

SCCBC Awards and Points Systems Review

Introduction

At the January 14, 2015 SCCBC Club Meeting, the club executive struck a committee to study the club year-end awards and race points systems. An invitation was issued on the SCCBC Forum for members to serve on the committee. Larry Bell, Rod Davison, Felim Power, Alan McColl and Doug Floer volunteered for the task.

Mandate

The mandate of the committee was to review the existing club rules and practices with respect to the assignment of race points and year-end awards with a view to providing recommendations for improvement.

Approach

The committee addressed the two assigned tasks independently. For the subjective awards, the committee reviewed each award for relevance in today's club and to ensure that goals defined for each award were still being achieved.

For the task of reviewing race points assignment (the objective awards), the committee analyzed and discussed a number of points systems in use in the US and Canada. A variety of approaches were assessed including the possibility of classification by power-to-weight ratios. The committee agreed that any replacement points system must:

- Improve on the current system and attempt to remedy shortcomings
- Be as fair and equitable as possible to all competitors
- Be simple to understand and easy to apply
- Recognize the achievements of the club's drivers at **all** competitive club events

Subjective Awards

Recommendations

After reviewing each award, the consensus of the committee was that the awards positively reflected the goals of the club in recognizing the achievements of its many dedicated volunteers and members. As such, the committee recommends the following:

1. That the SCCBC continue to issue the annual awards as presently defined.
2. That a new award for the "Best Appearing Race Car" be implemented for 2015 as motivation for members to maintain the appearance of their vehicle and better represent the club.
3. That the defunct sponsors associated with the "Best Appearing Pit Crew" and "Hard Luck" awards be replaced by active club sponsors willing to commit to annual maintenance of the award.
4. That the nomination process for all awards be opened to the full membership of the club.
5. That nominations be publicly solicited by a full membership email-out prior to an annual public nomination process that will begin on September 1 and conclude on October 15.

- That full and complete definitions be developed for all awards such that the membership has a better understanding of the meaning of each award and the accomplishments of the recipient, and that full descriptions for all awards be provided to membership for consideration during the annual nomination email-out process.

Objective Awards

Findings

The committee was unanimous in the view that the existing points system wasn't regarded by membership on the whole as fair and equitable. While criticisms included the point bias toward both small classes (easy to acquire points with little competition) and large classes (unearned points with the ½ point rule), the primary concern was the lack of recognition within the club and at the annual banquet for the accomplishments of the club's class champions.

While it was acknowledged that the CACC awards do provide recognition for club class champions, the consensus was that since SCCBC race drivers compete in both CACC- and ICSCC-sanctioned events, a club-focused class championship award would provide a more meaningful representation of the full slate of competition in which the membership participates.

Recommendations

- The committee recommends that the SCCBC membership retain only the Open Wheel and Closed Wheel group championship awards, amalgamating the Sports Racer group championship with the Open Wheel group championship.
- The committee recommends the establishment of an SCCBC Class Championship awards system, as described below.

Proposed SCCBC Championship Points and Awards Rules

The points system defined herein is for the calculation of annual SCCBC Class and Group Championship awards only. Trophies for specific events are determined and awarded by the licencing body (either CACC or ICSCC).

Definitions

Competitor	A racer who is properly licensed and who enters an SCCBC race.
Member	A member of the SCCBC whose dues are paid and is good standing at the time of the race.
Entrant	A Competitor who is registered for entry in the race and has passed Technical Inspection and cannot receive a refund on their entry fee as they have entered the track in a practice, qualifying or race session and have crossed the start/finish line.
Starter	An Entrant who takes the green flag to start the race.
Finisher	An Entrant who completes no less than 50% of the number of laps completed by the winner of their class. In a class with a single Starter, the Entrant must complete no less than 50% of the number of laps completed by the overall race winner. When the winner completes an odd number of laps the required number of laps will be rounded down.
Winner	The first Entrant in a class to take the checkered flag.

Awarding Points

1. Only races hosted by the Sports Car Club of BC will be awarded SCCBC class championship points.
2. Only SCCBC Members will be eligible to receive SCCBC class championship points.
3. Finishing position will be determined on a per class basis.
4. All competitors, regardless of club membership, will be counted when determining finishing position.
5. For classes with 4 or more Starters, points will be awarded to every Finisher as follows:

Position	Points	Position	Points
1	25	11	12
2	22	12	11
3	20	13	10
4	19	14	9
5	18	15	8
6	17	16	7
7	16	17	6
8	15	18	5
9	14	19 +	4
10	13		

6. Every Finisher will receive a minimum of 4 points.
7. An Entrant with a status of DNF will be awarded 3 points.
8. An Entrant with a status of DNS will be awarded 1 point.
9. An Entrant with a status of DQ will be awarded 0 points.
10. For Classes with three or fewer Finishers, points will be awarded as follows:
 - a. A Finisher whose class has exactly one Starter will be awarded 19 points.
 - b. Finishers whose class has exactly two Starters will be awarded 20 and 19 points for first and second places, respectively.
 - c. Finishers whose class has exactly three Starters will be awarded 22, 20 and 19 points, for first, second and third places, respectively.

Class Championship Awards

1. In order to be eligible for an SCCBC class championship award, a Member must have been a Finisher in 50% or more of the race season's races.
2. In order to be eligible for SCCBC championship awards, a class must have achieved a season average number of Starters of 2.4 or greater.
3. For each Member, points will be accumulated for the race season on a per class basis.
4. For the annual grand total, the lowest scoring 3 races will be dropped. If a Member has not attended some races during the season, these zero-scoring races will be dropped first.
5. At the end of each race season, first, second and third place awards will be presented to the three Members in each class with the highest number of accumulated points.

Open Wheel and Closed Wheel Group Championship Awards

1. For each Member, points will be accumulated for the race season, separately for Open Wheel and Closed Wheel groups.

2. When a Member competes in a designated race in two or more run groups, the run group in which they received the greatest number of points will be counted toward the Open Wheel or Closed Wheel award as appropriate.
3. For each of Open Wheel and Closed Wheel groups, first, second and third place awards will be presented to the Members with the highest grand total points at the end of the race season.
4. In the event of a tie, the Member with the highest number of first place finishes will prevail. If further tie-breaking is required, second place finishes will be considered. If then required, thirds place finishes will be considered.
5. Where class assignments result in a conflict between club standards and the sanctioning body, a best effort to reconcile these differences will be undertaken.