

NEHA 2020 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

- A driver only needs to enter 3 events to qualify for year end points. Note: This does not change the number of events that can be dropped or the maximum number of events used to calculate points. It just means a driver will appear on the year end results if they enter at least 3 events.
- All drivers are responsible at the event to ensure their class and other information is correct. Drivers must notify the event organizers or the NEHA Points Keeper with result errors within 14 days of results being posted on Hillclimb.org. Kevin Gale is the current points keeper.

Classification Changes

- A new Bracket "B" class has been added. Cars in Bracket are subject to a bracket time which is 5 seconds more than the breakout time for the course. This allows all cars subject to the breakout rules a separate class they can compete in at events and for year end points. Breakout cars (or any car legal for another NEHA class) can change to the Bracket class. Bracket class entrants that get a time that is less than the bracket time will have that time changed to a No Time (NT) in the results.

Technical and Safety Changes

- New head and neck restraint rule. This was passed in 2018 but comes into effect this year: SFI tag must be no older than 5 years. FIA tag does not expire at this time, but the tether strap must be no older than 5 years.
- Rule change for next season: Snell SA2015 or newer (Rule to take effect January 1, 2021)
- Car numbers can no longer have leading zeros. Car numbers can no longer contain letters. Numbers must be 3 digits or less. Cars subject to the breakout rule need to display an X after the number to allow timing and scoring to track breakouts. Cars in Rally classes need to display an R after the number to make workers be aware there is a co-driver in the car.
- Checks for preserving a number for an inactive driver should be made out to the New England Hillclimb Association not the New England Sports Car Club Council.
- Seat mounting rules (4.A.3, 4.A.5 and all of 4.C) have changed. These changes are intended as clarifications and were not intended or expected to exclude any seats that have previously been considered adequately mounted.