



2009 Rules & Regulations



2009 TRANS-LOUISIANA AUTOCROSS CHALLENGE SERIES

2009 SERIES AND CHAMPIONSHIP DETAILS

There will be Four (4) TLAC events in 2009; each club will host one event. Points accumulated by competitors at the events will count toward:

1. Year-end Club Challenge: The club whose competitors have accumulated the most points during the TLAC Series (see Rule 10).
2. Year-end Individual Class Championship: For each class, the competitor who has competed in at least three events in one class and has earned the most points in the class. In the case of a points tie, the tiebreaker rule will be used (see Rule 21).
3. Year-end Individual Pro Challenge: Trophies will be awarded to the top eight based on the current points system (see Rule 14).
4. Year-end Individual Ladies Challenge: Trophies will be awarded to the top three based on the current points system (see rule 15).
5. Year-end Individual Formula Junior Challenge: New for 2009, trophies will be awarded to the top three based on the current points system (see rule 15).

2009 TLAC SERIES RULES

1. The following clubs will conduct one event each counting toward series points:
 - Delta Region SCCA
 - Red River Region SCCA
 - Southwest Louisiana Region SCCA (SOWELA)
 - Central Louisiana Region SCCA (CENLA)
2. Only current members of the participating clubs shall be eligible to score points for the individual and club championships. A member may change Region of Record with SCCA once per TLAC Series (but points earned prior to the change do not move with the driver). **A valid membership card must be presented at registration for each event.** No retroactive points will be awarded for persons joining a TLAC club after an event. Members holding temporary memberships will not be allowed to compete for points in the TLAC Series.
3. SCCA Solo National Rules, classifications, and supplemental rules as needed by the host club shall be used. Course design must satisfy SCCA Solo National Rule 2.2. No experimental classes will be recognized for TLAC points. TLAC Rules will supersede any other regional rules for each event.
4. Formula Junior will be allowed to compete in all TLAC Events per the SCCA Formula Junior Rules with the exception of the SCCA approved engine rule. OE Animal and Animal clone engines are allowed for use in Formula Junior competition.
5. Novice Class will not be a TLAC Class. The host TLAC Club may run a Novice Class at their discretion as a Regional Class only.
6. To be considered a competitor, a driver must attempt at least one run (the car must cross the starting line under its own power). Entrants who do not attempt at least one run (DNS all runs) will receive no points.
7. All drivers not satisfying their work assignment will receive no points for the event and will be shown on points sheets as DNW.
8. A given car may be entered by no more than two drivers in the same class.
9. Any TLAC Board member may file a protest against any competitor. Protest must follow SCCA Divisional Procedures

10. Points toward the Club Challenge will be based on the factors calculated from the 2009 National PAX Index (factors are attached). All events will count towards championship. After the results have been indexed, points will be awarded as follows. The first place driver will receive 100 points; last place will receive 10 points. Drivers finishing in-between will receive a percentage of points based on where they finished in the index.

Examples:

- 1) If they are exactly 100 drivers, then the points range will be 90 (100 down to 10) divided by the remaining 99 drivers or .909 points between each position.
- 2) If there are 82 entrants the range of 90 will be divisible by 81 drivers or 1.11 points between each position.

11. Points toward the individual class championship shall be scored on the basis of finish in class.

1st - 12 points	4th - 6 points	7th - 3 points
2nd - 9 points	5th - 5 points	8th - 2 points
3rd - 7 points	6th - 4 points	9th thru last - 1 point

13. Full points will be awarded, regardless of number of competitors in class (i.e. three-car class points are 12-9-7). There will be no bumping in the TLAC Series. Drivers whose official score is a DNF will receive 1 point. Drivers whose official final score is DISQ will receive 0 points. All events will count towards the Class Championship – a driver must enter 3 events to qualify for a trophy. If the season is shortened for any reason, the championship will be based on the total number of events, and a driver must enter the total minus one to qualify.

14. Points toward the Pro Challenge will be separate from the Club challenge. Points towards the Pro Challenge will be based on the factors calculated from the 2009 National PAX Index (factors are attached). Best three out of four events will count. After the results have been indexed, points will be awarded as follows. The first place driver will receive 100 points. The time difference from first place will be multiplied by two, and then subtracted from 100 to give the final points total.

Example:

Driver	PAX Time	Diff. from 1st	Multiplied by 2	Total Points
A	60.355	-	-	100.000
B	60.555	0.200	0.400	99.600
C	61.811	1.456	2.802	97.200

15. Points toward the Ladies Challenge and Formula Junior Challenge will be based on the factors calculated from the 2009 National PAX Index (factors are attached). Best three out of four events will count. After the results have been indexed, points will be awarded as follows. Ladies and Formula Junior will have the points pulled from the PAX results and will be placed in their challenge by their points scores in the final PAX results.

16. Only classes that have a current year National PAX Index, as of TLAC I each year, may compete in the Pro Challenge and score Club Points. Event entry limits will not apply to TLAC club drivers.

17. Entry fees for TLAC club members shall be \$35 pre-registered, \$50 at Saturday registration and on day of the event. Pre-registration will be handled by the Host Region and performed as the host region sees fit. The Host Region has the option to charge the late fee to non-member “walk-in” drivers. “Weekend” members may participate in a TLAC event at the base entry fee but cannot accrue points for any club.

18. No passengers will be allowed to ride during timed runs.

19. The only exception to the ‘no passengers’ rule (Rule 17) is that a passenger is allowed to ride only for the purposes of satisfying the competitor’s driver’s license (permit) requirements. The passenger cannot be a competitor registered in the event. The passenger must also satisfy the requirements of Solo National Rule 4.1.A.

20. There is a \$5 fee for reserved car numbers. The deadline for reserving numbers will be 20 days before the 1st TLAC Event each year. A competitor who has had a reserved number from the previous year must renew the

number before the deadline or will lose the rights to the number.

21. The club winning the overall trophy shall be responsible for the replacement of the trophy if it is lost, stolen, etc. In the event the series is discontinued, the overall trophy will be returned to ASCA. If a club currently participating in the series declines to continue in the series, that club must relinquish the trophy at the end of the series year.
21. The following tiebreaker methods will be used to determine the Class Champion in the event of a points tie. Tiebreaker methods are to be used in numerical order until the tie is broken.
 - I. Greatest number of first place finishes in the class in question.
 - II. Greatest number of wins in head-to-head comparison.
 - III. Lowest cumulative total time in head-to-head comparison.
 - IV. Finishing position in final Pro Challenge results (best 3 of 4).
22. The Points Keeper and Administrator are not required to work at the events.
23. The TLAC Points Keeper will get a master log of all runs and times. A backup log will be kept by the Host Region and given to the TLAC Points Keeper at the end of the event. At each TLAC event, the host region will assist the Points Keeper in accumulating times during the day, as the Points Keeper must have them in hand at the end of the event.
24. The Host Region will provide facilities for the TLAC Points Keeper, allowing them access to the timing equipment at timing and scoring, so a record can be made at the time of the runs.
25. Host regions are allowed to charge non-drivers a fee for participating in the Saturday night food and drink.
26. Car numbering for cars with multiple drivers in the same class will be as follows;

Primary Driver	0-99
Secondary Driver	+100
27. The same number may be used by each Category of vehicles, i.e.: Stock, Street Prepared, Prepared, Modified, Street Touring and Ladies classes.
28. All numbers will be at least 8" tall and on both sides of the car. Only one number shall be on car at any time. If a competitor arrives at start with improper Numbers/Classification on the car, they will be sent back to grid and required to have the Number/Classification correct before entering the course. Size and placement of Numbers/Classification will be strictly enforced. Shoe Polish for numbers will not be allowed.
29. Run format will be five runs, using the 2 + 3 format. At each event, the Run/Work order will rotate up.
30. Handout course maps shall be made available to all participants when the course opens for walk thru.
31. At each TLAC Event three (3) Members of the TLAC Board (one from each TLAC Club, none from the Host Club) will monitor the TLAC Event. Their job will to make sure the TLAC Rules are being followed and that the Run/Work Groups are divided equally, etc. The Host Club TLAC Board member(s) shall have the responsibility to ensure that the Run / Work order is balanced before the start of the event. The TLAC Chairman (or designee) shall assist in this function as required
32. No practice laps should be allowed prior to the event.
33. All corner workers will be instructed as to how to call in cones, DNFs etc. They must call in the car number, class, and penalty. Timing and Scoring must acknowledge all radio calls. Issuing of these instructions shall be the responsibility of the Event Chair.

34. The host club shall arrange for a minimum two car back-up timing system to be present. It is the responsibility of the host club to request a back-up timer from another particular club if this is necessary.
35. Normal registration will close at 8:30 AM the morning of the event. Tech inspection and hardship registration will close at 9:00 AM the morning of the event. First car out will be at 10:00 AM
36. All TLAC Clubs shall include the Solo National Rule 3.5 (Muffler Rule) in their supplemental rules. The TLAC non-host Reps will have the final decision on whether the vehicle should be disqualified. Determination shall be made before vehicle makes its 1st run at any TLAC Event.
37. The TLAC trophies for year-end will be paid for by the TLAC fund collected from each club at the beginning of the year. TLAC Event trophies will be paid for by the each club.
38. The TLAC Points Keeper shall keep a master list of club rotation to determine which club has first, second, Etc. date choice for scheduling TLAC dates each year.
39. Each region will transmit their complete SCCA membership list to the points keeper 10 days before each TLAC event. This will be used to verify current members.

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES

- A) TLAC event courses should be new (should not have been used at a previous event)
- B) Courses should be designed to take an average of 60 seconds to complete. When a small lot is being used, it is suggested that a two-lap-per-run course be used to avoid a slow, tight, one lap course that emphasizes extreme maneuverability
- C) In the event of an event delay such as a rain delay or equipment delay, the TLAC Board will meet to determine what actions are necessary to ensure that the event ends at an appropriate time. This may include reducing the number of runs or eliminating heats. If an event runs long the TLAC Board shall determine at what point the event needs to be called due to darkness.
- D) During the driver's meeting, the host club shall briefly describe the TLAC program and rules. It should be mentioned that the event is a TLAC event and not an individual club event and as such falls under the TLAC rules. TLAC rules shall be posted near the results for participants to review.
- E) A competitor's time for their previous run should be made available to him/her before their next run.
- F) Timing and scoring is to be in a position where they are able to see the start/ finish of the course to confirm that the car being scored is correct.
- G) The starter is to be on the same radio frequency as Timing and scoring and the Course workers to know immediately of red flag or delay start situations.
- H) Course clean up will be the responsibility of the host club.

OFFICERS

TLAC CHAIRMAN

- A. The TLAC Chairman shall initiate meetings, ensure that agendas topics are discussed and assessed by the TLAC board, ensure that critical event items are reviewed before and at the event, and ensuring that all TLAC rules are followed at all of the events.
- B. The TLAC Chairman position shall be filled by a TLAC Board member or a member outside of the board that has been voted on by the TLAC Board. A Vice Chairman position shall also be filled to serve in the TLAC Chairman's absence.

Secretary:

- A. It shall be his/her duty to record the minutes of all meetings of the series, to preserve said minutes, and to publish the results of all motions acted upon at the meetings. He/she shall have the general duties and powers usually vested in the office of Secretary. If the position is fill by a non-Board member it is a non-voting position.

Treasurer:

- A. It shall be his/her duty to maintain the complete financial records of the series. This position may be filled By a board member or a non board member.

Board Member:

It shall be their duty to manage the affairs of the series; to accept or reject all motions made by members of the Board of Directors; to authorize all official acts of the series; to fulfill all obligations set forth in the rules and regulations of the series. He/she shall have all the duties and powers vested in the office of a member of the Board of Directors.

POINTSKEEPER (appointed by the TLAC Board):

- A. Compile and disseminate event results and points standings after each TLAC event (within one week).
- B. Co-ordinate the calculation of the final club championship points at the final TLAC event.
- C. Compile and disseminate the overall series results after the final event.

VOTING PRIVILEGES

There will be two (2) Representatives for each TLAC Club. There will be two (2) votes per TLAC Club. If a Representative of a TLAC Club is unable to attend a TLAC Board Meeting, they may fax or mail their proxy to the TLAC Secretary before the meeting. The proxy may only be used on proposed changes that have been mailed to the TLAC Representatives prior to the meeting. The proxy may not be used on any revision of the proposed changes or any additional item that might come up for vote at the TLAC Board Meeting. It will take a majority of five (5) votes to pass any change in the TLAC Rules.

2009 TLAC SERIES SCHEDULE - (no date changes allowed without Board approval)

TLAC 1	CENLA	April 26 th	EVOC
TLAC 2	SOWELA	May 17 th	TBA
TLAC 3	DELTA	October 11 th	Zephyrs Field
TLAC 4	RED RIVER	November 1 ^{st*}	TBA

* Date may change due to site availability

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2009 PAX/RTP Index

SS	0.856	ASP	0.866	XP	0.882	AM	1.000
AS	0.843	BSP	0.859	BP	0.868	BM	0.944
BS	0.835	CSP	0.862	CP	0.864	CM	0.907
CS	0.837	DSP	0.845	DP	0.865	DM	0.900
DS	0.819	ESP	0.846	EP	0.861	EM	0.894
ES	0.823	FSP	0.831	FP	0.872	FM	0.903
FS	0.833			GP	0.841	FSAE	0.954
GS	0.821	ST _(STS)	0.818				
HS	0.802	STS _(STS2)	0.820			F125	0.957
		STX	0.822			FJA	0.860
		STU	0.836			FJB	0.832
		SM	0.867			FJC	0.778
		SSM _(SM2)	0.876				