



**Southern Indiana Region**

**Sports Car Club of America, Inc**

**By-Laws**

**An Indiana Corporation**

**Post Office Box 1112  
Evansville, Indiana 47706**

## **ARTICLE I: NAME, PURPOSE, EMBLEM, CORPORATE SEAL, PUBLICATION**

### **SECTION 1 – NAME**

The name of the club shall be The Southern Indiana Region of the Sports Car Club of America, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Club.

### **SECTION 2 – PURPOSE**

The nature of the activities to be conducted and the purposes to be promoted and carried out are as follows: To promote interest in cars and to encourage their safe and skillful operation by developing, arranging, and regulating autocross, road rally, rallycross, and other forms of automotive competition, by dissemination of information through news releases and Club publications, and related social and recreational activities for the instruction and enjoyment of its members. The Club shall sponsor such events and carry on such activities in the following counties of Indiana: Knox, Daviess, Martin, Gibson, Perry, Pike, Warrick, Spencer, Vanderburgh, Posey, Dubois, and Crawford; and the following counties in Kentucky: Union, Henderson, Daviess, Hancock, Webster, McLean, and Ohio at such place or places as may be determined by the Board of Directors of the Club; to rent, lease, purchase, hold, sell, and convey such personal and real property as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of this corporation and to do any and all things necessary and incident to the operation of the Club.

## **SECTION 3 – EMBLEM**

The Club emblem shall incorporate the emblem of the national organization of the Sports Car Club of America in the lower left-hand corner of an outline of the State of Indiana. Along the left-hand border of the State's outline shall be a checkered flag stripe. The words "Southern Indiana Region" shall be contained within the borders of the Indiana state outline. An example of this emblem is pictured in the upper left-hand corner of page one.

## **SECTION 4 – CORPORATE SEAL**

The Secretary, with the approval of the Regional Executive or Treasurer, may change or create the form of the seal at any time. (Note: As of May 2025, the Club has no Corporate Seal.)

## **SECTION 5 – PUBLICATION**

PIT STOP shall be the official publication of SIR/SCCA, Inc. and shall be published at least once a month. PIT STOP shall provide notification of meetings and events, and list official results of all regional competition activities. PIT STOP may be published electronically.

## **ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1 – MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

Active membership in the Club shall be restricted to members of the SCCA. Prospective members shall be deemed acceptable upon receipt of a completed application and payment of annual dues and fees as may be required. When membership and related privileges are restricted by age, member age will be determined by age at date of membership application, and at annual renewal date.

Various categories of membership are:

- **Active** – Enjoys all rights and privileges of SCCA nationally and SIR locally. Entitled to vote, stand for office, and enter events for points and trophies.
- **Family** – Restricted to immediate family members living within the same domicile (including students attending school away from home). All family members aged 16 and over enjoy all rights and privileges of SCCA and SIR. Family members under age 16 are not allowed to vote, stand for office, or enter events as a driver for classification, points, or trophies.

Family members under the age of 16 are eligible to participate as rally team members as soon as they can meaningfully contribute to the team (IE read and see out of the vehicle).

- **Dual Region** – Those SCCA members paying dues to multiple regions. Enjoys all rights and privileges of SCCA nationally and SIR locally. Entitled to vote, stand for office, and enter events for points and trophies.

## **SECTION 2 – DUES**

The annual dues for membership in SIR shall be established each year by vote of the members at the September meeting. Payment of dues shall be made in the manner prescribed by the national office of the SCCA. Dues are payable on the member's anniversary date.

## **SECTION 3 – EXPULSION**

Membership will automatically lapse for non-payment of dues thirty (30) days after due date. Any member may be suspended until the next annual meeting for infraction of the Club rules by vote of a majority of the Officers of the Club or for other cause if a majority of the Officers shall deem such suspension to be in the best interest of the Club. Upon such suspension, the member shall be given a reasonable opportunity to be heard thereon.

Any member suspended as provided above may be presented at the next annual meeting for expulsion and shall be expelled if a majority of members present and voting vote to expel the suspended member. The vote shall be by secret ballot.

## **SECTION 4 – RESIGNATION**

Any member may resign by directing a letter of resignation to the Secretary. The resignation shall be effective on receipt, provided all indebtedness to the Club is paid.

# **ARTICLE III: MEETINGS**

## **SECTION 1 – REGULAR MEETINGS**

The regular meetings shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at such place as the Regional Executive may direct. Regular meetings may be rescheduled provided written notice is printed in PIT STOP one month prior to the alternate date. If a regularly scheduled meeting must be cancelled by the Regional Executive for any reason, the cancelled meeting must be rescheduled to occur within fourteen (14) days. Members shall be notified in writing or by electronic means of the date and place of the rescheduled meeting.

## **SECTION 2 – ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the members shall be held on the second Tuesday of November for the purpose of electing Officers and to transact such other business as may come before the meeting.

## **SECTION 3 – SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the members may be called by the Regional Executive or by a majority of the Officers.

## **SECTION 4 – NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

A written, printed, or electronic notice stating the place, day, and hour of the monthly membership meeting, shall be given by the Secretary, or included in the calendar of events published in PIT STOP to each member address appearing upon the records of the Club.

## **SECTION 5 – QUORUM**

At membership meetings, ten members present shall constitute a quorum. At board meetings, more than half the board present shall constitute a quorum.

## **SECTION 6 – ALLOWABLE ACTIONS**

All action, except amendment of the Articles of Incorporation, amendment of the By-Laws, and election of Officers of the Club, shall be by a majority of those present and voting. Voting by proxy or absentee ballot shall not be allowed except with the approval of the majority of the Officers in accordance with the rules they prescribe and with notice to all members.

# **ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS**

## **SECTION 1**

The elected officers of the Club shall be a Regional Executive, an Assistant Regional Executive, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Activities Chair, an Assistant Activities Chair, a Women's Chair and a PIT STOP Editor. They shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. In no case, shall one term exceed thirteen months. (This is not a limitation on the number of terms one may serve; only the maximum length of any of those terms.)

Officers shall be installed at the December meeting.

## **SECTION 2**

The above-named Officers duly elected at the annual meeting and the Advisor to the Board shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Club with all the power of Directors and each individual person shall possess one vote.

## **SECTION 3**

In case a vacancy shall occur in any of the said offices, the Board of Directors of the Club shall elect a person to fill the said vacancy until the next annual meeting. Should there become a need to fill a vacancy in the office of Advisor to the Board, such replacement shall have recently served on the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION 4**

Nomination of Officers for the coming year shall take place at the October meeting.

The election of Officers shall take place at the November meeting and shall be by written ballot or an electronic process.

In the event of a contested office, the Secretary shall supervise the tallying of the ballots on hand at the November meeting and report the results to the membership at that meeting. The Board of Directors shall appoint additional members of the Club to assist the Secretary in the tallying of the ballots. If the Secretary is unable to perform this function, either because of absence or for reasons of conflict of interest, then the Board of Directors will appoint another Officer of the Club to supervise the vote tally. At no time shall any member of the Club whose name appears on the current ballot or who shall be serving on the subsequent year's Board of Directors be allowed to serve on the vote tallying committee. However, when the office of Secretary is uncontested, the current Secretary may tally the ballots.

When voting is done electronically, the electronic system used is expected to tabulate the ballots and will be reported by the Secretary.

When ballots are mailed, ballots shall be mailed by the Secretary, or an appointee, to members eligible to vote, at least two weeks prior to the date of election. Alternatively, when notice of the election is published in the September and October editions of PIT STOP, ballots may be distributed at the October meeting or in PIT STOP. Election of Officers shall be by a majority of the members casting ballots.

All paper ballots issued to members shall contain a place for each voter's name and signature which does not reveal how the ballot is cast before this portion of the ballot is removed prior to tallying.

When balloting is done electronically, voting members must be given at least a two-week voting period that concludes at the scheduled beginning of the November membership meeting. Notice of electronic voting and the procedure to vote electronically is to be distributed through PIT STOP.

The electronic voting system is to ensure that only members in good standing can cast ballots. The electronic voting system used is to allow for a write-in candidate.

## **ARTICLE V: DUTIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS**

### **SECTION 1 – REGIONAL EXECUTIVE**

The Regional Executive shall preside at all meetings of the members and Officers and shall perform the duties usually appertaining to this office. The Regional Executive may call special meetings of members under the provisions of Article III, Section 3. The Regional Executive shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and, in addition, shall hold the office of Advisor to the Board during the year immediately following the expiration of the term as Regional Executive.

## **SECTION 2 – ASSISTANT REGIONAL EXECUTIVE**

In the absence of the Regional Executive or in the case of death, resignation, or inability to act, the duties usually appertaining to that office shall be performed by the Assistant Regional Executive.

The Assistant Regional Executive shall be the chairperson of the Membership Committee.

## **SECTION 3 – SECRETARY**

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and Officers and shall record all minutes and votes in a book kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall have access to member information through the SCCA's online system. The Secretary shall give all notice of meetings of the members required by law or these By-Laws and shall perform all duties incident to this office, required by law or by the majority of the Officers. The Secretary shall have custody of any Corporate Seal and the Club's records. In the absence of the Secretary from any of said meetings, a Secretary pro-tempore shall be appointed by the presiding Officer.

## **SECTION 4 – TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the Officers, have custody of all monies, debts, obligations belonging to the Club debts. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or any other orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the Club by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall give bond, at Club expense, if required by the Officers. The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the Club at the annual meeting and, if so requested, at any other meeting of the Officers. No obligation, debt, or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer without the specific prior approval of the majority of the Officers. A majority of the Officers may appoint an Assistant Treasurer to act in the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer.

## **SECTION 5 – ACTIVITIES CHAIR**

The Activities Chair shall be responsible for arranging for the occurrence of all regional competition activities, i.e., rallies, solo events, races, etc. The Activities Chair shall maintain regional point standings, supervise and aid each Event Marshal, keep all official records and results for all regional competition activities, and any other duties as prescribed by the Competition Regulations.

## **SECTION 6 – ASSISTANT ACTIVITIES CHAIR**

The principal duty of the Assistant Activities Chair is to oversee technical inspection as required. The Assistant Activities Chair shall assist the Activities Chair as requested.

## **SECTION 7 – PIT STOP EDITOR**

The PIT STOP Editor shall be responsible for the publication of the monthly publication, PIT STOP. When PIT STOP is distributed electronically, it shall be published at least three (3) days before the corresponding membership meeting. When PIT STOP is printed and mailed, it shall be presented to the USPS at least ten (10) days before the corresponding membership meeting.

## **SECTION 8 – WOMEN’S CHAIR**

The Women’s Chair shall be responsible for overseeing the creation and development of club programs for women.

## **SECTION 9**

The Board of Directors shall formulate and adopt all amendments and/or addendums to the Competition Regulations.

## **ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES**

The Regional Executive and/or Board of Directors shall outline the duties and responsibilities of such committees. All reports or action taken by a committee must be voted on by a majority of the entire committee.

There are two standing committees:

- Membership Committee – The membership committee is responsible for maintaining the membership list, contact information for members, the current membership count, fielding membership inquiries, and reminding delinquent members to renew. One or more members of this committee shall have access to the SIR/SCCA membership information maintained by the SCCA. See Article IV, Section 2 (Assistant Regional Executive); the ARE chairs this committee.
- Women of SIR – The Women of SIR is a committee to focus on increasing participation by women in SIR/SCCA events. See Article IV, Section 8 (Women’s Chair); the Women’s Chair leads this committee.

## **ARTICLE VII: FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Club shall be from January 1 to December 31.

## **ARTICLE VIII: PERSONAL LIABILITY**

All persons or corporations extending credit to, with, or having any claim against the corporation or the Officers shall look only to the funds and property of the corporation for payment of any such contract or claim or for the payment of any such debt, damage, judgment, or decree, or any other money that may otherwise become due or payable to them from the corporation or the Officers, so that neither the members of the corporation nor the Officers present or future, shall be personally liable therefore.

## **ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS**

The Officers of the Club, or twenty percent (20%) of the members in good standing by written petition submitted to the Secretary, may propose an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the By-Laws.

At the January membership meeting, the Officers of the Club shall appoint a committee to review the By-Laws of the Club on an ongoing basis throughout the year. The By-Laws Committee will make a report to the membership at both the May and October meetings. At that time any and all proposed By-Law changes will be presented to the membership in written or electronic form.

Any proposed changes to the By-Laws must be presented to, or postmarked to, the Secretary and the By-Laws Committee at least one week prior to the May and October meetings. Ballots containing the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation or the By-Laws, shall be mailed to the membership in either the June monthly publication (PIT STOP, for changes proposed at the May meeting, or included with the written ballots for election of Officers, for changes proposed at the October meeting. In either case, ballots shall be distributed by the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the June (May proposals) or November (October proposals) meetings. Ballots for changes of the Articles of Incorporation of By-Laws, shall be tallied in the same manner as ballots for election of Officers of the Club (Article IV, Section 4).

A positive vote by majority of the voting members shall constitute approval, and the amendment(s) shall be incorporated into the By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE X: CHAPTERS OF THE REGION**

The Club will support chapters when practical. A chapter member will list the Southern Indiana Region for region of record and as such is entitled to all membership privileges. The Chapter Executive shall be on the Board of the Club. The intent is that chapters become self-sufficient and develop into stand-alone regions. In addition to the requirements set forth in these By-Laws the SCCA's requirements for a chapter must be met and maintained for the chapter to be recognized by the Club.

### **SECTION 1 – STRUCTURE OF A CHAPTER**

A chapter must adopt and abide by the SCCA By-Laws and the Club By-Laws. A chapter will maintain its own separate board of directors and be financially independent. A chapter may publish its own newsletter and/or maintain an independent presence on the Internet. Board members of the Club are to receive copies of any chapter newsletter.

### **SECTION 2 – OFFICERS**

Chapters shall maintain at least a four-person board of directors consisting of a Chapter Executive, Secretary, Treasurer, and Activities Chair. The duties of these positions are described in Article V of the Club By-Laws.

## **SECTION 3 – FINANCIAL POLICY**

Chapters shall remain financially independent. Money received by the region for a chapter shall be forwarded to the Chapter Treasurer without unreasonable delay. A chapter shall take reasonable precautions to protect its assets. Chapters are responsible for maintaining any state registration required to qualify for not-for-profit status as an organization.

## **SECTION 4 – COMPETITION REGULATIONS**

The Club Competition Regulations are available for a chapter's use. A chapter's Board may supersede Section II Trophies and Points of the Club's regulations as it needs. It is expected that the chapter will consult with the region's Board in this process.

## **SECTION 5 – ESTABLISHED CHAPTERS**

The list of chapters and the counties comprising them will be maintained in a separate document.

Revisions incorporating all prior amendments:

June 12, 1979	Don Johnson
June 5, 1981	Barry Schonberger
May 18, 1982	Fred Pendley
January 1, 1986	Fred Pendley
September 1, 1986	Fred Pendley
May 1, 1990	Fred Pendley
December 1, 1990	Bob Sonntag
December 15, 1991	Bob Sonntag
March 1, 1996	Bob Sonntag
March 28, 1997	Bob Sonntag
January 28, 2009	Bob Sonntag
October 8, 2012	Bob Sonntag (Adopted June 11, 2013)
November 14, 2017	Bob Sonntag / Paul Dornburg / David Lehrschall
March 6, 2019	Paul Dornburg
June 11, 2024	Bob Sonntag / Paul Dornburg / David Lehrschall / Jarrod Davis
June 10, 2025	Bob Sonntag / Paul Dornburg / David Lehrschall
November 12, 2025	Bob Sonntag / Paul Dornburg / David Lehrschall