



PART XIII

Safety

- 13.1 Safety Policy** - The primary purpose of the United States Auto Club is to assure the safest possible conditions for participants in all USAC sanctioned events. Whenever there is a conflict between a safety provision of this Rulebook and any other rule, bulletin or supplementary regulation, the safety provision shall take precedence.
- 13.2 Spectator Safety** - The Stewards may cancel or postpone a race meeting if any arrangements known to them as to spectators are, in their opinion, unsafe.
- 13.3 Participant Safety** - The Stewards shall have the authority to order off the course any car, which in their opinion constitutes a menace to other participants or to itself. The Stewards may also order off the course any driver who operates his car recklessly, or without due consideration to other participants. In the event a driver is ordered off the track, the car owner may replace him with a qualified relief driver and continue in the event.
- 13.4 Course Conditions** - It is the responsibility of the race organizer to have and maintain the course in a safe condition. The Stewards shall not permit any event to start or continue if, in their opinion, the track is unsafe. They shall require the race organizer to make such changes as are necessary. In the event the race organizer fails to make the recommended changes, the race meeting shall be cancelled or postponed.
- A. USAC may require the installation of guardrails or retaining walls at specified locations. All such installations must be approved by USAC. The use of concrete retaining walls with a minimum height of 36 inches from the track surface is recommended.
 - B. Electric caution lights or suitable alternate systems approved by USAC will be installed at the end of each straightaway on closed courses. Additional caution lights or approved signaling devices may be required by USAC at all closed tracks.
 - C. At least two weeks prior to a sanctioned race meeting the course may be inspected by a United States Auto Club representative. The representative shall satisfy himself that all practical safety precautions have been taken prior to the race meeting. If necessary he shall make specific recommendations in writing, forwarding a copy to the Director of Competition.
 - D. For night racing a lighting system providing 15-foot candles of illumination evenly distributed is recommended with a minimum of eight-foot candles. It is further recommended that the lighting system incorporate a separate circuit for one light on each pole.
 - E. The race organizer is required to make available at all sanctioned race meetings, fire equipment and fire fighting personnel, medical staff including appropriately licensed personnel capable of sustaining life, safety equipment including tow trucks and clean up materials and track communications as is determined necessary by the Division Supervisor and/or the Chief Steward.
 - F. Ambulances as provided by the race organizer must meet with DOT standards for the current year. Noncompliance with these requirements may be cause for cancellation of the race meeting.