

CVAR Policy Guidelines for Illegal/ Non-Conforming Cars

Purpose:

The intent is to protect the integrity and health of our current race groups. Current CVAR rules state that illegal cars are not permitted to race. Stable rules within class are the bedrock of fair racing. CVAR is a Period racing club, our rules have long been established. They have proven to be effective and have been the basis our national reputation for Authenticity. The following is taken from our website:

1. **Cost containment:** If CVAR allowed some cars to run with illegal equipment, it would encourage others with proper cars to install expensive, illegal and often unreliable parts in order to have someone to race with. By freezing specifications at 1972, there can be no “trick parts” that crop up every year.
2. **Rules standardization:** By accepting standards that are in line with other VMC (Vintage Motorsports Council) groups, our members can run with other clubs across the country without having to re-engineer their cars. Also, members of other clubs will be encouraged to run Corinthian events.
3. **VMC compliance:** All VMC groups are working toward uniform tire and preparation standards. As a member of the VMC, CVAR will support those actions.

The following guidelines are intended to offer an alternate pathway for cars to have limited participation in CVAR without jeopardizing current core racing of CVAR. The purpose is to expose them to the CVAR spirit and the period we celebrate.

These matters will be determined from discussion by the Authenticity Chair, the Chief Steward, the Safety Chair and Chief of Tech. In each case, the group rep or reps that are responsible for the areas that these policies might effect will also be part of the decision making process.

ALL DECISIONS ARE AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THIS GROUP.

BASIS OF ALL REQUESTS MUST BE JUDGED TO NOT BRIDGE THE TECHNOLOGY WALL.

SOME CARS MAY HAVE MODIFICATIONS THAT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.

Cars Considered for limited participation will include but not be limited to the following:

1. Declared non-conforming cars
2. Legal Cars that have Illegal modifications giving an unfair gross performance advantage.
3. Cars that did not exist in 1972 but are of similar technology

1. Declared Non-Conforming Cars

Cars which fall within the current list of cars that CVAR allows (1972 or legal backdate) that have modifications beyond our rules that give a performance advantage.

- EVERY AVENUE TO RETURN THE CAR TO CVAR LEGAL STATUS SHOULD BE REVIEWED. Focus should be on gross performance advantage only. If the modification is not a gross performance advantage, it may be allowed or given a reasonable period of time (one race season) to correct. Other remedies such as adding weight may also be considered. During this correction time dealing with the advantage will be monitored and adjusted as needed.
- No permanent CVAR logbook will be given to Non- Conforming cars unless included in a current race group.
- If the car cannot or the owner is not willing to move in the direction of making the car attain legal status with in the current groups as described above, the car may be allowed limited participation during the race with the following restrictions.
 - Non-Conforming cars will be placed in the run group determined by the Chief Steward and Authenticity Chair.
 - Non- Conforming cars will be staged at the back of the Grid and held on Grid until the entire race group takes the Green flag and Race Control has determined it is safe to enter behind the entire race group.
 - Timing and scoring will place the Non-Conforming cars at the bottom of the time sheets with no time and listed as NC (Non-Conforming) or whatever designation is available and appropriate.
 - The next race, the Non-Conforming cars will follow the same procedure as above regardless of the position attained during the preceding race.
 - No Championship points will be awarded to Non- Conforming cars

2. Legal Cars with Illegal Modifications

A. Declared Illegal modifications.

Owner /Driver will declare the modification on the annual Tech Declaration Form. Driver will consult the Authenticity Chair to create an Action plan to correct the gross performance advantage. Reasonable time will be given to correct the infractions (usually one season). Non-Conforming Car procedure for race inclusion may be applied for gross performance advantage.

B. Undeclared Illegal Modifications

These are cars that have modifications that were not declared and discovered by Tech, Authenticity or a fellow competitor. This infraction is in direct conflict with the Corinthian spirit. CVAR has rules in place on this subject. In addition to the remedies offered to the Non-Conforming cars the following may be applied at the discretion of the Authenticity Chair:

- No points will be awarded for the season championship
- Probation or season ban.

3. Cars that did not exist in 1972

Some cars have similar very technology and may be considered for inclusion based on the procedures above. The committee can authorize these cars to race with us with the standards listed above. These cars can be considered for permanent inclusion on an individual basis if the performance and modifications can be addressed with remedies above.

Result

1. Historic and Fair Racing

Many members of CVAR enjoy the competition, some claim to just race for the fun of it and don't care about points and trophies. It is often the latter whose car is out of compliance with current rules and they can often impact another driver's race or season that does care about such things. By addressing the Non-Conforming cars we maintain the historic and fair racing period we honor. Allowing limited participation is an attempt to persuade the driver to move to a legal car status.

2. Owner/Driver Choice

This policy is intended to drive participants to prepare their cars legally. This matches the vast majority of current CVAR cars and promotes stability with our current race groups. This will be the owner/drivers choice as this inclusion still provides a pathway to be involved in racing wheel to wheel. If we adopt the above guidelines we could include many "visitor" cars without unsettling the fair racing balance.

This could lead to more participation by not dismissing cars we current don't accommodate. This does not throw the door open to modern cars but if the number of these car types grows they could create their own classes and be included in the appropriate CVAR run group.