



OPTIMA Search for the Ultimate Street Car AU Competition Rules

Section 1 General Rules

- 1) All vehicles entered into OSUSC AU events must be domestic or import, four-wheeled vehicles that are licensed, registered, insured for regular street use, and have a factory affixed OE manufacturer production tag or plate. The OSUSC AU does not allow kit cars, modern reproductions, or other vehicles that were not issued or do not have a major OE manufacturer factory affixed production tag or plate. No open-wheeled vehicles are allowed, and all vehicles must use a factory or reproduction hood, structural fenders and body panels. Scoops, flares and other modifications are acceptable. The OSUSC AU is a series designed specifically for performance street cars. Vehicles built specifically for competition or “race cars with license plates” are not within the spirit of the series and will be scrutinized before entry. USCA officials will make the final determination of eligibility – questions should be emailed to info@driveusca.com
- 2) All participants must compete in all segments of the event to qualify to be the OPTIMA Ultimate Street Car:
 - a) Drag Race – 1 or more passes (See Section 2)
 - b) Autocross/Motorkhana – minimum 3 laps (See Section 3)
 - c) Speed Stop – minimum 2 laps (See Section 4)
 - d) Road Course – minimum 3 laps (See Section 5)
- 3) Bonus points will be awarded for competing in other elements of the event:
 - a) Show and Shine Judging – 5 bonus points
- 4) All drivers will be required to sign a liability waiver. No passengers allowed.
- 5) Only official wrist banded drivers may drive the vehicle.
- 6) All competitors must have a current driver's license.
- 7) Each entrant will be issued a number, which must be clearly visible on the windshield, side windows or rear window.
- 8) **Participants must use DOT approved street tires. Tires will be required to pass a technical inspection at the track. Street tires are defined as any treaded, non-competition tire with a 200 tread wear rating or higher.** No modifications to tires will be acceptable, including shaving. Any vehicle with tires showing any evidence of modification will be immediately disqualified from the event.
- 9) Competitors must use a single set of tires for the entire event, no tire changing between events will be allowed. Tires will be marked during tech. Tire changes will be allowed in the event of a catastrophic failure, but replacements must be of the same manufacturer and model as those approved during tech inspection.
- 10) Helmet use is required during all non-highway segments of the competition and must be an approved automotive style with a Snell foundation sticker of SA2010 or SA2015. Look for

the orange label inside the liner. **Motorcycle and/or DOT only helmets will not be approved.**

- 11) All convertibles or roadsters must have rollover protection for the drag race portion of the challenge.
- 12) Participating cars must pass a basic safety inspection that will include but may not be limited to the following:
 - a. Functional seatbelts.
 - b. Proper brake pedal pressure and travel.
 - c. Sufficient throttle return spring and secured battery.
 - d. All lug nuts in place and tight.
 - e. Hubcaps/clip-on center caps are to be removed.
 - f. All loose items must be removed from vehicle.
(Floor mats, things hanging from rearview mirror, non-permanent phone mounts, laptops, luggage etc., and trunk items.)
- 13) Each segment of the event will be timed to 0.00.00 (except Show and Shine). A 25-point scoring system will award points based on the best time in each segment. Five (5) bonus points are awarded for the Show and Shine Judging. The competitor with the most combined points is the winner. The fastest autocross time will break all ties.
- 14) Race director and event management staff will have COMPLETE discretion to deny or remove from competition anyone in the event for any reason. All decisions are final.

Section 2 Drag Racing Rules

Total possible points: **100**

1. Participants must complete at least 1 pass on drag strip.
2. Single fastest time slips must be turned into USCA Officials no later than noon on Sunday.
3. SA2010 or SA2015 helmet and closed toe shoes required.

Section 3 Autocross/Motorkhana Rules

Total possible points: **100**

1. The official time for each run will be as measured by the automatic timer plus any penalties incurred.
2. A **two-second penalty** will be imposed for knocking a pylon over or out of its outlined box. If the pylon is left standing and touching any part of its outlined box, it is not a penalty. Pointer or "lay down" cones are considered directional aids and do not impose a penalty.
3. A **DNF (did not finish)** will be imposed for repeatedly not coming to a complete stop after crossing the finish line. Stop pylons will be designated at a generous distance beyond the finish line. Crossing or contact with any of the cones or pylons after the finish beam is considered a violation and will result in a DNF.

4. **Any vehicle that spins, loops or leaves the autocross surface (4 wheels off) for any reason will be black flagged and required to report directly to the USCA event steward as soon as safely possible. Multiple black flags issued to a participant will result in a deduction of championship points or immediate dismissal from the event.**
5. A participant's official score for the event will be the lowest timed lap of the segment.
6. The participant with the lowest timed lap in their respective class will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie within a class, considering the second fastest run of each tied participant for each session, and so on until the tie is broken will break the tie.
7. Burnouts, dry hops, etc. anywhere in the grid or staging area is strictly prohibited and may result in a deduction of championship points.
8. SA2010 or SA2015 helmet and closed toe shoes required.

Section 4

Speed Stop Rules

Total possible points: **100**

1. The format will be a down and back course layout that will feature a turnaround, slalom, and a stop box. The official time for each run will be as measured by the automatic timer.
2. A DNF (did not finish) will be imposed for knocking a pylon over or out of its outlined box. If the pylon is left standing and is touching any part of the outlined box, it is not a penalty.
3. The stop box shall be designed as a 9m x 12m box, designated with pylons. A DNF (did not finish) will be imposed for touching any stop box pylon.
4. The entire length and width of the vehicle must be inside the designated stop box.
5. **Any vehicle that spins, loops or leaves the speed-stop surface (4 wheels off) for any reason will be black flagged and required to report directly to the USCA event steward as soon as safely possible. Multiple black flags issued to a participant will result in a deduction of championship points or immediate dismissal from the event.**
6. A participant's official score for the event will be the lowest timed lap of the segment.
7. The participant with the lowest timed lap in their respective class will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie within a class, considering the second fastest run of each tied participant for each session, and so on until the tie is broken will break the tie.
8. Burnouts, dry hops, etc. anywhere in the grid or staging area is strictly prohibited and may result in a deduction of championship points.
9. SA2010 or SA2015 helmet and closed toed shoes required.

Section 5

Road Course Rules

The road course segment will be a time trial format with three run groups running multiple sessions on the designated road course. Run groups will be designated prior to segment start based on driving experience, comfort level and abilities as determined by both the participant and USCA officials. USCA officials reserve the right to move participants to a different run group based on the input of track spotters, participant feedback, and USCA official's observations.

Should you believe your driving skills do not match the USCA designation, bring documentation to make your case. Run group designation is at the sole discretion of USCA officials and the Competition Director.

Total possible points: **100**

Run groups will be designated as follows:

- **Run group - Expert** – Guidelines – may have attended and graduated an advanced course at an accredited driving school, 10-12 track days per year, familiar with competitive track flags, etiquette, rules and “racing line”, may have a sanctioned competitive license, and/or competed in wheel-to-wheel racing events
 - Passing will be allowed in designated areas – specific event/track rules will apply and be communicated during event specific drivers meeting
 - Safety Equipment **required** for Run Group Expert
 - Helmet – SA2010 or SA2015
 - Neck restraint – Hans style, or SFI certified neck collar
 - Properly mounted 5-point harness or better
 - FIA or SFI 3.2A/1 rated single layer fire suit or better
 - Nomex fire retardant gloves
 - Full coverage leather shoes
 - **All entrants in the expert class must have tires with a manufacturer date within five (5) years of the date of the OSUSC/OUSCI event being entered. [How to check the tire date code](#)**
- **Run group - Intermediate** – Guidelines - may have recently attended or graduated a basic course at an accredited driving school, 5-8 track days per year, familiar with basic track flags, etiquette, rules and “racing line”, multiple sessions with certified performance driving instructor
 - Passing will be allowed via point-by only on designated portions of track – specific event/track rules will apply and be communicated during event specific drivers meeting
 - Safety Equipment **required** for Run Group Intermediate
 - Helmet – SA2010 or SA2015
 - Neck restraint – Hans style, or SFI certified neck collar
 - Minimum - factory or better 3-point safety belts, 5-point or better recommended
 - FIA or SFI 3.2A/1 rated single layer fire suit or better
 - Nomex fire retardant gloves
 - Full coverage leather shoes
 - **All entrants in the intermediate class must have tires with a manufacturer date within five (5) years of the date of the OSUSC event being entered. [Here's how to check the date: How to check the tire date code](#)**
- **Run group - Novice** – Guidelines - minimal performance driving instruction, less than 3 track days annually, driving only for fun & education, desires more instruction to be able to understand and enjoy performance driving
 - **Lead/follow laps only** - passing **may** be allowed on designated straightaway – individual event/track rules will apply and will be communicated during event specific drivers meeting. This is a non-competitive run group with limited and monitored speed.
 - Safety Equipment **required** for Run Group C
 - Helmet – SA2010 or SA2015
 - Neck restraint – Hans style, or SFI certified neck collar
 - Minimum - factory or better 3-point safety belts
 - FIA or SFI 3.2A/1 rated single layer fire suit or better or
 - 100% cotton long sleeve shirt and pants
 - Fire retardant or leather gloves
 - Full coverage leather shoes

1. The official time for each run will be as measured by the transponder attached to the vehicle.

2. USCA officials may, at their discretion, alter or change the road course configuration for safety, excessive speed, and to run the segment in the time allotted. Participants in all run groups will run the same course configuration.
3. **Any vehicle that spins, loops or leaves the track surface (4 wheels off) for any reason will be black flagged and required to report directly to the USCA event steward as soon as safely possible. Multiple black flags issued to a participant will result in a deduction of championship points or immediate dismissal from the event.**
4. A participant's official score for the event will be the lowest timed lap of the segment.
5. The participant with the lowest timed lap in their respective class will be declared the winner. In the event of a tie within a class, considering the second fastest lap of each tied participant for each session, and so on until the tie is broken will break the tie.
6. Swerving, burnouts, dry hops, etc. to warm tires is strictly prohibited on pit lane and may result in a deduction of championship points.
7. Contact with any marker (cone, barrel, etc.) designating a speed monitoring or limiting element such as a chicane or bus-stop, may result in the loss of your fastest recorded lap time of the day