

March 23, 2026

Re: 2026 Letter to SCCA Road Racing Competitors from the Executive Steward

Greetings Fellow Competitors:

Welcome to the 2026 racing season! It should be a great and memorable season. The division will feature two Drivers School's, several regional races, three Majors and a Hoosier Super Tour. Included in this year's schedule is a return to the Milwaukee Mile, a second drivers' school at Brainerd, the 2nd annual Majors at Brainerd, and the return of the Looong Race hosted by Chicago Region and the Chicagoland Sports Car Club. Unfortunately, the scheduling this year didn't work out for a return to the Autobahn Country Club, but I am looking forward to that event to return in 2027.

If it's been a while since you have been to Brainerd, or haven't ever visited the track, I highly recommend you attend one of their events. The track is fun, and the region is SUPER friendly! Don't forget there are bonus points for the CenDiv Championship Race Series for every track you attend. This year we also welcome back the SRF Gen2 Pro Tour. As a bonus, compliance fees at regional races have changed and could make the weekend a bit less expensive.

A bit about my philosophy as a Steward...as a well-know steward used to say, we hope to provide "Fun, Fair and Safe" racing. I discourage being intrusive on your race weekends. We only want to intercede if the competition is **unsafe or unfair**. If you see something that you feel is unsafe or unfair...speak up. We need help from our drivers to address an unsafe or unfair action.

Based on my experiences, we too often see on track incidents between cars of different classes. I ask for you to get to know who you are racing with. It seems unnecessary to be involved in an incident with someone you are not racing for a position. If you are in front of a faster class car, don't fight positions in corners. If you are behind a slower class car, don't take unnecessary risks in the corners. Of course, I understand this is all relative to where your class competitors are on course. I'm just asking for you to race smart.

I wanted to briefly bring to your attention to a couple of changes this year. Firstly, the rules have changed during a black flag all (BFA) track condition. The display of a BFA also means no passing. Secondly, there are changes in affect as of April concerning car video. Drivers must have a removable video that can be viewed on a VLC player. Please take a look at the Penalty Guidelines that have been updated this year at [2026-Penalty-Guidelines-V3.pdf](#).

See you at the track!

Sincerely,

Mike Smith
CenDiv Executive Steward