



# Midwest Division SCCA Club Racing

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## THE MIDAM CHAMPIONSHIP Regulations - 2017

This series shall comprise the top level of club racing within the Midwest Division. It is intended as analogous to, and a continuation of, what was National Racing in MiDiv, as well as incorporating classes and features of the original MidAm Championship for MiDiv Regional Racing in and prior to 2013. It shall determine annually the Midwest Division Club Racing Champions in all GCR classes plus any additional classes provided for herein. It also shall provide MiDiv drivers a path to the annual SCCA National Championship Runoffs for those classes eligible to participate in the Runoffs.

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### 1. DEFINITION

#### 1.1 Championship Series

This series shall hereafter be designated as the MidAm Championship. References herein to “MidAm” or “championship” or “series” shall refer specifically to the MidAm Championship as constituted herein.

#### 1.2 Runoffs Qualification, *Divisional Path*

A driver may qualify for a Runoffs invitation *through this Divisional Championship* only in the specific classes designated by SCCA as National Championship classes. Drivers qualifying for the Runoffs in a given class through *the Super Tour series*, participation in a Majors conference or through *the “2+2” path (two Majors plus two Regional weekends)* will not be considered as qualifiers in that class through this championship. Thus the remaining three highest-placed MidAm drivers in each class as of the date *of the last Majors race nationally\** prior to the Runoffs will qualify, except in Spec Miata and Spec Racer Ford 3 for which the remaining five highest-placed drivers will qualify\*, providing they have met the parameters set out in section 5.5.b of these rules.

(\* *The last 2017 Majors is Aug. 13. In 2017, SRF will qualify only the three highest-placed drivers; in 2018 SRF will become a regional-only class.*)

#### 1.3 Components of the Series

The series will comprise all scheduled *Super Tour*, Majors and Regional races held in the Midwest Division during the calendar year, except any specifically designated as not included in the championship. All classes listed in GCR plus those additional classes below are eligible. *Super Tour* races will not necessarily provide races for all classes.

#### 1.4 Additional Classes

The series also shall provide championships in the following classes:

- a. Improved Touring E (ITE): Rules will be those set out in Appendix A of these MidAm Regulations.
- b. Improved Touring 7 (IT7): Cars eligible are 1979-1985 Mazda RX7 automobiles with the 12A rotary engine as prepared according to the GCR rules and specifications for Improved Touring A.

All *MidAm Championship Races (including Majors but not necessarily including Super Tours)* must provide competition for these classes as well as for all other GCR-listed classes which are not eligible for Majors or the Runoffs.

#### 1.5 Participation Level for Additional Classes

All classes listed in 1.4 above shall retain their Championship status as long as they achieve, in each season, a minimum of three drivers scoring points in the class. A class failing to meet this minimum will be on probation for two years. If in either of those two years it meets the minimum, its probation shall end. A class unable to meet the minimums in that time shall be removed from MiDiv Club Racing eligibility. A class newly added will have three years to meet the minimums.

Drivers should be apprised that in most cases in which a car does not seem to fit within established classes, the Super Production, Formula S, A Sports Racing or Improved Touring E classes will usually provide a place to race.

## **1.6 Formula First Tires**

Competitors in the Formula First class may use any of the Tire Options specified in GCR for Formula First. Tires on all four corners of the car must comply with specifications of a single Tire Option. Mixing of the options is not permitted.

## **2. DRIVER ELIGIBILITY**

### **2.1 Membership Required**

Only SCCA members whose Region of Record is one of the Regions in the Midwest Division are eligible.

### **2.2 License Requirement**

SCCA members who have a current Full Competition License, Pro Racing Competition License, Vintage Competition License or a signed-off Novice Permit will be eligible to compete in the series.

## **3. RACES**

### **3.1 Designation**

All Midwest Division Majors (*including Super Tours*) and Regional races will be MidAm series races unless the organizing Region specifically exempts its event from the series. Majors may not be exempted.

### **3.2 Race Length**

Series races will be scheduled for at least 35 miles or at least 30 minutes duration, but may be longer. Endurance races are not contemplated in this series. The length of Majors races may be shorter according to the format established by SCCA.

### **3.3 Interrupted Races**

If a race is terminated before the overall leader has run the scheduled distance or time, it will be determined a complete race and series points will be awarded only if it has completed at least half the intended duration, rounded down to the next whole number.

### **3.4 Entry Forms**

Each race entry form should bear the wording, either on the entry blank itself or within its supplementary regulations, that the race is “an event of the Midwest Division’s MidAm Championship.”

### **3.5 Regional Obligation**

Regions scheduling a race bind themselves to prompt furnishing of results formatted in accordance with GCR, and prompt remittance of Trophy Fund fees. Results should be sent to the Pointskeeper within 48 hours. Trophy Fund fees should be remitted within seven days of receipt of an invoice from the Pointskeeper.

### **3.6 Multiple-driver races**

Races providing for driver changes during the race shall not be permitted in the series.

## **4. SCHEDULE**

### **4.1 Series calendar**

The series calendar will be coordinated through the Midwest Division Scheduling Representative, who may establish scheduling parameters and policies. MidAm races scheduled after the *date of the last Majors race nationally* before the start of the Runoffs will not be considered as Runoffs qualifying events. No Races may be scheduled from the Monday of the start of Runoffs week until the completion of Runoffs.

### **4.2 Majors**

All races sanctioned as Majors *or Super Tours* within the Midwest Division will be included in the series.

### **4.3 Post-Runoffs races**

*Races scheduled after the conclusion of the Runoffs and included in the current year’s MidAm Championship may also be included in the following year’s MidAm Championship, and considered Runoffs qualifying events for the following calendar year. If included in the following year’s championship, the trophy fund fee will be doubled.*

## 5. SERIES SCORING

### 5.1 Champions

Class champions will be those drivers having the highest series scores in each class, regardless of whether or not they qualify for awards or a Runoffs invitation.

### 5.2 Points

a. All drivers competing in a *Super Tour*, Majors or a Regional race which is part of the MidAm will be included in the scoring, including any from out-of-division whose results will be reported to their home divisions if their home division credits out-of-division points.

b. Points will be awarded based on the Majors scoring pattern:

1st = 25 pts	8th = 13 pts	15th = 6 pts
2nd = 21 pts	9th = 12 pts	16th = 5 pts
3rd = 18 pts	10th = 11 pts	17th = 4 pts
4th = 17 pts	11th = 10 pts	18th = 3 pts
5th = 16 pts	12th = 9 pts	19th = 2 pt
6th = 15 pts	13th = 8 pts	20th and all other
7th = 14 pts	14th = 7 pts	finishers = 1 pt

### 5.3 Dual class scoring

When one of the Regional-only classes on the list below is not offered at a MidAm points race, a driver may enter the corresponding Runoffs-eligible class, and receive MidAm points for both classes. This is accomplished by declaring on an entry form that the car is entered in a Runoffs-eligible class using an GCR-approved alternative (Regional-only) ruleset. MidAm points shall be entered for each class, and a Trophy Fund fee will be paid for each class per section 8.2 of these rules.

Dual class scoring is permitted for:

GT America\* (GTA) in GT2 -- \*must be TA2-compliant per GCR Appendix L

Spec MX5 (SM5) in Super Touring Lite (STL).

Improved Touring R (ITR) in Super Touring U (STU)

Improved Touring S, A, B, C, 7 (ITS, ITA, ITB, ITC, IT7) in Super Touring U (STU) or Super Touring Lite (STL) as appropriate.

Not eligible for dual class scoring are Formula Super (FS), Formula First (FST), A Sports Racing (ASR), Legends Cars (LC), Super Production (SP), or Improved Touring E (ITE).

### 5.4 Out-of-Division races

Upon request, the MiDiv Executive Committee may designate specific out-of-division, non-Majors races to be included as part of the MidAm race series, of which a maximum of two may be counted by a driver. Such races will be scored according to Item 5.2.b above, regardless of the scoring system used by the races' home division. Other races not conducted by a Midwest Division Region or race group will not be scored in the Championship.

### 5.5 Minimum Number of Events

a. To qualify for series awards, a driver must participate in at least two MidAm weekends, one of which must be a non-*Super Tour* weekend, held at two different venues and hosted by two different MiDiv regions. A driver must be listed as a starter in at least three MidAm races.

b. To qualify for a Runoffs invitation, a driver must be a finisher in at least four races (anywhere) which may score points in this series, and must be a starter in at least two MidAm races. Additionally he must be a participant (finisher or DNS) in a minimum of four race weekends (anywhere) which may score points in this series.

### 5.6 Maximum Number of Events

A driver's accumulation of points from his seven highest-scoring races in any one class will be his series score in that class for the year. A maximum of his best two out-of-division races (approved per 5.4 above) may be included in that score.

### 5.7 Ties for awards

Ties in the final standings for award-winning positions will be resolved based on the drivers' records of first-place finishes, then second place, then third, as needed, considering only the drivers' best seven races. If a tie still remains, it will stand and duplicate awards will be presented. Ties for positions not earning series awards will not be broken.

## 6. POINTSKEEPER

### 6.1 Championship Records

The Pointskeeper will record all series event results and will periodically report to the Midwest Division Executive Committee's members and officers, the MiDiv Executive Steward and the Area 6 Director the points earned by all drivers by events and classes.

During the season full points standings will be updated on the Midwest Division website ([www.midiv.org](http://www.midiv.org)) after each MidAm race, which will fulfill this requirement. Final points (hardcopy) will be mailed to the abovementioned officials at no charge.

## **6.2 Points Mailings**

The Pointskeeper may mail a final compilation of points standings to any interested parties requesting same after the conclusion of the season. A fee may be charged to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

## **6.3 Rulebooks**

These rules will be posted on the MiDiv website as a document able to be downloaded and printed by anyone interested. A paper copy of these rules will be sent to all MiDiv Executive Committee members and officers, the Executive Steward and the Area 6 Director, and may be mailed to anyone upon request for a \$5 fee.

## **6.4 Administrative Rule Changes**

The Pointskeeper is authorized to make administrative rule changes as necessary to correct errors or omissions, or to comply with GCR as corrected by the SCCA Club Racing Board. The Chair of the Midwest Division Executive Committee will be notified of any such changes. Any such changes made after publication of the current Regulations must be promulgated to all affected drivers and members of the Midwest Division Executive Committee.

## **7. AWARDS**

### **7.1 Championship Awards**

Awards will be given to drivers placing first through third in each class.

### **7.2 Driver of the Year – The John Saucier Award**

One driver shall be designated as the Midwest Division Driver of the Year annually, to be awarded a special award to be presented at the annual Midwest Division Convention. The award shall be given in memory of John Saucier, who as of his passing in 2013 held the record for the most National Racing MiDiv Championships, a total of 28 spanning 42 years:

Formula A – 1970-1972

Formula Super Vee – 1972-1974

Formula C – 1975

Showroom Stock A – 1989

Showroom Stock C – 1992-2011

Drivers eligible for the award must have earned a minimum of 100 points in a single class. The recipient will be chosen after the Runoffs by a committee comprising the Midwest Division Executive Steward, the Area 6 Director and the previous recipient who shall be ineligible to succeed himself.

## **8. FINANCING**

### **8.1 Expenses**

The expenses of the series will be financed from the MiDiv Club Racing Trophy Fund administered by the Pointskeeper.

### **8.2 Trophy Fund**

A Trophy Fund fee will be paid for each driver who is listed on a race's official results as a finisher or DNS, in the amount of \$10 from a Majors race or \$5 from a non-Majors race (including any separate non-Majors race group as part of a Majors weekend). Per GCR, this shall include every driver who has entered the racing surface for any practice, qualifying session or race covered by the event sanction. The fee will be remitted directly to the Pointskeeper by the Region(s) organizing the race within seven days of receipt of an invoice from the Pointskeeper. This fee shall not include any Trophy Fund obligation for special race groups whose entire entry is cars not specifically considered for series points (e.g. vintage or PDX race groups).

### **8.3 Accounting**

The Pointskeeper will render a complete accounting of the Trophy Fund to the Midwest Division Executive Committee before its annual meeting each year, normally at the Midwest Division Convention, and at any other reasonable time at the request of the Midwest Division Executive Committee chairman.

## **9. GENERAL**

### **9.1 Rules**

In all competition procedures not specifically set forth above, the GCR shall be followed.

## 9.2 GCR Override

In any of the procedures set out in these regulations, should a current version of SCCA's General Competition Regulations mandate a different procedure, the GCR mandate shall take precedence.

## 9.3 Series Not Restrictive

The MidAm Championship series herein provided for is not restrictive of any of the activities and procedures of any SCCA Region and is for the sole purpose of supplementing the established SCCA racing program as well as strengthening and dignifying Midwest Division racing for both competitors and sponsors.

# APPENDIX A

## MiDiv Club Racing Rules for Improved Touring - Endurance (ITE)

- A. Cars eligible for the ITE class are cars which have been prepared for any past or current professional or semi-pro showroom stock-based racing series or cars not eligible for any current SCCA Improved Touring class which are prepared to the current Improved Touring rules.
- B. Cars must meet minimum safety requirements as defined in the GCR and ITCS for Improved Touring cars. This includes all items in GCR Section 9 which are applicable to IT cars.
- C. Cars must run tires and fuel as defined in the ITCS.
- D. The driver of the car must, upon demand, be able to produce the appropriate series rules containing the specifications under which the car fits. A car may be prepared to one set of rules only; no mixing of different series rules, or different years of the same series, is allowed.

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## MiDiv Club Racing Preferred Number Policies

(These are not rules, but MiDiv policies included here for informational purposes)

1. Midwest Division Preferred Numbers may be established in any of several racing groups, each of which combines a number of different but compatible racing classes. Someone owning a permanent number owns it for all classes within that racing group.
2. The Midwest Division Executive Committee determines what classes will comprise each race group for the purpose of preferred number assignments. These groupings are recommended to individual race organizers but organizers are not required to use them.
3. To be eligible to own a MiDiv Preferred Number, the owner must be a member of a Region within the SCCA's Midwest Division. An Associate Membership satisfies this requirement. It is not required that the owner of a number be a licensed driver. Owners of rental fleets who meet the regional membership requirement may purchase numbers for all their fleet cars.
4. The direct cost of a MiDiv Preferred Number shall be \$5, which shall be disbursed to the MiDiv Trophy Fund. Additional amounts may be voted by the Midwest Division Executive Committee for specific other purposes. (Currently an additional \$3 has been designated for Midwest Division purposes; total number cost is \$8.)
5. Renewals:
  - A. Number applications will be mailed to all Midwest Division racing drivers listed within SCCA competition license records as of late November, plus all other number owners of the previous season, approximately Dec. 1 for the following year.
  - B. Any owner who has "used" his number at least three times in a Midwest Division race during the prior season will have that number held for two months from the beginning of the renewal period, during which he may renew it at any time.
  - C. Any owner who has not "used" his number at least three times in a Midwest Division race during the prior season will have 10 days from the date renewal notices are sent out to effect his renewal.
  - D. "Use" of a number means the number has been entered on a car listed as a starter, DNF or DNS in a Midwest Division race during the prior season.
6. Any eligible person may contact the Pointskeeper to get a one-week hold on a number of his choice, pending receipt of the application form and fee.
7. Number sales for the year will cease as of September 1. No numbers may be sold, or reserved, from that time until renewal notices are sent out for the following year.

8. Reserved numbers:

A. Per GCR, the number "1" is reserved for National Champions. Any eligible National Champion who purchases a regular number but uses "1" in a MiDiv race, will be credited with having used his regular number in order to protect his ownership of that number.

B. The Midwest Division Executive Committee may vote to retire a number which it deems to have become synonymous with a driver, retired or deceased, whose record of competition and sportsmanship is considered to have exemplified the highest standards of SCCA Club Racing. A retired number will be unavailable for all classes in the race group in which the driver's racing class would be included. (Currently there are no retired numbers.)