

PART VII

Penalties

- 10.1 Penalties** - Any person or organization violating these rules may be penalized.
- 10.2 Scale of Penalties** - No penalties may be pronounced other than from among the following listing.
- A. Fines
 - B. Detention Penalties
 - C. Repositioning
 - D. Laps
 - E. Forfeiture
 - F. Disqualification
 - G. Exclusion
 - H. Suspension
 - I. Bonds
 - J. Loss of points
- 10.3 Authority to Pronounce a Fine** - The USAC Chief Steward shall have the authority to pronounce a fine up to \$2,500 upon any participant or member who violates any USAC rule. To this, the Director of Competition, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee may add further penalty.
- A. The Director of Competition, the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee shall have the authority to levy a fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) against any participant or member who violates any USAC rule.
 - B. This authority is not confined to rule infractions, which may occur during an event but is extended to cover any and all infractions on or off, at or away from the racetrack.
 - C. The above authorities of the Chief Steward, the Director of Competition, the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee are in addition to any specified penalty attached to a rule.
 - D. Any executive race official shall have the authority to pronounce a specific fine attached to a rule that is specifically delegated to him for enforcement.
- 10.4 Application of Fines** - Fines may be deducted from the prize money of an entrant. All fines shall belong to USAC and shall, upon collection, be transmitted immediately to the Director of Competition. No fine assessed shall be removed or modified except by order of the President after consultation with the Director of Competition and the Chief Steward.
- 10.5 Delay of Payment of Fines** - Fines are payable within one week. Any delay in making payment shall entail suspension during the period the fine remains unpaid.
- 10.6 Authority to Pronounce Detention Penalties** - The Chief Steward shall have the authority to pronounce detention penalties during a race for violations occurring during that race only. Detention penalties are not protestable.
- A. The Chief Steward shall have the authority to determine the length of the detention, and this determination is not protestable.
 - B. The Chief Steward shall have the authority to delay the application of the detention until green flag conditions exist, and this determination is not protestable.
 - C. The Chief Steward shall have the authority to substitute the lap penalty should circumstances prevent the application of the detention penalty and this decision is not protestable.
- 10.7 Effect of Detention Penalties** - The pronouncement of a detention penalty shall result in the application of Black Flag procedures as described in Rule 9.22. The offending car will be detained in the pits by a designated Pit Official and may return to competition only upon the signal of this official as instructed by the Chief Steward.
- 10.8 Authority to Pronounce Repositioning Penalty** - The Chief Steward of a race meeting shall have the authority to pronounce a repositioning penalty. A repositioning penalty may not be protested.

- 10.9 Effect of Repositioning Penalty** - The pronouncement of a repositioning penalty shall result in the arbitrary movement of the competitor to a lower position in the event standings. If effected during the event, the competitor will be directed to assume a different physical position in the line of cars on the track. If effected after the event completion, the official posting will be adjusted to reflect the Chief Steward's pronouncement.
- 10.10 Authority to Pronounce Lap Penalties** - The USAC Chief Steward shall have the authority to pronounce lap penalties as specified in these rules. The authority shall be limited to violations occurring during qualification periods or races. Lap penalties shall be pronounced in complete laps only.
- 10.11 Effect of Lap Penalties** - The pronouncement of a lap penalty shall result in the removal of official credit for the specified number of laps from the total laps credited to the participant.
- A. If the lap penalty is pronounced during the competition, the removal of official credit shall begin with the participant's lap in which the violation occurred and shall include subsequent consecutive laps, as required.
 - B. If the lap penalty is pronounced after the competition is completed, the removal of official credit shall begin with the participant's last lap and shall include previous consecutive laps, as required.
 - C. In either case, the scoring records will then be amended to reflect the removals and all prizes and awards earned in the competition will be amended appropriately.
- 10.12 Notification of Lap Penalties** - Officials shall make every effort to notify the offending competitor of a lap or more penalty at the time it is determined. However, failure to notify the competitor during the race will in no way mitigate or change the penalty.
- 10.13 Authority to Pronounce Forfeiture** - A sentence of forfeiture may be pronounced by the Chief Steward, the Director of Competition, the Board of Directors, or the Executive Committee.
- 10.14 Effect of Forfeiture** - A sentence of forfeiture shall render null and void results and/or rewards that were earned by an entry while in noncompliance with these Competition rules. Only those results and/or rewards specifically enumerated in the pronouncement of the penalty shall be considered forfeited. In all other respects, the entry (entrant, car and driver) shall be considered to have been official participants during the period of noncompliance, and shall be listed among the competitors after the effect of forfeiture has been applied.
- 10.15 Authority to Pronounce Disqualification** - A sentence of disqualification may be pronounced by the Chief Steward, the Director of Competition, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. If pronounced during competition, a disqualification penalty is not protestable.
- 10.16 Effect of Disqualification** - Disqualification shall entail the forfeiture of position, points and all money earned from the event in which the disqualification occurred, as well as forfeiture of entry fees paid or payable. A sentence of disqualification shall entail the loss of any right to compete in the remainder of the current race meeting, or the remainder of the current event if applicable. Disqualification will not entail the forfeiture of awards earned in prior events during the race meeting.
- 10.17 Authority to Pronounce Exclusion** - A sentence of exclusion may be pronounced by the Chief Steward, the Director of Competition, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. When pronounced by the Chief Steward, the term of exclusion is limited to the remainder of the current race meeting and/or the next race meeting held within that division.
- 10.18 Effect of Exclusion** - The person sentenced to exclusion shall be prohibited from any participation, either directly or indirectly, in all or the remaining part of a race meeting. Persons under sentence of exclusion will not be issued credentials of any kind and the privileges and uses of the course, the pits, and the garage area will be denied. In all cases, exclusion shall entail the forfeiture of entry fees paid or payable, as well as the forfeiture of any awards earned during the sanctioned competition that shall accrue to the United States Auto Club.
- 10.19 Authority to Pronounce Suspension** - A sentence of suspension may be pronounced only by the Director of Competition, the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. The period of suspension shall be limited to a maximum of one year. A suspension shall apply to all divisions of racing unless otherwise specified.
- 10.20 Effect of Suspension** - A sentence of suspension so long as it remains in force shall entail the loss of any right to take part in any capacity whatsoever in any USAC sanctioned competition held within the territorial United States, or where the authority of the FIA is recognized, depending on whether the order for the suspension is to be national or international.
- A. Persons under sentence of suspension will not be issued credentials of any kind and the privileges and uses of the course, the pits, and the garage area will be denied.
 - B. Suspension shall also render void any previous entry made for any competition that may take place during the term of such suspension and shall entail the forfeiture of the fees paid or payable for any such entries.
- 10.21 Surrender of License** - Every suspended person may be asked to surrender his license to the Director of Competition who will not return it until the term of the suspension has expired. Any delay in surrendering the license shall be added to the term of the suspension.

- 10.22 Bond** - A participant may be required by the Director of Competition to post a bond to assure compliance with the regulations.
- 10.23 Loss of Points** - A driver or car entrant who is found guilty of violations of the rules may lose all points earned in the competition in which the violation occurred. Additionally, a driver or car entrant may lose all points therefore earned in that year, including points earned in the competition in which the violation occurred.
- 10.24 Loss of Award** - Any competitor who is excluded or suspended in any competition shall forfeit all right to award in that competition.
- 10.25 Amendment of Award** - In such cases as are required by these rules, the Stewards shall declare the resulting amendment in the posting and awards.
- 10.26 Publication of Penalty** - The United States Auto Club shall have the right to publish or cause to be published a notice stating that it has penalized any person, organization, automobile, or make of automobile. The person or organization referred to in such notice shall have no right of action against the United States Auto Club or against any person publishing said notice.
- 10.27 Remission of Sentence** - The Board of Directors or Executive Committee shall have the sole right to remit the unexpired term of a sentence of suspension pronounced under these rules.
- 10.28 Unsportsmanlike Conduct** - Any participant who, in the judgment of the Chief Steward or the Director of Competition, is guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct during a race meeting may be subject to any or all of the appropriate penalties in Rule 10.2. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unsportsmanlike conduct shall include reckless and overly aggressive driving endangering the safety of participants.
- 10.29 Improper Language or Conduct** - Any driver, car entrant, or attendant, or any other person who at any time or in any place shall use improper language to the Stewards, the Starter, the Technical Director or any other Official or any Officers or members of the United States Auto Club, or be guilty of any improper conduct toward such persons, or persons serving under their orders, such improper language and conduct having reference to acts and things connected with the administration of the course and any competition thereon, may be subject to any or all of the appropriate penalties in Rule 10.2.
- 10.30 Assault or Battery** - Any person that goes into another competitors pit area or car and becomes involved in any type of altercation will be subject to disqualification and/or fine and/or suspension and/or loss of points and/or any other action deemed appropriate by USAC.
- 10.31 Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Substances** - The use or presence of alcoholic beverages or illegal substances of any sort is strictly prohibited on the course or in the pit during the conduct of a race meeting, and may result in disqualification, suspension and/or exclusion.
- 10.32 Conduct Detrimental to Racing** - Any participant who, in the judgment of the Director of Competition, the Executive Committee, or the Board of Directors, is guilty of conduct detrimental to racing and/or to the United States Auto Club, on or off the track, may be suspended and/or fined by the Director of Competition or the Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee.