



North American Points System 2004 Season

Introductory Comments:

The BMW CCA Club Racing North American Points System is intended to reward driving performance and is therefore scored based on the driver's in-class finishing position rather than overall finishing position. The purpose of the system is to place the emphasis on in-class performance and to foster the national scope of the Club Racing program with FRIENDLY, SAFE competition at BMW CCA Club Racing events that encourages drivers to compete beyond typical geographic boundaries. **Safety is, and will remain, the first priority of Club Racing.**

The system provides for one special annual event, which is designated as the "BMW CCA Club Racing North American Challenge Races." In that event, up to three races may be conducted all of which will be worth double position points.

Additionally, each region will host a "Premier" event. In "Premier" events up to three points races are allowed, with one race being designated in advance as the "feature" race. The "feature" race and one additional race will be worth double position points. A third race, if offered, will be valued at 150% of normal points.

In 2004, the system has been altered, with the agreement of the Club Racing Executive Staff and the Club Racing Advisory Committee. The 2004 points system, as amended, is effective beginning with the first race of the 2004 calendar year and ends with the last race of the 2004 calendar year.

Program Structure:

1. BMW CCA Club Racing is the only authority for awarding of all BMW CCA Club Racing points and the naming of series champions, both regional and North American. BMW CCA Club Racing retains the authority for naming, titling and determining any and all sponsors for the North American series.
2. All points awarded in the series shall be awarded to the driver on the basis of the technical class of the racecar used in competition as defined in the BMW CCA Club Racing rules, e.g. "D Modified" or "J Stock." All classes so defined will be eligible for points.

- A. Points earned in one class may not be transferred to another class.
 - B. Drivers may compete in more than one class.
 - C. Drivers may earn points in more than one racecar within a class, but may not earn points in more than one racecar in **a given class** in any particular race.
3. Points shall only be awarded in races sanctioned by BMW CCA Club Racing. Sanctioned races may be run in cooperation with other venues. All sanctioned races will be posted on the schedule on the BMW CCA Club Racing website at www.bmwccaclubracing.com
4. **Regular** BMW CCA Club Racing events are limited to two points races, with the exception that events designated as “Premier” or “National” events may have a maximum of three points races. Each region is authorized to host one Premier event. **Any National event will be in addition to the region’s allotted Premier event.** The region’s CRAC representative shall designate that region’s Premier event. If a non-Premier event places more than two races on an event schedule, it shall designate in the registration materials which two races shall be the points races. **Every** Premier event shall have one race designated as the “feature” race. The feature race shall have double points value, **the results of which shall be used to determine any prizes, gifts or awards.**
5. To be eligible to earn points in any BMW CCA Club Racing race, the driver must:
 - A. **Possess and present a valid and current BMW CCA Club Racing competition license, and**
 - B. **Possess and present a valid and current BMW CCA membership card, and**
 - C. **Agree to compete under all BMW CCA Club Racing rules and regulations as published and amended.**
6. All decisions by BMW CCA Club Racing officials at the track involving race procedures are final and non-appealable. Application of a red flag, double-yellow or black-flag-all procedure would be examples of such decisions.
7. **Points will be awarded to eligible racers as follows.**
 - A. **Event Participation Points may be awarded to each driver who competes in at least one race in an event. The Event Participation Points will be applied to the race in which the racer earns the most number of points under paragraph D. Five (5) Event Participation Points will be awarded to every racer who takes a green flag in any race within a particular event. For endurance races, each non-starting driver who completes at least 25% of the racecar’s laps in an endurance race will be also be awarded five Event Participation Points. All non-starting drivers are responsible for confirming their lap participation with the event Timing and Scoring Steward within 20 minutes of the end of the race. Failure to do so will nullify any claim to these points. For this purpose, an endurance race is defined as a race with a minimum announced length of 45 minutes AND a mandatory pit stop.**
 - B. **A maximum of five Event Participation Points will be awarded to any one driver in any one class in an event, under paragraph 7-A. Drivers who participate in more than one class during the event are eligible for Event**

Participation Points in each class so long as they qualify under Paragraph 7-A.

- C. For purposes of calculation of a driver's championship point total in a given class, no driver can accumulate more than fifty (50) Event Participation Points.
- D. Points will be also awarded by finishing position in announced points-eligible races, in each competing class, as follows:
1st=10; 2nd=6; 3rd=4; 4th=3; 5th=2; 6th=1
PLUS a bonus of one additional point for each car in class that officially finishes the race behind each points-winning position, up to a maximum of 10 bonus points for any driver. (Example: 7 cars finish behind the first place J Stock racecar; the bonus points for the race winner would be 7, with 6 for the 2nd place car, and so on). For eligible events as defined in paragraphs E and F below, the appropriate multiplier will affect position points. (DNF's and DNS's do NOT count for purposes of the bonus calculation). Bonus points are NOT eligible for a multiplier.
- E. Premier events, unless also designated as the BMW CCA Club Racing North American Challenge Races, will have position points awarded at 200% of the values listed in paragraph 7C above for the designated "feature" race, and one other designated race. A third points race, if offered, will be valued at 150% of the normal level.
- F. Endurance races shall have finishing position points awarded at 150% of the values established in paragraph 7(C) using the same driver qualifying criteria as in paragraph 7(A). Should the endurance race already have a position points multiplier in effect, then no additional points multiplier is to be added above that level. Further,
 - a. The driver who qualifies the racecar must start the endurance race or the car must start from the back of the grid.
 - b. If the grid for the endurance race is to be set by finishing position from an earlier sprint race in lieu of a qualifying session, the driver who drove the sprint race must start the endurance race or the car must start from the back of the grid.
 - c. If a driver is unable or unwilling to start the race under either paragraph 7.G.(a) or 7.G.(b), an alternative driver registered with that racecar may start the race at the back of the grid. The Competition Steward and the Timing & Scoring Steward must be notified in writing of such at least one hour prior to the start of the race. Failure to make the timely notification will result in disqualification.
 - d. If a driver competes in a given class within an endurance race by sharing driving in two or more racecars in that class, he must declare prior to the start of the race which racecar will be used for earning points. A driver cannot earn points in a given class in more than one racecar in that class. This declaration must be made in writing to the Timing & Scoring Steward a least one hour prior to the start of the endurance race. Failure to do so will result in all points earned in that race being forfeited.
- G. Any driver found to be at fault in a multi-car incident or is assigned a 6 month or greater penalty in a single car incident at a BMW CCA Club Racing sanctioned event will:
 - a. Forfeit ALL points earned in all races in that event, and

- b. Be subject to exclusion from participation in remaining races at that event in accordance with the General Rules of BMW CCA Club Racing, Rule 2(B)(1), and
 - c. Be penalized 20 points against his accumulated season points in addition to the forfeited points.
 - H. The Competition Steward may apply up to 20 penalty points to any racer if his conduct or that of a crewmember or affiliate, on or off the track, is not within the stated philosophy of BMW CCA club racing. Any such penalty may be appealed through the normal club racing appeals procedures.
 - I. Point penalties are in addition to the standard application of the 13/13 rule.
- 8. In the case of a dead heat for any position, the total points involved based on the number tied at the finish shall be divided evenly among those tied. Example: If the dead heat is for second place involving two cars, the points from second and third will be added together and divided by two to obtain the points to be awarded for second place. Each driver would be awarded 17 points. There would be no third place points awarded in that race.
- 9. In order to be considered a finisher, a racecar must complete half the distance covered by the overall winner of the race. If the race is an uneven number of laps, that distance will be determined by dividing the overall winner's laps by two and rounding down to the nearest whole integer. In cases of races of 55 minutes or longer in scheduled length, the Competition Steward may exercise his discretion in determining an appropriate number of laps to be considered as a finisher. The Steward should consider the race length and the disparity in class speeds between the overall winner and the racecar(s) in question, and the number of laps should reflect what the racecar would be capable of running at reasonable speed over the length of the race. The official results must specifically state that the steward has exercised this option and specify the applicable cars.
- 10. Each driver will have his point total calculated using a maximum of 10 races in which he has scored points. If the driver has competed in more than 10 races, the 10 races that produce the highest total in his HOME region shall be used. If the driver has competed in more than one class, he will have separate points totals calculated for each class. Points awarded in a given class cannot be considered in any other class.
- 11. Points are awarded in the region where the race is conducted, except for "Premier" events, the North American Challenge Races and events designated by the Chairman of Club Racing as "National" events, an example being the race associated with OctoberFest. In those cases, the points will be awarded in both the driver's home region and the region where the race is conducted.
- 12. The Regional Champion for each class will be the driver who has accumulated the most points in the region in that class, as per items 1 through 11 above.
- 13. Ties in the final Regional Championship points shall be resolved based on each driver's grand total of season points. If two or more drivers still remain tied, the driver with the most first place finishes among the 10 races used in determining the regional points total will be declared as the Regional Champion. If two or more drivers remain

tied at that point, they shall be considered tied for the championship and be designated Regional Co-champions.

14. Each BMW CCA region shall have a Regional Champion designated for each class of racecar in which at least one racecar in that class was declared a **finisher at a minimum of two** sanctioned events within that region.
15. No driver may be awarded a Regional Championship in more than one region in any given class. This does not preclude a driver from winning a Regional Championship in one class in a region and another class in another region. If a driver finishes first in points in more than one region in a given class, his Regional Championship shall be **first** awarded in his BMW CCA region of record. If neither Regional Championship is in his home region, the region in which he earned the most points will be the title region. If the points totals are the same, then the region in which he started the most races will be the title region. And in the event that number is also identical in both regions, a flip of the coin will be used to select the title region.
16. If his racecar is reclassified during the points season as a result **of a mid-season** rules change, the points will be carried over with the car to the newly assigned class without penalty. **If the racecar has mid-season alterations that mandate a class change, no points will be transferred to the new class.** If the racecar is reclassified as a result of technical violations, all points won in the class in which the car was non-compliant will be forfeited and a points penalty, under Paragraph 7(H), may be applied.
17. **The BMW CCA Club Racing North American Class Champion shall be the racer with the most total points, after any applicable penalties, within a given class subject to the limitation of 10 countable races as per Item 10.**
18. No prizes of material value, other than trophies valued at \$50 or less, may be offered to points-program-racers based on finishing position in any race at any event. Prizes other than trophies may be awarded so long as all participating, qualified racers have an equal opportunity to win. If Regional Championship trophies or prizes are awarded, they must be awarded equally to all eligible classes **and will not exceed an aggregate value** of \$100 each. The National Championship trophies or **prizes will not exceed an aggregate value** of \$150 each.
19. BMW CCA Club Racing may, at its sole discretion, and with the concurrence of the majority of the CRAC representatives, award additional finishing position bonus points at a sanctioned event which is the first club race sponsored by any chapter. This designation and the specific level of bonus points to be awarded must be approved prior to the distribution of registration materials for the event. In no case shall such bonus points be more than 100% of the normal finishing position points nor apply to more than two races within the event.
20. The location and date of the BMW CCA Club Racing North American Challenge Races shall be announced with the initial official release of the season's **schedule or as soon as possible thereafter.** The location of the North American Challenge race should not be duplicated two years in succession, subject to track availability, and will

be determined by the Chairman of BMW CCA Club Racing with the advice of the CRAC.

21. Should an increase in the incident rate be attributable to this points system, the system may be **altered at any time in any fashion** or terminated at any time at the sole discretion of BMW CCA Club Racing. BMW CCA Club Racing assumes no responsibility or liability for any modifications to, or termination of, the National Points System at any time.