



By-Laws

**Sports Car Club of America
Northern Pacific Division - San Francisco Region
Fresno Chapter**

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The Fresno Chapter SCCA by-laws shall be the guiding laws of how the club functions.

Statement of Policy:

From the Board of Directors – 1969, 1975, and 1977

“The Sports Car Club of America, Inc. is governed and operated by a large number of members in positions of authority and responsibility – directors, officers, salaried executives, and any committee members and appointed officials. It is imperative that all members recognize the fundamental principles that, as in any other corporation, all of these people owe to the SCCA a duty of great loyalty in occupying such positions of trust, and should therefore direct their principal efforts towards advancement of the Club and its programs.”

Prime Objective:

Provide an enjoyable experience in a friendly environment at SCCA events. Each procedure and action of workers, officials and competitors shall emphasize and encourage this philosophy.

Statement of Function:

Fresno Chapter of the SCCA exists to organize, support, and develop automotive activities and provide an outlet for car enthusiasts to get off the sidelines and into the action. Fresno Chapter of the SCCA wants to help you fuel your automotive passion.

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1. Legal Status

- a. Sports Car Club of America, Inc. (“SCCA” or the “Club”), a not-for-profit, non-stock corporation, is incorporated in the State of Connecticut as indicated in the Amended Certificate of Incorporation, filed with the Secretary of the State of Connecticut. SCCA is organized and operated according to the by-laws adopted by the members and placed in effect January 29, 1984 and amended effective July 1, 2000. SCCA Inc. is also the sole shareholder of two for-profit subsidiary corporations, SCCA Pro Racing, Ltd., and SCCA Enterprises, Inc.

2. Organization and Name

- a. This organization is a duly constituted chapter of the San Francisco Region of the Sports Car Club of America. The name of this organization shall be Sports Car Club of America – Fresno Chapter.

3. Fiscal

- a. Tax Exemption Status:
 - i. The SCCA is operated as a not-for-profit corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(4). Exemption was obtained from the Commissioner of Tax Revenue, March 27, 1953. The Vice President of Finance submits a Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, for the Club’s financial operations each calendar year.
- b. Fiscal Year:
 - i. The fiscal year is April 1st through March 31st.
- c. Annual Financial Statement:
 - i. Inquiries should be directed to the national SCCA office.

4. Membership

- a. Limited to members in good standing of the SCCA.

5. Club Administration

- a. Board Members and Their Duties: Term minimum of 1 year with a maximum of 3 years. All board members must possess valid SCCA membership. Minimum age of 18 yrs. old. All board members must read and uphold the bylaws.
 - i. President’s Duties and Benefits:
 1. Organize agenda and conduct the monthly general meetings according to Robert’s Rules of Order.
 2. Receive \$10 discount to any event conducted by the club during their term in office.
 3. May only hold the President position as a board member.

4. Vacancy: If for any reason the President resigns or is no longer able to complete his or her duties then the Vice President will become the President for the remaining term of the vacated President.
- ii. Vice President's Duties and Benefits:
 1. Submit event sanction paperwork a minimum of 21 days before a scheduled event requiring sanctioning. Received sanctioning paperwork must have two copies made with one copy going to the Secretary and the other going to the timing and scoring vehicle to be displayed at the appropriate event.
 2. Receive \$10 discount to any event conducted by the club during their term in office.
 3. Assume responsibilities of the President at any club function when the President is unable or unwilling to attend.
 4. May only hold the Vice President position as a board member.
 5. Vacancy: If for any reason the Vice President resigns or is no longer able to complete his or her duties then the club will open nominations at the next monthly general meeting and then vote on those nominated at the following monthly general meeting. The new Vice President will serve for the remaining term of the vacated Vice President.
 - iii. Treasurer's Duties and Benefits:
 1. Prepare reports for monthly general meetings detailing income and expenditures.
 2. Have organizer access to MotorsportReg.com.
 3. Present prepared above reports at monthly meetings. If unable to present the above reports at the meeting then all other board members must be contacted to discuss an alternate presentation. Three hard copies of report(s) must be brought to the monthly general meeting; one for each member of the board.
 4. Submit payment for site rental in accordance with site contract.
 5. Audit each event conducted during their term and submit payment to SCCA within **15 days** to cover audit/insurance fees to avoid any late penalty fees. Send appropriate payment for any weekend memberships sold at an event.
 6. Prepare quarterly reports and submit to the regional contact
 7. Receive \$10 discount to any event conducted by the club during their term in office.

8. The Treasurer shall only pay approved expenses by the club at a general club meeting for the functions. All reimbursements shall be paid back to a club member once a valid receipt is presented and shall only be in the form of a check to the club member for the amount on the receipt.
9. Any expenditure(s) over **\$1000** must have a minimum of three different vendors/companies from which the club decides which one to go with where applicable, unless only one vendor is available that carries the product or a board majority determines multiple bids are not necessary.
10. Maintain the club's account in the bank designated by the club.
11. May only hold the Treasurer position as a board member.
12. Vacancy: If for any reason the Treasurer resigns or is no longer able to complete his or her duties then the club will open nominations at the next monthly meeting general meeting and then vote on those nominated at the following monthly general meeting. The new Treasurer will serve for the remaining term of the vacated Treasurer.

iv. **Secretary's Duties and Benefits:**

1. Prepare minutes for the monthly general meetings detailing the previous monthly general meetings details in a timely manner.
2. Present prepared above reports at monthly meetings. If unable to present the above reports at meeting then all other board members must be contacted to discuss an alternate presentation.
3. Receive \$10 discount to any event conducted by the club during their term in office.
4. May only hold the Secretary position as a board member.
5. Vacancy: If for any reason the Secretary resigns or is no longer able to complete his or her duties then the club will open nominations at the next monthly meeting general meeting and then vote on those nominated at the following monthly general meeting. The new Secretary will serve for the remaining term of the vacated Secretary.

6. Chiefs and their Duties

- a. Volunteer based or will be appointed by the current board members.
- b. Term lasts a minimum of 1 year and a maximum of 3 years in a specific Chief position.
- c. All chiefs must read the bylaws at the beginning of each season

- d. Chiefs are responsible for their applicable duties but may appoint subordinates to help in getting their duties accomplished.
- e. One term is a competition year.
- f. All chiefs must possess valid SCCA membership; minimum age of 18 yrs. old.
- g. Receive \$10 discount to any sanctioned event conducted by the club during their term in office.
- h. Plurality of Duties:
 - i. One person may hold more than one Chief position except the Chief of Safety Steward which may only hold the Chief of Safety Steward position during an event.
- i. Chief of Safety Steward:
 - i. Verifies a minimum of two safety stewards are at an event so that while one participates the other safety steward is working as both safety stewards cannot be in the same run group.
 - ii. Safety Stewards must wear lanyard stored in trailer marked “Event Safety Steward”.
 - iii. Verify with event chair that a system is in place to ensure all persons on site have signed the release waiver and are receiving wristbands.
 - iv. Verify waiver forms have: 1. Event, date and witnessing signature from the SCCA member collecting signatures.
 - v. Verify Certificate of Insurance at event site before event starts.
 - vi. Responsible for the safety of spectators, workers and drivers relative to course design.
 - vii. Course changes are limited to course and off course safety and not course design philosophy. See Solo Rulebook.
- j. Chief of Waivers:
 - i. Ensures waivers comply with the requirements of the SCCA insurance coverage with regards to Solo events.
 - ii. Ensure waiver functions follow the Solo Department guidelines.
 - iii. Verify all waivers are signed properly, witnessed, event designated, location, date and each signer receives a wristband.
 - iv. Keep all supplies stocked (wristbands, waiver forms, pens, etc.).
 - v. Verify proper storage of waivers for required years as required by Solo department guidelines or local laws whichever is greater.
 - vi. Verify waiver workers are on duty at all times from event start until finish.
 - vii. Verify waiver workers have been recruited, trained, assigned, and possess SCCA membership.
- k. Chief of Technical Inspections:

- i. Ascertains that vehicles comply with the requirements of the Solo Rulebook and the Supplemental Regulations.
- ii. Inspect and certify vehicles and driver safety equipment comply with the safety regulations. Helmet has valid Snell certification, proper attire, footwear (closed-toed shoes).
- iii. Conduct Safety Inspections of vehicles as requested by the Event Chair.
- iv. Report to Event Chair any non-compliant vehicles.
- v. Verify appropriate size and legibility of car numbers (8 inches tall) and car's class (4 inches tall) are on the car before car is released from technical inspection area.
- vi. Personally administer each issuance of an Annual Tech Sticker in accordance with club policy.
- vii. Not responsible for car classification (entrant's responsibility).
- l. Chief of Timing and Scoring:
 - i. Responsible for accurately taking, reading and recording times.
 - ii. Prepares the official results after the event.
 - 1. Finalizes results in two weeks or before next event unless the following event is the next day in which case two weeks is the time allotted to finalize results.
 - 2. Upload results to website
 - iii. See section 22 (Finalized Results) for further duties.
- m. Chief of Registration:
 - i. Verifies valid SCCA membership and driver's license. If both criteria aren't met then the competitor isn't allowed to compete at the event.
 - ii. Responsible for printing and coordinating online registration.
 - iii. Responsible for assigning workers before events and checking workers in during events.
 - iv. See sections 14 (Class Grouping) and 19 (Registration) for further duties.
- n. Chief of Novice:
 - i. Must be knowledgeable and experienced in autocross.
 - ii. Announce and conduct novice course walks.
 - iii. Be available and willing to ride with any novice for in car assistance.
- o. Chief of Promotions:
 - i. Responsible for the preparation and submission of a monthly article concerning chapter events to "The Wheel" and for sending information to the news media from time to time.
 - ii. Invite media to events and make sure one reporter receives free entry for that event with club paying for applicable weekend membership.
 - iii. Prepare event flyer

- iv. Post event/calendar at or on:
 - 1. Internet: Facebook, social media etc.
- p. Chief of Equipment:
 - i. Making sure approved repairs are made in a timely manner.
 - ii. Maintains the inventory of all other expendable items in the timing trailer, such as batteries, chalk, oil dry, et. cetera.
 - iii. Confirms loaner helmets meet current minimum SCCA standards.
 - iv. Confirms safety flags are in good condition.
 - v. Confirms with portable toilet company before event if applicable.
 - vi. Prior to each event, check the general safety and maintenance of the trailer.
 - vii. Perform a thorough annual inspection of the trailer for safety and maintenance items, including wheel bearings, and confirm current trailer registration.
- q. Chief of Impound and Protest:
 - i. Responsible for upholding Section 6.10 of vehicle compliance with the Solo Rulebook and Supplemental Regulations.
 - ii. Conduct inspections independently or at the request of the Event Chair.
 - iii. Leader of the protest committee.
 - iv. Provides notification of protests to those involved.
 - v. Provides notification of ruling to those involved.
 - vi. May vote or not vote during protest.
 - vii. Allowed to participate as a driver at the event.
- r. Chief of Web
 - i. Responsible for keeping the website up to date, including the event schedule, the list of board members and chiefs, and updating the results page and results archive at the beginning of each season.
 - ii. Responsible for working with the Secretary to add the most recent monthly meeting minutes to the website in a timely manner.

7. Event Officials and their Duties (must be 18)

- a. Event Chair:
 - i. Chief planner and organizer of the event.
 - ii. Establishes event administration procedures that achieve compliance with all applicable SR (Solo Rules) and supplemental regulations, including a waiver signing system.
 - iii. Formulates procedures to implement the Divisional Solo Safety Steward's plans for ensuring spectator, driver and worker safety.
 - iv. Course design, layout, and pre-running of suitable course.
 - v. Verify communication between waiver station and event administration.

- vi. Event Chairs receives free entry

8. Event Operations

- a. Paddock and Non-competition Areas:
 - i. Maximum speed 5 mph, NO EXCEPTIONS.
 - 1. First infraction will result in disqualification from event; second will result in disqualification from the current season and possibly all future seasons.
 - ii. Pets allowed must be on a leash at all times, NO EXCEPTIONS.
- b. Grid:
 - i. Multi-driver always the far left lane for ease of driver changes.
 - ii. Non-competitors are not allowed unless on competitors crew and approved by grid person and or Solo Safety Steward.
 - iii. Minimum age for non-competitors in grid area is 16 years old.
 - iv. No pets allowed at any time.
- c. Spectators:
 - i. All spectators must view event from areas designated by Chief Safety Steward. Failure of spectator to stay in viewing area will result in the spectator being asked to leave the event site.
 - ii. Paddock is open to all spectators, but all vehicles have right of way at all times. PAY ATTENTION TO ANY VEHICLE MOVING OR RUNNING.

9. Entrants' work duties

- a. All entrants will be required to work their designated work stations at their designated work time. Course workers must wear high-visibility vests while on course.
- b. Failure to work will result in a Did Not Work (DNW) in all of the times posted in the results along with disqualification from the event. Two event results with DNW in a season for any competitor will result in that competitor being disqualified from that current season.
- c. Possessing a medical disability can excuse the competitor from working.
- d. Being 65+ years old can excuse the competitor from working.

10. Course Map

- a. Course map, showing all markers, solid objects, and potential problem areas MAY be posted prior to the start of an event.
- b. Posted location of the course map will be on the inside of the trailer door of the time trailer.
- c. The course must remain the same for all drivers in a class unless a safety issue occurs.

11. Photography

- a. Photography video or stills is not allowed on or around course unless in specific locations designated and announced by the Event Chair and Solo Safety Steward. Photographers approved to be on course by the Event Chair and Solo Safety Steward are required to have a designated spotter with them at all times with the spotter having radio communication with the timing trailer. Photographers and spotters must wear the safety vest like all course workers.
- b. Failure to comply with the above guideline may result in the photographer being asked to leave the event site.
- c. In-car video is only allowed if the camera, camera mount and recording device are approved by the Chief of Technical Inspection. Any unapproved camera, camera mount and recording device must be removed before any competition run is made.

12. Course Familiarization

- a. Each driver will have an opportunity to walk through the course at a specified time announced by the Event Chair.

13. Starts

- a. One vehicle starts at a time with sufficient time between vehicles to eliminate any possible vehicles coming close to each other on the course.

14. Class Grouping

- a. Groups will be determined by the Chief of Registration in consultation with the Chief of Timing and Scoring to distribute entrants in run groups as evenly as possible at the beginning of each year.
- b. Modifications to include combining or moving classes within groups can be made as needed at any time of the day of an event in consultation with the Event Chair based on the registered entrants.
- c. Run groups are to rotate down from one event to the next; so run group 1 become run group 2 and run group 4 become run group 1.
- d. Post the run groups publicly before and during the event.

15. Order of Running

- a. All vehicles in a designated run group will take their individual runs before the following run group starts taking their individual runs.
- b. Competitors must run in a class valid for their applicable vehicle.

16. Double Entry

- a. Entering in two different run groups is allowed as long as:
 - i. No double entries allowed in events with less than 4 run groups.
 - ii. First entry run group runs will be scored, posted in the results, receive points and attendance.
 - iii. Second entry run group runs will be announced at event, not scored in the results, not receive points or receive attendance.

- iv. The two run groups being entered in cannot be consecutive (competitors in run group 1 can only enter in 3 or 4, competitors in run group 2 can only enter in run group 4, competitors in run groups 3 and 4 do not have the option of double entry).
- v. Approved by the Event Chair.
- vi. Pay entry fee for each run group.

17. Fun Runs

- a. Will be at the discretion of the Event Chair.
- b. Will be conducted after all run groups have completed their competition runs.
- c. Number of fun runs will be at the discretion of the Event Chair.
- d. Drivers who did not compete in a run group may participate in fun runs provided they have paid the event's full registration fee in full and are driving a car that has passed technical inspection.

18. Protests

- a. Must be filed with the designated Chief of Impound and Protest before starting the last run of the applicable run group from which the protest is being filed.

19. Registration

- a. Chief of Registration is to make sure the items listed below are followed:
 - i. Proof of valid driver's license presented by competitor.
 - ii. Proof of valid SCCA membership presented by the competitor or weekend membership must be purchased at the site.
 - iii. Pay the applicable fee set by the club at the January general monthly meeting to the person collecting the entry fee at the event.
 - iv. Competitor's failure to meet any of the above requirements will result in the competitor not being allowed to run.

20. Insurance Waiver

- a. All competitors and non-competitors upon entering the event site must sign the release waiver and wear the wristband they receive to show they signed. Failure to do so will result in being asked to leave the site immediately.
- b. All questions concerning waivers must be brought to the attention of the designated Chief of Waivers.
- c. Guardians of all minors wishing to enter the event must read and sign the current SCCA California Minor Waiver Form, with the signature witnessed by either the event chair, the chief of waivers, chief of registration, or safety steward. The adult with the child will be responsible for that minor.

21. Ties.

- a. Ties when two drivers score the same time in a class or PAX adjusted score for PAX classes shall be broken by combining the fastest time with the next fastest time and lowest combined score shall take the higher placing. If the tie persists

then a run off is required only between the competitors tied with each other. Additional runs will be scored as individual runs and not replace existing runs.

- b. If a tie occurs between two in the same class scoring a DNF on all runs, the tie will be broken by a coin flip.

22. Finalized Results

- a. Must have the following:
 - i. Driver name, car number and class type.
 - ii. Corrected times with penalties assessed. If a driver scores a DNF on every run, their corrected final time should read 999.000. If a DNF tiebreaker necessary, the winner of the tiebreaker should read 999.000, with .001 added to the score for each subsequent finisher in the tiebreaker.
 - iii. Overall index.
 - iv. PAX index.
 - v. Chief of Timing and Scoring is responsible for the items above and to make any timing interpretations due to limits of the timing software.

23. Penalties

- a. A (one) second cumulative penalty will be added per pylon/cone displaced as listed below per competition run.
 - i. When a pylon/cone is:
 1. Knocked over out of its marked box or inside its marked box.
 2. Standing up outside its marked box.

24. Passengers

- a. Passengers must sign the event waiver, wear a wristband, and be in compliance with the national SCCA solo rule book. (Currently Section 1.3.2 D)
- b. Passengers are allowed pending driver's approval and have safety equipment that meets or exceeds the driver's requirements.
- c. Must keep all body parts inside the car.
- d. Minimum age limit of 13 yrs. old with parents or legal guardian's minor release on file.

25. Drivers' Meeting

- a. All applicable competitors must be present and attentive to what is stated at the drivers' meeting. Any competitor not present for their applicable drivers' meeting will not be allowed to compete.

26. Classes

- a. All recognized SCCA classes listed in the current Solo Rulebook.
- b. Supplemental classes: Novice Class/Championship, Ladies Class/Championship, Index Class/Championship
 - i. Novice and Ladies class competitors must drive in the run group for their car's class. Results will be determined by PAX scoring.

- ii. Index class competitors must drive in a single designated run group and results will be determined by PAX scoring.
- iii. Please see Appendix for further Novice class rules.
- c. WHICH RULE DO WE PREFER?
 - i. If the SCCA rulebook changes a car's class or adds a new model to the rulebook after a season has already started, the affected drivers should be retroactively reclassified for events that have already occurred and the points and PAX points should be recalculated. All appearances made in the previous class will count for the new class.

27. Season Competition

- a. Competition season runs from January 1 to December 31 each year.
- b. Develop a schedule that takes into account major races in the area, as well as competing clubs that may result in low attendance and risk losing money on an event or having a shortage of workers to put on a safe event.

28. Meetings

- a. Club Meetings:
 - i. Occurrence: Meetings are to be held every third Wednesday of each month except December. Meeting locations and dates shall not be changed unless voted on at the previous month's general monthly meeting.
 - ii. Location: The location will be known no later than the preceding month's general monthly meeting and will be posted on the website and on Facebook.
 - iii. Time: General monthly meeting starts at 7:00pm and should be finished no later than 9:00pm. Any subject or topic not covered by 9:00pm shall be tabled until the next general monthly meeting.
 - iv. Procedures: Parliamentary rules of order will come from the "Robert's Rules of Order".
 - v. Voting: Minimum of three club members are required to put a motion to vote.
 - vi. Majority vote by show of hands is passing.

29. Awards

- a. Eligibility:
 - i. Any competitor with an annual SCCA membership or weekend membership can receive points towards any applicable award.
 - ii. A minimum of one point is required to win a class and receive an award. All competitors eligible for an award are awarded a trophy.
- b. Attendance:

- i. A competitor must compete in more than 50 percent of the events in a single class of a current season's competition calendar year to be eligible for an award in the class at the awards banquet.
 - ii. Drivers must participate in more than 50 percent of the events in any class to be eligible for any PAX award at the awards banquet.
 - iii. Up classing or changing classes during the current competition calendar year will start a new attendance record in that class.
 - iv. Attendance will be cumulative per each class.
- c. Ties:
 - i. If two or more competitors are tied in championship points for any position, that tie will not be broken and both competitors will be given credit for the position in question.
- d. Awards Banquet:
 - i. Occurrence: Once a year in January
 - ii. Location: The location (usually a restaurant) will be known no later than the last general club meeting in November.
 - iii. Time: Doors usually open by 6:30pm with dinner at 7:00pm.
- e. Points Breakdown For Classes:
 - i. 1st place = 9 points
 - ii. 2nd place = 6 points
 - iii. 3rd place = 4 points
 - iv. 4th place = 3 points
 - v. 5th place = 2 points
 - vi. 6th place = 1 point
 - vii. 7th place and below = 0 points

f. PAX Championship Points Breakdown

- i. PAX championship points are distributed based on the default values in the AxTime software:

1st = 100 pts.	16th = 32 pts.
2nd = 94 pts.	17th = 29 pts.
3rd = 88 pts.	18th = 26 pts.
4th = 82 pts.	19th = 23 pts.
5th = 77 pts.	20th = 20 pts.
6th = 72 pts.	21st = 18 pts.
7th = 68 pts.	22nd = 16 pts.
8th = 64 pts.	23rd = 14 pts.
9th = 60 pts.	24th = 12 pts.
10th = 56 pts.	25th = 10 pts.
11th = 52 pts.	26th = 8 pts.
12th = 48 pts.	27th = 6 pts.
13th = 44 pts.	28th = 4 pts.
14th = 40 pts.	29th = 2 pts.
15th = 36 pts.	30th = 1 pt.

30. Supplemental Additions and Substitutions

- a. Proposed at one monthly general club meeting.
- b. Voted on at the following general monthly club meeting.
- c. Implemented at the following general monthly club meeting.

31. Permanent Changing of By-Laws

- a. Permanent changes to the By-Laws will only come from previously approved supplemental additions/substitutions and must be approved by a majority vote at the January general monthly club meeting.
- b. These By-Laws must be reviewed in January of each year by the current board members, so that any supplemental additions may be reviewed to see if they need to be voted on at the January general monthly meeting so that they become permanent changes to the By-Laws.

32. Appendix: Novice Class Rules

- a. Eligibility: You are NOT eligible for the Novice Championship:
 - i. Competed in more than 50% of any prior year's events.
 - ii. Earned any regular season trophies (Regional, Divisional, Tour, Nationals).
 - iii. Earned any Championship season trophies for any Novice class (except event trophies or special competition trophies).
 - iv. Judged ineligible by the Novice Chief or Solo Program Chair (see below).

- v. Previous autocross experience from another region and otherwise qualifies.
 - vi. The Novice Chief will verify eligibility of all entrants. The Novice Chief can make appropriate adjustments to the class rules if necessary to ensure fairness to all competitors
- b. Novice Classes:
- i. There is one novice class for all novice competitors.
 - ii. There is no separate Ladies Novice class. Ladies may run in their regular Ladies class or in the open Novice classes.
- c. Run Group:
- i. Novices must run in their specified run group to be eligible for points. Open class cars in your class will be running with you, so do not hesitate to approach them for help, information or ride-a-longs.
- d. Special Car Identification:
- i. The regular class (e.g. DS, CSP) plus an “N” (for Novice class) – e.g. CS-N must appear on both sides of your car according to SCCA standards and clearly marked on your registration card to ensure that timing and scoring can correctly associate your times with you. Failure to perform either of these items may disqualify you from Novice class for that particular event.
- e. Novice Championship:
- i. For Novice Championship season points and trophies, qualified Novices will be competing against all other Novices based on PAX times on an event to event basis.
- f. Awards:
- i. Trophies will be awarded to the winner of the Novice Championship at the end of the year in accordance with the standards for all classes.

33. Appendix 2: Forza 44 Scholarship



Forza 44 Scholarship Program

This operations manual establishes guidelines for the Forza 44 Scholarship Program, established in 2023, in honor of Chet Hansen.

Purpose of the Scholarship. The Forza 44 Scholarship Fund was created to honor the legacy of founding Fresno SCCA member, Chet Hansen. The program awards funding to encourage Fresno Chapter members to become more successful drivers and contributing members of the SCCA at a Regional, Divisional, and National level.

History of the Scholarship. In 1973, Chet Hansen attended the first ever SCCA Nationals, and won his class, bringing home the trophy for E Prepared class. During that offseason, Chet and some other club members had the idea to put on an Autocross Driving School. From those humble beginnings, our annual Driving School has helped produce a number of people who became Solo National Champions over the last 50 years. A hallmark of our chapter has always been the friendly and encouraging atmosphere, where we support one another as well as our community at large. This scholarship seeks to continue that legacy, by supporting members who embody Chet's competitive and generous spirit, to compete and represent our chapter at the National level.

Qualifications for Nominations. Nominations should be submitted in writing to the Board by active SCCA Fresno Chapter members. Qualities/achievements considered include, but are not limited to:

- Trophy winner from previous competition year, or demonstrated ability/attitude to win
- Has participated in Annual Driving School, either as a student or instructor
- Current annual SCCA member in good standing
- Shows respect both for the sport and also their fellow competitors
- First time competing at the Tire Rack Solo Nationals

Management and Award Selection of the Scholarship Program. The Forza 44 Scholarship Program will be managed by the Fresno Chapter SCCA. The selection process will be handled by the Board of Directors as well as long-time member Ricardo Quinonez, who founded this Scholarship program.

Scholarship Award Components. The Forza 44 Scholarship will award a grant of up to \$1,500 for each awardee which will be used to offset travel and other expenses incurred to attend Tire Rack National Solo events during the year. Unless otherwise approved by the Board in advance, the amounts will be paid out after receipts are submitted documenting expenses for the year up to the award amount. The award winners should also be connected with a mentor designated by the Board to assist in development as a driver and club leader. The amount of the cash award and the number of awardees may be changed from year to year, at the discretion of the Board.

Annual Schedule for Scholarship Process. Typically, the nomination process should open in January and be completed by the end of February, with selection and announcement of scholarship awardees no later than mid-March. This timing will allow winners to plan their path to Solo Nationals, including any Regional events they wish to attend in preparation for the National event.

Nomination Acknowledgements and Post-Award Communication to Non-Awardees. The Board should ensure that an acknowledgement of each nomination received is sent to the person who submitted the nomination. After the awardees are announced, the Board should send a note to each person who was nominated, congratulating them for having been nominated despite not being selected for a scholarship, and encouraging their ongoing participation in the club.

Scholarship Payment Process. Except for exceptional circumstances approved in advance by the Board, no scholarships will be paid out in advance. The awardees must submit receipts documenting the expenses incurred to attend Tire Rack National Solo events during the award year. For administrative simplicity, it is preferred that this take place at the end of the season.

Fundraising for the Scholarship. Between awards being granted and the next nomination window, the Board is encouraged to advance fundraising ideas to replenish the scholarship fund, ensuring long-term sustainability of the program.