

TRAC Series Bulletin 2025-03

Subject: Summary of Rule Changes for 2025 Race Season

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This bulletin serves as a summary of the rule changes for the 2025 season. The below have been changed in the supplementary regulations and rule books, and are amalgamated here for ease of reference.

Supplementary Regulations

Transponder Rental Return

It is the responsibility of the competitor who has rented the transponder to return it at the end of the day. The return location will be mentioned at the drivers meeting. Failure to return the transponder by the end of the event will result in a \$50 Late Return Fee. If ARMS determines the transponder "lost," then the competitor will be fined an amount consistent with the cost of replacement of the transponder.

ARMS Regional Road Race General Competition Rules

1.0 ARMS Regional Race Championships

<u>Championship information is now maintained only in one location for the respective championships.</u>

<u>Consult the **ARMS GT Sedan Rules, Section 3. Series Descriptions** for the current version of the <u>information below.</u></u>

All information in this section is now struck out, and will be removed entirely from the 2026 rule book.

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2.0 Scoring

Scoring information is now maintained only in one location for the respective championships.

Consult the ARMS GT Sedan Rules, Section 4. Scoring for the current version of the information below.

All information in this section is now struck out, and will be removed entirely from the 2026 rule book.

3.17 Medical Requirements for Competition

3.17.2 Authorized Signatories and Forms

A licensed medical practitioner using only an ARMS approved medical form shall complete all examinations. ARMS reserves the right to refer any submitted medical form to a licensed medical practitioner of its own choice for review.

Some versions of the Physical Examination Form for the ARMS Competition License indicate the need for a Physician's Stamp (Page 3 of 3, top right). Some newer physicians do not possess an official stamp. If the examining physician does not use a stamp, make sure both the physician's name and the clinic's name in section 4 are clearly legible so the information can be easily cross-referenced with the provincial doctor registry.

In lieu of the stamp, have the physician clearly print their license number in the stamp field.

ARMS Grand Touring Sedan Rules

2.4 Class Entry/Designation

2.4.1 Eligibility for Season End Awards

Competitors must enter in at least 75% of the events during a season to be eligible to receive an end of season class award. This is based on entering events, and not specific races.

4.1 Points

4.1.2 Mid-Season Class Changes

Competitors who change class mid-season cannot carry points over from class to class but will keep all points earned in a season for calculating overall.

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4.2 Minimum Class Entries

A minimum of three competitors are required to start in any one class to be considered a full class for that particular race.

8.11 Fire Extinguisher Systems

8.11.1 GT1 and GT2

All GT1 and GT2 race cars shall be equipped with an on-board fire system as specified herein.

8.11.2 GT3-GT6

All GT3 - GT6 race cars shall be equipped with an on-board fire system or a handheld fire extinguisher as specified herein.

8.11.3 On-Board Fire System Recommendation

It is highly recommended that all race cars be equipped with an on-board fire system.

8.11.4 On-Board Fire System Requirements - 1/1/09 or Later

Cars registered after 1/1/09 and equipped with on-board fire systems shall comply with the following on-board fire system requirements:

- Systems certified to SFI specification 17.1
- Those listed by the FIA on Technical List No. 16

The following information must be visible of on the unit:

- Certification label
- Capacity
- Type of extinguishing agent
- Weight, or volume, of the extinguishing agent

8.11.4.1 On-Board Fire System Discharge Incidents

In the event of a fire system discharge during a race weekend, the competitor may continue competition by meeting handheld extinguisher rules, and at the race director's discretion.

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8.11.5 On-Board Fire Systems Requirements - 1/1/09 or Earlier

The following is acceptable for cars registered before 1/1/09 only until Dec 31, 2025:

To be phased out after December 31, 2025: On-board fire systems shall use Halon 1301 or 1211, with a five-pound minimum capacity (by weight). Alternatively, on-board fire systems may use AFFF or equivalent surfactant foam material, 2.25-liter minimum capacity (by volume). All AFFF fire system bottles shall incorporate a functional pressure gauge and shall be marked with the manufacturer's recommended "filled weight." CO2 cartridge propellant fire extinguishing systems are permitted provided that the seal of the manufacturer specified CO2 cartridge is not punctured and the fire bottle is equal to the weight specified by the system manufacturer.

No changes to 8.11.6 - 8.11.7

8.11.12 Service and Expiry

All fire systems shall be serviced according to manufacturer's specifications. Fire systems shall be charged and in good condition. Systems do not expire.

8.11.13 Hand-Held Fire Extinguisher Requirements

The following are acceptable for all GT2GT3-GT6 Classes:

- **No longer accepted after December 31, 2025:** Halon 1301 or 1211, two (2) pound minimum capacity by weight.
- Dry chemical, two (2) pound minimum with a positive indicator showing charge.
 Chemical: 5 BC Underwriters Laboratory rating, potassium bicarbonate (Purple K) recommended, 1A5BC Underwriters Laboratory rating multipurpose, ammonium phosphate and barium sulfate or Monnex.

The fire extinguisher shall be securely mounted in the cockpit. All mounting brackets shall be metal and of the quick-release type.

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8.26 Lights

8.26.3 Rain Lights

To be approved to run in a rain race, drivers must have at least one FIA approved or similar (red) LED light.

Rain Light(s) must be:

- either a "steady on" OR a "consistent flash" during the entire time on track.
- on the rear, in the centerline of the vehicle with nothing obstructing the light being viewed from behind.
- able to be switched on by the driver in the vehicle during a race.
- a separate light from the tail lamps.
- unaffected/changed by the brake lights.
- illuminated anytime the racing surface is wet/damp.

If a rain light fails or becomes damaged during a race, race officials will determine if the competitor is able to continue in the race.

It is recommended but not required to have the vehicle tail lamps on during a rain race.

It is strongly recommended that competitors have forward-facing rain lights. Vehicles with factory working headlamps may use the low and/or high beams. (No DRL, Fog lamps or park lamps) Must be a steady white/clear light that is bright and visible in heavy Rain/Fog.

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8.31 Batteries

8.31.1 Battery Location

Battery location is free within the bodywork. Flooded lead acid type and AGM type batteries located in the driver/passenger compartment shall be in a non-conductive marine-type container or equivalent and vented outside the passenger compartment. The hot terminal shall be insulated.

8.31.2 Battery Attachment

All batteries shall be attached securely to the frame or chassis structure, independent of the marine-type container.

8.31.3 Lithium-Ion Batteries

TRAC events shall not allow use of aftermarket Lithium-Ion Batteries as either added or used as a replacement for conventional batteries in Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) race vehicles.

8.31.4 Lithium-Iron-Phosphate / Lithium-Ferrous-Phosphate Batteries

Competitor's cars may use Lithium-Iron-Phosphate batteries only if the following conditions are met:

- The battery is located outside the vehicle cabin / cockpit; and
- User must be able to present definitive proof of the battery's type and model so that the chemical makeup can be verified

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