

NEHA 2012 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

No changes for 2012

Classification Changes

No changes for 2012

Technical and Safety Changes

A new section 1.E was which phases in head and neck restraints starting in 2013

E. Head and Neck Support

1. Starting January 1, 2013, SFI or FIA head and neck restraints are mandatory for all cars running faster than the breakout time.
2. Starting January 1, 2014, SFI or FIA head and neck restraints are mandatory in cars that require cages.

Rule 3.E.6 regarding cage material was changed but the changes are actually minor. E.6 now says any magnetic steel is acceptable instead of mild steel. So chrome-moly is acceptable if it meets the diameter and wall thickness versus weight guidelines given. Those guidelines did not change. It was all made clear with two following sentences that any caged car that ran before the 2012 season is grandfathered. A second sentence makes it clear that we will also accept documented FIA and SEMA cages.

Rule 3.E.7 had references to alloy cages and welding certification removed. A reference to aluminum tubing was removed (The rule said aluminum tubing was not allowed but that was already covered by the magnetic tubing in 3.E.6). The sentence about FIA and SEMA cages being accepted was moved into 3.E.6. The placement of the sentence about cast and forged fittings was changed so it would not appear that it was talking about harness fittings.