

Easier SCCA license renewal

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Many people have asked me for help resolving issues with their memberships or licenses, (or both). What I generally find are two things. First, most don't keep a copy of the paperwork given to a chief, Divisional Administrator or National office. Second, it has been one or more months since the paperwork has been sent in.

My goal here is to help you, the member, get the information you need to successfully submit and receive your membership renewal or license renewal.

The two most important things are first and most important, ALWAYS MAKE A COPY and keep the originals of all forms that you give or send to someone. This applies for memberships and licenses. Second, it doesn't take three or four weeks to process your membership. From the time you send a membership form to National office (or present one at a race) you should receive your membership card in the mail in approximately two weeks. If you haven't, then call National office (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central time) or let me know. There is nothing that should be holding up the processing of your membership

unless you have had stewards' action or payment issues.

Your membership renewal should arrive in the mail around the 15th of the month preceding your expiration month (November expiration should arrive by Oct. 15). This packet should contain the membership renewal form, a form for the type of license you hold (competition, specialty, steward, etc.) and specialty logbooks.

Complete the membership renewal form in full. If you have a crew license, or wish to have one, then please remember to check the small box above the "Family Membership" area on the form. A crew license is required if you are racing with a non-SCCA approved Competition license. This is one license that should renew automatically but doesn't always happen. Sign and date the form at the bottom and make a copy.

Licensing is a bit different because the requirements vary between specialties and competition. Renewing or upgrading your existing licenses also have specific requirements

Competition License

First, the competition license. Complete the information on the SCCA Competition License Form that you received in your packet. Race results, dates and sanction numbers can be found on our Web site or contact the Timing and Scoring Chief. Competition requirements are listed on the backside of the form.

You may need an updated physical and/or an EKG. These factors depend on your medical history and your age. See the GCR 3.5.1 for current requirements. Plan accordingly with setting up doctor's appointments prior to your expiration date, but no sooner than three months ahead. Sometimes your license will be held up because of a medical review. When this occurs you should get a letter from National office noting the review in progress. Again, if you don't see or hear anything in two weeks then call National.

If you have less than the minimum participation requirements to maintain your license, you will need to complete the form and include a letter of explanation and competition resume sent to the Divisional Administrator Licensing Chairman for review. You need to in-

clude a stamped envelope addressed to SCCA Central Licensing, P.O. Box 19400, Topeka, KS 66619-0400. The Licensing Chairman for NorPac is Dick Raymond, 11120 Rosemary Drive, Auburn, CA 95603. Other information is located on the back page of the SCCA Competition License Application. And again, keep copies of everything. You should have a response within three to four weeks at most, if not contact National and the Licensing Chairman.

To upgrade your competition license, you need to complete the SCCA Competition License application form. Fill in all the information at the top of the form. If this is a change of address, then please check the box and check the GCR 16.3.3 regarding change of Division. This is very important, especially if you are competing at a National level.

To upgrade your competition license check the "new" box next to the level you want to upgrade to (National, Regional or Vintage Competition) on the front page under "Check the type of License and Fee you are applying for." Next you need to complete the Required Participation area. Race dates, results, sanction numbers, class, etc. for the events you attended can be found online www.nwr-scca.org/race or check with the T&S Chief. Remember, you cannot count an event that you did not finish or did not start. Complete the form with your method of payment, signing and dating the bottom. Again, please keep copies of everything until you have the new and correct license on your card.

Specialty Licenses

Specialty licenses also need the correct paperwork submitted to National for a renewal of license. When you receive your membership renewal you will also receive a Race Official License Application and a Race Official License Supplement (a small index-size card) for each specialty (this is your race logbook). When renewing a regional level license only, everything should be automatic at National and there is no need to complete the Race Official License Application.

To renew a Divisional, National or Senior level license, you must complete the front page of the Race Official License Application. Mark the appropriate column and row for your specialty type



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