



## PART IV

### Race Administration

- 4.1 Selection of Executive Race Officials** - The United States Auto Club will select and announce the list of executive race officials for each competition. The Director of Competition will appoint the Chief Steward. The Chief Steward may appoint assistants in any area as required by the nature of the race meeting. All executive race officials will be licensed USAC officials in good standing.
- 4.2 Selection of Other Race Officials** - Each executive race official may select and employ a staff of other race officials as required by the nature of the race meeting. These other race officials will be instructed in, and responsible only for, the performance of specific duties in support of their executive race official's responsibilities at the race meeting.
- All persons selected as other race officials must be USAC Members in good standing, except that other persons may be trained and employed as conditional race officials under a temporary license for a particular race meeting at the discretion of the appropriate executive race official.
- 4.3 Organization of Executive Race Officials** - The executive race officials will be organized in two classifications:
- A. The race Stewards, who shall be composed of:
    1. The Chief Steward
    2. Other appointed Stewards
  - B. Other executive race officials who shall be composed of:
    1. Chief Starter
    2. Director of Timing and Scoring
    3. Technical Director
    4. Chief Registrar
    5. Other executive race officials at the discretion of the Chief Steward.
- NOTE: When necessary, one person may be assigned the duties of more than one of the above positions, including Steward.
- 4.4 Authority of Executive Race Officials** - The executive race officials shall have the only authority and responsibility, acting individually or severally, to apply the rules, procedures or bulletins, as regards to the particular competition, except that they may delegate this authority to their assistants.
- A. The race stewards shall have the only authority and responsibility, acting individually and severally, to:
    1. Interpret the rules, procedures and bulletins, as regards to the particular competition.
    2. Pronounce penalties, which result from violation of the rules, procedures or bulletins as regards the particular competition, except that this authority to pronounce penalties may be specifically delegated by said rules, procedures or bulletins to executive race officials.
    3. Adjudicate questions and disputes arising from, or among, competitors.
    4. Act as representative of the United States Auto Club in any other matter or ruling which might affect the conduct of the competition.
- 4.5 Division of Executive Duties** - The Chief Steward will be the chief representative of the United States Auto Club at every sanctioned competition and will have all executive race officials and other race officials under his supervision. Duties may be delegated to other executive race officials as follows:
- A. The Stewards will ensure that the conduct of the competition is in accordance with USAC rules, procedures and bulletins.
  - B. The Starter will display the proper flag signals during the race meeting.
  - C. The Director of Timing and Scoring will obtain and record all timing and scoring information; keep the Stewards continuously informed of the standings during a race meeting; arrange to provide appropriate competitive information to the race organizer and the press; secure necessary timing and scoring equipment; have charge of the designated scoring area; ensure the preparation of the award distribution among the contestants; and serve as scoring consultant to the Stewards. All scoring material will be turned in to the Chief Steward at the completion of the event.



- D. The Technical Director will pass on the qualification of cars and equipment; have charge of and maintain discipline in the pits and garages; and serve as technical consultant to the Stewards.
  - E. The Chief Registrar shall be responsible for the issuance of all restricted area credentials to competitors in a race meeting. He shall also issue credentials to those officials as may be designated by the race executives.
- 4.6 Stewards' Duties and Powers** - The duties and powers of the Stewards shall include the following:
- A. The Chief Steward is the final authority on the content of the official posting of all qualification results and race finishes and is empowered to pronounce penalties both during and after the competition which may affect said posting.
  - B. They may make such arrangements as to the position of the starting, finish, or other lines as, in their opinion, may be important to the safety and awareness of the competitors or the public.
  - C. They may require any driver to demonstrate his ability to safely and properly handle the car in which he intends to compete. They may disqualify and/or exclude any driver who, in their opinion, becomes incompetent in the handling of a car.
  - D. They may require any driver at any time to furnish a new certificate from a designated physician attesting to his physical fitness for racing. (See also rules 3.6 and 4.6 W.)
  - E. They may require all cars to carry identification numbers in accordance with those assigned by USAC.
  - F. They may prohibit any competitor or car from entering or continuing a race if they consider either might be a source of danger.
  - G. They may, before, during, or after a race meeting, penalize or exclude any driver or competitor whom they find guilty of misbehavior or misconduct.
  - H. Believing that a competitor has no longer a chance to obtain one of the top prize-winning places in a race, they may order such competitor's car from the course.
  - I. They shall have the power to excuse competitors who present reasons satisfactory, in their judgment, for failure to start, but shall report unsatisfactory cases to the Director of Competition.
  - J. They may order postponement, cancellation, or shorten the scheduled distance of a race meeting or event in case of inclement weather or in case the course is not, in their judgment, in condition to permit competition to be conducted safely or for any reason which, in their judgment, may be sufficient.
  - K. They shall have the right to stop temporarily or delay a race if, in their opinion, safety requires such action.
  - L. They shall have the right to terminate a race before its scheduled distance and in such case shall determine the disposition of the awards.
  - M. They may terminate a race after one or more cars have finished. They may reduce the scheduled distance or they may declare a contest completed, postponed or abandoned.
  - N. They shall not call off a race meeting due to poor attendance. If necessity requires the abandonment of a race meeting, they shall see that the race organizer makes equitable adjustment with the entrants or their representatives.
  - O. They shall receive all protests that may arise out of a race meeting and render decisions, subject to appeal as hereinafter provided.
  - P. They shall report to the Director of Competition the facts in connection with any protest.
  - Q. They shall, if necessary, instruct all other officials as to these Rules.
  - R. The Chief Steward, and/or Chief Registrar shall as soon as practical after the close of the race meeting, send to the Director of Competition a report giving the results of competition together with the original copy or copies and particulars of all protests lodged and any discipline the Stewards may have administered, with their recommendations as to penalization, if any.
    - 1. This report shall include an official audit of the gate receipts when applicable, a receipt showing that all prizes have been delivered, a corrected copy of the official program and a critique on the track or course and the general conduct of the race meeting.
  - S. The Chief Steward has the authority to require the use, in compliance with local regulations, of medical/rescue personnel that can provide the officials and participants with:
    - Airway maintenance and breathing assistance.



- Spinal protection and stabilization.
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- Control of external bleeding.
- Transportation.

The race organizer shall be responsible for all arrangements pertaining to medical/rescue personnel, including financial.

- T. They shall exclude and replace any official who, in their opinion, fails to perform his duties satisfactorily.
- U. They shall have the power to impound, at any time during a race meeting and for any reason, any item associated with the competitive activities of a car, a driver, or an entrant for purposes of examination, analysis, or testing. This includes, but is not limited to, parts and accessories, safety equipment, and support equipment used anywhere on the racing grounds.
- V. They shall have the power to penalize a competitor for reckless, careless, or overaggressive driving.
- W. The Chief Steward shall have the power to disqualify and/or exclude from competition any driver, mechanic, and other competitor or official who, as a result of a medical examination, gives evidence of or who shows visible signs of exhaustion, substance abuse, or other physical or mental irregularity.
- X. The Chief Steward shall have the power to amend the Official Entry Blank with regards to events, laps and number of starters.
- Y. Decisions made by the stewards in paragraphs B, C, D, E, F, G, H, J, K, L, M, S, U, V, W and X are not subject to protest.

#### **4.7 Starter's Duties** - The Starter shall be responsible to the Stewards:

- A. To bring the cars to the starting line in the right order before starting them.
- B. To carry out any instructions from the Stewards regarding the competition.

#### **4.8 Technical Director's Duties** - He shall see that the Rules of the United States Auto Club, having to do with the classification and specification of cars and all matters in or pertaining to the pits and garages, are observed. He shall have the authority and responsibility to measure or inspect an entered car or any item used on or in support of any entered car at any time during a race meeting. Such inspections shall be conducted to insure that all technical and safety specifications are being complied with at all times. Inspections and measurements include but are not limited to: engines, fuel, fuel tank capacities, fuel systems, weight, chassis, aerodynamic devices, wheels, tires and all safety specifications. Such inspections do not guarantee against disqualification if any violation is discovered during any subsequent inspections that may be made in connection with a race meeting.

- A. He shall procure an official list of entries and where necessary issue, between the close of entries and the first event, a tabulation of all cars.
- B. When possible, he shall before the first competition undertake examination in other technical directions as to insure conformity with the classification of the race and the supplementary regulations.
- C. When possible, he or his assistants shall before the first competition subject all cars to a detailed visual inspection to see that all cars are equipped with approved tires and wheels and otherwise conform to the Rules; use diligence to eliminate cars of dangerous construction or that have been liberating much oil or smoke in practice, and shall inspect safety belts, shoulder harnesses, helmets, identification number displays and fuel systems to see that they comply with all specified requirements.
- D. He shall be responsible for proper discipline in the pits and paddock. He may inflict a fine up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for violation of rules within his jurisdiction.
- E. He shall ensure that all assigned identification numbers are displayed on each car as required by these Rules and shall promptly inform the executive race officials of any changes in these displays.
- F. He shall be responsible for placing the cars in proper position at the proper time for qualifications and for the race.
- G. He shall advise the Stewards regarding any car, which, in his opinion, is leaking fluids, including fuel, lubricants or coolants and/or is, in any way, creating a hazard to the competitor himself, to other competitors, or to the public.
- H. He shall examine cars involved in accidents and determine if they are suitable for further participation. He will not be responsible for any unseen damage or any repair that might result in future breakage causing further damage.
- I. He shall maintain communication with specific competitors in behalf of, and as directed by, the Chief Steward.



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- J. He shall keep the executive race officials informed of cars declared out of the race and the reason therefore.
  - K. He may, during or upon completion of an event, take possession of all or selected cars and, under such supervision as he may prescribe, take any and all such cars to an official area where they shall be kept under supervision and examined for compliance with the regulations. Any entrant refusing to allow his car to be inspected or to follow the prescribed post event inspection procedures will be disqualified.
  - L. He shall, where an entry form provides that eliminated cars must have a certificate that trouble encountered was good and sufficient cause for withdrawal before guarantees are due, examine all non-finishers and issue such certificates as may be called for.
- 4.9 Registrar's Duties** - They shall see that all licensing and registration regulations of the United States Auto Club are complied with.
- A. They shall see that an official entry form for each race meeting is properly completed and signed by the authorized entrant of a car and driver, and that all necessary entry fees are paid prior to any competitive activity by that entry.
  - B. They ensure that all entrants, drivers, pit crewmembers and designated officials are in possession of the necessary current license issued by USAC and appropriate international licenses when required.
  - C. They shall ensure that any outstanding fines that may be due and payable by any license holder are paid before the issuing of a credential.
  - D. They shall ensure that the individual requesting a credential for a particular race meeting signs all necessary releases.
  - E. They shall maintain records of all credentials issued by the Registrar's office and upon completion of the race meeting file a written report with the USAC office that contains a complete summation of all fees collected, entry forms for all entrants, accident reports, and the qualification and race summaries.
- Agents of USAC - The executive race officials and other race officials assigned to a competition are agents of the United States Auto Club in the latter's performance of its duties in connection with any USAC race meeting, but shall not by reason thereof be excluded from the coverage of any insurance secured by a race organizer for their benefit.