

North Hills Sports Car Club

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### **ARTICLE I - MEETINGS**

#### **SECTION I - General Meetings**

1. The General Meetings are traditionally held on the third Wednesday of each month unless otherwise announced, and begin at 8:00 P.M.
2. The location of the General Meeting is given at the previous meeting, on the club website, and announced via social media.
3. Any rule changes that affect the year end points voted on after the close of business of the January General Membership Meeting shall only go into effect the following year.

#### **SECTION II - Board Meetings**

1. The Board of Directors meetings are usually held on the last Friday of the month, beginning at 8:45 P.M., to pass on recommendations and necessary business to the club membership.
2. The Board consists of two members, one elected each year for a two year term. In addition; the meetings are attended by the four officers, the Trophy Chairman and the Webmaster of the Club. (Appointed positions) Other appointed officers may be invited to attend as necessary but do not have voting privileges.
3. The Board meetings are usually held at the homes of the voting board members on a rotating basis.
4. The Board meetings are open to the general membership. However, notices of these meetings are sent only to the Board Members, voting Officers and other Officers as necessary.

#### **SECTION III - Events**

1. Autocrosses and Rallies are traditionally held on the first Sunday after the General Members meeting.
2. A Year End Banquet will be held in order to award the trophies to the winners of the Competition Points competition from the previous year.

## **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership is open to anyone at least eighteen (18) years of age.
2. The membership fee is \$25.00 for individual membership. The Family Membership fee is \$35.00. (A family membership is defined to include the spouse and minor children less than eighteen (18) years of age). During a period when membership has lapsed, no voting rights are allowed, although a thirty (30) day grace period is allowed to renewing members for point's accrual.
3. Memberships initiated in the last quarter of a year carry over for the next calendar year.

## **ARTICLE III - ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

1. Nominations will be opened at the October meeting and will remain open through the end of the November meeting. At the close of the November meeting, ballots will be mailed via the USPS to all current members.
2. The ballots must be returned by the beginning of the December meeting to the Election Officer appointed by the Board. They will total the votes and announce the winners. The new officers will then take charge of the remainder of the December meeting.
3. In the event of a tie, the position shall be determined by the casting of lots.

## **ARTICLE IV - FINANCES**

1. Enough money to cover an annual insurance premium will be maintained in a savings account.
2. The Board will decide how much money will be spent on the Year-End Trophies and how much will be spent to subsidize the Year-End Banquet.
3. All Social events shall be self-supporting.

## **ARTICLE V - COMPETITION**

### **SECTION I - General**

1. After each event, the chairperson shall turn over the results to the Secretary and the moneys together with a financial report to the Treasurer.
2. The Board must authorize the club to subsidize after-event get-togethers and refreshments.
3. The Chairperson or one of the co-chairpersons must have previously chaired or co-chaired such an event unless otherwise approved by the Board.
4. Everyone involved with an event; the chairperson, workers, competitors, pit crews and spectators (if possible) shall sign a release form and list their status at the event. The release form shall be completed in full as per current insurance regulation.

### **SECTION II – RALLYE EVENTS**

1. Entry fees are as follows;
2. Members       \$15.00
3. Non-Members \$20.00
4. Rallyes shall be checked out by an experienced rallyist.
5. Instructions for finding the endpoint shall be given.
6. Cars with a third party over twelve (12) years of age will be penalized 100 points unless otherwise specified in the General Instructions.
7. Rallye Classes are as follows:
8. EIA - (Experienced/Equipped) - No restrictions on experience or equipment.
9. EIB - (Experienced/Unequipped) - No restrictions on experience. Automatic computing equipment such as calculators, computers and curta calculators are not permitted.
10. EII - (Intermediate) - Restricted to entrants who have not won a trophy other than in Class
11. N, (Novice) – Restricted to entrants who are competing in their first, second, third or fourth rallye within the last five years. Equipment allowed is the same as in class EII.
12. The experience level of a team is determined by the more experienced of the two for classification purposes.

13. A team may elect to compete in a higher class than the one based on their experienced level. Such an election must be made at registration.
14. Four cars make a class. One set of trophies (driver and navigator) is to be awarded for the first four cars and one set for every four cars thereafter.
15. The bumping order is N-- EII -- EIB-- EIA. If the highest class does not contain at least four cars, its members run for first overall only.
16. Enough cars to form at least one class must enter in order to hold a rallye.
17. Protests shall be made to the Rallyemaster and he shall rule on them. An appeal may be made in writing, signed, and registered with the Rallyemaster no later than one hour after the protester's finishing time. This appeal must be accompanied by a protest fee equal to the event entry fee. The appeal will be considered by a committee of at least two disinterested parties appointed by the Board. If the appeal is upheld, the protest fee will be returned.

### **SECTION III - AUTOCROSS EVENTS**

1. Entry fees are as follows:
  - a. Members \$25.00
  - b. Non-Members \$30.00
  - c. Autumn Leaf \$45.00
2. A reciprocity agreement is in effect with the Northern Ohio Valley Region of the Sports Car Club of America. NOVR members shall, upon presentation of a current membership card, be charged the member fees at autocross events. Likewise, NHSCC members shall be charged members fees when competing at NOVR events.
3. The main body of current rules for autocrossing is embodied in the system agreed upon by the Board of Directors and approved by the Membership.
4. Autocross events shall be run rain or shine, consistent with the safety of the drivers and the workers.
5. Score sheets posted at events shall show the driver's name, make of car, the car number and class of the car.
6. The event Chairperson(s), free from any interference from either the competitors or North Hills Sports Car Club officials, shall be given adequate time to construct a course to their specification. Upon completion of the course, but before marking cone location or lining the course, the Chairperson(s) shall report to those present of the Executive Committee of the club.

- a. A Safety Committee (comprised of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and/or members of the Board of Directors) along with the appointed Safety Steward and the event Chairperson(s) shall walk the course and make any changes to the course as needed consistent with the safety regulations currently detailed in the body of the autocross rules and by the insurance carrier of the club.
  - b. This walk shall include close scrutiny of off camber turns. The decisions of the Safety Committee concerning safety issues are final. Upon completion of the course safety inspection, the Chairperson(s) shall then mark the cone location and line the course. The course shall then be open to competitors for course walks.
7. Passengers are permitted during timed runs if they are a registered driver for an event. Passengers shall be allowed on "training session runs" either before or after a timed event, providing that the passenger has signed the waiver, is wearing a seatbelt and helmet, and is in a car that has passed technical inspection and has run the event. Generally; a passenger should be either a student riding with an instructor or an instructor riding with a student during a driver's school.
8. Instructors shall be allowed to ride with novice drivers (a Novice being defined as a driver competing in two (2) or less events) during timed competition runs. Permission for instructor rides must be requested and approved by the President of the club and the Event Chairman prior to the ride.
9. Two (2) cars make a class. Trophies shall be awarded in the following manner:
  - a. (2-3) Cars      1st Place Trophy
  - b. (4-6) Cars      2nd Place Trophy
  - c. (7+) Cars      3rd Place Trophy

*Only 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place trophies will be awarded in each class.*

## **ARTICLE VI - COMPETITION POINTS SYSTEM**

### **SECTION I - GENERAL**

1. Points toward the Year End Trophies shall be awarded only to members of the North Hills Sports Car Club.
2. Points shall be awarded for that calendar year only. January 1 thru December 31.
3. Each member shall drop one (1) of their lowest scoring driving competition points event to year end points scoring for year end points position. In no case shall anyone be required to drop the points earned for working the driving competition event without driving at said event.
4. Each member shall also drop one (1) of their meeting attendance points event to year end points scoring for year end points position.
5. Non-member competitors at club events who join during the calendar year shall be awarded points retroactively to the beginning of the calendar year.
6. Year End Trophies will be awarded to the top fifteen (15) points achievers. In the event of a tie, the competitors involved will share that place trophy. The next highest points total will be awarded a trophy for place as if a tie did not exist.

*Example: If two competitors tie for third place in the points totals, those two will share third place honors. However, no fourth place trophy will be awarded. The next trophy award will be fifth place.*



**SECTION II –MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS**

- 1. General Membership Meeting Attendance 2 points.
- 2. Chair of Year End Banquet. 15 points
- 3. Chair of other social events as authorized by the Board of Directors. 15 points
- 4. Chair of the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix event 15 points

**SECTION III – AUTOCROSS EVENTS**

- 1. Autocross Chairperson & Co-Chairperson 15 points
- 2. Autocross Workers (not running that event) 5 points
- 3. Finishing Order Points:
  - a. 1st place 10 points
  - b. 2nd place 7 points
  - c. 3rd place 5 points
  - d. 4th place 3 points
  - e. 5th place and Lower 2 points

## **SECTION IV – CANCELLED AUTOCROSS EVENTS**

1. In the event that an autocross event must be canceled, points will be awarded in the following manner:
  - a. Event canceled prior to set up
    - i. Chair: 3 points
  - b. Event set up but not run
    - i. Chair: 7 points
    - ii. Workers: 2 points
  - c. Event subsequently run
    - i. Chair: 10 points

## **SECTION V - RALLYE EVENTS**

1. Rallyemaster & Co-Rallyemaster: 25 points
2. Rallye Workers: 10 points
3. Pre - Run Crew: 5 points
4. Finishing Order Points
  - a. 1st Place: 10 points
  - b. 2nd Place: 7 points
  - c. 3rd Place: 5 points
  - d. 4th Place: 4 points
  - e. 5th Place & Lower: 2 points

## **SECTION VI – CANCELLED RALLYE EVENTS**

1. In the event that a rallye event must be canceled, points will be awarded in the following manner:
  - a. Event canceled pre-last checkout.
    - i. Chair            7 points
  - b. Event canceled post-last checkout
    - i. Chair            10 points
    - ii. Workers        2 points
  - c. Event subsequently run
    - i. Chair            25 points