

# FORMULA DRIFT®



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## Introduction

Entering its nineteenth season, Formula DRIFT is recognized as the global leader in professional drifting. As the first drifting championship series in North America, Formula DRIFT has taken this competitive motorsport to the extreme; attracting fans and car enthusiasts from all walks of life. It has also established the benchmark for drifting worldwide. This high-skilled, high-powered motorsport, where drivers intentionally maneuver their vehicles into well executed, controlled sideways slides at high speeds through a marked course, has the most diverse driver and vehicle field competing on the most diverse set of facilities for the coveted Formula DRIFT Championship crown.

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## **1. GENERAL REGULATIONS**

### **1.1.ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL**

The Formula DRIFT PRO Championship is a wholly owned property of Formula DRIFT Holdings, LLC. (Formula DRIFT) and sanctions all Formula DRIFT events including the Formula DRIFT PRO Championship, Formula DRIFT PROSPEC Championship, Formula DRIFT PRO-Am Series, and other events managed by Formula DRIFT (events). The business administration of the series is managed by Formula DRIFT Holdings, LLC.

A Formula DRIFT representative assigned by the President or Vice-President of Formula DRIFT Holdings, LLC shall be present at any official meeting, or hearing, involving interpretation or implementation of this rulebook or the operation and business matters of Formula DRIFT in general.

At Formula DRIFT events, each DIRECTOR/MANAGER has the authority over their respective areas of responsibility. He/she reports to the President of Formula DRIFT.

### **1.2.ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF THE RULES**

Every person, entity, group of persons, regional affiliate, or organizer who seeks approvals for, and is granted the right to participate or conduct a Formula DRIFT event, and any person who receives a Formula DRIFT license, warrants that:

- He/she is acquainted with the series rules.
- He/she agrees with reservation to abide by the series rules.
- He/she renounces the right to have legal recourse, except with the written consent of Formula DRIFT, to any arbitrator, tribunal, not provided for in the rules.

### **1.3.INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION OF RULES**

Formula DRIFT officials shall make the final interpretation and application of the rules. Their decisions shall be final and binding. In order to promote the sport of automotive competition, to achieve prompt finality in competition results, and in consideration of the numerous benefits to them, all participants and entrants, (including competitors and officials) expressly agree that:

Determinations and/or decisions made by Formula DRIFT officials are non-litigable.

They will not initiate or maintain litigation of any kind against Formula DRIFT, or anyone acting on behalf of Formula DRIFT, to reverse, or modify, such determinations, or to seek to recover damages, or other relief allegedly incurred, or required, as a result of such determination and; If a participant, entrant, competitor, or official initiates, or maintains, litigation in violation of this provision, that individual or entity agrees to reimburse Formula DRIFT, and/or partners, agents, or affiliate organizations for Formula DRIFT, for all costs of such litigation, including travel expenses, and attorneys' fees. Competitors, or officials, involved in such litigation will have all Formula DRIFT privileges suspended until litigation is complete.

Formula DRIFT reserves the right to amend, or modify, the rules at any time (including individual series regulations and supplementary regulations) via Supplementary Regulations, Meetings, Technical Bulletins, Competitor Bulletins, or other medium.

The English text of these regulations will be used should any dispute arise regarding their interpretation. As of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Rules & Regulations for that year shall supersede all versions from the previous years.

### **1.4.CHANGES TO RULES AND SPECIFICATIONS**

Formula DRIFT reserves the right to change any rule, regulation, or specification by written bulletin. These bulletins will be sent out via e-mail to the current competitors and staff, as well as being posted at the Formula DRIFT online bulletin board (refer to Registrar for access). The Competition Director has the authority to make

adjustments to safety specifications at any time if deemed necessary. Teams are responsible to ensure they conform to the current rules or bulletins.

Requests for rule changes from participants are welcomed; send requests to the Competition Director.

## 2. LICENSING

### 2.1.FORMULA DRIFT HARD CARD AND DRIVER LICENSE

All drivers and crew members working in the pits, or other designated high-risk area, must be 18 years or older, be a Formula Drift hard card holder. Participants 16-18 years old may be admitted upon issuance of a Minor Participant I.D. and license. Hard cards are required for everyone working on a vehicle during the duration of the event.

Privileges may be revoked at any time for non-compliance with this rulebook.

All Formula DRIFT drivers must be licensed by Formula DRIFT in order to compete in a Formula DRIFT PRO and PROSPEC events, Formula DRIFT International events, invitational events or any Formula DRIFT demos may be subject to other or no licensing criteria.

### 2.2.FORMULA DRIFT LICENSE

Formula Drift license can be obtained by:

- Top ranked drivers in a Formula DRIFT licensing series
- Top ranked drivers in Formula Drift Japan Championship
- Petition

All remaining drivers and any new driver wishing to obtain a provisional Formula DRIFT license will have two options.

Option 1: FORMULA DRIFT LICENSING SERIES (i.e., Formula DRIFT Affiliate series, Formula DRIFT PRO-AM Series, etc.)

Competitors wishing to obtain a Formula DRIFT license have the option to compete in a Formula DRIFT licensing series, which includes: Formula Drift Affiliate series operate internationally, Formula Drift PRO-AM series. Formula DRIFT licensing series competitions will be judged by officials selected through operating agencies approved by Formula DRIFT. Each licensing series may have their own rules and regulations so all competitors must contact the licensing series directly. For the most updated list of Formula DRIFT licensing series, please refer to [www.formulad.com](http://www.formulad.com).

Option 2: PETITION

A driver that believes that he/she is qualified to obtain a Formula DRIFT license on a competitive level but chooses to not to compete in a Formula DRIFT licensing series may submit a petition to Formula DRIFT for review. The petition application format may be obtained by contacting the Formula DRIFT office. **As of 2022 petition applications will be accepted up to the conclusion of the final round of the PRO season. Upon the conclusion of the submission period all petitions will be reviewed by the Formula Drift Competition Committee responses will be drafted in the following week.** Drivers with insufficient experience or credentials based on a predetermined formula will not be considered.

### 2.3. FORMULA DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP APPROVAL

Once a Formula Drift license has been obtained you must apply for the championship you desire to compete in either Formula Drift PRO Championship or Formula Drift PROSPEC Championship. This will be evaluated based on the driver competitive history and previous motorsports experience. For each particular Championship, Drivers with insufficient experience or credentials will not be approved. The application will be reviewed by the Formula DRIFT Competition Committee.

### FORMULA DRIFT PRO CHAMPIONSHIP

- Eight rounds of competition
- Full season registration is required (Must compete in at least 4 events prior to the finals in order to compete in the final round)
- Single event registration is not available
- No onsite registration
- Registration will be limited to 37 drivers in the PRO Championship.

The ability to register to the will be in phases according to the following table:

2023 PRO REGISTRATION PROCESS	
PHASE	DESCRIPTION
1	Formula DRIFT PRO drivers that have earned a ranking above 24 (1st-24th) in the previous season will automatically be eligible to register for the following season until the stated deadline expires. <b>Upon expiration, drivers ranked above 24 (1st-24th) will no longer have priority registration.</b>
2	PRO Rookies from the previous season ranking below 25 (25th-37th)
3	International Petitions or Special Provision Petitions- Petition applications will be accepted up to the conclusion of the final round of the PRO season. (Midnight, October 15th 2022)
4	Formula Drift PROSPEC drivers ranking in the Top 3 at the conclusion of the season. Petition applications will be accepted up to the conclusion of the final round of the PRO season. (Midnight, October 15th 2022)
5	Formula Drift PRO drivers ranked below 25 (25th-37th) by previous season ranking
6	Previous PRO Driver petitions that did not compete in the previous season- Petition applications will be accepted up to the conclusion of the final round of the PRO season. (Midnight, October 15th 2022)
7	<b>Formula drift PRO drivers ranked above 24 (1st-24th) that did not register prior to the stated expiration date.</b>

### FORMULA DRIFT PROSPEC CHAMPIONSHIP

- Four rounds of competition
- Full season registration is required (Must compete in at least two events prior to Round 4 to be able to compete in the final round.)
- Single event registration is not available
- No onsite registration
- Registration will be limited to 37 drivers in the PROSPEC Championship.

The ability to register to the will be in phases according to the following table:

2023 PROSPEC REGISTRATION PROCESS	
PHASE	DESCRIPTION
1	Formula DRIFT PROSPEC drivers that have earned a ranking above 24 (1st-24th) in the previous season will automatically be eligible to register for the following season until the stated deadline expires. <b>Upon expiration, drivers ranked above 24 (1st-24th) will no longer have priority registration.</b>
2	Formula Drift PRO drivers transferring to Formula Drift PROSPEC
3	PROSPEC Rookies from the previous season ranked below 25 (25th-37th)
4	International Petitions or Special Provision Petitions- Petition applications will be accepted up to the conclusion of the final round of the PRO season. (Midnight, October 15th 2022)
5	Formula Drift PROSPEC driver Petitions by previous season ranking- Petition applications will be accepted up to the conclusion of the final round of the PRO season. (Midnight, October 15th 2022)
6	PRO/Am drivers on the second year of their license that have notified Formula Drift of their intention to compete by midnight October 15th, 2022
7	PRO/Am drivers on the first year of their license that have notified Formula Drift of their intention to compete by midnight October 15th, 2022
8	Previous PROSPEC Driver petitions that did not compete in the previous season- Petition applications will be accepted up to the conclusion of the final round of the PRO season. (Midnight, October 15th 2022)
9	<b>Formula Drift PROSPEC drivers ranked above 24 (1st-24th) that did not register prior to the stated expiration date.</b>

## **2.4.TEAM REPRESENTATIVE**

Each team will designate one (1) person to act as the team representative. This spokesperson is the only person who may officially speak for the team, including filing protests, initiating the Competition Timeout “5-minute rule”, withdrawing an entry or vehicle, and making changes and additions to the team’s credential list. If the team representative must be changed during the event, the REGISTRAR, Race Control, and Competition Director must be notified

## **2.5.SPOTTERS**

Each team must declare their spotter with the ticket and registration manager to receive their designated spotter card for judging tower access. Spotters may change throughout the season, but ticketing and registration manager must be notified prior to the start of each competition. A spotter stand will be placed in a comparable area to the judge’s stand to give team spotters a similar viewing perspective as the judges. During Tandem Battle, the designated team spotter is required to be in the spotter stand.

## **2.6.MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Formula DRIFT officials will conduct various meetings with the drivers and crew chiefs/team managers throughout the course of an event. This may be a single meeting, or separate meetings and sufficient notifications will be made through the Supplemental Regulations or by other notice. All will be briefed on the rules governing the competition and specifically, any new rules, or regulations, pertaining to the competition. Drivers and/or Crew chief attendance is mandatory for their respective meetings as outlined in the event supplemental regulations. Drivers must be suited. Failure of any driver, or crew chief, to attend these meetings shall result in a minimum fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00 U.S.) unless the absence is pre-approved by Formula DRIFT. In addition, failure to attend these meetings shall negate any protest, or action, by the entrant, or driver, regarding any penalties that may be assessed during the competition for an infraction of a rule that was the subject of discussion during the meeting that was missed. Formula DRIFT may also impose penalties or fines for tardiness to official meetings or appointments. Drivers, crew chiefs, team managers, and entrants may also be required to attend autograph sessions and/or interview sessions or other media events if notified.

## **3. CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **3.1.DRIVER/TEAM AND VEHICLE APPEARANCE**

Drivers and Teams must be professional and presentable at all times. Any and all branding on items such as but not limited to team apparel, team equipment and the competition vehicle that Formula Drift deems offensive, inappropriate or controversial will be required to be removed. Driver uniforms must comply with these regulations and must be free of wear and damage. Driver’s uniform must include the driver’s name in an easily visible location. Driver and team uniforms must have all required series patches in the specified location per Formula Drift Technical Regulations and must include the team logo and/or team name.

Only uniformed team members are allowed in “hot” areas including the grid.

### **3.2.CONDUCT AND DEMEANOR**

#### **PADDOCK AND ON-COURSE CONDUCT**

All drivers and teams must keep safety and professionalism in mind at all times, and is aware of their surrounding environment, personnel, actions, behavior, vehicles and equipment. Formula DRIFT reserves the right to deem what actions or conditions constitute violation of this policy. Negligence of any kind or violation of any safety matter will not be tolerated.

#### **DEMEANOR TOWARD OFFICIALS, STAFF AND/OR JUDGES**

Every Formula DRIFT competition driver and team member has the right to ask questions and rationally discuss with the officials and/or judges, any issue pertaining to their performance, race operations, or the judging format. Any driver and/or team member that conducts him/herself in an inappropriate manner with the officials or judges will be subject to the same penalties as listed below.



## APPLICATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT

Code of Conduct rules apply during the course of any Formula DRIFT activity, including but not limited to test days, set up times, official meetings, press conferences, public appearances, conventions, competition events and demonstration events.

The team is responsible for its driver, representatives, team members, and guest conduct at all times during the course of any Formula DRIFT activity, event, or function. Drivers, crew and others representing a driver and/or team are to act in a professional manner.

### 3.3.DISCIPLINARY ACTION

#### BREACH OF RULES

In addition to any other offenses listed herein, the following actions shall be deemed a breach of the rules:

- Bribery, or attempt, to bribe anyone connected with the competition, and the acceptance of, or offer to accept, a bribe.
- Any action having as its objective participation in the competition by a person, or automobile, known to be ineligible.
- Participation in any proceeding, or action, detrimental to the interests of Formula DRIFT, and or USAC.
- Public criticism or use of profane language or gestures in a public environment, or through radio communications. This applies to any series officials, drivers, crew, fans, sponsors etc.
- Reckless, or dangerous, driving
- Failure to obey direction and/or orders of a race official.
- Refusing to cooperate with, interfering with, or obstructing the action of the officials or others in the performance of their duties.
- Violation of the terms of probation or suspension.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Interference, obstruction or physical abuse towards any series official, participants, or attendees of event.
- Initiation of physical abuse toward any person.
- Failure to allow inspection, or disassembly, of a vehicle as directed by the Competition Director.

#### DISCIPLINARY PENALTIES

- Can be applied to any participant, member, official, entrant, or Formula Drift staff in violation of the rules or conditions related to the event.
- Investigations to collect, or hear evidence for judgement of the rule(s) breached, will be conducted by Formula Drift officials.
- Penalties can be imposed by the Operations Director or Competition Director
- Penalties for rules violations will increase in magnitude for repeat offenses.

#### FORMAL WARNING

A documented warning to a driver's competition license file.

#### FINE / LOSS PRIZE MONEY

- Up to \$10,000 per offence by the Disciplinary Committee for penalties given during a sanctioned event.
- Up to \$100,000 may be imposed by the Disciplinary Committee against any entrant, driver, or participant for conduct detrimental to the Series, or the Series' clients, or partners.
- Competition privileges are suspended until payment of the fines is received.
- Racing in any other USAC sanctioned events when under suspension is prohibited.
- All fines and forfeited protest fees shall be remitted to Formula Drift, LLC.
- Appeal fees shall be remitted to USAC.

#### PROBATION

The terms of probation shall be in writing and given to the person penalized with a copy on file with Formula Drift. Infractions during probation can result in suspension of one or more events.

#### SUSPENSION

Suspension of competition privileges and competitors license for a maximum of twelve (12) months

- The terms of the suspension shall be in writing and given to the person penalized with a copy on file with Formula Drift.
- Hard Cards not immediately surrendered will extend the suspension by the number of days until received by Formula Drift

#### DISQUALIFICATION

- Disqualification Applies to any Competitor, or Team for technical or driver infractions.
- It can also include loss of all points, trophies and prize money and any additional awards.
- Disqualification will be written on the amended official results.
- Awards and prize money will be adjusted by Formula Drift accordingly.

#### MULTIPLE PENALTIES

Penalties may be combined (e.g., probation, a fine and a points penalty) or issued separately (e.g., probation)

#### PUBLICATION OF PENALTY

- Formula DRIFT shall have the right to publicize any person(s) or bodies involved.
- Those referenced in the notice shall have no right of action against Formula DRIFT, or against any parties publishing such notice.
- Publication of penalties will be made available through the Formula DRIFT website.

#### AMENDMENT OF PLACING AWARDS

In those cases where a penalty of disqualification is imposed, the Disciplinary Committee shall declare the resulting amendment to the placing and awards, and shall decide if the next competitor in order shall be advanced and shall see that awards presented are consistent with the revised finishing order.

#### DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

Any disciplinary appeal process will not be handled by Formula Drift, but through the President of USAC and the delegated Court of Appeal.

#### APPEALS TO THE COURT OF APPEAL

A right of appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee, or Competition Director, to the Court of Appeal can only be made by a person or body who was a direct party (not third party) in the proceedings in which the decision appealed against was made. The only grounds for lodging an Appeal against the decision of the Disciplinary Committee or the Competition Director are that a gross miscarriage of justice has occurred or that a penalty is wholly inappropriate for the breach of regulations.

#### NOTICE OF APPEAL

A written Notice of Appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee or Competition Director, accompanied by the correct fee \$1,500.00 (a minimum of \$1000.00 of which will be retained by USAC) must be lodged with the Competition Director by 5 p.m. PST of the fifth business day following the release of the cited decision. A copy of the Notice of Appeal must be received at the USAC offices, 4910 West 16th Street, Speedway Indiana 46224 by the designated recipient and within the above stated time limit. The jurisdiction of the Court is limited to those matters and issues submitted to it by the recipient. An appeal may be withdrawn without penalty only with the approval of the USAC President.

#### CONFIRMATION OF APPEAL

The Competition Director will refer the matter to the President of USAC who will advise within 72 hours as to whether the Appeal is considered to meet with either of the permitted grounds of Appeal. If the Appeal is considered not to comply or is withdrawn, it will lapse and the Appeal fee will be forfeited. If the Appeal is considered to meet either of the specified criteria, the President will arrange for the Court of Appeal to be convened. The USAC President shall solely determine whether an appeal shall be heard by the Court of Appeal, the decision whether to hear an appeal and any decisions by the Court of Appeal shall be final, binding and not subject to further appeal or legal process. The USAC President may request a bond for costs involved the hearing.

#### Effect of Giving Notice of Appeal

The Notice of Appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee or the Competition Director does not suspend any penalty issued by the Disciplinary Committee or Competition Director.

#### Convening the Court of Appeal

The USAC President, or his designee, shall appoint the Court of Appeal which shall consist of a chairman plus at least two additional members. No member of the appeal board shall have taken part as a competitor, or official, in the event which the board will render a decision on, or shall have been directly interested, or involved, in the matters under consideration. The appointment of the board, and written notice to the appellant, or appellants, shall occur within five (5) days (or such other time as designated by the President of USAC) of the decision to hear the appeal. USAC will notify all included parties, including the Competition Director, of the time and place and contact details/phone number for the appeal hearing.

#### Appeal Hearing

The court shall here the Appeal within thirty (30) days from the given notice. USAC may specify shorter timeframes where necessary for the prompt adjudication of the matter and a conclusion of controversies. The Court will determine what witnesses and evidence it will hear at its discretion. The parties may present their information to the committee directly, via their team representative, or in written documents. The Court of Appeal may hear such evidence in such manner as it deems appropriate, relevant, and necessary under the circumstances. Cross examination shall not be permitted. The Competition Director shall be heard by the Board of Appeals under all circumstances.

#### APPEAL JUDGEMENT

After consideration of material, deemed relevant, the Court of Appeal shall meet privately, reach its decision, and prepare a written opinion. It may decide that the penalty, or other decision appealed against should be nullified, mitigated, affirmed, increased, or that a different penalty should be imposed, but shall not order a competition to be rerun. The Court shall order the return, or forfeiture, of appeal fees. The Court shall direct the disposition of protest fees and equipment examination bonds, if any, in those cases where the original Court's decision is nullified.

#### APPEAL PUBLICATION AND DECISION

USAC and Formula Drift reserves the right to publish any details including names from the Court of Appeal decisions. Persons, entrants, or organizations referred to in each said decision shall have no right, or action, against any person publishing such notice, and shall agree that said decision shall be final and binding. A copy of the final decision shall be sent to all parties of the appeal after the decision becomes final. Any penalties imposed by the Court of Appeal shall be effective immediately as stated in its decision. Penalties involving time, disqualification, suspension, or loss of points shall be made effective from the date of the conclusion of the event involved. Where the Court of Appeal upholds or amends (but does not nullify) any penalty imposed by the Competition Director or Disciplinary Committee then the penalty shall be effective from the date of its initial imposition and not the date of the decision of the Court of Appeal.

### **3.4.ENTRIES**

All entrants must follow the official Formula DRIFT entry forms and/or processes for each event. An entry made, and accepted, in accordance with these regulations, and any relevant Supplementary Regulations, shall

constitute a contract, binding an entrant to take part in the competition entered unless prevented by forces beyond his/her control. A breach of such contract may be treated as a breach of these regulations.

#### REFUSAL OF ENTRY

If an entry for any competition is refused, notification of such refusal shall be sent to the entrant at the address given on the entry form as soon as possible, and at least five (5) days before the event, whenever reasonably possible. Formula DRIFT may deny entry to any entrant whose conduct, associations, or affiliations, on or off, the course, are deemed not conducive to the best interest of this sport, or who exhibits conduct, which is inappropriate, offensive, abrasive, or in bad taste. Formula DRIFT has the right to refuse an entry at their discretion without giving a statement of reason for refusal.

#### FALSIFICATION OF ENTRY

An entry which contains a false or incorrect statement, may be null and void, the entrant may be deemed guilty of a breach of these regulations, and the entry fee may be forfeited.

#### NOTIFICATION OF EVENT WITHDRAWAL

An entry may be withdrawn without penalty, 14 days prior to the event date in writing or by phone. Event entry fees are not refundable or transferable.

#### CONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF ENTRY

These are professional championship competitions, Formula DRIFT reserves the right to accept, or reject, the entry of any vehicle or driver. In the case of doubt as to the acceptability of an entry, an entry will not be allowed to compete unless approved by Race Control AND Competition Director.

### **3.5. PERFORMANCE ENHANCING AND/OR RECREATIONAL DRUGS**

The use of any narcotic, controlled substance, performance-enhancing drugs, and/or recreational drugs, as defined by federal and/or state law, by any participant, is expressly prohibited, even if prescribed by a licensed physician. Consumption of alcoholic beverages shall not commence until all official functions of a specific series or event has been completed.

Formula DRIFT reserves the right, at any time, to require any participant to successfully complete, at the participant's expense, such tests as may be designated by Formula DRIFT, including, but not limited to, breath, blood, or urine. Refusal to submit to, and/or failure by participant of such testing shall result in penalties or removal from the event and/or series.

## **4. GENERAL SERIES REGULATIONS**

### **4.1. OFFICIALS**

Every Formula DRIFT event must be staffed with individuals, agents, or affiliates assigned by Formula DRIFT to operate the event (officials), or their substitutes as approved by Formula DRIFT. The staff of officials, whose duty it shall be to direct the control of the event may include:

- Competition Director
- Race Control
- Registration and Ticketing Manager
- Judges

They shall be termed "officials" and may have assistants, also termed "officials" to whom any of their duties may be delegated. They will be available in their roles from before the on-course scheduled sessions until after all events and resulting official actions are complete, except by the Competition Director. No official shall have a direct conflict of interest arising from direct involvement or connection with the organizers, affiliates, teams, drivers, officials or sponsors of an event, which, at the sole discretion of the President of Formula DRIFT, may

affect his/her ability to impartially perform their duties, or with any entrant or driver taking part. In addition, no official may compete in any event at which he/she is officiating.

#### DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- Ryan Sage President
- Andy Luk Operations Director
- Patrick Gentilli Race Control

#### COMPETITION DIRECTOR

The Competition Director shall be the executive responsible for the general conduct of all aspects of competition at an event for which he/she has been assigned including conduct of participants and officials, on-course safety issues, application of the Formula DRIFT Rules and Regulations. He/she shall ensure that all provisions of these rules are conformed to.

The Formula DRIFT Competition Director (including any of his/her designees) is the authority in determining and enforcing technical regulations. Their decisions are non-protestable and they have the authority to amend and/or add to the rules and to make adjustments to vehicle specifications on the spot, if deemed necessary. Teams will be notified of any changes made at the venue by written bulletin when possible.

The Competition Director may order the inspection and disassembly of any entered vehicle to ascertain its conformance with the Rules at any time.

The Competition Director has the authority disqualify or penalize any vehicle that does not conform to the requirements of the Rules and specifications of the Series. In the event of an infraction, it is the duty of the Disciplinary Committee to take appropriate action as provided for in these regulations.

The Competition Director shall ensure that all driver safety equipment is in compliance with the Rules.

The Competition Director has the “right of first refusal”. If a team interprets a rule in such a way as to prepare a vehicle beyond the intent of the rule, the Competition Director may disallow the preparation and issue an immediate clarification.

#### REGISTRATION AND TICKETING MANAGER

The registrar shall be responsible for certifying and processing all entries, credentialing all drivers, participants, team members, official, vendors, sponsors, and corporate members. The registrar is the person designated to maintain the official entry, registration lists and processes (REGISTRAR). No other person or entity may issue series or event credentials without the consent of Formula DRIFT. Registration is on a first come first serve basis and may only be done so through the Formula DRIFT office with a valid Formula DRIFT license. Formula DRIFT may establish a maximum allowable number of entries or entry deadlines per event.

All Formula DRIFT drivers, team members, guests, participants, and sponsors must be registered. Refer to the supplemental regulations or set-up packets for each event for exact registration location(s) and times.

#### JUDGES

Judges are responsible for determining scores and points assigned to individual or team competitors based on the competition criteria determined by Formula DRIFT.

Judges or other entities as assigned by Formula DRIFT will maintain records of qualifying scores, charts, and results for all events.

Judges or other entities as assigned by Formula DRIFT will also compile and distribute official results (after notification that all protests are completed and that the Scorer and one official judge has declared the results “official”) for all qualifying and head to head battles.

## CONDUCT

Every official shall endeavor to conduct him/herself according to the highest standards of behavior. Failure to do so may result in loss of official appointment for the event, or penalty, as determined by Formula DRIFT. Officials whose actions are deemed by Formula DRIFT to be against the best interests of Formula DRIFT shall not be permitted to participate in Formula DRIFT events.

### 4.2.SERIES IDENTIFICATION

All required decals, patches, emblems and logos must be properly displayed as outlined in Formula Drift PRO Technical Regulations. Formula DRIFT must approve the use, in any way, of any Formula DRIFT identification, mark, logo, likeness or other intellectual property outside of an official Formula DRIFT event. The unauthorized use of any Formula DRIFT identification, marks, logos, likenesses, or other intellectual property may result in penalties, fines, disqualification, or legal action.

### 4.3.GENERAL PIT, PADDOCK, AND COURSE RULES

All personnel working in an area that is designated as “hot” are required to wear long pants, closed toe shoes and sleeved shirts. Team members working in a hot area, must be wearing a team uniform at all times.

Accepted forms of transportation for paddock and hot pits are:

1. Golf Carts
2. Motorized Carts
3. Electric / Gas Scooters
4. Trucks with FD Support Vehicle sticker

If you own any of the items from 1-3, you must have shown proof of insurance and have Formula Drift Holdings, LLC as additional insured.

Pit Bikes/Motorized small motorcycle are prohibited in paddock and hot pits.

Only personnel with valid Formula DRIFT hard card will be allowed access to the restricted areas as defined. Formula DRIFT hard card must be available and visible at all times.

- Smoking is not allowed at any time in the specified “hot” areas.
- Pets are prohibited in “hot” areas at all times.
- Vehicle service except for tire pressure changes is prohibited while inline for the burnout box.
- Paddock Speed Limit is 5 MPH.
- Revving of engines, bouncing off the rev limiter, and burnouts while not on course will not be tolerated.
- No personnel may enter a “hot” course without approval from the Race Control.
- The Competition Director or his/her delegate is the authority in enforcing start line, grid, pre-grid, paddock, and the competition course.

Engines shall be started with an on-board starter, and an on-board power supply. A driver unable to start the vehicle on the grid may get a “push start”, provided the vehicle is in position on the grid prior to the start of the session. Push starts on the grid shall be under the supervision of a Formula DRIFT official to ensure that they are done in a safe manner. Push starts prior to the start and during the race are permitted only if approved by the Competition Director. NOTE: This does not change the requirement that all vehicles must be equipped with an on-board starter and power supply which must be in working order at all times.

The on-board starter must not be used as a means of propulsion, either on the course or from the start line, except in emergency situations.

The driver shall not push his/her own vehicle, except for extreme safety reasons. Drivers shall obtain no assistance, except in an emergency, while on course. This does not preclude assistance by race officials for safety reasons.

The Competition Director or Race Control may order any vehicle removed from the course if, in his/her judgment, it constitutes a hazard to other competitors for any other reason.

Cones or other similar marking devices will designate all clipping points, zones and possibly be used as course markers. Line paint may be used to delineate the course. Typically, colors are white and/or yellow.

#### **4.4.IN-PIT ACTIVATION AND MERCHANDISE SALES**

All team in-pit activations must take place in the pit space allocated by Formula Drift and must be related to the team and not represent only specific team sponsors without prior written approval from Formula Drift.

Activations are defined as but not limited to the following: The distribution or promotion of products, services and printed materials, product displays, inflatables.

- No signage shall rise above the height of a standard rig/trailer (14 ft) except for flags.
- Flag heights must not exceed 24 ft off the ground level. (10 ft flag from the top of a 14 ft high rig)
- Flag dimensions must not exceed 15 square feet
- Team merchandise sales are permitted but merchandise must include a minimum of at least two team identification marks such as team name, driver name, vehicle likeness or driver number.
- All team merchandise sales must be pre-approved by Formula Drift.
- Non team related merchandise sales are not permitted unless pre-approved in writing by Formula Drift.
- All in-pit activation and merchandise sales requests must be emailed to Formula Drift at least 30 days prior to event activation or sales. Submissions within 30 days of the Formula Drift event will be denied and reviewed for the following event.
- Formula Drift reserves the right to prohibit or cease any in-pit activations at its discretion.

#### **4.5.FLAG SIGNALS**

The following signals are used to signal to Drivers of various conditions and direct Drivers to obey various specific conditions. Cloth flags are generally used, but may be replaced with similarly coded rigid boards or with lights.

YELLOW- Caution, there has been an incident in the area covered by the flag. The course may be partly or wholly blocked. Reduce speed, be prepared to change direction or stop, proceed past incident in single file. Overtaking is not permitted.

RED- The session has been stopped. Use caution and stop immediately. Overtaking is not permitted. Be prepared to proceed to pit lane if so directed.

#### **4.6.RADIOS**

It is the responsibility of each crew to relay all pertinent information to their driver in a timely manner. Teams are encouraged to equip their competition vehicles, staff, and team personnel with two-way radios to facilitate information exchange between the team, driver, spotter, and crew. No team's radio frequency may interfere with race control, or other racetrack, emergency, or other networks. Teams are not permitted to transmit on any official Formula DRIFT frequency or channel.

#### **4.7.PASSENGERS**

Passenger "ride-a-longs" are NOT allowed unless pre-approved by the Competition Director. Supplemental documentation (Insurance Waivers, etc) will be required to be completed at the discretion of the Competition Director. Passengers must abide by Ride-a-long Rules and Regulations (refer to Appendix B)

#### 4.8. ENTERED VEHICLES

Drivers shall enter and compete with only one vehicle for each competition, which is determined by leaving the starting line in the first warm-up session. Vehicle substitutions are allowed prior to the first warm-up session, but may be limited by the ability to perform an adequate vehicle technical inspection.

PRO practice will be limited to a maximum of 12 laps per driver prior to the start of qualifying.

If scheduled, the warm up session between Top 32 and Top 16 for PRO/PROSPEC will be limited to a maximum of 4 laps per driver.

All vehicles entered must be eligible for entry and have passed Technical Inspection prior to running on course.

A Formula Drift PRO Championship competition vehicle driven in that particular event CANNOT be driven by a different driver in Formula DRIFT PROSPEC Championship.

#### 4.9. TRACK RENTAL AND TESTING

Track rental and testing is prohibited 14 calendar days prior to the start of Formula Drift practice at that event track. Commercial or sponsorship fulfillment within the 14 days prior to the event requires prior written approval from Formula Drift.

#### 4.10. TEAM AND MEDIA CAMERAS

- Formula DRIFT understands the need to distribute video and photo content to official team partners and wants to support this, in order to help promote the teams and the Sport.
- Teams are able to distribute their own content to their official partners during and after the event.
- If a team would like to distribute content to a non-team and/or non-Series affiliated, third-party entity, you must obtain written approval from Formula DRIFT by emailing [media@formulad.com](mailto:media@formulad.com).
- Any entity or team creating an edited video from footage obtained at a FDH event, must include the FD swipe or FD logo in the beginning or credits of the video.
- Teams must notify Formula DRIFT Media Staff if you have arranged to have a third-party (sponsor, etc) to run a camera inside of your vehicle during Qualifying and/or Competition.

The chart below defines during which track sessions team and media cameras are allowed inside and outside of vehicles on track.

SESSION	INTERIOR CAMERAS	EXTERIOR CAMERAS
PRACTICE	✓	✓
WARM-UP	✓	✗
QUALIFYING	✓	✗
COMPETITION	✓	✗

If you have any additional questions, please submit them to [media@formulad.com](mailto:media@formulad.com) or go to the Media Center.

### 5. CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

Points and standings are awarded based on finishing rank and cumulative season points will determine the championship order. The 3rd place in the overall competition is decided based on the highest qualifier of the two losing competitors in the Top 4.



### 5.1.QUALIFYING POINTS

QUALIFYING POINTS	
Position	Points
1	3
2	2
3	1

### 5.2.COMPETITION POINTS

COMPETITION POINTS	
Finish Rank	Points
1	100
2	91
3-4	80
5-8	67
9-16	52
17-32 and LCB 3-8	35

LCB (Last Chance Bracket) positions 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> will receive equivalent of Top 32 points.

Rookie of the Year will be awarded to the highest-ranking 1<sup>st</sup> year driver in each series, Formula Drift PRO and PROSPEC

### 5.3.CHAMPIONSHIP RANKING TIE BREAKING

If a tie occurs in the points standings- the tie breaker will be the finish rank of the most recent round.

Example: Driver Y and Driver Z both have 212 points at the end of the season, Driver Y finished 14<sup>th</sup> and Driver Z finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the most recent round. Driver Z will be ranked above Driver Y

## 6. PRIZE MONEY AND AWARDS

Competition Prize money will be awarded based on finishing rank each round.

The following additional awards will be added to the event-ending podium ceremony each round.

#### **Performance of the Night bonuses totaling \$20k in cash.**

Performance of the night bonuses will be awarded to Driver's who may not make it far in the competition but did something notable (battle of the night, unreal chase, sportsmanship, etc)

#### **Two Team Awards will also be distributed per event.**

Outstanding Service Award- Awarded to those who went above and beyond for another competitor

Outstanding Readiness Award- Awarded to teams for being prepared for everything the competition presents, performing the impossible task. (Such as swapping subframes, torque tubes, etc)

### 6.1 PRO PRIZE MONEY

PRO PRIZE MONEY	
1st	5000
2nd	2000
3rd	1500
4th	1300
5th	1000
6th	1000
7th	1000
8th	1000

### 6.2 PROSPEC PRIZE MONEY

PROSPEC PRIZE MONEY	
1st	2500
2nd	1500
3rd	1000

### 6.3 PRO CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE MONEY

PRO CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE MONEY	
1st	20,000

### 6.4 PROSPEC CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE MONEY

PROSPEC CHAMPIONSHIP PRIZE MONEY	
1st	5,000

## Appendix A – Insurance Summary

Formula DRIFT provides participant accident insurance for all Formula DRIFT sanctioned events including practice and qualifying and is extended to all participants such as officials, crew members, owners, entrants, and any other individual or entity that holds a Formula DRIFT membership and appropriate credential.

The policies extend to accidental bodily injury sustained in a restricted area that is controlled by Formula DRIFT and which occurs independent of other causes.

The coverage provided under the Participant Accident Coverage is as follows:

Accidental Death and Dismemberment	\$ 25,000
Excess Accident Medical Benefit	\$ 25,000

All Formula Drift hard card holders are covered by our Participant Accident policy. This policy is an excess accident medical expense benefit with a deductible of \$0. This is not a primary policy. Your existing insurance coverage (if any) would be your primary. Anything that your primary insurance policy does not cover, this excess policy would come into effect without any deductible. If you do not have personal insurance, then the Participant policy would become your primary coverage.

If any injury should occur, these are the basic procedures:

1. The injured party would need to contact Andy Luk (Director, Operations) for a K&K Incident Report/Accident Medical Insurance Claim form.
2. The participant or parents/guardian will need to complete the form, detach it from the instruction page of the Incident report, and forward the form to the K&K Insurance Group, Inc.

Claims should be immediately reported and sent to:

Formula DRIFT Holdings, LLC.  
Andy Luk,  
Operations Director  
2161 Gundry Avenue  
Signal Hill, CA 90755

## APPENDIX B – RIDE-ALONG TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Ride-Along Requirements – Formula DRIFT ride along participants must be at least 18 years old and sign a Release of Liability waiver before entering the vehicle. Closed toed shoes and long pants are also required.

It is also recommended that the rider be less than 6 foot tall and under 220 pounds. Formula DRIFT vehicles use racing certified seats and the rider must be able to properly fit and be secured to the seat. The rider must also fall under each seat manufacturer’s suggested specifications for body type.

It is mandatory that the rider be in good physical condition and in good health. Formula DRIFT assumes no responsibility for riders that fail to disclose this information prior to the ride along.

Formula DRIFT Ride-Alongs are not guaranteed. Special circumstances do occur that may delay or cancel all ride alongs for the event. Formula DRIFT and its’ staff will do the best to notify said parties when possible. Due to venue restrictions and noise ordinances not every rider that has signed up for a ride along will receive the ride along. Formula DRIFT will do try to accommodate all parties.

Proper identification will need to be brought to the venue for age verification.

By participating in the Ride-Along program you give and grant unto Formula DRIFT, its duly authorized agents and assigns, the rights to the use of your name, likeness, voice or photographs taken at the Formula DRIFT event, including, but not limited to television and radio broadcasts, film productions, videotape reproductions and the like, and you hereby relinquish all rights therefore for these purposes.

**\*\*This experience is not suitable for children aged 15 years and under. Riders between 16-17 years of age are REQUIRED to have a pre-written approval from a parent and/or guardian prior to arriving to the venue.**

## APPENDIX C – MANUFACTURE CUP, TIRE CUP, AND FRANCHISE CHAMPIONSHIP

### Manufacturer Cup

Manufacturer Cup is for vehicles competing with an engine that matches the vehicle manufacturer. The top two ranking drivers by points from every manufacturer each round will receive points towards their vehicle manufacturer. The two drivers per manufacturer do not need to be the same drivers each round. Decisions regarding the engine and vehicle manufacturer eligibility will be determined by the Technical Regulations Manager.

Examples:

Nissan 350z with Chevrolet engine LS7 (will not receive points in the manufacturer cup)

Lexus SC430 with Toyota engine 2JZ (will receive points in the manufacturer cup)

### Tire Cup

The Tire Cup points will be determined by the top two ranking drivers by points from every tire manufacture each round will receive points towards their tire manufacture. The two drivers per tire manufacture do not need to be the same drivers each round.

### Franchise Championship

Each vehicle # will be considered a franchise. Each franchise will be entered in the “Franchise Championship”.

- Each PRO vehicle number will maintain points through the season
- If a driver substitution is made:
  - The vehicle number will continue to receive Franchise Championship points
  - The substituted driver will receive the Driver Championship points.

The vehicle # with the most championship points at the conclusion of the season will be the winner of the Franchise Championship.

Example:

If vehicle #151 driven by Fredric Aasbo receives 100 points in Round 1, Papadakis Racing #151 (franchise) and Fredric Aasbo (driver) will each receive 100 points for Round 1.

If vehicle #151 driven by Joyce Jameson receives 35 points in Round 2, Papadakis Racing #151 (franchise) and Joyce Jameson (driver) receives 35 points for Round 2.

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