

CALIFORNIA RALLY SERIES 2003 RULES AND GUIDELINES

ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION

The CRS is governed by a Board of Governors (BOG) which consists of the organizers from each CRS event. Membership on the BOG will begin once the event has been accepted onto the CRS calendar and continue for the remainder of the year the event occurs in, plus the following year. In addition to the organizers there will be seven other members, the Director, Manager, Secretary, Membership Chairman & Treasurer, Competitor Liaison, RallyCross Liaison, Press Liaison, WebMaster and the Stock Class Chairman. The responsibilities of the officers are detailed as follows:

DIRECTOR:

The Director will be elected by a vote of the CRS membership and shall be in charge of the general operations of the CRS. The Director will schedule and chair BOG meetings, and act as the official contact person for the CRS. The Director will be responsible for seeing that a monthly article for DUSTY TIMES is submitted. The Director will be responsible for the acquisition of all the year-end awards (within the budget). The Director will be responsible for the year-end awards banquet, and any other social events as desired. The Director has the power to expend funds as required to accomplish these tasks and other CRS related business as deemed appropriate. The Director may delegate any of these responsibilities to other individuals if desired

MANAGER:

The Manager will be responsible for the CRS rally equipment (green flags, clocks, radios, bibs, sign boards, PA system etc). The manager will order new sign boards and other equipment as necessary to support the various CRS events. The manager will furnish the desired equipment to the organizers prior to the event and collect it from the organizer after the event.

SECRETARY:

The Secretary will be responsible for recording the minutes of the BOG meetings as well as updating the rule book as required. The Secretary will also be responsible for tabulating the CRS results and standings. The Secretary will also be responsible for mailing post event results to all CRS competitors. The Secretary will be responsible for maintaining the mailing list, and seeding list. The Secretary will make mailing list labels, seeding lists and car number lists available to organizers.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN (MC):

The MC will be responsible for signing up CRS members and distributing information about the CRS to interested parties. The MC will have someone available at the registration of each event to sign up new members. The MC's name, address and phone will be advertised as a contact point for new rallyists.

TREASURER:

The treasurer will be responsible for dispensing funds to pay for subscriptions, decals, trophies, etc.

COMPETITOR LIAISON:

The Competitor Liaison will act as a point of contact for competitors who would like to make an input to the BOG. He will keep written records of the competitor comments and inputs from competitors. The Competitor Liaison will attend BOG meetings. To be eligible for this position the person must have been a competitor on at least one CRS event a year for the three previous years, and plan on continued CRS involvement. The Competitor Liaison will be elected by a vote of the CRS membership.

RALLYCROSS LIAISON:

The RallyCross Liaison will be the competitor contact for those seeking information on the CRS RallyCross Championship. The RallyCross Liaison will also be responsible for tabulating the RallyCross Championship Standings.

WEBMASTER:

The WebMaster will maintain the CRS Web Site, keeping it current with news, series standings, photos etc.

SPONSOR LIAISON:

The Sponsor Liaison will be responsible for acquiring sponsors (including ad copy) for ads in the rulebook. The Sponsor Liaison may also choose to develop additional sponsors for CRS (Web page, contingency etc).

PRESS LIAISON:

The Press Liaison will actively seek to promote the CRS and will be the single point of contact for the press. The Press Liaison will distribute the writing assignments for articles about events among those interested. These articles will be targeted for publication in DUSTY TIMES, SPORTS CAR, and other periodicals that cover CRS events. Nominations for Press Liaison will be solicited from the CRS membership and the BOG will select from those nominated.

STOCK CLASS CHAIRMAN:

The SCC (Stock Class Chairman) will be responsible for the administration of the CRS Stock Classes (Stock and GT). The SCC will be the contact person for questions and rules. The SCC will be responsible for the policing of the classes at events, and will furnish the organizers with a list of approved Stock and GT Class competitors prior to the drivers' meeting. The SCC will call meetings of Stock Classes competitors to consider amendments to the rules as necessary. The SCC shall be selected by a vote of the active Stock and GT Class competitors. It is recommended, but not required, that the SCC be someone not competing in Stock or GT Class.

BOG Operation:

The BOG shall make decisions on Calendar approval, amendments to these rules, amounts of fees, and any other items deemed appropriate by the Director. The BOG shall also be responsible for appointing people to fill the jobs of Manager, Secretary, Press Liaison and Membership Chairman & Treasurer. The BOG will also serve as an informal forum for the organizers to discuss items related to the organization of rallies. For voting purposes each Rally event shall have the same number of votes as the event's weighting factor (1, 2 or 3), with a limit of 3 BOG votes per competitive weekend. RallySprint organizers will have one vote. RallyCross organizers will have one vote per venue. Any officers that are not organizers (as indicated by the SCCA sanction application) will have one BOG vote. Each event will have a single point of contact for the purposes of BOG phone or email polls. The single point of contact for each event will designate who from his event shall be on the BOG mailing list and who will have voting privileges at meetings. A quorum of at least 50% of the possible votes must be present to make any decisions on rules.

TIME LINE for Elections:

- Request Nominations – 3rd event results mailing from year end
- Send Ballots – 2nd event results mailing from year end
- Send Election Results – Last event results mailing for the year

STRUCTURE OF EVENTS

There will be certain minimum requirements which must be met if an event is to be considered for inclusion into the CRS. These requirements have been established to develop credibility in the eyes of the competitors, and thereby promote rallying in general (and the CRS specifically). To be considered for inclusion in the CRS Rally Championship a coefficient 2 or 3 event must first have executed a successful event. There will not be any additions to the CRS calendar after Jan 1.

CLASSES – RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP:

There will be four CRS classes at all rally events (Open 4WD, Group 2/5, GT and Stock). The organizer is required to recognize all four classes. The SCC is responsible for the determination of vehicle eligibility for the Stock Classes. The SCC will furnish a list of qualified GT and Stock Class vehicles to the organizer prior to the start.

CLAIMS:

Any claims will be handled per the competition rules that the event runs under.

TROPHIES / AWARDS:

As a minimum CRS rally events will award trophies/awards to the top 1/3 of the starters (limited to top 5) in each CRS class (for finishers only). Trophies will be for both drivers and co-drivers. For multiple event weekends the events may be combined into a single trophy for the weekend.

RALLYSPRINTS (Driver-Only Events):

Rallysprints are generally held on short courses where co-drivers are not required. To avoid confusion relating to co-driver requirements, any event advertised as a rallysprint which will require co-drivers must so state in the event announcement. If there is no such statement (“CO-DRIVERS REQUIRED”) co-drivers' points will not be awarded, regardless of what happens at the event.

ORGANIZER SUPPORT:

The CRS will loan any CRS organizer the funds required to pay the SCCA sanction and insurance fees. This loan is to be repaid to the treasurer prior to the event. The CRS maintains the following equipment and materials for use by event organizers free of charge: mailing list (address labels), clocks (hundredths reading & freezable), wrist watches, green flags, radios, sign boards, worker vests, banner ribbon, and a portable public address system. The CRS will rent equipment to non-CRS organizers for 10% of the replacement cost of the particular equipment. Equipment that uses batteries will be supplied for rental with new batteries installed. CRS mailing labels will be made available to rally related businesses for \$1 per label or for \$20 per set for organizers of non-CRS events.

CRS MEMBERSHIP

COMPETITOR MEMBERSHIP

CRS membership costs \$40 a calendar year (which includes a year's subscription to DUSTY TIMES) or \$30 a calendar year without DUSTY TIMES. CRS membership also includes two CRS decals, and results mailings from the various events. The rest of the membership fee goes to year end awards, and maintaining the supply of equipment used to support those who organize events. There will be a three month overlap allowed for people joining between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31. For example, joining CRS on Oct. 1, 2001 will buy a membership until Dec. 31, 2002 (1 year & 3 months); while joining on Sept. 30, 2001 will buy a membership until Dec. 31, 2001 (3 months). Competitors will begin accruing CRS championship points only after paying their annual membership fee.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

The associate membership has been created for workers and other interested people who want to keep up on rally activities but will not be competing. Associate members will receive all of the event results mailings but they do not receive championship points. The fee for joining CRS as an associate member is \$20 per calendar year with DUSTY TIMES or \$10 a calendar year without DUSTY TIMES. The three month overlap as described above applies for associate members as well. If an associate member should decide at a later date to become a competitor he/she may change status by merely paying the \$20 difference.

HOW TO JOIN

To join as either a full or associate member, contact the Membership Chairman by mail or phone and request an application:

Jim Wright & Lourna Barnett
(909) 245-4404
TLRJIM@Hotmail.com

VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

All cars on rally events are required to be street legal and licensed for use on the street. Many CRS rallies are sanctioned by the SCCA. For SCCA rallies all cars must have a standard SCCA Vehicle Log Book. Other sanctioning bodies may not require log books or all of the items listed below. Check with the appropriate sanctioning body for events you intend to run. The list below is intended as a general guideline for SCCA events, complete requirements for SCCA events are listed in the SCCA Performance Rally Competition Rules book (section 10 Scrutineering). To obtain one, contact:

SCCA PRO Rally Office
9033 E. Easter Place
Englewood, CO 80112
(303) 779-6622

- 1) a single switch is required which can extinguish all forward-facing driving lights and dip to low beam all headlights
- 2) mud flaps on all driven and rear wheels
- 3) roll cage meeting current SCCA or FIA specifications
- 4) 5 or 6 point harness meeting SFI spec 16.1 (no older than 5 years)
- 5) laminated safety glass front windshield
- 6) batteries inside the driver's compartment must be equipped with leakproof caps and be enclosed in a non-conductive "marine type" battery box
- 7) hood pins required for some classes, see SCCA rule book (9.1.L)
- 8) two tow hooks, painted red or yellow, must be mounted to the vehicle, one front and one rear
- 9) first aid kit
- 10) 3 or more DOT reflective triangles
- 11) two Halon or dry chemical fire extinguishers with a total rating of at least 20 B:C. Cars with on-board systems must carry a removable minimum 10 B:C extinguisher as part of the required capacity.
- 12) tow rope
- 13) a fireproof bulkhead is required between the driver's compartment and the gas tank, fuel pumps, fuel fillers and filters. an SCCA approved fuel cell may be used in the passenger compartment.
- 14) power door locks are prohibited
- 15) plastic sunroofs prohibited, metal sunroofs must be fixed shut
- 16) helmets with 1990 or newer "SNELL SA" sticker ("SNELL M" stickers are not acceptable, except at RallyCross events), with the following info:
name, date of birth, blood type, allergies, last tetanus shot date
- 17) Either a SFI 3-2A/1 driving suit with nomex underwear, or a SFI 3-2A/5 driving suit or any 3 layer driving suit is required.

CRS RALLY SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP

Any year that there are four or more RallySprint events on the calendar at the beginning of the year, there will be a CRS RallySprint Championship for drivers. The organizers of RallySprint events on the CRS calendar will have the choice of placing their event in either the Rally or the RallySprint Championship, but not both. Competitors must be CRS members prior to the event to accrue CRS RallySprint Championship points. The RallySprint Championship will use the same system for awarding points, dropping events and resolving ties as the Rally Championship. RallySprints will award CRS points for drivers only in the same classes as the Rally Championship (Open 4wd, Group 2/5, CRS GT and Performance Stock). While organizers may allow competitors to enter in more than one class, only one class will be scored for CRS RallySprint Championship points (to be declared before the event).

CRS RALLYCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP

Any year that there are four or more RallyCross events on the calendar at the beginning of the year, there will be a CRS RallyCross Championship for that year. For the purposes of this championship, RallyCross events will be those events which do not have route instructions, do not require a co-driver, and do not require a roll cage. The RallyCross Championship will use the same system for awarding points, and resolving ties as the Rally Championship. To be eligible for a year end award a competitor must have been a CRS member and started at least 2 events. RallyCross organizers will be limited to a maximum of 3 events that will be included in the championship. Competitors will drop their worst event at any venue that has two or three championship events, as shown in the table below.

Number of Events at a Given Venue	Count Best
1	1
2	1
3	2

RallyCross championship points will be awarded in Modified 4wd, Modified 2wd, Street Stock 4wd and StreetStock 2wd classes. The two Street Stock Classes are for cars that have limited performance modifications, and do not use rally tires. Street Stock 2wd will be for two wheel drive cars. Street Stock 4wd will be for four wheel drive cars. Any tires with non-circumferential sipes wider than .22" will not be allowed in either of the Street Stock Classes. Springs and shocks may be changed but adjustable spring perches will not be allowed. The exhaust system does not need to be stock behind the catalytic converter. Cold air intake systems and replacement air filter elements are allowed. Computer chip upgrades are allowed. There is no price limit for any of the Street Stock Classes. Cars that do not qualify for street stock will be placed in either Modified 4wd or Modified 2wd. For CRS RallyCross Championship points, only one class will be allowed (to be declared before the event).

RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

RALLY CLASSES:

Each Rally Championship competitor will have the possibility of accumulating points in eight categories (driver or co-driver in Open 4wd, Group 2/5, GT and Stock Classes). Driver's points cannot be added to co-driver's points or vice versa. In other words all classes are tabulated independently. Organizer's points will be counted in only one class, which the organizer chooses at the time of his/her event.

EVENT POINTS:

CRS points will be awarded to all CRS members who start the first stage of the rally. For championship purposes points will be awarded based on the competitor's finishing position in his/her class (Open 4wd, Group 2/5, GT or Stock). To be eligible for points at rally sprint events all vehicles must either have a log book or meet all logbook requirements (license and insurance are not required). Points based on overall finishing will be tabulated for seeding purposes, and car numbers. In addition the organizers of the event will have 400 points to distribute amongst themselves, with no organizer getting more than 100 points (prior to weighting). No competitor can receive more than a total of 500 organizer's points in a given year.

1st	100
2nd	90
3rd	80
4th	70
5th	60
6th	50
7th	45
8th	40
9th	35
10th	30
11th	27
12th	24
13th	21
14th and on	18
start first stage	10

EVENT WEIGHTING:

To properly reward the competitors who do well on the longer, more demanding events these events will receive heavier weighting. For example, 1st in class in a double points event awards 200 points, in a triple points event 300 points. In general the CRS weighting will follow the SCCA ClubRally coefficient level. In some cases the event may receive a higher weighting than the SCCA coefficient, but in no cases will it be less. Coefficient 1 events where the winning car's stage time is at least 40 minutes but less than 80 minutes will be scored as double points events. Coefficient 1 or 2 events which have 80 minutes or more of stage time for the winning car will be scored as triple points events.

TOTALING POINTS:

Since it is desirable to allow competitors to drop their worst events, the following system for dropping events has been adopted for use by the CRS.

total number of count events in series best	
5	4
6,7	5
8	6
9,10	7
11	8
12, 13	9
14	10

TIE BREAKING:

In the event of a tie at an event, both competitors will be given the points for the tied position. The next placing competitor will be awarded points appropriate for two places below the tie. Example: A tie for second will give both the tied teams 80 points (2nd), and the next placing team will get 50 points (4th).

In the event of a tie for a year-end ranking the tie will be broken by adding all the points accumulated in triple points events which both competitors started in the class in question. All events started will be counted (no events will be dropped). If this does not resolve the tie the same method will be applied to the double points events. If a tie still exists the same method will be applied to the single points events. If the above method fails, the tie will remain.

YEAR-END AWARDS

CLASS AWARDS:

There will be year-end awards (eg., trophies) for the top competitors in each of the classes. For the Rally Championship trophies will be given five deep in classes with 15 or more competitors and four deep for classes with fewer than 15 competitors. For the RallySprint and RallyCross Championships, year end awards will be given to at least the top 1/3 of the CRS competitors in each class. RallyCross competitors must start a minimum of two events to be eligible for a year end award.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:

To be a candidate a driver must begin the year as a seed 5 or 6 driver. The rookie of the year will be the driver who finished in the highest percentile in his class. The co-driver award will go to the first year co-driver who accrued the most points with the driver who won Rookie of the Year.

THE KENNETH ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL AWARD:

The Zimmerman Award was created to recognize those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the sport of rallying in general and the CRS specifically. The recipient is determined by the director of the CRS. The award honors the sportsmanship and support of Dr. Kenneth Zimmerman, and is presented by Chad DiMarco of Sube Sports.

The GALAL SOUKI MEMORIAL AWARD:

The Galal Souki award was created to recognize GT and Stock Class competitors who typify the spirit of helpfulness and competitiveness that has come to be associated with the Stock Classes.

OUTSTANDING, TENACIOUS, PERSEVERING WORKER:

It is the unselfish contributions of workers at all events, whether communications, blockage or control workers, which enable our series to succeed. The recipients of this award are selected by the CRS Board of Governors in recognition of their years of service to the sport of rallying.

BILL MOORE MEMORIAL AWARD:

The Bill Moore Award was created to honor a co-driver who, like Bill, has contributed to the sport of rallying in many areas, including as a worker, organizer, or BOG member.