

# NEHA 2023 Rule Changes

Disclaimer: This is just intended to be a quick summary of the changes. See the rules for the actual changes.

## General Regulation Changes

- We formalized with a new rule how the members of the technical and classification committee are chosen. We also formalized the tech inspector and chairperson being able to act as committee members at events if all three committee members are not available.
- Drivers will be told if timing is standing from a countdown or from a beam break. The intention is to do this at the driver's meeting.
- We clarified that the chair can enforce alternate penalties for people to do not adhere to the rules and it is not an automatic disqualification.
- We clarified that ultimately drivers are responsible for disposing of any haz-mat spills from their cars or pit equipment.
- We removed wording saying we would post a worker with a radio at any spot where people are spotted getting on the road. In practice we can't always meet this obligation so we felt it was best removed.
- We clarified that cars and equipment must be presented to tech as they will be used. Including any alternate wheels or tires.

## Classification Changes

- Street Prepared cars can no longer have plastic side or rear windows. Previously this was allowed with 30 lbs. of compensating weight added to the car.

## Technical and Safety Changes

- For cases where SFI or FIA clothing is not required we clarified that natural fibers are preferred.
- For cases where SFI or FIA clothing is not required we clarified that we want full clothing with long sleeves and pants with minimal exposed skin.
- For the portable fire extinguisher that is required for all vehicles. Halon or Halon substitutes are no longer allowed. Halon and substitutes are missing the A in ABC. We need the A part if the car sets the forest on fire.
- The portable fire extinguisher must have a gauge.
- The portable fire extinguisher must have an inspection sticker no older than 3 years.
- The harness rule was cleaned up a bit to make it clear that SFI belts now are marked with expiration dates and a few other things that tech is enforcing. In practice nothing has changed this was just cleaning up the rule to match what is actually happening.
- We spelled out that for a safety harness (belts) which standards are acceptable. For SFI 16.1 or 16.5 is acceptable and for FIA 8853/2016 or 8853/98 is acceptable.
- The header now has a sentence that says all personal safety equipment must have proper SFI or FIA markings, be in good condition and be properly installed. Similar text in 1.BB.4 was removed.
- Starting in the 2024 season all vehicles must have a logbook. Vehicles that do not currently have a logbook will be issued one in the 2023 season.
- V type shoulder harnesses are now specifically excluded.
- The breakout time for the Ascutney short course (used in 2019) is now included in case we ever use it again. We also gave better descriptions of the three Ascutney courses and formatted the breakout times in general to make them easier to read.