HOT SHOTS (Four Cylinder Front-Wheel Drive Cars)

2026 TECHNICAL RULEBOOK

*****ALL 2025 RULES WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THE 2026 SEASON*****

The rulebook follows SCDRA Rules.

GENERAL CLASS RULES:

1. Must be a commercially produced FWD 4-cylinder car from a known auto manufacturer.
2. No turbo charged, super charged, or rotary engines allowed.
3. No all-wheel drive cars or all wheel steer cars.
4. Engine must be outwardly stock appearing. There is no engine teardown or protest.
5. Engine must match brand of car (ex. Honda must have Honda engine). Engine swaps are allowed.
6. Mirrors are NOT allowed.
7. No two-way radios of any kind allowed

IGNITION, FUEL, EXHAUST - MUFFLERS ARE REQUIRED AT SENOIA RACEWAY

1. Must have muffler.
2. Any air or oil filters (K&N, etc.). Air intake filters must be closed on the end
3. Intake must be a stock intake. Porting and polishing are allowed. No Skunk 2, etc
4. Any racing fuel or pump gas allowed
5. No Nitrous oxide or nitro methane mixing allowed (VP C85 is allowed)
6. Stock-type fuel injection or stock manufactured carburetor only (Motorcraft, etc...). ONE 0.800" maximum throttle body spacer may be used. Stock-type aftermarket and OEM throttle bodies are allowed. No Holley, Weber or other racing carburetors allowed. Carbureted cars must be stock for engine.
7. No cold air intakes for fuel injections – must be stock type breather system. A flexible rubber or plastic hose may be used in place of the stock air box tube. No smooth metal or smooth plastic tubing allowed. A cone type filter is allowed and may be connected directly to throttle body or the allowed tubes.
8. Aftermarket radiators allowed – can be braced for support
9. Aftermarket (racing) header is allowed.
10. Computer may be chipped and/or tuned. A standalone ECU and aftermarket harness are allowed. Ignition coils must remain OEM however the coil-on-plug kits are allowed.
11. Racing fuel cells are highly recommended. An approved racing fuel cell must be

commercially produced with a plastic or rubber bladder as well as an outer metal enclosure. Cell should be mounted properly as per manufacturers recommendations and it should have a rollover valve or ball.

12. The fuel rail may be aftermarket in the interest of safety. No exotic or high-capacity rails - subject to the discretion of the tech inspector. A fuel pressure regulator and/or gauge are allowed.
13. Exhaust which runs through the cockpit should be fully shielded from driver with metal
14. Exhaust pipes must not extend out of any body surface more than 1" and pipe must be blunt and free of sharp edges.

BODY, ROLL CAGE, AND SAFETY:

SENOIA SAFETY RULES IN GENERAL RULES ALSO APPLY

1. RACING helmet with Snell SA 2010 or FIA 8860-2010 certification or newer is required (no motorcycle or DOTs helmets)
2. Minimum single-layer fire suit required (SA 3.2A specification recommended)
3. Fire proof gloves are mandatory (SFI 3.3 specification recommended).
4. A 4 or 5-point harness, properly mounted per manufacturers' specifications, is required. Harness certifications are good for 4 years from date of SFI certification or until marked expiration. Any worn, abraded or torn belts shall be replaced. Harnesses should be mounted to roll cage at all attachment points.
5. Racing shoes (SFI Spec 3.3) are REQUIRED to be worn during competition or on the racing surface
6. Raceceivers are mandatory.
7. All cars must be equipped with a fully charged 5 lb minimum fire extinguisher that is in good working condition. The extinguisher must be mounted within easy reach of the driver.
8. All cars must be equipped with a cut-off switch.
9. Only commercially produced racing-type seats which are properly mounted per manufacturers' specifications are allowed. A full containment seat is strongly recommended. Cars equipped with full containment seats will receive a 50 lbs. weight break.
10. A head and neck restraint system (SFI 16.1 compliant) is strongly recommended. Drivers using a head and neck restraint will receive a 50 lbs. weight reduction.
    - Head and Neck Restraint certifications are good for 5 years from date of SFI certification
11. Full size window nets are MANDATORY – no sprint style nets
12. Fuel cells must have both a vertical and horizontal fire wall to separate from driver compartment. Fuel cells are recommended to be placed to the rear of the driver compartment.
13. Fuel lines which run through the cockpit should be fully shielded with a firewall or within metal conduit.
14. All glass and ancillary and unneeded plastic should be removed
15. Interiors should be free of debris and sharp edges
16. Batteries must be securely attached inside engine compartment or may be relocated inside a securely mounted box. Must use positive fasteners and hardware – NO BUNGIE CORDS or RATCHET STRAPS. Wet cell batteries that are inside the driver compartment MUST be covered with a non-conductive cover (plastic or rubber).

17. Door intrusion plate on driver's side door bars strongly recommended (will become mandatory in 2026)
18. Must have a fully-welded, quality built MINIMUM 4-point roll cage inside the car with minimum of 0.95" thick tubing. Tech has final say in safety of the cage.
19. Minimum 3 driver door bars / 2 side door bars – 6 or more-point cages okay
20. Minimum of 3 vertical windshield or "trash" bars in front of driver.
21. No part of the driver's helmet may extend above the lower level of the roll cage halo
22. Roll cage may extend forward behind bumpers. Bumpers must be covered with minimum of 8" width plastic or factory / aftermarket rear bumper cover with no exposed sharp corners. Coverage is at officials' discretion.
23. Frame-like tubing only allowed for REPAIRS in front of front strut towers and behind rear strut towers. No other frame-like tubing may be added to chassis.
24. Aftermarket asphalt style or Five Star's Compact nose pieces allowed. Any nose piece used must be conformed to fit at reasonable and near-factory dimensions. Overly wide nosepieces will have to be trimmed as per officials' discretion.
25. No push bars to extend outside of bumpers or beyond nose piece
26. All bumpers (stock or tubing) must be covered and no sharp edges may be exposed
27. No rub rails allowed on sides of body
28. Sunroofs must be closed / covered with sheet metal
29. No holes are allowed in the hood or front fenders and hood should cover entire engine compartment
30. Holes in firewall and floor should be covered in order to seal off driver from hot fluids or parts
31. Floor pans and/or firewalls should remain intact between the front strut towers and rear strut towers. Firewalls and floor pans may be patched with plate STEEL for REPAIRS or for fuel cell placement ONLY.
32. Gutting of body above the floor pan is allowed however car should maintain reasonable appearance of stock car.
33. Driver and front passenger door window openings along with rear and front window openings must remain open and uncovered. Front windshield visors no more than 12" are allowed. Rear door and/or small rear side windows can be closed or covered.
34. No fins, wings, gurney flaps or lips are allowed anywhere on body. Properly constructed and mounted rear mount spoilers that run from side to side are allowed within reason.
35. Sheet metal decking should remain flush with doors and stock body lines and should not create any lips or airfoils. There must be 2 inspection doors on decking. 1 at front and 1 at the back.
36. Sheet metal roofs CANNOT be flat and should be made to closely resemble the factory roof lines and angle. Roof pillars must also closely resemble the factory shape and lines.
37. Some sheet metal will be allowed. The spirit of this rule is to keep cars remaining as close to stock appearing as possible. Approximately no more than 1/3 of the original

body can be sheet metal – this does not include decking and/or interior. See diagram below. You can mix and match to achieve this 1/3. Additional sheet metal not as specified may result in a 100 lbs. weight penalty which increases by 100 lbs. at each event until corrected.

TIRES, WHEELS, BRAKES:

1. Aftermarket racing wheels allowed – 7 inch maximum. NO BEAD LOCKS- see below - maintain proper air pressures
    a. **BEADLOCKS ALLOWED FOR LOCAL RACES, NOT SCDRA**
2. Street legal DOT tires required. No competition tires, drag radials, mud grip lug tires, racing tires or racing recapped tires allowed. Directional tires are allowed.
3. Tire inner tubes are allowed
4. Tires can be mixed and matched for stagger on all 4 corners
5. Stock-type master cylinders required. No bias adjusters or shut-off valves.
6. Brakes must remain stock-type and operational 4-wheel brakes. Aftermarket pads and rotors are allowed.

WEIGHT:

1. All cars must weigh a minimum of 2,200 pounds with car and driver after the race.
    - 50 lb. weight break for HANS or like device
    - 50 lb. weight break for full containment seat

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