



## NASA-X Mid-Atlantic Regional Rules Supplement (2012 v2 – posted Feb 1, 2012 – changes in red)

These are additional NASA-X Mid-Atlantic Regional Rules to be used in conjunction with the 2012 NASA-X National Rules (available from <http://www.nasaproracing.com/rules.htm> )

### 1. ENTRY FEES

Due to general economic recovery, entry fees have either decreased or stayed the same for all 2012 Mid-Atlantic NASA-X events despite increased costs once again this year.

Entry fees for 2012 Autocrosses shall be \$40.00 per event day for NASA members and \$45.00 for nonmembers. Drivers who pre-register for Autocrosses are eligible for the advance discount entry fee of \$30.00 per event day for NASA members or \$35.00 for nonmembers.

Entry fees for 2012 Circuitcrosses are TBA per event at the time of this writing. Circuitcross advance discount entry fees and policies are TBA per event, but shall be available whenever possible. Circuitschools each morning are **optional but recommended** for novices and **optional but recommended** for all entered drivers, and shall cost an additional (TBA.) Pre-registration is required **although late entries may be available on site for an additional fee.**

Entry fees for 2012 arrive-and-drive Kart Enduros shall be at least \$40.00 (TBA per event) per team per 30 minutes of racing, for NASA members or nonmembers. Pre-registration is required.

Entry fees and related policies for all other events are TBA per event.

### 2. REFUNDS/CREDITS

For regular regional championship Autocrosses and driveWISE Accident Avoidance Schools: Your choice of a 90% entry fee refund or a 100% credit for a later event shall be issued if you notify the Event Registrar or primary point-of-contact listed on the pre-registration page by 6:00pm on the Wednesday prior to the event. Refunds or credits shall not be issued after that deadline, but substitutions are allowed at no additional charge.

For regular regional championship Circuitcrosses: Full credits for later similar events (or refunds minus a \$30.00 processing fee and minus the \$10.00 temporary membership if applicable) will only be issued for cancellations requested one week prior to the finish of the event (i.e. 6pm the prior Sunday.)

For all Kart Enduros: Refunds or credits for later events shall not be issued at any time unless the event is officially cancelled or postponed, but substitutions are allowed at no additional charge. Kart Enduro entries for a cancelled event are applied to the next Kart Enduro scheduled at that venue.

Refund policies for all other events are TBA per event.

### **3. MINIMUM/MAXIMUM ENTRIES AND HEATS**

Car/driver entry counts for regular Championship Autocrosses and Circuitcrosses shall be limited to a minimum of 20 per heat and/or 40 per event day, and a maximum of 30 per heat and/or 120 per event day. Kart Enduro entries shall be limited to a minimum of 9 teams per race and a maximum of 12 teams per race at VIR or a minimum of 12 teams per race and a maximum of 24 teams per race at SPK, with no maximum number of drivers per team, and a minimum number of drivers per team TBA based on race length.

Event cancellation or postponement for attendance reasons shall be decided by no later than 6pm on the Wednesday prior to the event in question. Autocrosses may be cancelled if fewer than 30 paid entrants are registered at that time. Kart enduros may be cancelled if fewer than 10 teams (VIR) or fewer than 13 teams (SPK) are registered at that time. It is likely that the equivalent determination for Circuitcrosses shall take place 30 days prior to the event.

### **4. MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION**

NASA membership is optional for all 2012 Autocross, Circuitcross, and Kart Enduro events. Memberships are required for eligibility in the 2012 championship. Nonmember entries at Autocrosses and Circuitcrosses will cost an extra \$10.00 per event (or perhaps less with whatever early entry fee discount we announce.) There is no nonmember surcharge for Kart Enduros. Pre-registration is required for Circuitcrosses and Kart Enduros. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged for Autocrosses, and will feature an entry fee discount.

At least ten (10) walk-up registration spots per day will be saved for each Autocross event morning. Regardless of event type, pre-registration closes no later than noon on the day before each event. Entry lists are posted and linked from the appropriate [nasapracing.com](http://nasapracing.com) pre-registration page at least 72 hours before the start of each Autocross or Circuitcross. Entry lists may be emailed to team captains, not posted online, for Kart Enduros. It is each entrant's responsibility to read and understand all posted information and documentation, whether it is also emailed to them or not.

### **5. EVENT SCHEDULES**

Registration, Tech Inspection, Course Walk, Drivers Meeting, and Novice Meeting times are TBA per event/per site. Event schedules are "time certain" and not final until the morning of each event, unless otherwise posted/announced at or before each event. Tentative event day schedules are posted on individual pre-registration pages no later than 72 hours before the start of an event.

### **6. WORK/RUN ORDER**

There is no work/run order and there are no work assignments whatsoever at Circuitcrosses or Kart Enduros. For four-heat Autocrosses the run/work order shall be "heat 1 drivers work heat 2, heat 2 drivers work heat 1, heat 3 drivers work heat 4, heat 4 drivers work heat 3." For three-heat Autocrosses the run/work order shall be "heat 1 drivers work heat 2, heat 2 drivers work heat 3, heat 3 drivers work heat 1." For two-heat Autocrosses the run/work order shall be "heat 1 drivers work heat 2, heat 2 drivers work heat 1." All registered Autocross drivers are required to work unless directly excused by the Event Director.

## **7. WEATHER/CANCELLATION/POSTPONEMENT**

Autocrosses and Circuitcrosses take place "rain, shine, or cold" and will only be cancelled or postponed if a venue cancels or postpones on us due to snow, ice, significant storms, etc. Full refunds or credits will be available for any cancelled or postponed date. In case of a cancellation or postponement, notice will be posted on the event pre-registration page as well as the program's main web page, and emailed to all registered entrants, no later than 6pm the day beforehand. Up-to-the-minute event status may be available by calling the Event Director or point-of-contact on the pre-registration page. Karting at VIR will not be run in rain; karting at SPK may be run in rain. In cases of storms passing through, it is likely that we will shut down only when lightning is in the area (for worker/staff safety of course) then continue once the weather has passed. This type of situation generally does not involve an entry fee refund or discount, since we can't control the weather.

## **8. FUN RUNS**

It is unlikely that we will have time for Fun Runs after any 2012 Mid-Atlantic Autocross or Circuitcross because we already run each heat as long as possible to get the maximum amount of runs for everyone. Drivers interested in more runs are encouraged to enter twice if more than two heats are offered, and if that option is available (see "double fun runs" in the NASA-X National Rules.)

## **9. ON SITE/IN LINE**

New for 2012, registered drivers should print their email confirmation and bring it to Registration. At some events we may have an "express line" for pre-registered drivers who have printed confirmations. One of our goals for the year is to streamline and speed up the on-site registration process in general.

## **10. TECH FORMS**

NEW FOR 2012: Autocross participants are required to print, fill out, and bring the Tech Inspection form. Circuitcross participants are required to print, fill out, and bring the Tech Inspection form. Tech Inspection forms shall only be filled out by qualified businesses or individuals. Drivers may self-tech and complete their own inspection forms only if they are fully qualified to do so.

## **11. CAR NUMBERS**

Duplicate car numbers at any timed event are prohibited. Please list three car numbers when you register and be prepared to change your car number at any time if requested by the staff. Car numbers shall be one, two, or three digits. Car numbers 900-999 will be reserved for day-of registrations so please do not pick them. On event day, car numbers need to be big and visible (at least 8" and of a contrasting color.) White shoe polish on windows, blue painters tape is ok but vinyl or magnetics are preferred. NASA-X classes do not need to be displayed on cars. Stickers from other organizations need to be covered.

## **12. NOVICE STATUS**

Participating drivers shall be considered Novices if they have competed in 6 or less Autocrosses or related speed events in the last 24 months. Novices shall list "NOVICE" as their car class when they register for any regional event.

### **13. INSTRUCTION**

NASA-X Instructors and meeting/classroom may be provided for Novices, TBA per event/per site. There is usually no instruction or classroom at Circuitcrosses other than the morning Circuitschool.

### **14. CLASSING**

The regionally recognized classes in 2012 shall be NASA-X R, U, S, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and NOVICE – as per the NASA-X National Classes document and Car Classification Form available from <http://www.nasaproring.com/rules.html> . Proper class listing and updating is each registered driver's responsibility. The regional staff reserves the right to adjust classing at any time. An "EXPO" class is also available for cars that cannot be classed otherwise, or drivers who don't want to be on the results.

### **15. MIN/MAX RUNS**

At least five (5) timed/scored runs, but not more than ten (10) timed/scored runs, should be offered to each registered driver at any Championship Autocross or Circuitcross unless there is some outstanding circumstance (weather, timing problems, course cleanup, etc) delaying the schedule. The projected number of runs for all other events is TBA per event. At least three (3) of these runs must be recorded for every participant in good standing (i.e. everyone who doesn't leave grid early due to car problems or fatigue) in order for the event to remain a championship points event instead of a test & tune.

### **16. DISRUPTED EVENTS**

In case of partial-heat or partial-event problems (i.e. storms, wind, timer errors, extended cleanups) only the number of runs that all participants in the shortened heat received shall count for everyone in the final results (i.e. if heats 1 & 2 got 8 runs each but heat 3 only got 5 runs for whatever reason, then only the first 5 runs for the day shall count for everyone.)

### **17. YOU BREAK IT YOU BOUGHT IT**

Drivers will immediately be held financially responsible for any and all damage they do to event equipment or property. Our loaner helmets are \$150.00ea, timing sender/receiver boxes are \$225.00ea, and timing cables are \$350.00ea. Other billable items include guardrails, tire barriers, Styrofoam blocks, oil dump cans, light poles, and anything else that can be damaged by an out-of-control vehicle.

### **18. NONMEMBERS**

Nonmembers shall be listed in each event's results (ranked overall and by car class) but will not earn championship points or qualify for trophies and/or prizes. Nonmembers don't get preferred/reserved car numbers, and cannot be considered event officials.

### **19. PASSENGERS**

Passenger policy is TBA per event/per site, no later than at the drivers meeting, and subject to change at any time.

Passengers are generally not allowed at Circuitcrosses unless the driver meets the passenger privilege rules for NASA HPDE (i.e. driver is HPDE3 Advanced level or higher, or holds a valid NASA competition or TT license, or holds a NASA certified HPDE instructor card.)

For Autocross, registered drivers may be passengers in another registered driver's car but that run will be forfeited at which time that run shall be considered a "fun run", i.e. timed but not scored on the results.

We allow non-drivers/non-registered participants (i.e. crew) to ride along for no cost during competition runs whenever we can, as a courtesy and for fun and to get friends and family involved, but this privilege comes with some rules based on past abuse.

Generally speaking, non-participants are allowed as passengers at Autocrosses if:

- they go through registration to get a special wristband and/or fill out a passenger registration form and/or sign a special waiver;
- the driver they are riding with is a current NASA member or an experienced nonmember as well as an authorized autocross instructor (i.e **Novice drivers may not take passengers other than NASA autocross instructors**);
- permission is granted by the Event Director, preferably in advance.

The following, among other things, will absolutely not be tolerated in 2012:

- passengers who hold up the grid or the start line while they are getting strapped in;
- passengers who take our loaner helmets without asking (which are intended only for drivers);
- passengers who attempt to take handheld cameras out on course.

In all cases the driver giving the ride will be held 100% accountable for the actions of their passenger(s). Minimum penalty will be a warning & revocation of passenger privileges that day.

## **20. SPECIAL VEHICLES**

We reserve the right to declare any vehicle ineligible for our events at any time for any reason, even if it has passed our technical inspection. Some vehicles may be ineligible altogether; for example it is unlikely that most trucks or vans, especially four-wheel-drive ones, will be allowed for (m)any of our activities. Convertibles may be required to have aftermarket 4-point rollbars for certain events. Please inquire if you are planning to use anything other than a normal coupe, sedan, or wagon type car.

## **21. KARTS AT AUTOCROSSES**

TAG, shifter, concession, or similar karts may be allowed at our autocrosses on a case-by-case basis, please inquire before registering. At a minimum:

- the driver will need to be a non-novice participant at least 18 years of age;
- the driver will need to wear full safety gear (please inquire for specific items/ratings/details);
- the kart will need to pass our technical inspection and torque the wheel/hub bolts while we watch;
- the kart may be required to mount and run a 6-foot white and orange bicycle flag for visibility;
- the kart must be paddocked and gridded in a separate and highly visible **area away from participating cars and the regular pre-grid**, preferrably near the start line;
- the kart and its driver **must be escorted at walking speed by an assigned official or guest** from the paddock to the grid area, from the grid area to the start line, from the finish line back to the grid area, and from the grid area back to the paddock;
- the kart will be on course by itself or only with other karts, NOT while cars are also on course.

## **22. TROPHIES AND/OR PRIZES**

Trophies and/or prizes are earned and given per season or per championship, not per event. Championship points series details are:

**NATIONAL AUTO SPORT ASSOCIATION**  
**2012 MID-ATLANTIC AUTOCROSS CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**OFFICIAL RULES version 6.1 - updated 12/30/11**

I. GENERAL RULES

A) This amateur motorsports regional championship series shall commence no earlier than January 1st, 2012 and conclude no later than December 31st, 2012.

B) All championship participants must be NASA members in good standing, although nonmembers are welcome to participate without receiving points.

C) Directors, chiefs, officials, and volunteers may earn championship points alongside regular NASA members.

D) All championship events will be announced at <http://www.nasaracing.net/autox.htm> and all pre-registration will open at least two months in advance from <https://www.nasaproring.com/event>

II. CHAMPIONSHIPS

A) Two separate but related championships will take place in 2012:

1- By Car Classes

a) The NASA-X Mid-Atlantic regional classes will be NASA-X R, U, S, A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and Novice. Classing details are available from <http://www.nasaproring.com/rules.htm>

b) Each championship Autocross or Circuitcross on the regional calendar shall feature points awards for first through tenth places in each car class.

c) At the end of the season, the person with the highest number of points in each class will be the regional champion for said class. Second and third place class champions will be recognized as well. The number of trophies awarded will depend upon the number of finishers in each class:

Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> place in class (if 10 or less participants in the class for the season)

Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in class (if 11 to 20 participants in the class for the season)

Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in class (if 21 or more in the class for the season)

d) Points may be awarded to a single participant in more than one car class.

## 2- By Overall Participation

a) In addition to the points earned in each car class, there will be a separate championship for overall participation, i.e. the highest number of total points for the season regardless of car class standings.

b) At the end of the season, the person with the highest number of overall participation points will be the regional champion of the entire program. Second through tenth place overall champions will also be recognized. Trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5th places in overall points standings.

c) The same person may win both overall and class-based championships.

B) For both aspects of the championship, final standings shall not be calculated until after the final event of the season. All championship prizes & winnings are TBA per season, not per event. A minimum of six (6) championship events must be run for the season to qualify for trophies/prizes, not just rankings.

## III. EVENT TYPES AND POINTS

### A) Championship Autocrosses

1st place in class = 100 points

2nd place = 90 points

3rd place = 85 points

4th place = 80 points

5th place = 75 points

6th place = 70 points

7th place = 69 points

8th place = 68 points

9th place = 67 points

10th place = 66 points

## B) Championship Circuitcrosses

1st place in class = 200 points

2nd place = 180 points

3rd place = 170 points

4th place = 160 points

5th place = 150 points

6th place = 140 points

7th place = 138 points

8th place = 136 points

9th place = 134 points

10th place = 132 points

## C) Bonus Participation Points

After the final event of the season each member in good standing who is already ranked on the championship points sheet due to prior participation shall receive:

+3 points for every Autocross he or she scored championship points at

+6 points for every Circuitcross he or she scored championship points at

## D) Tiebreakers

1- In case of any "tie" for championship points after the final event of the season, the winner will be the participant who has the higher number of first-place finishes.

2- In case of a tie for number of first place finishes, the winner will be the participant who has entered a higher total number of championship events.

3- In case of a tie for firsts and number of events entered, the winner will be the participant who entered the earlier 2012 championship event by calendar date.

4- In case of a tie for all three of those things, the winner will be whichever participant has been a NASA member in good standing for a longer period of time.

## IV. FINAL NOTE

A) These rules are subject to change at any time without notice.

### **23. POINT OF CONTACT**

The 2012 NASA-X Mid-Atlantic Operations Director is Nichole Smiraldo  
[nichole@get-fast.net](mailto:nichole@get-fast.net) or 757-775-8473 mobile

The 2012 NASA-X Mid-Atlantic Event Director is Zach Mickle  
[zach@get-fast.net](mailto:zach@get-fast.net) or 804-901-1692 mobile

The 2012 NASA-X National & Mid-Atlantic Director is Jon Felton  
[jfelton@drivenasa.com](mailto:jfelton@drivenasa.com) or 804-397-FAST mobile

### **24. RELATED LINKS**

All related documents shall be available from <http://www.nasaproring.com/rules.htm> , including:

- 2012 NASA-X National Rules
- 2012 NASA-X National Classes
- 2012 NASA-X National Car Classification Form
- 2012 NASA-X Tech Inspection Form

The official NASA-X Mid-Atlantic discussion forum is at

<http://www.autocross.us/forums/index.php?showforum=20>

The official NASA-X National discussion forum is at

<http://www.nasaforums.com/viewforum.php?f=46>

### **25. FINAL NOTE**

This document and all rules herein are subject to change at any time without notice.