

## MEETING PROCEDURE

**SEGTO reserve the right to inspect any circuit at any time but will not be responsible for any safety infringements.**

### **Public to be made aware that MOTOR RACING CAN BE DANGEROUS**

#### **Flag Signals and Race Procedure.**

1. Drivers will be informed at drivers briefing if host club use any other flags.
2. **Green** flag or lights will be used to start racing under the direction of the Clerk of the Course.
3. **Red** flag or red lights displayed by marshal or course official means that all competitors must stop in a safe manner and remain stopped until directed to move by a course official.
4. **Yellow** Caution. This flag is used when an accident or unsafe condition exists on the track. No overtaking on waved or stationary yellow flag until after the incident.
5. **Blue** flag directed at a specific driver means that said driver is about to be lapped and they must hold their line.
6. **Black Cross** means that the offending driver may continue racing and will be docked at least one place and must report to the Clerk of the Course when race is finished.
7. **Black** flag accompanied by a number board directed at a specific driver indicates that said driver has been observed to have committed an offence, or have mechanical problems. The offending driver must pull off safely into the inner area of the course and report to the Clerk of the Course. If the same driver incurs the display of the black flag a second time during the meeting they will immediately retire from the race and may incur disciplinary action against them.
8. **Rolled Black** flag is a warning, you are being watched.
9. Any racecar with loose or missing panels will be shown the black flag.
10. Black flags will be totted up i.e.: drivers receiving two black flags (for misconduct) at SEGTO Championship rounds will receive a letter reminding them if they receive a third they will be banned from the next meeting.
11. **Black and White Chequered** Flag indicate the end of race.
12. The decision of the Clerk of the Course is final.
13. Trial by video will not be permitted.
14. Racing vehicles must finish heats and final under own engine power.
15. If a heat or final has to be stopped for any reason howsoever caused by a set of circumstances caused by driver or drivers then the said driver or drivers deemed to have been the cause of the stoppage will not be allowed to start the re-run or re-start, this is at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
16. If a heat or final has progressed over half its total distance when it is stopped for any reason, then the resulting order of cars at the time will be deemed to be the finishing order and the race will be completed.
17. All re-starts will be in grid order and run over full race distance later in the meeting, consisting only of the cars that were still running at the time the race was stopped, this is at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course.
18. If a race is stopped for any reason and is to be restarted, a competitor may not leave the track to carry out or affect repairs until the race has finished.
19. No outside assistance is permitted.
20. All penalties awarded to drivers i.e.: - black Cross, black flag, docking of places are to be recorded on lap sheets and signed by the clerk of the course on the day.
21. At the end of the race, competitors should not brake immediately after receiving the finishing flag but should continue round circuit until red flags are shown.

### **Number of Laps and Points.**

1. Drivers must register their intention to attend a SEGTO championship meeting with their club SEGTO representative by 18:00 on the Wednesday before the date of the meeting.
2. 5 attendance points will be awarded for each meeting a driver competes at.
3. Any driver that does not register their intention to attend a SEGTO championship meeting and subsequently attends the meeting will only be awarded 3 attendance points. They will also forfeit the 10 attendance points for the last round.
4. 10 attendance points will be awarded for the last round if the driver has registered for the meeting and has competed at all the previous meeting in the championship for that year.
5. The number of laps for a race is determined by host club, and must be shown at start of each race.
6. Points at SEGTO rounds are 10 down to 1.
7. Each group maintains its own championship.
8. Any driver who wishes to query any awarded points must contact the Competition Secretary with in 48hrs of the points being published.
9. At the last round of the championship, all drivers within 10 points of third place will start at the back of the grid for the final.
10. In under subscribed groups non-qualifiers can go off the back of grid, if placed in the first three they can take the trophy but will not receive the points.
11. Any group with less than 6 drivers signed on at a SEGTO championship round may be amalgamated after discussion with the host club and the SEGTO officials.

### **Lining up at SEGTO rounds.**

1. All drivers will line up as per the published grid sheets.
2. Any driver not in correct grid position may be penalized.
3. At the first round heats, all drivers will start in racing grade order as per the published grid sheet.
4. For the final of the first round the top three points scorers from the heats will start at the back of the grid. All other drivers will start in racing grade order as per the published grid sheet.
5. Each subsequent round the top three points scorers from the previous rounds will start at the back of the grid for the two heats. All other drivers will start in racing grade order as per the published grid sheet.
6. For the final the points are calculated again. The top three overall points scorers will start at the back of the grid. All other drivers will start in racing grade order as per the published grid sheet.
7. If grids are split any driver who finishes a race qualifies for the final, dependant on the host clubs maximum grid limit. The highest placed drivers on the day will have priority.

### **Grading.**

1. Copies of affiliated clubs/circuits racing grades are to be given to the Competition Secretary before each SEGTO round.
2. Clubs/circuits will operate a grading system for drivers, denoted by racing grade colours.
3. Racing grade colours will be White, Yellow, Blue and Red.
4. White is the lowest grade (for novice & new drivers), Red the highest.
5. Gold or Silver stripe denote club champions.
6. Drivers will be notified of their grade every month via the SEGTO website or the local member clubs website.
7. Gradings are arrived at with the top 22% scorers Red, the next 25% Blue, the next 30% Yellow.
8. Percentages are a rough guide only and discretion rests with club officials.
9. Drivers will also receive a grading according to their championship position.

10. Drivers must always start at their highest grade.
11. A driver may be upgraded more than one grade at a time, but can only drop one grade at a time.
12. If a driver misses more than three consecutive home club meetings they may be automatically graded as a red grade driver.
13. White grade drivers start at the front of the grid, Red at the rear.
14. If a driver is registered with more than one club then they must retain their highest racing grade.
15. Any driver found to be displaying the wrong racing grade colour will start at the back of the grid behind the red graded drivers.
16. The SEGTO committee reserves the right to re-grade any driver at a SEGTO event; this will be decided by host Clerk of the course, the Steward of the meeting and club rep after conferring. Driver/s must be informed before the start of the Finals.

### **Junior Driver at SEGTO rounds.**

1. No passengers are permitted at SEGTO rounds.
2. If a white racing graded junior driver wishes to race at a SEGTO round, then the said driver can be upgraded to a yellow racing graded. The driver's parent/guardian, the competition secretary of the driver's club or their own Club Rep and the SEGTO competition secretary must agree this upgrading before the start of racing on the day of the SEGTO round.
3. A Junior driver that proves exceptional for example (wins a Championship,) may at clubs discretion compete in Prod A if their 16th birthday falls during the season.
4. Once a Junior driver progress's to an adult group they cannot return to Juniors.
5. Red racing grade Junior drivers may move up to an adult group at 16yrs at their own clubs discretion.

### **Changing groups and racing grades.**

1. A driver changing from a Production Group to a Hotrod Group may drop a racing grade; if they go back to original group they must revert to their original grade.
2. A driver changing from a Hotrod group to a production group or changing from one production group to another production group the driver will keep the same grade.
3. A Junior moving to a production or hotrod group may drop one grade.
4. White grade is for novice & new drivers, once a driver is graded up from white roof, they can never return to white.

### **Number of Drivers per car.**

1. The number of drivers per car at a SEGTO championship rounds is one.
2. It is not permissible for one driver to enter the same vehicle in two classes at any SEGTO championship round, except if a driver races one car in two groups at home club, a driver may, at the discretion of the SEGTO committee, sign on in these two groups at their SEGTO round, and pay entrance fees for both groups.
3. Once a driver has raced at a particular meeting it is not possible to exchange, borrow or buy a car with or from another competitor for use at said meeting.
4. No production car will be permitted to race in a hot rod class. Cars may only be raced in a group one higher than that car i.e. Prod A to Prod B or Prod B To Mod C.

### **Driving and Racing Behaviour.**

1. Any driver adopting excessive aggressive tactics will be shown the black flag and immediately excluded from rest of the meeting and will forfeit their entry fee.
2. Deliberate blocking and baulking is not permitted and will be penalised.
3. Absolutely no contact allowed.
4. If a complaint is made about a competitor's driving on the day, a meeting will be held, either on the day or at the next Segto committee meeting for both parties concerned to put their points of view forward, parties concerned will be informed at the race meeting. An appeal can be made in writing to the SEGTO committee and must be received before the next SEGTO committee meeting.

### **Racing accidents.**

1. In the event of an accident only the course marshals and club officials are allowed on the circuit.
2. No co-drivers, mechanics, friends or family are allowed on the circuit, unless a course marshal or a club official gives permission.
3. SEGTO will accept no responsibility whatsoever for any damage caused to a racecar during the extrication of an injured driver.
4. All cars that roll will be subject to Re-Scrutineering.

### **Vehicle Eligibility.**

1. The Technical Chairman should guide on all things technical.
2. The Technical Chairman and two technical committee members will make the decision to strip or seal any engine and or any components.
3. SEGTO scrutineers reserve the right to strip or seal any engine and or any components as deemed necessary.
4. No compensation fee will be paid by SEGTO if the decision to strip or seal any engine and or any components are made by SEGTO alone.
5. Competitors with a racecar found to be non compliant with the rules and regulations for that said race car's group specification will be disqualified from the championship and all points forfeited, the driver will be reported to their home club concerned.

### **Vehicle Rejection.**

SEGTO reserves the right at all times to reject any car which in their considered opinion represents an attempt to defeat the regulations, even though it may comply with the letter of the regulations.

## **Protests.**

1. Any protests against vehicle eligibility must be made in writing, including vehicle race number and signed by the protesting competitor.
2. Protests should be submitted no later than 30 minutes after the end of the final race.
3. Protests should be submitted to the clerk of the course or stewards of the meeting accompanied by a £100.00 fee.
4. The officials may then order the protested vehicle, engine or other component to be examined immediately, or such parts may be sealed for examination at the discretion of the Technical Chairman.
5. In the case of strip-down at the end of season, the driver and or the vehicle must be available on the 2nd & 3rd Sundays of November at a venue to be decided.
6. If the driver of the car fails to make the car available for strip-downs within these periods then the car will be deemed to be illegal. Unless prior agreement has been made between the driver and the Technical Chairman.
7. SEGTO representatives from each club will be invited to all SEGTO strip downs.
8. Failure by SEGTO to strip a car during the period given by the SEGTO officials will mean that the car is deemed to be legal.
9. Seals must not be broken, except by a person designated to examine the parts in question.
10. It is the responsibility of the driver of the protested car, if not in agreement with immediate examination, to deliver at their own expense such parts as are the subject of protest to a place determined by SEGTO officials.
11. If subsequent findings proved the protest to be unfounded the SEGTO committee shall have the authority, unless there are special reasons to the contrary, to order the competitor who lodged the protest to pay reasonable costs of dismantling and re-assembly, transportation and scrutineers fees.
12. If a competitor refuses or otherwise fails to comply with any or all of the above regulations or judgements they will be given, by default, the penalties awarded.
13. Any items Scrutineers are not sure of should be discussed with the Chief Scrutineer.
14. All drivers have the right to appeal to SEGTO.
15. A driver who is found to have an illegal car will be suspended at the discretion of the SEGTO technical committee.
16. All SEGTO clubs will implement all local member club disciplinary action if it is brought to the attention of the SEGTO committee, and the SEGTO committee agree with the disciplinary action.
17. The driver of any racecar that is found to be non compliant with the rules and regulations for that said racecar's group specification will forfeit all points awarded for the season for both club and SEGTO championships.

### **Race Licences and Indemnity Forms.**

1. All SEGTO affiliated clubs/race circuits will issue each driver with a racing licence.
2. A racing licence will only be valid for the year of issue, from 1<sup>st</sup> of January to 31<sup>st</sup> December.
3. The issued race licences should be signed by the driver and have a photograph of the driver attached.
4. An indemnity form must be signed by all competing drivers at each and every race meeting before the racing starts.
5. The indemnity form must be signed using the driver's correct name; a nôm de plume is not legal and will not be accepted.
6. Drivers under the age of 18 years of age must have their indemnity form countersigned by a parent or guardian.
7. All drivers must be in possession of a current SEGTO racing licence if they wish to be awarded points in any competition organised by SEGTO.
8. Visiting or day licence drivers are welcome at SEGTO championship meetings.
9. Visiting or day licence drivers at SEGTO championship meetings will start all races at the back of the grid.
10. Visiting or day licence drivers at SEGTO championship meetings will be awarded points for their finishing positions for the day, these points will not be included for the end of year SEGTO championship.
11. Visiting or day licence drivers who subsequently join a SEGTO club on or before there 3<sup>rd</sup> attended meeting, the points accrued from the previous meetings will then be included for the end of year SEGTO championship.
12. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action against the offenders.

### **Speed limit.**

1. A speed limit of 5 mph is imposed in all parts of the racing venue that are not designated as solely for racing. This will include the pits, dummy grid and any parking areas etc.
2. This speed limit applies to all vehicles whether racing or not.
3. Racecars may not be tried out in the pits.
4. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action against the offenders.
5. Offenders may forfeit their entry fee.
6. No warning will be given.

### **Scrutineering and Signing on.**

1. All Racecars must be scrutineered to ensure they comply with all SEGTO rules.
2. Upon arrival competitors should proceed to the pits, unload race vehicles and then proceed to park their trailers as directed by the Paddock Marshal.
3. All Racecars should be parked where directed.
4. All loose equipment should be removed from the racecar before scrutineering.
5. The driver should make certain the vehicle is ready for racing and proceed to the scrutineering bay taking with them their crash helmet, visor or goggles, overalls, gloves, fire extinguisher and neck brace, since these will be inspected.
6. Racecars and equipment will be inspected for general safety and conformity with these regulations.
7. Provided the vehicle is considered satisfactory by the scrutineer, the driver will be handed a signed scrutineers sheet that will be needed when signing on.
8. All drivers will have to pay any outstanding fees before receiving permission to race.
9. At all events drivers must produce their SEGTO racing licence at scrutineering, this will also be needed at signing on.
10. All Racecars must be returned to the pits to wait for racing to commence.
11. One support vehicle per racecar is permitted in the pits.
12. All other vehicles must be parked in the spectator's enclosure. There will be no exceptions to this rule.
13. Scrutineering will commence at the time stated on the entry form.
14. All drivers must attend drivers briefing.

### **Litter.**

Most racing venues do not belong to the clubs, and failure to keep venues free from litter may result in their loss to the clubs. Glass, metal and plastic can be LETHAL to animals and MUST not be left lying around. Litterbags are provided for those too lazy to take their litter home with them.

### **Practising.**

1. No driver will be permitted to practice at any venue without explicit permission from the club officials concerned.
2. Practice time may be available at the discretion of the officials of the venue on a race day.
3. Landowners must not be approached.
4. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action against the offenders.

### **Tow trucks.**

Tow trucks and breakdown vehicles will only enter the circuit at the direction of the Clerk of the Course. No matter what the circumstances, they must stay behind the safety barrier until authorised to proceed.

## **Race Control**

Race Control is out of bounds to all except Segto officials while racing is in progress. If a complaint needs to be lodged it must be through a SEGTO official.

## **Insurance**

1. All clubs/race circuits must have public Liability Insurance.
2. It is advisable that drivers have their own personal accident insurance.
3. SEGTO accept no responsibility of any incident or accident how so ever caused.

## **Marshals**

1. All track marshals must be adequately trained.
2. Each circuit must have a minimum of 4 marshals' posts with flags and fire fighting equipment.

## **First Aid**

Ambulance and first aid staff must be in attendance for the duration of the meeting.

## **Risk and COSHH**

All clubs/race circuits must have a risk assessment policy & COSHH file schedule in place.