

ANNEXTURES- APPENDIX C

New Licensing protocol W.E.F 20th Jan 2022

The new Licensing additions and amendments should be read in conjunction with Appendix C.

A) Relegating the Driver License Category

A competition license issued by SLAS (Sri Lanka Automobile Sports) can be relegated on following basis. However, ONLY relegation request from A category of License to B category will be allowed.

1. Relegation by request of the License Holder:

- a. A written request by the license holder, or in case of minor (Those drivers below the age of 18 years) by the guardian, should be submitted to the SLAS, stating clearly reasons for the request to relegate his/her license.
- b. ONLY those requests which is submitted within the 1st Three months of a Calendar year (On or before 31st March) of the same year in which license holder has obtained license, or request made, for relegation after participating in not more than one race meet in a calendar year, whichever comes first shall be entertained.
- c. Relegation of license will be allowed ONLY, if the driver feels it is Dangerous to compete in the racing events, in which driver's current license permits to compete, Or, any other personal reasons which the driver wish to disclose and explain to the SLAS.
- d. SLAS Licensing subcommittee to take up all relegation request at the immediate next subcommittee meeting and having approved it, will have to obtain the Approval of the council. SLAS will inform the driver in writing, the decision of the council.
- e. The Licensing subcommittee approval with a simple majority suffice.
- f. A fee of Rs10,000 to be charged from the driver before issuing the new relegated license.
- g. Once a driver is relegated he/she cannot apply for an upgrade for the next 2 Calendar Years

B) TSD Rally License.

A competitor can take part in a TSD rally, only when he/she obtains SLAS TSD license.

TSD Rally license shall be named "TSD RALLY LICENCE"

License for TSD rally will be issued at any time of the calendar year and as and when a competitor wishes to obtain such license. A license issued by SLAS for TSD Rally will be valid till end of a calendar year i.e., 31st December of a particular year. Only those who possess valid national driving license will be eligible to apply for a TSD rally driving license. There is no requirement for an exam for obtaining TSD Rally License.

A license fee of Rs.5000 to be charged for each license.

Those Rally drivers who possess International Rally driving License/ International Racing license and who are citizens of Sri Lanka, or otherwise will NOT need to obtain a separate TSD Rally license to compete in Sri Lanka.

C) Details Medical Test, and Method

Medical test is mandatory for to obtain or renewing a SLAS competition license. All the drivers who intent to Renew a SLAS license, and those who are in the age of 45 years or below, should undergo a medical examination once a year. And those who are above the age of 45 years, should undergo a mandatory medical test stipulated by the Ministry of sports. Those who apply for license for the first time, should undergo the mandatory medical test and provide medical certificate recommended by the Ministry of sports, irrespective of any age.

For the purpose of medical test, the driver can seek any Western Medical Doctor/hospital/Laboratory which he or she prefers.

Those who are 45 years and below, shall complete the **“Applicant’s Medical Declaration”** cage on the Application which also has a Doctor’s declaration area. This **“Applicant’s Medical Declaration”** will come as part of the License Application form. The doctor should certify that the driver is medically fit to take part in competitive motor racing. The **“Applicant’s Medical Declaration”** duly completed by the doctor shall be accepted as the medical certificate for this age category. However, blood tests recommended in the application form need to be verified by the doctor and should have his rubber stamp affixed.

For those who are above the age of 45 years, and wish to renew license, the applicant should complete the **Sports Ministry recommended medical Declaration** and should get certified by the medical practitioner.

SLAS License Application form shall have the Sports Ministry recommended medical Declaration form and World Anti-doping code international standard prohibited list 2022 annexed. The complete license Application form shall have the drivers photograph annexed and doctors Rubber stamp should be fixed across the photograph. Only those License Applications duly completed and stated above will the accepted as a Valid Complete Application.

Anti-Doping Compliance

Some drivers may well be taking a variety of different medications including treatment for blood pressure and other ailments. Most of these medicines are acceptable for licensing, however, there are some medicines which are listed as prohibited substances by the World Anti-Doping Code International Standard 2022. The drivers are required to place his/her signature on the **“compliance to Anti-Doping Prohibited List”** Cage on the Application. Any such medical drugs taken regularly which may fall in to the prohibited substance should be notified to the Ministry of Sports- Institute of Sports Medicine. At certain professional levels of motorsport drivers can continue to take prohibited substances, provided they have a valid reason. If a driver fails to declare any medicine the driver had been taking or commenced taking which falls in to any of the category listed in the annexure of the license application form and then later if the driver is discovered to be taking prohibited substance at a spot medical check done by the sports ministry. Such drivers will have to dealt with. However, SLAS will not undertake any

responsibility in this regard. The complete ownership of declaring if the driver needs exemptions from the prohibited substance, is with the driver. The driver can write to the Ministry of sports and ask for a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) from the Ministry of Sports- Institute of sports Medicine which makes it possible for the Driver to take the treatment while remaining in compliance with the anti-doping rules.

D) "C License" Category extensions and Validity

The current guideline set out for SLE License/ C license, requires that those license holders automatically upgrade to the next level which is B License category upon completing three years. However, due the Easter Bomb attack in 2019 and Covid-19 impeding or disrupting the race calendar the drivers did not get the opportunity to participate in race meets and get the Motor racing experience they should have had gained. Taking the current situation in to account following amendments are recommended

1. Those who obtained C license in the year 2018 or 2019 and if they have participated and completed 4 races during this period, such drivers will be offered the opportunity to upgrade their license to the next category which is B licenses.
2. However, those who may feel they do not have adequate experience can possess danger competing in the B License category, can appeal to SLAS, seeking permission, allowing them to remain in the same category for a period of further one year ONLY.
3. Those who obtained license in year of 2020 or 2021, will either complete the 3 years period or complete Minimum of 6 races by the end of 2024, will be offered the opportunity to upgrade to B License category.
4. It's also recommended that, all C licenses to state the Year in which the driver is currently is on the C license. This will be printed on the License itself so that it will be easy for the renewal and upgrades.