

# Inspection Appendix

## Neon class car preparation protests

### 1. The Right Of Protest

- 1.a. The right to protest lies solely with entrant and drivers who may consider themselves aggrieved by the preparation state of a Neon class vehicle.
- 1.b. Protest under the provisions of this appendix will be referred to as an Inspection Protest, with the terms of the protest defined by this Appendix to the Neon Class Supplementary regulations.
- 1.c. The right to an Inspection Protest shall be predicated only on a protest being well founded. The designated NASCC Scrutineer shall review submitted protests and deem them well founded or not.
- 1.d. A well founded protest is defined as being reasonable, logical, based on relevant facts and supported by relevant evidence.
- 1.e. Protests that are deficient in reason, logic, facts or evidence may be deemed as not well founded and may be denied by the NASCC Scrutineer and \$100 of the protest fee retained.
- 1.f. Hearsay, conjecture and unsupported opinion may be considered vexatious.
- 1.g. Protests that are deemed not well founded may also be vexatious and may be denied. In such instances \$100 of the protest fee shall be retained.
- 1.h. Drivers must remain at a competition and be easily contacted until any protest period relating to their competition has elapsed. The protest period is defined by the WCMA Sporting Regulations. No substitute representation is permitted.
- 1.i. Participants involved in a dispute or protest shall remain at the racetrack for the protest period and for any reasonable period of time beyond as may be requested by the NASCC Scrutineer. Competitors who do not comply or cannot be easily contacted, may be subject to penalties being applied in their absence. In such cases where penalties are applied, the possibility of appeal is forfeited. Any penalty applied shall remain in force.
- 1.j. Nothing in these regulations shall affect or prejudice the right and duty of any race official to make such action as deemed proper in any circumstances, regardless of whether a protest has been lodged.
- 1.k. Decisions of the NASCC Scrutineer regarding the foundation of an Inspection Protest are not subject to protest or appeal to the NASCC.
- 1.l. It is the protestor's responsibility to understand and comply with these protest procedures and no claim for misunderstanding of any kind will be accepted.

### 2. Time Limits For Protests

- 2.a. The NASCC Scrutineer may extend a time limit, but only for reasons of force majeure. Otherwise, for a protest to be considered it must be lodged with the NASCC Executive, preferably the President or Race Director in accordance with the following time schedule, clauses 2b and 2c.
- 2.b. When the alleged ineligibility of a component of a car identified in Section 6, Inspection Protest List of Items, is apparent:
  - 2.b.i. Within fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the track session in which the alleged infraction is observed.
- 2.c. When the alleged ineligibility is not apparent, but it is alleged that the car is performing in a manner which suggests that it is ineligible:
  - 2.c.i. Within fifteen (15) minutes after the last Neon Class race on the race day on which the infraction is alleged to have occurred.

### 3. Protest Of a Race Car

- 3.a. Only entrants and drivers entered in an event may protest the eligibility of another car.
- 3.b. The NASCC Scrutineer will inspect a fixed subset of Neon Class preparation rules, defined by the Inspection Protest List of Items, Section 6. Said inspection will occur at the Scrutineer's convenience, prior to the following race weekend, subject to clause 5e.

3.c. The protestor shall be required to post a cash bond with NASCC in the amount determined by the NASCC Scrutineer, which amount shall be sufficient to cover the costs of any disassembly, inspection and reassembly by a qualified service technician, and will not be less than \$250. Such inspection shall be performed under the supervision of the Scrutineer.

3.d. If the car is found to not conform to the Inspection Protest List of Items, the cash bond shall be returned to the protestor and all inspection costs shall be borne by the entrant and/or driver of the inspected car.

3.e. If the car is found to be in conformity, the protestor will forfeit the cash bond to NASCC to cover the inspection costs involved, as outlined in Section 9.

3.f. Failure of the entrant and/or driver of a protested car to allow inspection under the terms of this regulation shall result in immediate exclusion until inspection occurs.

3.g. Once a bond is posted, the Inspection Protest List of Items must be inspected, except if the protestor withdraws the protest before the inspection begins.

3.h. If a protest under this regulation is withdrawn completely by the protestor prior to the commencement of the inspection, the NASCC Scrutineer shall return the cash bond to the protestor less an amount to be determined by the Scrutineer, but in no case shall the retained amount be less than \$50.00.

#### **4. Lodging a Protest**

4.a. Every protest shall be made in writing, and:

4.a.i. specify that the Inspection Protest List of Items is to be inspected.

4.a.ii. be signed by the entrant or driver making the protest.

4.a.iii. Accompanied by a protest fee of not less than \$250.00 cash payable to NASCC.

4.a.iv. Delivered to a NASCC Executive Member, preferably the NASCC President or Race Director within the time limit specified within these regulations. These individuals are responsible for bringing the Inspection Protest to the attention of the NASCC Scrutineer for consideration.

4.b. The above notwithstanding, the NASCC reserves the right to require an inspection of any or all Neon class cars, including utilizing a random procedure such as drawing numbers from a hat to identify the car(s) to undergo a full or partial Inspection Protest procedure, or selecting front running cars. When a subset of cars are inspected, the Neon Class representative shall assume the role of the protester as identified in these regulations, even if it is their own car. Costs will be borne by the NASCC should there be no irregularities identified.

#### **5. Conduct of a Protest**

5.a. A NASCC Executive member will identify a NASCC Scrutineer for the purposes of considering an Inspection Protest. The NASCC Scrutineer shall evaluate all Inspection Protests, to determine if they are well founded, based solely upon the written Protest submitted.

5.b. The NASCC Scrutineer shall determine if a protest was submitted in full accordance with these regulations. Failure of the protestor to comply with all of these conditions shall result in the return of the protest without hearing and the retention of a fraction of the protest fees by NASCC, subject to Section 9.

5.c. The onus is always on the protestor to properly present a protest and no claim based on lack of knowledge of these regulations, class regulations, or event supplementary regulations shall be allowed.

5.d. Once an Inspection Protest has been judged to be well founded, the NASCC Scrutineer will inform the subject of a protest that their car is to be inspected, and will then mark and secure parts on the car before it leaves the track on the day of the protest, or before it enters the next race, whichever event comes first.

5.e. The Protestor will be responsible to provide a suitable, clean dry location at which a car may be inspected, unless the subject of the protest chooses to provide a suitable, clean dry location. The car protested will be inspected at a time set by the NASCC Scrutineer, in

consultation with the driver whose car is to be inspected, the date of which will be before the next race weekend, or within two weeks of the protest date, whichever is sooner.

5.f Should a protest be judged to be well founded before the end of a Race Day the car will be allowed to continue racing until the Inspection has occurred. Should a protest be judged to be well founded before the end of a multiple day race event the car will be allowed to continue racing in that event until it is inspected. In either case the provisions of clause 5.d must have been executed.

5.g The inspection will be performed by a qualified individual, identified by the Neon class drivers through the Class Representative and approved by the NASCC Scrutineer.

5.h The items to be inspected are identified in Section 6, Inspection Protest List of Items

5.i. In the absence, or undue delay in attendance, of the vehicle that was protested, judgment may proceed by default.

## 6. Inspection Protest List of Items

- 6.1. Check front wheel spin to ensure that there is no limited slip differential.
- 6.2. Jack up front of vehicle and support on jack stands. Open hood.
- 6.3. Remove right front wheel and inspection cover to allow inspection of crank pulley (no lightweight pulleys allowed).
- 6.4. On manual transmission vehicles remove left front wheel and check transaxle tag, located on the end of the transaxle. Manual transaxles with 3:55 final drive ratio only. (SOHC will have 4670235, 04773388, 4773725, or R4773388 on the transmission tag). Alternatively, drive car and check RPM vs. speed.
- 6.5. Inspect exhaust system to ensure no header installed and that catalytic converter is in place.
- 6.6. Inspect ECU to ensure stock ECU and no add-ons to wiring harness, particularly the MAP wiring (added air-fuel controllers, etc.). Rev limiter should be 6750 RPM+/-50 RPM.
- 6.7. Ensure ABS is absent or disabled.
- 6.8. Inspect flywheel to ensure no lightweight aftermarket flywheel is installed. The easiest way to do this is to disconnect the fuse box from the battery tray, allowing access to the plastic access cover where the clutch cable inserts. Lightweight flywheels will be aluminum.
- 6.9. Check compression, with all plugs removed and with WOT. Crank for 7 cycles. Stock SOHC should have compression not greater than 225 psi.
- 6.10. Check camshaft by removing cam position sensor (on transaxle side of head). Ensure it is not a magnum cam (part number 325AA under the cam magnet). If other aftermarket cam is suspected (very lumpy idle, etc) the valve cover will have to be removed to allow further inspection.
- 6.11. Ensure only stock SOHC throttle body (remove air filter assembly and measure—should be 49 or 52mm)
- 6.12. Check for illegal port work by removing intake system and inspecting intake ports and intake.
- 6.13. Check tire size (185-65R 14), and studding height and number to ensure compliance with street stud rules.
- 6.14. Check suspension-stock SOHC suspension components only. Check that diameter of rear sway bar (if equipped) is not greater than 16mm.

**7. Distribution of Awards**

- 7.a. Excepting any post race victory awards presentation which are unofficial, distribution of awards shall not commence until after the period for protests has elapsed.
- 7.b. When a protest that would affect distribution of awards has been lodged, distribution shall be withheld pending the decision of a protest or appeal hearing. During this time, the results of the competition shall be considered provisional.

**8. Judgement from a Protest Hearing**

- 8.a. All parties concerned shall be bound by the decision given, subject only to the submission of a car conformity protest to the WCMA under the WCMA Sporting Regulations, as per clause 11.c

**9. Protest Fee Disposition**

- 9.a. The NASCC Scrutineer shall determine the disposition of all fees as follows:
  - 9.a.i. In all cases a minimum of \$50.00 of a protest fee will be retained by NASCC.
  - 9.a.ii. If the protest is deemed to be not well founded, \$100 of the fee will be retained by NASCC.
  - 9.a.iii. If the protest is deemed vexatious, the protestor shall be deemed guilty of a breach of these regulations and shall forfeit \$100 of the protest fee.
  - 9.a.iv. The Scrutineer will set the fee to be paid to the inspector, and will set any sums needed to return a car that passes inspection to working order.

**10. Publication of Judgements**

- 10.a. NASCC shall have the right to publish or cause to be published a judgement of a protest and to state the names of all parties involved. The persons or bodies referred to in such notice shall have no right of action against NASCC, or against anyone printing or publishing said notice.

**11. Appeals**

- 11.a. The only appeal allowed regarding the decision of the NASCC Scrutineer in relation to an Inspection Protest is on the subject of legality of a specific part that has been ruled illegal. Written notice of intent to file an appeal must be provided within 15 minutes of the Scrutineer reaching a decision on the Inspection Protest. A competitor will be entitled to a 1 week period from the date of inspection to provide evidence that a particular part number or part type identified as illegal is in fact legal within the Neon Specification rules. The evidence must be provided in writing to the Scrutineer. The car will be allowed to compete during this period, but the Neon Class points accumulated will be lost if the appeal is lost. If the appeal is won, the competitor filing the protest will be required to meet the costs of the protest.
- 11.b. No other form of appeal other than that in clause 11.a will be allowed.
- 11.c. A decision by the NASCC Scrutineer does not preclude a car conformity protest being filed under the WCMA Sporting Regulations through the WCMA.

**12. Penalties**

- 12.a. A car judged to have failed the Inspection Protest will not be allowed to accumulate Neon Class points until the competitor demonstrates to the Scrutineer that the components judged to not meet the regulations have been replaced.
- 12.b. A car that has failed the Inspection Protest will lose any Neon Class points accumulated by any driver in that car, from the day the Protest is filed until the car is judged by the Scrutineer to meet the regulations.
- 12.c. Should the car be judged to not meet the regulations the competitor running the car will be responsible for all fees associated with the Inspection Protest process.