



# Holley LS Fest Road Course Challenge Basic Event Rules

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## Section 1

# General Rules

These rules are intended to encourage the spirit of a safe and fun event. The USCA understands that not everyone will like the rules or play nicely with others, therefore we have rule #26. If the rules do not specifically say participants CAN do something, participants probably CANNOT do it. If you are unclear on the interpretation of a rule, please ask your competition director for clarification.

1. All vehicles entered into GRM Road Course Challenge events must be domestic or import, four-wheeled vehicles that are licensed, registered, insured for regular street use, or vehicles built specifically for competition (race cars). No open wheeled vehicles will be permitted. USCA officials will make the final determination of eligibility.
2. Gasoline and E-85 are the only fuel/power sources to be used in vehicles entered in USCA LS Fest events. Nitrous oxide or octane boosters are allowed, however, alcohol and nitro methane are strictly prohibited. USCA officials must approve any alternative fuel source before entry.
3. Vehicles may be entered into one (1) of three (3) entry classes:
  - a. **Stock** – full interior, stock drivetrain, stock brakes, stock suspension – 200 treadwear non-competition DOT tires, registered for the street and insured
  - b. **Street prepared** – full interior, modifications to drivetrain, brakes or suspension – 200 treadwear non-competition DOT tires, registered for the street and insured
  - c. **Full Race** – non-registered, heavily modified, R compound tires and slicks allowed
4. All stock and street prepared vehicles must have current license, registration and proof of insurance.
5. All entrants/drivers must have a valid, government issued drivers license and must be at least 18 years of age.

The USCA reserves the right to place certain drivers or vehicles into an “exhibition class”. Exhibition class participants do not qualify for any points and/or awards for any segment of the event or the overall win. The exhibition class is intended to allow prearranged special guests, celebrities or key sponsors the ability to bring out cars or drivers that may promote the series. These drivers or cars must meet or exceed all safety specifications but may or may not meet all of the criteria that define the eligibility for the classes.

6. **Tire rule** - Participants in the stock and street modified classes must use **DOT approved**, non-competition, treaded (non-grooved) street tires (no competition radials, no R compound, drag radials or shaved tread) with a treadwear rating of 200 or higher.

Tires will be required to pass a technical inspection. The spirit of the event requires the use of a DOT approved “non-competition” tire – any modifications or chemical treatments to tires will be unacceptable. Any vehicle with tires showing any evidence of modification will be immediately disqualified from the event. Safety is of the utmost importance and USCA officials will not hesitate to disqualify questionable tire selections. Tires cannot show any signs of abuse, checking or obvious signs of age or neglect. **Tires must have a minimum of 2/32” tread depth at the start of the event and must not show excessive wear. The Kumho V720 ACR tire is not eligible for competition at any LSFest event. Please plan accordingly.**

7. All vehicles must run a complete exhaust system with mufflers. Electronic cutouts are allowed. NCM MSP has a sound limit of 103dB at 50 feet. Vehicles violating the 103 dB limit will be given one opportunity to correct the issue. Vehicles violating the sound limit twice will be removed from the event.
8. Each vehicle is required to display the official GRM and LS Fest sponsor event decal package per specifications for the duration of the event. Windshield banners must be placed across the top of the windshield glass and no other banners may be above it – it must be the most prominent brand on the windshield. Event decal placement is not negotiable – this is Holley’s show.
9. Multiple drivers of entered vehicles is allowed with the separate purchase of a full entry. Only one (1) car number may be displayed on any car on track
10. Each participant is responsible for any and all cleanup and/or damages, including legal fees, caused by themselves or their vehicle during any and all portions of the event.
11. Everyone entering the event venue must sign a liability waiver.
12. Registered participants may ride with other registered participants. Riders must meet the safety equipment requirements of the driver (helmet) and the passenger seat must have the same or better safety equipment as the driver seat. Crew or other spectators may not be passengers.
13. Participating cars must pass a technical inspection that will emphasize safety.
14. All convertibles or any open top vehicle must have proper rollover protection – **no exceptions**. The top of the roll hoop must be higher than the driver’s helmet while seated properly in the car. Questions – [mikem@driveusca.com](mailto:mikem@driveusca.com)
15. Helmet use is required during all segments of the event. **Helmets must have a SNELL rating of SA2015 or SA2020. Motorcycle or DOT helmets are not allowed under any circumstances.**
16. Non-synthetic clothing (cotton, wool, leather, etc.) covering the torso, arms and legs shall be required (no shorts or short sleeves) during the event. No open toe shoes or sandals/flip flops allowed. **PLEASE SEE ROAD COURSE RULES SECTION 2 FOR SPECIFIC ROAD COURSE SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.**
17. Seatbelts or safety harnesses must be installed correctly and worn properly during the event. A minimum 3-point factory installed seat belt is required for all vehicles. **Five point harnesses are mandatory for the Expert run group on the road course segment and highly recommended for all run groups.** Lap only belts will not be acceptable. **All harnesses but be within legal date per the manufacturer.**
18. **Any vehicle that spins, loops or leaves the track surface (2 or 4 wheels off) for any reason will be black flagged and required to report directly to the USCA event**

**steward as soon as safely possible. Multiple black flags issued to a participant will result in immediate dismissal from the event.**

19. Participants that drive unsafely or exhibit unsafe behavior during any segment of the event will be immediately disqualified and removed from the event.
20. Families are encouraged in the paddock and spectator areas, however children under 16 years old and pets are not allowed in the hot pits, staging area or starting grid, pit road, or the start/finish line of any segment of the event.
21. Smoking is prohibited in the hot pits of any segment of the event or within 75' of any fueling area or fuel cans.
22. A 10 lb. or larger class B fire extinguisher must be readily accessible during any refueling of vehicles.
23. **Protest** - any participant may file a rules protest against any other participant by submitting a written inquiry directly and in-person to the USCA event official, along with a \$100 protest fee. Protests may only happen during the actual event wherein the car or driver in question is participating. USCA officials will immediately review the request and make a determination on the inquiry. If a participant is deemed to be in violation of the rules, they will be immediately placed in the exhibition class and the protest fee will be returned to the protester. If the inquiry is found to be within the confines of the rules, the protest fees will not be returned and both participants will be returned the event. Protests must be filed during the event and at least 30 minutes before the scheduled awards ceremony.
24. **Tiebreaker** - In the event of a tie for the overall event finish, the default tiebreaker is the fastest lap time.
25. Timing inquiries must be brought to the attention of the scoring officials before the event is ended. We typically record several hundred competitive laps per event, and although very unlikely, errors are possible. Do not wait until tonight or tomorrow or next week to bring it to our attention. Once the awards ceremony starts, the results are final and official.
26. USCA officials, event director and USCA event management staff will have COMPLETE discretion to deny or remove from the event anyone in the event for any reason. Rules interpretation will be at the sole discretion of the USCA event director, steering committee or event organizers, and all decisions are final.

We strongly suggest that you support Holley and the LS Fest sponsors and take every opportunity to show your passion and enthusiasm for the products you use. Holley and their LS Fest sponsors make these events possible - pay them back by promoting their products. You and/or your car may be photographed by various magazines or filmed for TV - the entire industry needs your support so please do your part.



## Section 2

### Road Course

The road course segment will be a time trial format with three run groups running multiple sessions on the designated road course. Run groups will be designated prior to segment start based on driving experience, comfort level and abilities as determined by both the participant and USCA officials. USCA officials reserve the right to move participants to a different run group based on the input of track spotters, participant feedback, and USCA official's observations. Should you believe your driving skills do not match the USCA designation, bring documentation to make your case. Verbal attempts at proving your driving skills will not be considered and any attempts to do so may result in the invocation of rule #26. Run group designation is at the sole discretion of USCA officials and the event director.

Run groups will be designated as follows:

- **Run group - Expert** – Guidelines - have attended and graduated an advanced course at an accredited driving school, 10-12 track days per year, familiar with competitive track flags, etiquette, rules and “racing line”, may have a sanctioned competitive license, and/or competed in wheel-to-wheel racing events.
  - Passing will be allowed in designated areas – specific event/track rules will apply and be communicated during event specific drivers meeting
  - Safety Equipment **required** for Run Group Expert
    - Helmet – SA2015 or SA2020
    - Neck restraint – Hans style, or SFI certified neck collar
    - Properly mounted 5 point harness or better. In date.
    - SFI 3.2A/1 rated single layer fire suit or better
    - Nomex fire retardant gloves
    - Full coverage leather shoes
  
- **Run group - Intermediate** – Guidelines - may have recently attended or graduated a basic course at an accredited driving school, 3-4 track days per year, familiar with basic track flags, etiquette, rules and “racing line”, multiple sessions with certified performance driving instructor.
  - Passing *may be* allowed via point-by only on designated portions of track – specific event/track rules will apply and be communicated during event specific drivers meeting
  - Safety Equipment **required** for Run Group Intermediate
    - Helmet – SA2015 or SA2020
    - Neck restraint – Hans style, or SFI certified neck collar
    - Minimum - factory or better 3 point safety belts

- SFI 3.2A/1 rated single layer fire suit or better
  - Nomex fire retardant gloves
  - Full coverage leather shoes
- **Run group - Novice** – Guidelines - minimal performance driving instruction, less than 3 track days annually, driving only for fun & education, desires more instruction to be able to understand and enjoy performance driving
    - Passing *may be* allowed via point-by only on designated portions of track – specific event/track rules will apply and be communicated during event specific drivers meeting.
    - This is a non-competitive run group with limited and monitored speed.
    - Safety Equipment **required** for Run Group Novice
      - Helmet – SA2015 or SA2020
      - Neck restraint – Hans style, or SFI certified neck collar
      - Minimum - factory or better 3 point safety belts
      - Cotton or fire retardant long sleeves
      - Cotton or fire retardant long pants
      - Fire retardant or leather gloves
      - Full coverage leather shoes
1. USCA officials may, at their discretion, alter or change the road course configuration for safety, excessive speed, and to run the segment in the time allotted. All participants in all run groups will run the same course configuration.
  2. **Any vehicle that spins, loops or leaves the track surface (2 or 4 wheels off) for any reason will be black flagged and required to report directly to the USCA event steward as soon as safely possible. Multiple black flags issued to a participant will result in immediate dismissal from the event.**
  3. A participant's official score for the event will be the lowest timed lap of the segment.
  4. The participant with the lowest timed lap in their respective class will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie within a class, considering the second fastest lap of each tied participant for each session, and so on until the tie is broken will break the tie.

**Awards will be presented for:**

- a. **GRM Editors Choice**
  - b. **Best Engineered**
  - c. **Most Improved**
  - d. **Fastest Stock Class (plaque and \$500 Holley family product gift certificate)**
  - e. **Fastest Street Prepared Class (plaque and \$500 Holley family product gift certificate)**
  - f. **Fastest Full Race Class (plaque and \$500 Holley family product gift certificate)**
5. Swerving, burnout, dry hops, etc. to warm tires is strictly prohibited on pit lane.

6. Contact with any marker (cone, barrel, etc.) designating a speed monitoring or limiting element such as a chicane or bus-stop, may result in the loss of your fastest recorded lap time of the day