running race groups as period correct as possible with cars of similar classification. However, this committee may move cars from one group to another because of safety issues, to even out group sizes, or any other reason as they see fit.