

**SRI LANKA  
AUTOMOBILE SPORTS**



**NATIONAL SPORTING CODE**

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## **SRI LANKA AUTOMOBILE SPORTS**

### **SLAS RULES & REGULATIONS**

#### **PART I – GENERAL**

##### **01.01 National Control of Competitions**

Sri Lanka Automobile Sports, formerly called the Sri Lanka Association of Motor Sports, hereinafter referred to as "the SLAS" is the Controlling Body for Automobile (Motor) Sports in Sri Lanka. The SLAS is established under the Sports Law No.25 of 1973 and Regulations made there under.

Under the powers vested in the SLAS by the Sports Law and under Section 18(v) of its Constitution the SLAS is entitled to draw up and administer National Standards, Methods of Classifying four wheeled vehicles and Rules and Regulations by which all motor sports Events, Meets or Competitions shall be conducted in Sri Lanka.

##### **01.02 The National Sporting Code.**

In order to exercise the above powers in a fair and equitable manner, the SLAS has drawn up these Rules to be known as "the National Sporting Code" and hereinafter referred to as "these Rules" and "the NSC".

##### **01.03 Application of these Rules**

These Rules shall govern all competitions in which a motor vehicle may take part, organised within the territorial limits of Sri Lanka. Insofar as they do not conflict with these Rules, other Supplementary Regulations and official instructions, applicable to a competition shall be deemed to form part of these Rules.

## **PART II - NOMENCLATURE & DEFINITIONS**

**02.01 F.I.A** (Federation Internationale de l'Automobile) - The World Controlling Body for Motor Sports. A.C.N. is a body recognised by the F.I.A.

**02.02 F.I.M** (Federation Internationale Motorcycliste) - The International Federation of Motorcycling Clubs.

**02.03 S.L.A.S** (Sri Lanka Automobile Sports) - The National Controlling Body for four wheeled vehicle sports formerly called Sri Lanka Association of Motor Sports (SLAMS)

**02.04 F.M.S.S.L** (Federation of Motorcycle Sports in Sri Lanka) - The National Controlling Body for Motorcycle Sports

**02.05 Club** - Any body recognised by SLAS as a Club.

**02.06 Registered Member of a Club** - Any Member of a Club other than an Honorary Member who has been duly elected and accepted for membership in such Club.

**02.07 Land Vehicle, Automobile, Special Vehicle, Ground Effect Vehicle**

***Land Vehicle:***

Vehicle propelled by its own means in constant contact with the ground either directly by mechanical means or indirectly by ground effect, and the motive power and steering system of which are constantly and entirely controlled by a driver on board the vehicle.

***Automobile:***

A land vehicle propelled by its own means, running on at least four wheels not aligned, which must always be in contact with the ground; the steering must be ensured by at least two of the wheels, and the propulsion by at least two of the wheels.

***Special Vehicle:***

Vehicles on at least four wheels which are propelled otherwise than through their wheels.

***Ground Effect Vehicle:***

Vehicle whose bearing on the ground is maintained by means of a pressurised air cushion.

**02.08 Motorcycle** - A mechanically propelled vehicle having less than four wheels, all of which are normally in contact with the ground.

**02.09 Cylinder Volume** - The volume swept in cylinder or cylinders by the upward or downward movement of the pistons in relation to such cylinder or cylinders. Cylinder volume shall be expressed in cubic centimetres. For all calculations relating to the cylinder

volume of engines, the symbol "pi" will be regarded as equivalent to 3.1416.

**02.10 Horsepower**- The Power required to displace 75 kilogramme mass over a distance of 1 meter in a time period of one second.

**02.11 Classification** - Grouping of vehicles according to their engine cylinder capacity or by any other means of distinction (see appendices "G").

**02.12 Competition** - Any race, test, attempt at record, reliability trial, rally, certified trial or other event in which a vehicle takes part and which has a competitive nature or is given a competitive nature by publication of results.

a) *Event*: Is a single event with its own results. It may comprise (a) heat(s) and a final, free practice and qualifying practice sessions or be divided in some similar manner, but must be completed by the end of the meeting. An event is considered to have begun as from the time scheduled for the beginning of administrative checking and/or scrutineering and shall include practice and the competition itself. It shall end upon the expiry of one or other of the following time limits, whichever is the later:

- time limit for protests or appeals or the end of any hearings;
  - end of administrative checking and post-event scrutineering carried out in accordance with the present Code.
- Provided that an individual specific event, such as a gymkhana or treasure hunt, in which vehicles take part shall not be a competition for the purpose of these Rules if, on being informed in writing of the details of the proposed event, the SLAS has waived in writing the necessity for an Organising Permit (Rule 02.23) and the event takes place in accordance with such details. Competitions are "International" or "National" as hereinafter defined (see also Rule 02.13).

b) *Circuit Race*:

An event held on a closed circuit between two or more vehicles, running at the same time on the same course, in which speed or the distance covered in a given time is the determining factor.

c) *Autocross or Rally Cross*

A speed event which takes place on a combination of sealed and unsealed surfaces as part of a permanent or temporary circuit. Each competing vehicle shall be separately timed, the winner being determined by the lowest individual time recorded in one event or the lowest aggregate time over a predetermined number of heats, as specified by the organisers.

d) *Super Cross*

A speed event which takes place on a combination of sealed and unsealed surfaces as part of a permanent or temporary circuit with two or more vehicles, running at the same time on the same course, in which speed or the distance covered in a given time is the determining factor.

e) *Drag Race:*

An acceleration contest between two vehicles racing from a standing start over a straight, precisely measured course in which the first vehicle to cross the finish line (without penalty) achieves the better performance.

f) *Hill Climb:*

An event in which each vehicle takes the start individually to cover the same course ending with a finish line situated at a higher altitude than the start line. The time taken to cover the distance between the start and finish lines is the determining factor for establishing the classifications.

**02.13 National Competition** - A competition is National when it is open only to competitors and drivers holding an appropriate license (Rule 07.01) issued by the SLAS under whose organising permit such competition is held. A National Competition held under the SLAS permit must be entered on the annual SLAS Fixture List.

**02.14 Restricted Competition** - An International or National Competition is "restricted" when the competitors or drivers who take part in the competition have to comply with particular conditions other than those in Rules 02.14 and 02.15 of these Rules, for instance:

- A Competition by invitation.
- A Competition confined to vehicles of a particular make.

**02.15 Closed Competition** - A Competition is called "closed" when it is confined solely to members of the Club or Clubs organising the competition who are not the holders of the license of any A.C.N. other than the SLAS. The SLAS may allow several Clubs to join in the organisation of a Closed Competition.

**02.16 Rallies and Cross-Country Rallies**

**a. *Category 1 Rally (sporting event):***

Road event with an imposed average speed, which is run entirely or partly on roads open to normal traffic. A "rally" consists either of a single itinerary which must be followed by all cars, or of several itineraries converging on a same rallying-point fixed beforehand and followed or not by a common itinerary.

The route may include one or several special stages, i.e. events organised on roads closed to normal traffic, and which together determine the general classification of the

rally. The itineraries which are not used for special stages are called road sections. Speed must never constitute a factor determining the classification on these road sections.

Events partly using roads open to normal traffic, but including special stages on permanent or semi-permanent circuits for more than 20% of the total mileage of the rally, cannot be entered in the Regularity Events section of the International Sporting Calendar, and must be considered, for all questions of procedure, as speed events.

**b. *Category 2 Rally (Touring Assembly)***

Events organised with the sole aim of assembling participants as a point determined beforehand.

To distinguish these from first category rallies, second category rallies must bear as a subtitle the words "Touring Assembly".

The itinerary(ies) of a second category rally maybe compulsory, but only with simple passage controls and without any average speed being enforced on participants during the run.

One or several additional events, except speed events, can be included in the programme of a 2<sup>nd</sup> category rally, but these additional events may only take place at the point of arrival. These 2<sup>nd</sup> category rallies must not be allotted any prize money.

A second category rally is exempt from entry on the International Sporting Calendar even if the participants therein are of different nationalities, but it cannot be organised in Sri Lanka without the agreement of SLAS who must approve the regulations. The regulations must be drawn up in the same spirit as those for competitions (see Chapter IV).

If the route(s) of a second category rally run(s) through the territory of SLAS only, the participants in the said rally are not obliged to have licenses. In the opposite case, the rally must conform to the prescriptions of Article 81 (international courses) and the participants therein must possess the necessary licenses (see FIA Articles 108 and 117).

**02.17 Meeting or Competition**

An assembly of competitors and officials including either one or more competitions or several record attempts.

**a. Parade**

A parade is a display of a group of cars at a moderate speed. The following conditions must be observed:

- an official car will lead the parade and another will close it;
- these two official cars will be driven by experienced drivers under the control of the clerk of the course;
- overtaking is strictly forbidden;
- timing is forbidden;
- cars must not bear any racing numbers, except for cars that are historically associated with a particular racing number. Other means of identification of the cars may be used by the organisers (letters or numbers on side windows etc), but such identifications must be removed when the car leaves the location of the event;
- the parade(s) must be stated in the supplementary regulations and the cars taking part must be mentioned in the official programme of the event.

**b. Demonstration**

A demonstration is a display of a car's performance. The following conditions must be observed:

- demonstrations of more than five cars must be controlled at all times by a safety car, driven ahead of the field by an experienced driver under the control of the clerk of the course;
- all the marshals must be present at their posts;
- drivers must wear appropriate safety clothing (FIA approved clothing and helmets are strongly recommended). Organisers may specify minimum clothing standards;
- the cars must pass scrutineering on safety grounds;
- a precise entry list must be published after scrutineering;
- no passengers are allowed;
- overtaking is strictly forbidden unless under the instructions of marshals showing blue flags;
- timing is forbidden;
- the demonstration(s) must be stated in the supplementary regulations and the cars taking part must be mentioned in the official programme of the event;
- cars must not bear any racing numbers, except for cars that are historically associated with a particular racing number.

Other means of identification of the cars may be used by the organisers (letters or numbers on side windows etc), but such identification must be removed when the car leaves the location of the event.

Parades and demonstrations cannot be organised in Sri Lanka without authorisation from the SLAS.

## **2.18 Championship, Cup, Trophy, Challenge and Series**

The SLAS National Championships, National Cups, National Trophies and National Challenges are the property of the SLAS.

### **a. *Championship***

A championship may be a series of events or a single event. There are national championships and international championships. Only the FIA may authorise an international championship. Only the SLAS may authorise a National Championship.

National Championships may only be organised by the SLAS or by another body with written consent from SLAS.

A maximum of one event of a National Championship maybe run outside its national territory, subject t the following conditions:

- that it is run in a country having a common border (provided that, in the case of a maritime border, the FIA deems the additional country to have the appropriate geographical relationship) with the country which is organising the national championship;
- that the technical and sporting regulations of the national championship have received the approval of the FIA;
- that the course on which the event is run has been homologated and approved by the FIA, and that all the FIA regulations on safety and medical assistance are respected;

International championships may only be organised by the FIA, or by another body with written consent from the FIA. In this case, the organiser of a Championship has the same rights and duties as the organiser of an event.

### **b. *Cup, Trophy, Challenge and Series***

A Cup, Trophy, Challenge or Series may comprise a number of events with the same regulations or a single event.

**02.19 Certified Trial** - A test in which each competitor can select his own time for carrying it out, such test being carried out under the supervision of officials appointed by the SLAS in accordance with the Supplementary Regulations for Official Certified Trials issued by the SLAS.

**02.20 Race** - A competition in which speed is the determining factor.

**02.21 Speed Event** - A race in which vehicles run individually (even though two or more individual runs may be taking place simultaneously) and in which the relative performances of the competitors are assessed by timing them over a given distance.



- 02.22 Promoters** - Any person or body (other than an Organising Committee) proposing to hold, holding, or organising a meeting (Rule 04.01).
- 02.23 Organising Permit** - The documentary authority to organise and hold a competition, granted solely by the SLAS (Rule 04.03).
- 02.24 Organising Committee** - A Committee of at least three persons authorised by the promoters to organise a meeting on their behalf. Where an Organising Committee is appointed to act on behalf of promoters, such Organising Committee shall take the place of such promoters for the purpose of these Rules except that the promoters shall be responsible for the acts and omissions of such Organising Committee as if such acts and omissions were their own.
- 02.25 Supplementary Regulations** - Regulations supplementary to these Rules, drawn up by the Promoters of a competition or competitions and approved by the SLAS with the object of laying down the details of such competition or competitions.
- 02.26 Programme** - A document prepared by the Promoters of a meeting for the purpose of informing the participants and spectators about such meeting.
- 02.27 Course** - The route to be followed by a competitor in a competition.
- 02.28 Track** - A permanent or temporary course utilised for competitions including record attempts. Certain permanent tracks, especially those having raised bends, and facilitating high speeds, are called autodromes.
- 02.29 Mile and Kilometre** - For all conversions of English to Metric measurements and vice versa, the Mile shall be taken as 1.60934 Kilometres, and the kilometre shall be taken as 0.62137 mile.
- 02.30 Record**  
A best result obtained in particular conditions prescribed by the regulations (see hereafter Appendix D, regulations for records).
- a) Local record**  
A record established on a permanent or temporary track approved SLAS whatever the nationality of the competitor.
- b) National record**  
A record established or broken in conformity with the rules established by SLAS in Sri Lanka or on the territory of another ASN with the prior authorisation of the latter. A national record is said to be a class record if it is the best result obtained in one of the classes into which the types of cars

eligible for the attempt are subdivided, or an absolute record if it is the best result, not taking the classes into account.

**c) Holder of record**

If the record is one established in the course of an individual attempt, the holder is the competitor to whom permission to make the attempt was granted and who made a formal application for such permission.

If the record is one established in the course of a meeting, the holder is the competitor (see Rule 02.34) in whose name the vehicle with which the performance was achieved was entered.

**02.31 The Start** - The start is the moment when the order to start is given to a competitor or competitors (see also Part VI).

**02.32 Control Line** - A control line is a line by reference to which a vehicle is timed or its performance in a competition is determined.

**02.33 Starting Line** - A starting line is the first control line on a course (Rule 06.01)

**02.34 Finishing line**

Is the final control line, with or without timing.

**02.35 Parc ferme**

This is the place to which the competitor is obliged to bring his car(s) as foreseen by the Supplementary Regulations.

Inside the parc ferme, only the officials assigned to surveillance may enter. No operation, checking, tuning or repair is allowed unless authorised by the same officials.

The parc ferme is compulsory in those competitions in which scrutineering is provided for.

The Supplementary Regulations of the competition shall specify the place where the parc(s) ferme(s) will be set up.

The parc ferme must be in close proximity to the finishing line/starting line, if such is provided for. At the end of the special stage covered, the area between the finishing line and the parc ferme entrance shall be placed under the parc ferme regulations.

The parc ferme shall be of adequate dimensions and well closed off to ensure that no unauthorised persons may gain access while cars are in the enclosure.

The surveillance shall be carried out by officials appointed by the organisers. These officials are responsible for the operation of the parc ferme and only they are authorised to give orders to the competitors.

The control areas of rallies will be considered as a parc ferme. No repairs or assistance may take place within the control area.

**02.36 Handicap** - The method laid down in the Supplementary Regulations of a competition for the purpose of equalising the chances of the competitors.

**02.34 Competitor**

Any person or body accepted for competition whatsoever, and necessarily holding a competitor's license issued by SLAS.

**02.35 Driver**

Person driving an automobile in any competition whatsoever and necessarily holding a Competition License issued by SLAS

**02.36 Passenger**

A person, other than the driver, carried in a vehicle during a competition. No passenger shall be permitted at speed meetings, or in speed events in competing cars either in competition or in practice other than with the express written permission of SLAS.

**02.37 License**

- a. A license is a certificate of registration issued to any person or body (drivers, entrants, manufacturers, teams, race officials, organisers, circuits etc) wishing to participate or taking part, in any capacity whatsoever, in competitions or record attempts governed by the present Code. The license-holder is deemed to be acquainted with the texts of the present Code, and must comply with its provisions. The principle that will apply in all cases is that any applicant who qualifies for a license within the terms of the present Code and the applicable sporting and technical rules shall be entitled to such a license.

No one may take part in a sporting event, set or break a record, if he does not possess a Competition License issued by SLAS, or an FIA license issued by an ASN other than his parent ASN with the consent of his parent ASN (see FIA Article 110).

A parent ASN is the ASN of the country of which the license-holder is a national. In the case of a professional competitor or driver as defined by Article 18 of the present Code, a parent ASN may also be the ASN of the E. U. country of which the license-holder is a bonafide permanent resident.

An FIA international license issued by an ASN is valid for international events appropriate to the level of such license provided that they are entered on the International Sporting Calendar. No license-holder may participate in an international event if it is not entered on the International Sporting Calendar.

The FIA license must be renewed annually from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January of each year.

Each national Automobile Club shall issue licenses in compliance with the FIA regulations.

The license can be issued under a pseudonym, but no one may make use of two pseudonyms.

A charge maybe made for the issue or the renewal of a license.

A national Automobile Club can issue a license to a foreigner belonging to a country not yet represented on the FIA with the FIA's prior agreement. A list of licenses issued under these conditions shall be kept at the Secretariat of the FIA.

Each Club or Association must, at the time of its admission to the FIA, undertake to recognise and keep a register of licenses thus issued.

The International Super License is drawn up and issued by the FIA to those candidates who are already holders of a national license and who apply for it. It is compulsory for certain FIA International Championships under the conditions specified by each set of regulations. To this effect the candidates for an FIA Super License must complete and sign the relevant application form. It must be renewed every year. The FIA reserves the right to refuse the issuing of a Super License and shall give reasons for any such refusal. The Super License document remains the property of the FIA, which will deliver it to each holder. The suspension or withdrawal of a license resulting from a sanction excludes its holder from the FIA Championships for the duration of such suspension or withdrawal.

- b. National licenses issued by an E. U. ASN or ASN of a comparable country by decision of the FIA, to professional competitors or drivers, as defined by Article 18 of the present Code, will allow their holders to take part in national events taking place in E. U. countries (or comparable country by decision of the FIA) without the need for special authorisation. Such national competition license will feature the E. U. flag.

Each E. U. ASN or ASN of a comparable country by decision of the FIA will ensure that insurance arrangements take these regulations into account.

Such a professional competitor or driver will be subject to the jurisdiction of the ASN of the country where he is competing, and to that of the ASN, which issued his license.

Any decision to suspend such a license will be published in the FIA Official Motor Sport Bulletin.

**02.38 License-holders' register**

The list held by SLAS of those persons to whom SLAS has issued either a competitor's or driver's license.

**02.39 License number**

The numbers allotted annually by SLAS to the competitors or to drivers entered on its register.

**02.40 Exclusion**

Exclusion forbids the person concerned to take part in any particular competition, or in several sporting competitions of a same meeting.

**02.41 Suspension**

A person or body, shall be said to be suspended when they have for a certain period been forbidden to take part in any competition within the territory of the SLAS

**02.42 Disqualification**

A person or body shall be said to be disqualified when they have been definitively forbidden to take part in any competition whatsoever except as regards cases provided for under Rules 11.26 and 13.01.

## **PART III - COMPETITIONS IN GENERAL**

### **03.01 Promotion of Competitions**

Competitions may only be organised in Sri Lanka by:

- i. The SLAS
- ii. Other Clubs or Organisations approved by SLAS (see also Appendix "A" of these Rules).

### **03.02 Official documents**

For every competition the Promoters are responsible for drawing up and publishing Supplementary Regulations and a Programme. If any condition contained in such Supplementary Regulations is contrary to these Rules, it shall be null and void.

### **03.03 Announcement to be made on all Official Documents**

All Regulations, Supplementary Regulations, Programmes and Entry Forms relating to any competition shall bear in a conspicuous manner the following announcement:

"Held under the National Sporting Code of the SLAS"

### **03.04 Acquaintance with and Submission to Rules**

Every person, body, group of persons, etc. organising a competition or taking part therein shall, by doing so, or by and upon applying for an Organising Permit, or by and upon applying for a Licence from the SLAS or by and upon entering for a competition, be deemed to have and recognise that they have:

- i. Made themselves acquainted with these Rules.
- ii. Submitted themselves, without reserve to the consequences resulting from these Rules and any subsequent alteration thereof and agree to pay a liquidated damages any fines imposed upon them.
- iii. Renounced, under pain of disqualification the right to have recourse except with the written consent of the SLAS to any arbitrator or tribunal not provided for in these Rules.
- iv. Agreed to exonerate and keep indemnified the Promoters, the SLAS and their respective officials, servants, representatives and agents from and against all liability whatsoever to any such person or body or group of persons respectively, in respect of or in connection with any meeting, competition or event held under these Rules, from whatever cause arising or alleged to arise.
- v. Agreed to exonerate and keep indemnified all and any other competitors, their servants or agents from and against all liability whatsoever to such entrants, competitors or passengers in connection with driving of their vehicles or any

other act, omission or occurrence during the course of the event or official practice thereof.

### **03.05 Unauthorised Competitions**

The organizing or holding of any Automobile competition otherwise than in accordance with these Rules shall render every person connected therewith or taking part therein, whether as promoters, organising committee, competitor, driver, rider, official, or otherwise, liable to disciplinary action as provided for in Part XI of these Rules.

### **03.06 Postponement or cancellation of a Competition**

A meeting or a competition forming part of a meeting shall not be postponed or cancelled unless provision for doing so has been made in the Supplementary Regulations, or unless the stewards have decided to postpone them for reasons of force majeure or safety (see 09.10d).

In case of cancellation or postponement for more than 24 hours entry fees shall be returned.

## **PART IV - COMPETITION ORGANISATION**

### **04.01 Promoters**

Competitions shall be organised by a Club or Clubs (or in exceptional circumstances by some other body or persons) known as the Promoters who may delegate their powers and duties to an organising committee, such delegation shall, however, not affect the ultimate responsibility of the Promoters.

### **04.02 Registration of Clubs**

No Club shall organise a competition unless it has first applied for registration with the SLAS on the appropriate form and paid the appropriate registration fees (see Appendix "A").

### **04.03 Necessary Permission and Approval**

No competition shall be held unless the SLAS has signified its approval by granting an Organising Permit or waived the necessity for an Organising Permit (see Appendix "A").

A competition may be held either on a road or on a track, or on both, but no permit shall be granted by SLAS unless the organising committee undertakes to obtain the relevant permission from the competent local authorities.

Note 1: Competitions taking place on public roads open to normal traffic must conform to Road Traffic Regulations in force at the time. Penalties for violations of this regulation will be left to the discretion of the stewards.

SLAS may grant permanent organising permits to owners of an autodrome or purpose built racing circuit, provided the application for such a permit is accompanied by the required fees and details

### **04.04 Opening of Entries**

An organising permit having been granted or the proposed competition being one of a kind in respect of which the necessity for an organising permit has been waived the promoters may invite, receive and accept entries from eligible competitors. Every entry form or invitation to enter sent out by the Promoters shall be accompanied by a copy of the Supplementary Regulations governing the Meet.

### **04.05 Supplementary Regulations**

The promoter shall publish for each competition a set of Supplementary Regulations.

Such Supplementary Regulations shall contain sufficient information to enable a competitor to make an application for entry to a meet with full knowledge of the requirements of the competition.



Such Supplementary Regulations shall contain the following information:

1. The Name and Address of the Promoters.
2. The name and nature of the competition or meet.
3. The place and date of the Meeting.
4. The Entry fees payable.
5. The closing date and place for Entries.
6. If entries are to be restricted, the maximum number of competitors and how entries, if in excess of this number, are to be selected for acceptance.
7. A statement in accordance with Rule 03.03 of these Rules.
8. Composition of the organising committee (see 02.24) and the address of that committee
9. The persons eligible to compete.
10. The conditions for the acceptance of entry.
11. Comprehensive information concerning insurance.
12. The types of vehicles eligible, giving classes if any.
13. The method adopted to classify vehicles.
14. The dates, times and nature of starts and method of handicapping, if adopted.
15. The place, time and person to report to.
16. The relative position of the vehicles at the start and how they are determined.
17. Whether before the start the engines of the competing vehicles shall be running.
18. Signals to be given for the start.
19. The length of the course and/or the number of laps to be completed.
20. Heats, if any.
21. The manner in which results will be determined and prizes awarded.
22. Identification Marks.
23. The names of the Stewards of the Meet, the Clerk of the Course and of the Secretary of the Meet.
24. When and how results will be published and the time limit for protests.
25. A reminder of the Rules concerning Protests.
26. The dates, time and place of any practices and whether such practices are compulsory.
27. The date, time and place of scrutineering of the vehicles.
28. A reminder of the Rules applying to competitors under the influence of liquor or drugs.
29. Any additional regulations required by the particular features of the meeting.
30. Any additional information as required by the particular features of the Competition.

#### **04.06 Amendments to Supplementary Regulations**

No amendments shall be made to the Supplementary Regulations after the beginning of the period for receiving entries, unless unanimous agreement is given by all competitors already entered,

or by decision of the stewards of the meeting for reasons of force majeure or safety (see 09.10d).

#### **04.07 Entries**

An entry is a contract between the competitor and the organising committee (see 02.24). It can be assigned by both parties or result from an exchange of correspondence. It compels the competitor to take part in the competition, in which they have accepted to run, except in case of duly established force majeure. It binds the organising committee to fulfil, towards the competitor, all the particular conditions of the entry, with the only reservation that the competitor has made every effort to take part faithfully in the competition concerned.

#### **04.08 Contents of Entry Form**

Entry forms shall contain the following:

- i. Name and Address of promoters.
- ii. Title and date of the event.
- iii. Closing date, time and place of entries.
- iv. Closing date for late entries (if allowed) and additional entry fees, if any.
- v. A declaration in accordance with Rule 03.03 of these Rules.
- vi. Space for Full Name and Address of competitor, his Competition License No. and such other information as required by the promoters.
- vii. Space for full details of the vehicle, its identity and any other information required by the promoters.

#### **04.09 Indemnities, Declarations and Undertakings by Entrants, Drivers and Passengers**

Every entrant, driver and passenger, before taking part in any competition, shall sign an undertaking as follows:

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this Meet and agree to be bound by them and by the National Sporting Code of the Sri Lanka Association of Motor Sports. I understand that it is a condition of entering a vehicle for this Meet and of driving or riding in and entering it and the person so driving it, riding in it, or attending upon it do agree that neither the Sri Lanka Association of Motor Sports, such person, persons or body as may be authorised by the Sri Lanka Association of Motor Sports to promote or organise this Meet nor the owners of any property forming a part of the course nor any official, agent or servant thereof shall in any circumstances whatsoever be liable for any damage to or caused by the said vehicle or for any personal injury or loss of whatever kind or nature sustained by the driver or by the mechanic or any other person riding in or attending upon the said vehicle whether caused during any race or during any practice run, or while the said vehicle is on any road forming part of the Course, or on any approach thereto, or on land adjacent thereto, by whatever means such damage, injury or loss may be caused, by wilful act of omission or commission, neglect or default

of any official, agent or servant of the said Association, Promoter, person or concerns.

And that it is a further condition that no driver or rider or any other person or persons as aforesaid shall participate in the meet without first having satisfied himself as to the safety and suitability in all respects of the Course and the arrangements made for the Meet and that the said persons or firm entering a vehicle agrees to indemnify the said Association, Promoters, persons or concerns and their Officials, against all liability for any damage, injury or loss caused or sustained as aforesaid by the driver or other such person as aforesaid.

#### **04.10 Conditional entries**

Supplementary Regulations may provide that entries shall be accepted under certain well-specified conditions as for instance in the case of a limitation in the number of starters, when a vacancy occurs among the other competitors entered. A conditional entry must be notified to the interested party by letter or telegram sent off at the latest on the day following the closing of entries, but the competitor entered conditionally is not subject to the conditions of Rule 07.04.

#### **04.11 Closing of Entries**

The date specified in the Supplementary Regulations for the closing of entries shall be taken as the closing date unless extended by Public Announcement. Late entries may be accepted if provision has been made in the Supplementary Regulations.

#### **04.12 Refusal of Entry**

The Organising Committee of the Promoters may at their absolute discretion refuse to accept any entry without ascribing reasons. In which event, the entry fees paid will be refunded. No other relief is available to the entrant.

#### **04.13 Acceptance of Entry**

The acceptance of any individual entry is at the discretion of the Promoter. Their decision in this matter is final, and no explanation as to a refusal of entry need be given by them.

Unless it has already been provided for in the Supplementary Regulations, should the number of entries received exceed the maximum number of competitors laid down in the Supplementary Regulations, those to be accepted shall be selected either according to the order of receipt of their entries, or by means of a ballot, or by another means determined by the Organising Committee.

#### **04.14 Entry containing a false or incorrect statement**

An entry containing a false or incorrect statement shall be null and void, and a competitor will be deemed guilty of a breach of these rules and the entry fee may be forfeited.

The onus of ensuring that his vehicle conforms to the declaration in his entry form lies entirely with the competitor. Any violation of this regulation shall be deemed a serious breach of these regulations and subject the competitor to Part X of these Rules.

**04.15 Entry of an automobile**

One and the same automobile shall not be entered more than once in the same competition.

In exceptional circumstances, a Promoter may, on its territory, depart from this rule by authorising two or more entries of the same car in the same event, so long as it is driven only once by the same driver.

**04.16 Official list of competitors**

The organising committee must send to the SLAS, and make available to each competitor, the official list of competitors taking part in the competition at least 48 hours before the beginning of the meeting.

**04.17 Main information to be included in the programme**

- a. A statement that the meeting is to be held under the General Competition Rules of the SLAS and the Supplementary Regulations;
- b. Place and date of the meeting;
- c. A short description and the time table of the proposed competitions;
- d. Names of competitors and drivers with the numbers allocated to their cars (if pseudonyms are used, they must appear between inverted commas);
- e. The handicap, if any;
- f. The names of the stewards of the meeting and of the clerk of the course.

**04.18 Publishing of entries**

The organisers may not enter on the programme or publish as entered the name of any competitor or driver in respect of whom they have not received a duly authorised entry form or nomination. Competitors entered conditionally (see Rule 04.09) shall be designated as such when entries are published.

## **PART V - COURSES – ROADS AND TRACKS**

### **05.01 Road courses**

The selection of any road for a course shall be approved by the SLAS and with the request for such approval a detailed itinerary giving the exact distances to be covered shall be submitted.

### **05.02 Measurement of road distances**

For competitions other than record attempts, distances up to 5 kilometres shall be measured straight along the centreline of the road by a qualified surveyor. Distances over 5 kilometres shall be determined by the official road markings or by means of an official map to a scale not less than 1:250,000.

### **05.03 International licence for a track or an autodrome**

Application must be made by SLAS to the FIA for an international licence for a permanent or temporary track if a record attempt is envisaged.

The FIA may license a track for a record attempt or for a series of record attempts.

The FIA, after consulting with SLAS may refuse to grant or may withdraw a licence but shall state reasons for any such withdrawal or refusal.

### **05.04 National licence for a track**

SLAS may similarly grant a national licence for a track on the conditions laid down in 5.03 **and such further conditions as may be specified by the SLAS. Such licence shall be valid for one year but may be withdrawn by SLAS at anytime for a breach of the conditions specified.** A track only so licensed may not be used for attempts at international or world records.

### **05.05 Information to be given on licence for tracks**

A track licence granted by the FIA shall state the length of the track and whether it is approved for attempts at international or world records.

A track licence granted by SLAS shall state the length of the track and whether it is approved for attempts at national records.

The licence for the track will also contain the special track rules, which competitors are expected to know and are required to obey.

### **05.06 Conditions to be fulfilled for both permanent and temporary tracks**

The conditions to be fulfilled in the case of both permanent and temporary tracks are as periodically laid down by the FIA. (For such conditions see Appendix E).

### **05.07 Display of track licence**

A track licence, so long as it is in force, shall be displayed in a prominent position at the track.

**5.08 Track Inspection**

The SLAS reserves the right to inspect a track whether licensed or not to determine its suitability for the conducting of an Event and to require rectification of any shortcoming as a condition of the Organizing Permit or to suspend the Organizing Permit until such rectifications are carried out.

## **PART VI - STARTS AND HEATS**

### **06.01 Standing Start**

- a. In all record attempts and in competitions with a flying start, the start line is the line on the crossing of which the timing commences (Rule 02.33).
- b. In competitions with a standing start, the starting line is the line in relation to which the position of each vehicle (and if appropriate, each driver) is fixed prior to the start (Rule 02.33).

A standing start occurs when the vehicle(s) are stationary at the start. The following conditions shall, as appropriate, apply to a standing start

- (i) For a record attempt, the vehicle must be stationary with the part, which operates the timing apparatus behind but within 10 centimeters of the starting line. The engine of the vehicle shall be running before the start.
- (ii) For all other competitions the Supplementary Regulations shall stipulate whether, before the start, the engine shall be running or stationary.
- (iii) Vehicles starting singly or in line abreast shall be placed as follows :
  - a. If the timing is recorded by automatic timing apparatus, as laid down in (i) above.
  - b. If the timing is not recorded automatically, with that part of the front tyres which is in contact with the ground resting upon the starting line.
- (iv) The Supplementary Regulations may prescribe that the drivers shall at the start be at some specified distance from their vehicles.

### **06.02 Timing**

- a. In the case of a standing start the timing shall commence:
  - i. If the timing apparatus is automatic when it is operated or
  - ii. If the timing is not automatic at the start.
- b. In the case of a flying start when the leading vehicle crosses the starting line.
- c. In circuit competitions the completion of the first and subsequent laps shall be timed when the vehicle crosses the control line in front of the "Timekeepers" station unless the Supplementary Regulations otherwise provide.

### **06.03 Crossing a Control Line**

The timing of a vehicle crossing a control line shall be taken at the moment when the leading part of the vehicle passes over that line, or

where the timing apparatus is automatic in operation at the moment when it is operated.

### **06.04 Starter's Orders**

Drivers and vehicles ready for the start are under the orders of the Starter from the time they leave the Paddocks until the start. The start will be signalled by a flag. The movements of the flag may be accompanied or replaced by any other appropriate signal provided for in the Supplementary Regulations, but in no case shall the starting signal be repeated.

### **06.05 Non-Starter**

Any driver not coming under the Starter's Orders shall be deemed a non-starter. Any driver will be considered as having started if under Starter's Orders at the start.

### **06.06 False Start**

A false start occurs when before the start a driver under Starter's Orders moves forward from his prescribed position.

### **06.07 Penalty for false start**

A false start occurs when, before the appropriate signal is given, a competitor under the starter's orders moves forward from the prescribed position.

In the case of a grouped start, any driver who makes a false start shall be penalised by the addition of one minute to the time taken by them to complete the course of the race. This penalty shall be immediately notified to their pit.

In the case of a single start without automatic timing, any competitor having made a false start shall be penalised by one second added to the time taken by them to complete the prescribed course.

If laid down in the Supplementary Regulations, the Stewards of the meeting shall have the power to increase the above-mentioned penalties, and/or apply other penalties (e.g. stop/go, drive through, etc), but only within the limits previously fixed in the Supplementary Regulations. **The Stewards have the right at their discretion to modify the results of a competition in lieu of a stop/go or drive through penalty**

### **06.08 Start line judges**

One or several judges may be appointed by the organising committee of a race to supervise the starts by electronic or other



means. Start line judges shall immediately indicate to the clerk of the course any false starts, which may have occurred.

**06.09 Heats**

A competition may be started in heats, the composition of which must be determined by the Promoters and published in the programme. The composition of heats may be modified or heats consolidated by, but only by, the Stewards of the Meeting.

**06.10 Dead-Heats**

In the case of a dead-heat the competitors concerned shall either share the prizes allotted to their places in the results, or, if all such competitors agree, the Stewards of the Meeting may authorise a re-run by such competitors only, and may impose conditions therefor. In no case whatsoever shall the whole competition be re-run (Rule 11.08).

## **PART VII - COMPETITORS & DRIVERS**

### **07.01 Eligibility**

A competitor must be in possession of a Competition License issued by the SLAS. See Appendix "C"

Any person wishing to qualify as a driver, as defined in Rule 2.35, shall make a formal application for a licence to the SLAS, as set out in Appendix "C".

### **07.02 Production of licence**

A competitor or driver at a meeting shall produce their licence signed by the holder, on the request of a duly authorised official of that meeting.

### **07.03 Withdrawal of licence**

Any person who shall enter for, drive in, officiate at, or in any manner whatsoever take part in a prohibited competition will be suspended by the SLAS.

### **07.04 Delegation of Competition Rights**

No competitor may delegate the driving of a vehicle entered in a competition in his name to another, unless provision is made in the Supplementary Regulations, or permission has been obtained from the Organising Committee before the day of the meet.

### **07.05 Physical and mental fitness**

Should there be any doubt as to his physical or mental fitness by any competitor, he should produce, or may be called upon by the Promoters to produce a Medical Certificate as to his fitness to participate in a competition. The promoters have the right to nominate the doctor or panel of doctors from whom such Certificate is to be obtained. The acceptance or otherwise of the Entry will depend upon the report of such medical examination.

### **07.06 Responsibility of Competitors**

The Competitor shall be responsible for all acts or omissions on the part of his driver, mechanic or passengers but each of these shall also be responsible for any infraction of the Code, these Rules, any Supplementary Regulations or instructions.

### **07.07 Unauthorised substitution of one competition for another**

Any competitor having entered themselves or any driver having undertaken to drive in any national competition who does not take part in that competition and takes part in another competition on the same day at some other place shall be suspended (temporary withdrawal of licence) as from the beginning of the latter competition, for such time as the SLAS may deem fit.

**07.08 Awards**

A competitor who has won an award in the form of a challenge cup or challenge trophy in a competition undertakes by virtue of his submitting a signed entry form to return same safely and in a good condition to the Promoters, upon being requested to do so.

**07.09 Practice**

A competitor must be present for practice in the vehicle, which he has declared in the Entry Form unless written permission has been obtained from the Secretary of the Meet exempting him. A competitor who does not otherwise take part in official practice is liable to exclusion.

**07.10 Unofficial Practicing**

The promoters may declare in the Supplementary Regulations that the Course is closed for unofficial practicing from a specified date. In such event, unofficial practice on the course during the stated period may render the competitor liable to exclusion.

**07.11 Causing annoyance on public highways**

Subsequent to the tendering of a signed Entry Form, a competitor whose road behaviour has been reported to the Promoters as undesirable, by a member of the Club, or a member of the public, may, at the discretion of the Promoters, be excluded from taking part in the competition. Such road behaviour immediately after a competition or meet and so reported, will be subject to action by the Promoters at their discretion.

## **PART VIII - COMPETING VEHICLES**

### **08.01 Classification of Vehicles**

The classification of vehicles as given in Appendices "G", "H" to these Rules shall apply to all competitions conducted by the Promoters, unless specific permission is granted by SLAS for other methods of classification.

### **08.02 Dangerous Construction**

A vehicle, the construction of which is deemed to be dangerous, may be excluded by the Stewards of the Meet.

### **08.03 Protection against fire**

In all vehicles, which take part in competitions, there must be some form of protection between the engine and the driver's seat, suitable and sufficient, in the event of fire, for preventing the passage of flames (See Appendix "G")

### **08.04 Advertising on cars**

Advertising on cars is **not restricted**. The Organizers may specify special conditions applicable to the events organised under their control. The Supplementary Regulations of an event must mention these special conditions as well as any legal or administrative regulations in force in the country.

### **08.05 Identification Marks**

During a competition, each vehicle shall carry displayed such numbers or marks, if any, as the Supplementary Regulations may require.

The name(s) and blood group(s) of the driver(s), and in the case of rallies navigator(s), must be prominently displayed on both sides of the vehicle preferably on the rear lateral windows.

### **08.06 Vehicle Insurance Cover**

It is compulsory that a competing vehicle is covered against third party risks and the insurance must cover the period of practice, if any, and the period of the meet. A Certificate of Insurance in this respect must be produced for inspection by the Scrutineers before any practice, if any, or the start of the meet.

### **08.07 Competing Vehicle**

A competitor must compete in the vehicle, which he has declared in the Entry Form. Any contravention of this rule will render the competitor liable to exclusion, unless the Supplementary Regulations specify otherwise.

## **PART IX - OFFICIALS & THEIR DUTIES**

### **09.01 List of Officials**

The staff of officials, whose duty it shall be to direct and control competitions, may include:

- The Stewards of the Meeting
- The Race Director
- The Clerk of the Course
- The Secretary of the Meeting
- The Timekeepers
- The Scrutineers and Assistant Scrutineers
- The Pit Marshals
- The Observers
- The Flag Marshals
- The Judges
- The Handicappers
- The Starters
- The Paddock Marshals

They shall be termed "Officials" and may have assistants to whom any of their duties may be delegated, except in the case of Assistant Scrutineers whose duties are specifically laid down in Rule 08.15.

### **09.02 Right of Supervision**

Apart from the Officials referred to in Rule 08.01, the SLAS may confer on delegates specifically qualified for such duty, the right to observe any person or body of persons promoting or organising or connected with the promotion or organisation of any competition held within the territory of the SLAS, any person acting as an official or competing or driving in any such competition.

### **09.03 Essential Officials**

At a meeting there shall be at least three Stewards of the Meeting and Clerk of the Course, and, in the case of competitions decided wholly or partially by time, one or more Timekeepers.

### **09.04 Nomination Of Officials**

One or more of the Stewards of the Meeting may be nominated by the SLAS. Where applicable the appointment of the following key officials will be subject to the approval of the SLAS.

- The Stewards other than the SLAS Steward(s)
- The Clerk of the Course
- The Chief Timekeeper
- The Chief Scrutineer
- The Chief Flag Marshall
- The Starter

### **09.05 Requisite Qualifications**

The Timekeepers, Scrutineers, Assistant Scrutineers and Handicappers shall be selected from amongst persons holding the

annual appointment of the SLAS as such, except for national restricted or national closed competitions, when this requirement will only apply if specifically imposed by the SLAS as a condition of granting an Organising Permit. Such Officials shall always act impartially.

#### **09.06 Plurality of Duties**

At a meeting the same person may, if so decided by the Promoters, undertake several of the duties enumerated in Rule 08.01 provided he is qualified for each duty so undertaken.

#### **09.07 Separation of Duties**

An official shall not, at any meeting, perform any other duties than those, which are clearly attached to his appointment or appointments.

Generally, he should not be eligible to compete in any competition at a meeting of which he has been appointed as an official.

#### **09.08 Remuneration of Officials**

The Stewards of the Meeting shall act in an honorary capacity and shall not be entitled to any monetary benefits. Other officials may be remunerated for their services.

#### **09.09 Responsibility of the Stewards of the Meeting**

The Stewards of the Meeting shall not be in any way responsible for its organisation and shall not have any executive duty in connection therewith. It follows, therefore, that in the discharge of their duties they do not incur any responsibility except of the SLAS. As an exception to this principle when a meeting is promoted directly by the SLAS, the Steward of such a meeting may combine their duties with those of the Promoters, but shall not be members of the Organising Committee.

In a meeting comprising several competitions there may be different Stewards of the Meeting for each competition. When the SLAS has appointed one or more of the Stewards of the Meeting, such Steward, or if more than one, the Steward appointed as the Senior Steward, shall act as Chairman of the Stewards of the Meeting.

#### **09.10 Powers of Stewards of the Meeting**

The Stewards of the Meeting shall have general power and authority to enforce compliance with the Code, these Rules, the Supplementary Regulations, the Programme, and the Instructions to Drivers (if any) and to adjudicate upon any dispute or protest arising during the meeting subject to the rights of appeal provided by these Rules (see Part XII) and in particular shall have power in accordance with these Rules to:

- a. Decide what penalty to inflict for a breach of these Rules (Rules 11.01, 11.02, and 12.10).

- b. Modify the Supplementary Regulations in exceptional circumstances.
- c. Subject to Dismantling and Measurement (under Rule 12.07) any competing Vehicle.
- d. In the case of force majeure or for reasons of safety either,
  - (i) postpone a competition or ;
  - (ii) abandon a competition, or;
  - (iii) stop a competition, declare it a "no contest" and arrange for it to be restarted.Provided that when an event is run in more than one heat or part the powers given by the sub-paragraph may, if thought fit, be exercised in respect of one heat or part.
- e. Prohibit from competing any driver who, or any vehicle, which, they consider to be dangerous or is reported as such by the Clerk of the course or a Scrutineer (Rule 11.10).
- f. Inquire into allegations of reckless driving and if appropriate refer the matter to the SLAS for hearing in accordance with Rule 11.01(vi).
- g. Alter composition of or consolidate heats (Rule 06.09).
- h. Authorise a re-run in the case of dead-heats (Rule 06.10).
- i. Accept a correction made by a Judge (Rule 09.21 (iii) (e)).
- j. Inflict a penalty of reprimand, fine or exclusion, but not suspension or disqualification (Rules 11.06, 11.10, 11.12 & 11.21).
- k. Amend the results of a competition (Rule 11.24).
- l. They may exclude from any one competition or for the duration of the meeting any driver whom they consider as, or who is reported to them by the clerk of the course or by the organising committee as being ineligible to take part, or whom they consider as being guilty of improper conduct or unfair practice.
- m. Order the removal from the course and its precincts or inflict a penalty of reprimand, fine or exclusion (but not suspension or disqualification) upon any competitor or driver who refuses to obey the order of a responsible official.

- n. Modify the position of the starting or finishing lines, the course or alter the Programme at the request of the Clerk of the Course or the Promoters where necessary to ensure reasonable safety for drivers or spectators.
- o. Appoint a temporary substitute or substitutes to replace any Steward or Stewards not able to perform their duties. Such power shall be exercisable by the remaining Steward or Stewards and shall be used to ensure that there are always at least two Stewards of a Meeting.
- p. They may accept a correction to the classification of a vehicle if so requested by the organizers.
- q. They may take the decision to stop a race.
- r. The Stewards by a 2/3 majority may decide to stop/cancel/postpone a meeting.

#### **09.11 Stewards of Meeting Report**

As soon as practicable after the conclusion of a meeting the Stewards of the Meeting shall, with the help of information provided by the Clerk of the Course (Rule 08.13), compile, sign and send to the SLAS a Report giving the results of each competition together with particulars of all protests lodged, action taken thereon, penalties imposed together with any recommendation in respect of such cases. The report shall also contain the Stewards' general comments on the organisation of the meeting and the exercise of their own powers in relation thereto, and any other observations as to the conduct of the meeting which they consider should be made to the SLAS as the authority under whose permit the meeting was held.

#### **09.12 Powers of SLAS following Stewards' Report**

If it appears to the SLAS from the Stewards' Report or otherwise that the results of a competition have been improperly or incorrectly made out, or that any breach of rules, breach of condition of permit, defect in organisation or other irregularity has taken place, the SLAS shall be entitled to enquire into the matter, and, after giving the interested parties an opportunity to be heard, make such orders as it deems proper, even though no protest or appeal may be outstanding. Provided that no such enquiry shall be ordered after the expiration of 60 days after the publication of the results.

#### **09.13 Duties of the Race Director**

The clerk of the course shall work in permanent consultation with the Race Director. The Race Director **if appointed** shall have



overriding authority in the following matters and the clerk of the course may only give orders in respect of them with his express agreement:

- a. the control of practice and the race, adherence to the time table and, if he deems it necessary, the formulation of any proposal to the stewards to modify the time table in accordance with the Code or Sporting Regulations.
- b. the stopping of any car in accordance with the Code or sporting regulations.
- c. the stopping of practice or the race in accordance with the Sporting Regulations if he deems it unsafe to continue and ensuring that the correct restart procedure is carried out.
- d. the starting procedure.
- e. the use of the safety car.

#### **09.14 Duties of the Clerk of the Course**

In the case of a meeting comprising several competitions there may be a different Clerk of the Course for each competition.

The Clerk of the Course is responsible for the general conduct of the meeting in accordance with the Supplementary Regulations, Programme and Organising Permit and, in particular, he shall:

- (i) keep order in conjunction with such military and police authorities as have undertaken the policing of the meeting and who are specially responsible for public safety.
- (ii) ascertain whether all Officials are at their posts, and report the absence of any of them to the Stewards of the Meeting.
- (iii) ensure that all officials are provided with the information necessary for carrying out their duties.
- (iv) control competitors and their vehicles and take appropriate action in regard to any Competitor, Driver or Vehicle he may consider to be ineligible.
- (v) ensure that each vehicle and (where appropriate) each competitor carries the proper identification marking in accordance with the programme.
- (vi) ensure that the correct driver is on each vehicle and marshal the vehicles as necessary;
- (vii) send the vehicles to the starting line in the right order and, if necessary, start them;
- (viii) convey to the Stewards of the Meeting any proposal to modify the programme or any report that deals with the

misbehavior of, or breach of rule by, a competitor or driver.

- (ix) receive protests from competitors or drivers and immediately transmit them to the Stewards of the meeting;
- (x) collect the reports of the Timekeepers, Scrutineers, Assistant Scrutineers, Replenishment Observers and Road Observers together with such other official information as may be necessary for the determination of the results;
- (xi) prepare or arrange for the Secretary of the Meeting to prepare a written statement of the information necessary to enable the Stewards of the Meeting to complete their report (Rule 09.11).

#### **09.15 Duties of the Secretary of the Meeting**

The Secretary of the Meeting shall be responsible for the organisation of the meeting as regards all material and notices required in connection therewith. He shall satisfy himself that the various officials are acquainted with their duties and are furnished with the necessary equipment. If necessary, he shall assist the Clerk of the Course in the preparation of the information required for the Steward's Report (Rule 09.11).

#### **09.16 Duties of Timekeepers**

The principal duties of Timekeepers shall be:

- i. at the commencement of the meeting to report personally to the Clerk of the Course for instructions;
- ii. to start competitions if so instructed by the Clerk of the Course; in the case of a handicap competition, where the handicap is applied at the start, the starter shall be a timekeeper.
- iii. in all Races and Speed Events and in other events when so required by the SLAS to use only such apparatus for timing as is approved by the SLAS for their use or, in the case of attempts at records where it is necessary to take times within one-hundredth of a second, such apparatus as is approved by the F.I.A;
- iv. to register such times as are appropriate having regard to the conditions of the competition, or are required by the Clerk of the Course;
- v. to prepare and sign their reports relating to the timing which is their individual responsibility, and to send them, with all

necessary supporting documents, in the case of a meeting to the Clerk of the Course and in the case of an attempt at record or test to the SLAS;

- vi. to send on request their original Time Sheets either to the Stewards of the Meeting or to the SLAS;
- vii. to communicate any times or results only to the Stewards of the Meeting and the Clerk of the Course or in accordance with their instructions.

#### **09.17 Duties of Scrutineers**

The Scrutineers are generally responsible for checking the mechanical state of vehicles both in regard to compliance with the requirements of these Rules, the Supplementary Regulations, and in the interests of safety. The Assistant Scrutineers are responsible for checking the weight of vehicles, the dimensions of their bodies and accessories, and also all competitors' and drivers' documents (licenses, drivers' licenses, insurance, etc.,).

In particular, Scrutineers shall:

- i. make inspections before a meeting at the request of the SLAS or the Promoters;
- ii. at the commence of a meeting report personally to the Clerk of the Course.
- iii. make inspections during a meeting if so requested by the Clerk of the Course.
- iv. communicate official information only to the SLAS the Promoters, the Stewards of the Meeting and the Clerk of the Course.
- v. prepare and sign the reports of their inspections and hand them to the SLAS, the Promoters, or the Clerk of the Course as may be appropriate.
- vi. use such checking instruments as maybe specified or approved by the SLAS.

Scrutineers may also undertake any duty allocated to an Assistant Scrutineer.

#### **09.18 Duties of Assistant Scrutineers**

Assistant scrutineers are entrusted with the checking of the weight of automobiles, dimensions of their bodywork and its accessories, and also of all documents relating to competitors and drivers (licences, driver's licences, insurance, etc.,).

The duties of assistant scrutineers may be entrusted to the scrutineers. Assistant scrutineers shall:

- exercise their functions either before the meeting if requested by SLAS or by the organising committee, or during the meeting if requested by the clerk of the course;
- use such checking instruments as may be specified or approved by the SLAS;
- not communicate any official information to any person except to the SLAS, the organising committee, the stewards of the meeting and the clerk of the course;
- prepare and sign, under their own responsibility, their reports and hand them to the authority among those mentioned above who instructed them to draw them up.

#### **09.19 Duties of Pit Marshals**

The Pit Marshals shall have the general control of all replenishment of vehicles during a meeting and in particular they shall:

- i. at the commencement of the meeting report personally to the Clerk of the Course, and act under his orders;
- ii. enforce the appropriate Supplementary Regulations and especially maintain discipline within the pits and the pit lane;
- iii. report immediately to the Clerk of the Course any infringement of the Supplementary Regulations or incidents of indiscipline by a competitor or driver;
- iv. at the conclusion of the meeting submit their reports to the Clerk of the Course either verbally or in writing according to instructions.

#### **09.20 Duties of Observers and Flag Marshals**

- a. The Observers shall occupy posts along the Course assigned to them by the Stewards of the Meeting, the Promoters, or the Clerk of the Course. As soon as the meeting commences each Observer is under the orders of the Clerk of the Course, to whom he shall immediately report by any means at his disposal (telephone, signals, courier, etc.,) all incidents and accidents which occur on the section of road for which he is responsible.
- b. Flag Marshalls are marshalls appointed to give signals by flags to the competitors in accordance with the signals laid down in Appendix "K" to these Rules. They may also act as Observers.
- c. At the end of each competition all Observers must give to the Clerk of the Course a written report of all incidents or accidents noticed by them.

- d. During a competition Observers may be required to inform a specified official of the order in which competitors pass their post, lap by lap in the case of a circuit competition.

### **09.21 Duties of Judges**

- a. The Judges may perform one or more of the following duties:
  - (i) Starting Judges whose duty is to point out to the Clerk of the Course any false starts immediately after they occur.
  - (ii) Finishing Judges whose duty is to declare the order in which vehicles cross the finishing line.
  - (iii) Judges of Fact whose duty is to decide when or whether a vehicle has touched or passed a given line, or upon some other fact of the same type laid down in the Supplementary Regulations.
- b. An Assistant Judge may be appointed to assist a Judge or, in the case of absolute necessity, to replace him. In the event of disagreement, the decision shall be given by the Judge.
- c. Cinematographic, photographic or similar apparatus to facilitate a Judge's decision is allowed but only if the apparatus is under the control of the Promoters, and in such a case the Judge may delay his decision until its evidence is obtained. Evidence from any other camera or like apparatus will in no case be taken into consideration.
- d. A protest may not be made against the decision of a Judge, which shall be accepted as final unless corrected as hereinafter provided. The finding, although final as regards the fact decided, shall not constitute a statement of results because it will not have taken into account the conditions under which the vehicles have completed the course.
- e. A mistake by a Judge may be corrected by him with the approval of the Stewards of the Meeting.
- f. Facts to be judged (if any) shall be specified in the Supplementary Regulations. If there is a programme and Judges of Fact are appointed by name, their names shall appear in the programme. If there is no programme their names shall be given in the Supplementary Regulations or shall be posted up at the signing-on point at the start.
- g. At the close of the meeting each Judge shall send to the Clerk of the Course a report of his decisions.

### **09.22 Duties of Handicappers**

The Handicappers shall, after entries have closed, prepare the handicaps in accordance with the Supplementary Regulations. They shall state if any handicap in a competition is to be increased

as a result of a performance made in a previous competition at the same meeting.

### **09.23 Duties of Paddock Marshals**

The Paddock Marshals shall be responsible for maintaining order within the paddocks. They shall:

- a. Call up Competitors as per the Programme of Events or as decided by the Stewards.
- b. Line up Competitors according to the starting order on the dummy grid and on the Start Line if necessary.
- c. Ensure before releasing from the paddock, that:
  - i. All competing vehicles have been scrutineered
  - ii. That the Competitor is attired in the required protective clothing.
- d. Maintain order and discipline in the paddock area.
- e. Carry out the Stewards' orders concerning the impounding of vehicles.

**PART X - DISCIPLINARY ACTION****10.01 The Appointment of a Disciplinary Committee**

At its first meeting, the Council of the SLAS shall appoint the three (3) members of the Council to a Disciplinary Committee of the Council.

**10.02 Immediate Action by The Disciplinary Council**

The Disciplinary Committee shall have the power to take any immediate action on behalf of the SLAS in respect of a Club, official or competitor against whom any complaint may be made to any member of the Council of the SLAS, of any incident or matter on which the Disciplinary Committee may consider that immediate action is necessary.

**10.03 Powers of the Disciplinary Committee**

The Disciplinary Committee may impose any of the Penalties outlined in Part X of these Rules or any other penalties as it deems fit.

**10.04 The decision of the Disciplinary Committee**

Shall be valid with immediate effect. The Disciplinary Committee shall report within one week to the Council on the action taken by it with respect to any such complaint. The decision of the Disciplinary Committee would be binding on the Association unless varied by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting at the Council meeting where such matter is considered.

**10.05 The decision of the Disciplinary Committee and/or of the SLAS**

May be varied upon instructions received from the Honourable Minister of Sports.

## **PART XI - PENALTIES**

### **11.01 Breach of Rules**

Any of the following offences, in addition to any other offences specifically referred to previously or hereafter, shall be deemed to be a breach of these Rules:

- i. all bribery or attempt, directly or indirectly, to bribe any person having official duties in relation to a competition or employed in any manner in connection with a competition and the acceptance of or offer to accept a bribe by such official or employee.
- ii. any action having as its object the entry or participation in a competition of:
  - a. a vehicle which does not conform to the declarations made in the relevant Entry form (excepting permitted modification.)
  - b. a person or vehicle known to be ineligible therefore, or
  - c. a person who is not the holder of a license appropriate to the event concerned and who is not eligible to compete without a license by virtue of a waiver granted under Rule 1, in Appendix "C" of these Rules.
- iii. any fraudulent act or proceeding in connection with a competition or vehicle sport generally.
- iv. any proceeding or act prejudicial to the interests of the SLAS or of vehicle competitions generally.
- v. competing for, accepting or offering to accept, or advertising an award, in the nature of a title or championship, in respect of vehicle competitions unless such award is recognised by the SLAS.
- vi. reckless driving in the course of a competition or official practice therefor, provided,
  - a. that for the purposes of this sub-paragraph a competition shall include that part of event or official practice therefore from the time of reporting in to the end of the Meet or Practice Session.
  - b. that a penalty for such offence may only be imposed by the Stewards of the SLAS. A hearing shall normally be instigated on the recommendation of the Stewards of the Meeting, after a preliminary inquiry into the matter.
- vii. Misbehaviour or Unfair Practice. Competitors shall be held equally responsible for the behavior of their pit crew and supporters (See also Rule 08.10(m)).



### **11.02 Penalties for participation in an Unauthorised Competition**

Any person or body who shall promote, enter for, drive in, officiate at, or in any manner whatsoever take part in, or advertise, or obtain publicity for the results of, a competition not organised or held in accordance in all the respects of, a competition not organised or held in accordance in all respects with these Rules or who shall become disqualified or suspended by the governing body of any other sport recognised by the F.I.A, or by Order of the Minister for Sports in Sri Lanka, shall be disqualified or suspended and shall thereby forfeit his right to :

- i. hold a competitor's or driver's license, and/or,
- ii. hold any official appointment in connection with the SLAS or in connection with any meeting or competition, and/or,
- iii. be a registered member of a Club for competition purposes for such time as the SLAS may think fit.

### **11.03 Penalties**

Any Promoter, Official, Competitor, Assistant, Passenger, Driver, or other Person committing a breach of the Code or of the Appendices thereto, or of these Rules or of the Appendices thereto, or of any Supplementary Regulations, or of any instructions of the SLAS or of any conditions attached to an organising permit, or of any Instructions to Drivers or of any special Track Rules may be penalised as hereinafter provided.

### **11.04 Imposition of Penalties**

The penalties which may be inflicted are, in order of increasing severity, as follows:

- (i) Reprimand
- (ii) Fine (Appendix R)
- (iii) Exclusion (Rule 11.10)
- (iv) Suspension (Rule 11.12)
- (v) Disqualification (Rule 11.21)

### **11.05 Procedure at Hearing**

Before imposing any penalty the Stewards of a Meeting or the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS as the case may be, shall summon the parties concerned before them. Such summons shall either be delivered personally or in appropriate cases by post to the appropriate address. The procedure at any hearing by the Stewards of the Meeting or by the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS acting as a court of first instance shall be in accordance with Rule 11.05 of these Rules (Hearing of Protests). The Procedure at any hearing of any appeal by the SLAS or the Promoter of the Meet shall be in accordance with Rule 12.03 of these Rules (Hearing of Appeals).

**11.06 Sentence to a Reprimand or a Fine**

A reprimand or a fine may be imposed by the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS or by the Stewards of a Meeting provided that in the latter case any fine imposed shall not exceed the amount specified in Appendix 'R' to these Rules.

**11.07 Liability to Pay Fine**

A competitor shall, if called upon to do so, be responsible for the payment of any fine inflicted on him, or upon his assistants, passengers, etc., and in such circumstances in the event of non-payment may be suspended under Rule 11.08 of these Rules equally and simultaneously with the person on whom the fine has been inflicted.

**11.08 Time Limit for Payment of Fines**

Fines shall be paid within 48 hours of their being ordered. Any delay in making payment may entail suspension for the period during which a fine remains unpaid.

**11.09 Allocation of Proceeds from Fines**

The proceeds from all fines, forfeited protest fees and appeal fees shall be remitted to the SLAS. Who will pay them into a special fund, and such fund will be used only for the provision of prizes or for promoting the sport.

**11.10 Exclusion**

A person, body or vehicle shall be liable to sentence of exclusion:

- (i) if shown to have been forbidden by the proper authority to take any part in or in accordance with any particular competition, or;
- (ii) having taken any part in any competition, if shown to have been ineligible to do so, to have been eliminated therefrom or to have been forbidden by the proper authority to participate in any award in, or in connection with, that competition or to be placed therein.

Any entry fee paid by or in respect of the person, body or vehicle sentenced for the competition to which the sentence relates shall be forfeited to the Promoters.

**Sentence of Exclusion**

A sentence of exclusion may be pronounced by the Stewards of a Meeting, by the SLAS, or by the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS. It may be made retrospective in operation by a unanimous decision of the Council of the SLAS.

**11.12 Suspension**

An official or competitor shall be subject to suspension when for a certain period forbidden by proper authority to take part in or in connection with any motor sporting activity.

**11.13 Suspension by SLAS**

The SLAS or the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS may suspend a competitor from participating in any motor sporting activity of Member Clubs either permanently or for a stated term.

**11.14 Internal Suspension**

A promoter may suspend a competitor or official either permanently or for a stated period of time. Insofar as such suspension is applicable to that Club or promoter alone, such suspension shall be called an "Internal Suspension".

**11.15 General Suspension**

A suspension effected by a promoter in which it stipulates that such suspension should be recognised by Member Clubs of the SLAS and/or the SLAS shall be called a "General Suspension"

**11.16 The procedure following a General Suspension**

The President of the SLAS shall, on being notified of such "General Suspension" immediately request the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS to inquire into the matter in any manner they may consider suitable and to recommend to the Council of SLAS the course it shall follow. The recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee shall only be varied by a 2/3 majority of those present and voting at the Council meeting.

**11.17 Validity of General Suspension**

A General Suspension imposed by the promoter shall remain valid until it is heard and disposed of by the Council of the SLAS.

**11.18 Return of License following a General Suspension**

Where a sentence of General Suspension has been imposed, a competitor or driver shall immediately hand his license to the SLAS who shall return it to him when the term of General Suspension has expired. Immediately after ordering or confirming a sentence of General suspension, the SLAS shall inform the Secretary of the Member Clubs so that the sentence may be effective. Any delay in handing in a license shall automatically result in the extension of the suspension by a period equal to the delay.

**11.19 Notification of Suspension**

All suspensions whether Internal or General shall be notified by registered letter within seven (07) days of the effective date of such suspension to the Honorary Secretary of the SLAS. If such notification is not despatched within the stipulated period of seven days, such suspension shall immediately cease to be valid.

**11.20 Entry made by Suspended Competitor**

Suspension shall render void any entry made for a competition taking place during such suspension and any entry fee paid or payable shall be forfeited to the Promoters.

**11.21 Disqualification**

- a. A person, body, vehicle or make of vehicle shall be subject to disqualification when expressly forbidden by the proper authority to take part in or in connection with any competition whatsoever.
- b. Disqualification shall always have a General effect and shall be notified in the same manner as a sentence of General Suspension (Rule 10.19).
- c. Disqualification shall render void any previous entry made for any competition and any entry fee paid or payable shall be forfeited to the Promoters.

**11.22 Sentence of Disqualification**

- a. A sentence of disqualification may be pronounced only by the SLAS or the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS and shall be reserved for exceptionally grave offences.
- b. Where the sentence of disqualification relates to a competitor or driver he shall immediately return his license to the SLAS.

**11.23 Loss of Award**

Any competitor who may be excluded, suspended or disqualified in any competition shall thereby forfeit all right to award in that competition.

**11.24 Amendment of Placings and Awards**

In such cases as are provided in Rule 11.23 of these Rules the Stewards of the Meeting shall declare the resulting amendment to the placings and awards, and they shall decide whether the next competitor in order (after those placed) shall be advanced.

**11.25 Publication of Penalty**

- a. The SLAS shall have the right to publish or cause to be published a notice stating that it has penalised any person, body, vehicle or make of vehicle, and if so desires, the reasons therefor.
- b. The person, persons or body referred to in such notice shall have no right of action against the SLAS or against any person publishing or printing the notice and may incur disqualification if such action is taken.

**11.26 Remission of Sentence**

The SLAS shall have the right to remit the unexpired term of a sentence of suspension or disqualification inflicted under these Rules on such conditions (if any) as it may think fit. In the case of a suspension or disqualification imposed or confirmed on appeal by the Council of the SLAS, such right of remission shall be exercised only by the Council of the SLAS.

## **PART XII - PROTESTS**

### **12.01 Right to Protest**

The right to protest lies only with a competitor; nevertheless, an official acting in his official capacity may even in the absence of a protest take such official action as the case warrants.

A competitor wishing to protest against more than one fellow competitor must lodge as many protests as there are competitors involved in the action concerned.

Nothing in this Rule shall affect or prejudice the right and duty of any official, acting in his official capacity, to take such action as he may deem proper in any circumstances regardless of whether a protest has been lodged.

### **12.02 Inadmissible protest**

Protests against the decisions made by the Finish Line Judges, **Chief Timekeeper** and Judges of Fact in the exercise of their duties, as laid down in Rule 09.21, will not be admitted.

A single protest against more than one competitor will not be accepted.

A protest against another competitor must be made by one competitor. However, several such protests against the same competitor will be accepted, provided that they are lodged by different competitors.

### **12.03 Lodging a Protest**

Every protest shall be in writing signed by the competitor or driver making the protest and accompanied by the fee laid down in Appendix "R" to these Rules. Such fees, or any part thereof, shall only be returned if the protest shall be deemed well founded or if so directed by the Stewards of the Meeting, the SLAS, or the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS.

### **12.04 To whom Addressed**

A protest arising out of a competition shall be addressed to the Stewards of the Meeting and shall be handed over to the Clerk of the Course for transmission to the Stewards of the Meeting.

### **12.05 Time Limit for Protests**

- a. A protest as to the validity of entry, qualifications of competitor, driver or vehicle, or length of course shall be lodged at least one hour before the start of the competition, save when the conditions under which the protest shall be made with the minimum of delay, and at latest within half-an hour of the conclusion of the competition.
- b. A protest as to a handicap, make up of heat or instructions to Drivers shall be lodged at least one hour before the time laid

down for the start of the competition or such lesser time as the Stewards of the Meeting may think justifiable in order to make the lodging of the protest physically possible.

- c. A protest against the decision of a Scrutineer or Assistant Scrutineer shall be lodged immediately after such decision.
- d. A protest against any mistake or irregularity occurring while a competition is taking place shall be lodged within half an hour after the conclusion of the meeting, or within such further time as the Stewards of the Meeting may think justifiable in order to make the lodging of the protest physically possible.
- e. A protest concerning the results of a competition must be made within half an hour of their publication or within such further time as the Supplementary Regulations may allow or the Stewards of the Meeting may think justifiable in order to make the lodging of the protest physically possible.

#### **12.06 Hearing Of Protests**

The hearing of a protest shall take place as soon as practicable after the lodging of the protest. All parties concerned shall be given adequate notice by the adjudicators of the hearing of any protest.

They shall be entitled to call witnesses, but shall state their case personally (in the case of a company by an Officer of that company) unless prior consent has been granted by the adjudicators to representation by another person.

If a person lodging a protest or his representative fails to attend the hearing, judgement may go by default. Before giving judgement in default of appearance, the adjudicators must satisfy themselves that the party concerned is aware of the time, date and place of hearings or has been summoned to appear in accordance with Rule 11.05 of these Rules.

In the case of an equality of votes among the Stewards of the Meeting, the Steward or Senior Steward appointed by the SLAS shall have a casting vote. If no Steward has been nominated by the SLAS the Steward named first by the Promoters shall be regarded as the Senior Steward. If judgement cannot be given immediately after the hearing of the parties, they must be advised of the time and place at which the decision will be given.

#### **12.07 Dismantling and Measuring of vehicles**

- i. Where the Stewards deem it necessary to have a vehicle dismantled and measured, they shall have the power to impound a competing vehicle and have it dismantled and measured at a time and place to be decided upon by them.

They will nominate the Officials who are to be present during such procedure and to report to them the results of such procedure.

- ii. If the dismantling is in order to adjudicate upon a protest the additional protest fees as laid down in appendix "R" must be paid by the protestor before dismantling commences.
- iii. It is the duty of the competitor of such a vehicle to take his vehicle under the Stewards' supervision to such place as nominated by the Stewards and to provide the mechanics necessary to dismantle the vehicle under the supervision of the Officials as aforesaid. The competitor and one other nominated by him will be permitted to be present throughout the dismantling and measuring of the vehicle. The competitor will acknowledge (or dispute) the measurements made by so noting and signing the measurement sheet.
- iv. The Stewards shall notify the protestor of the time and place of dismantling and shall permit the protestor and one nominee to be present during the dismantling and measuring of the vehicle.
- v. A competitor failing to comply with any of the above requirements will be considered to be guilty of a serious breach of these regulations.

#### **12.08 Distribution of Prizes**

- a. The distribution of prizes shall not commence until half an hour has elapsed since the publication of the result of a competition.
- b. Where a protest is lodged the distribution of a prize must, if the entitlement to that prize may be affected by the decision of the adjudicators, be withheld until the protest has been adjudicated upon and either the result of any possible appeal arising out of such adjudication is known, or the time for appeal has expired without notice of appeal having been given. The list of awards in so far as it relates to such a prize must be declared to be provisional.

#### **12.09 Judgement**

All parties concerned shall be bound by the decision reached, subject to the conditions of appeal laid down in this Code but neither the stewards of the meeting nor the SLAS shall have the right to order that a competition be re-run.

#### **12.10 Ill-founded and Vexatious Protests**

- a. If a protest is adjudged not to be well founded, the whole or part of the protest fee may be forfeited.

- b. If it is proved to the satisfaction of the adjudicators that the author of the protest has acted in bad faith, he shall be deemed guilty of breach of these Rules and may be penalised accordingly.



## **PART XIII - APPEALS**

### **13.01 Right of Appeal**

- a. Any person (or body) shall have a right of appeal against a sentence or decision affecting him given by the Stewards of a Meeting under these Rules.
- b. An appeal from a decision of the Stewards of a Meeting shall be heard and judgement shall be given thereon by the SLAS, except in the case of a competition promoted by the SLAS itself. In the latter case, the appeal shall be heard and the judgement shall be given by the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS.

### **13.02 All appeals to the SLAS or to the Disciplinary Committee of the SLAS**

Shall be in writing specifying briefly the decision appealed against and the grounds of appeal, signed by the Appellant or his authorised agent, and shall state the address to which communications may be sent and shall be accompanied by the appropriate appeal fee as laid down in Appendix "R" to these Rules.

### **13.03 Hearing Of Appeal**

All parties concerned shall be given adequate notice of the hearing of any appeal and they shall be entitled to call witnesses. The hearing may proceed to judgement in default of appearances of any party or witness.

The parties concerned shall state their case personally (in the case of a Company, by an officer of the company) unless consent has been given by the Court to representation by advocates.

### **13.04 Judgement on Appeal**

The Court of appeal may decide that the penalty or other decision appealed against may be waived, mitigated, increased or a fresh penalty imposed but they shall not order any competition to be re-run.

### **13.05 Order as to Appeal Fee and Cost**

When giving judgement on appeal the Courts of Appeal shall make such order as to the return or forfeiture of appeal fees and as to cost as they may think fit.

### **13.06 Publication of Judgement**

The SLAS shall have the right to publish or cause to be published a judgement on appeal and state the names of all the parties interested. The persons or bodies referred to in such notice shall have no right of action against the SLAS or against any person printing or publishing the same notice.

**PART XIV - ADMINISTRATION OF RULES****14.01 Interpretation of Rules**

The Sri Lanka Association of Motor Sports shall through its Council decide any questions raised concerning the interpretation of these Rules.

**14.02 Alteration of Rules**

The Sri Lanka Association of Motor Sports, through its Council, reserves to itself the right at any time and from time to time to alter these National Sporting Code and periodically to revise any Appendices thereto.

**14.03 Date Of Operation**

These rules shall come into force and be operative from the First day of January, 2004.