



Competition Notice ~ February 2017

Updated versions of the [HSR Code and Regulations](#), [HSR Race/Enduro Classes](#), [HSR Tire Specifications](#) are available and posted on the HSR website. The critical changes are noted below. It is each competitor's responsibility review and understand those documents that apply to you or your car.

2017 Group & Class List ~ In a continuing effort to simplify and clarify the classes and groups, the new list has been published on the Rules page. Please look it over. There are very few changes from 2017, but several designations are different, mainly for the sake of simplicity.

Safety Equipment ~ Please note that we have updated the personal safety gear specifications. For most of you this means nothing new since you are usually on the cutting edge with new products anyway. The main item to note is that we are officially into the [SA2010 helmet cycle](#). SA2015 helmets are readily available now and these will be certified until 2025. There will be no waivers issued since we will have vendors on site at all events with complying products. Fair warning if you haven't considered this yet!

- Automobile racing helmet with a Snell Foundation SA2010, SA2015 or FIA 8860-2010 certification. Full-face helmets are strongly recommended.
- Driving suit and underwear of fire-retardant material; Minimum SFI 3.2/5, double-layer Nomex or FIA 8856-2000 or equivalent.
- SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000 gloves and shoes.

Keep in mind that most manufacturers recommend a useful helmet life of 5-years. Also, if your helmet has been involved in any hard impact, it should be replaced immediately.

Fire Extinguishers ~ Note new wording and maintenance requirement.

"A minimum of a 2.5# B/C approved, hand-held fire extinguisher or a 5# on-board fire suppression system installed to SFI 17.1 specification is required. All hand-held extinguishers must be securely mounted with a [metal clasp](#) within reach of the driver. All extinguishers must be labeled for currency and be recertified every TWO YEARS. On-board systems should have all lines and nozzles checked and cleaned annually."

This means that you will not be issued a new annual tech until you have a "certified" label or proof document associated with your system. You will be given a logbook warning to be corrected by the next event.

Racing Numbers ~ All racing numbers are assigned on a first come/first served basis for each event. Early entry is the best strategy for obtaining your requested number. Numbers must be clearly visible to Timing & Scoring for proper identification. Minimum requirements: 8" high, 1.25" stroke, on a contrasting background. Numbers should be prominent on both sides and the front of the car. Rear numbers are optional.

Newer cars racing with HSR ~ Reminder

Starting in 2015, HSR re-established the “five year rule”. That means that the particular make & model must have been first built and raced at least 5 years prior to the start of the current year, in order to qualify for awards. An example would be the Porsche 991 GT3 that was first raced as a 2013 model. These cars will become eligible in 2018.

Cars that do not qualify under the five year rule may still race with HSR in an appropriate race group and run in enduros, but they will not receive points, podium appearances or year end awards. These cars will be classed as “X” on the timing sheets and results. “X” class cars are not eligible for the Global GT Challenge.

Group 11 ~ HSR has added **Race group 11**. This is to provide a proper home for the growing number of Modern Sports Racers and Track Day Cars. In the past these cars have been part of groups 6 & 7, where they had stiff competition from Can Am cars and Prototypes. This will allow a more competitive environment for most these cars. At most events Group 11 will be combined with other groups, but there will be a separate podium and points tally for year end awards. At some point, we hope that there could be enough of these cars to have a stand-alone race group.