

Oregon Region SCCA Full Fields Program

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One of SCCA's – and Oregon Region's – biggest challenges is building our road racing car counts. I am happy to announce an initiative designed to bring in new members and encourage current members to race with us: Full Fields Program. This program creates an incentive to build bigger car counts in our most popular race classes.

Yogi Berra once observed, as he passed a jam-packed restaurant, "no one goes there anymore ... it's too crowded." With racing, it's pretty much the opposite – racers *are* attracted to competition and want to go where they know there'll be plenty of cars within their racing class.

As a way to gain more race entries and reward racers for continuing to race with the Oregon Region throughout the 2012 season, we are introducing a "Full Fields" program at all of our sanctioned Regional races. The Full Fields program starts with Spec Miata (SM), Spec Racer Ford (SRF), and Vintage (all classes totaled) as eligible classes. While these are the Region's most popular classes, there are many more potential entrants in the area. So, here's a terrific incentive for SRF, Vintage, and SM racers to pick up the phone, type out an e-mail, or text your fellow competitors to get out and race with us. Here's how it works:

- If 20 to 24 cars from the same class enter a race, then \$20 from each race entry (no up-charge) goes into a year-end points fund.
- If 25 – 29 cars from the same class enter a race, then \$25 from each race entry (no up-charge) goes into a year-end points fund.
- If 30 or more cars from the same class enter a race, then \$30 from each race entry (no up-charge) goes into a year-end points fund.

Points will be earned (all Vintage racers, for the purposes of Full Fields calculations only, will be considered a single group) based on car finish, with all finishers gaining a minimum number of points each race. At the end of the year, Full Fields monies will be "refunded" to drivers based on points earned throughout the year. It is our intent to pay as far down into the points as possible.

While the targeted car classes are noted above, we would welcome full fields of DSR, T-2, FF – whatever class that can pull off large fields on a regular basis. Full Fields is an incentive – that is, it's not an "ends," it's a "means." We're introducing Full Fields because as racers we know it's more fun to race cars in the same class. It's also a lot of fun when you have a large group of "regulars" to run with – friendly rivalries emerge, competition improves, and as a driver you get faster. We're not "re-inventing" the SCCA or the Oregon Region – we're just understanding what we do exceptionally well (structure, competition, and safety) – and want to make sure we put out a welcome mat for all to race with us.