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Sec. 14-164a-1. Scope

This regulation specifies minimum standards for equipment of motor vehicles used for racing or in other public exhibitions, contests or demonstrations of speed or skill with motor vehicles. This regulation also describes requirements for equipment and safety gear deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for the protection of drivers.

(Effective July 27, 1993; amended October 7, 2005)

Secs. 14-164a-2—14-164a-8.

Repealed, October 7, 2005.

Sec. 14-164a-9. Vehicle inspection

(a) The person conducting a race or exhibition shall be responsible for the safety inspection of motor vehicles entered into a race or exhibition prior to and during such event. Such responsibility shall include a check to ensure that all participating vehicles are properly constructed and equipped.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, any vehicle which, in the opinion of the commissioner or the person conducting the race or exhibition, is not suitable for an event and endangers the safety of the operator, the participants or the public, may be barred from participating in such event.

(c) If a motor vehicle has been barred from participation in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, and if the unsafe condition(s) for which such vehicle has been barred has, in the opinion of the commissioner or the person conducting the race or exhibition, been corrected, the motor vehicle may be returned to competition in any permitted event.

(Effective July 27, 1993; amended October 7, 2005, July 7, 2006)

Sec. 14-164a-10. Safety equipment and use

The person conducting any race or exhibition shall advise the participants of the following safety rules:

(a) All vehicles, except for motorcycles, open go-carts, snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles (ATVs) which run on unimproved surfaces, shall be equipped with an appropriate quick-release type of personal restraint in good condition, and have as a minimum webbing and a buckle meeting Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) #209. Such safety belt shall be fastened in accordance with the motor vehicle specifications of the sanctioning body of a permitted event. All hardware and anchorages must be made of steel, or be equivalent in strength to steel. Anchorages must meet FMVSS #210.

(b) Each driver shall wear a properly sized and buckled helmet which meets the standards of the Snell Memorial Foundation (SNELL) safety standards #85.

(c) The driver of any vehicle without a windshield, or with a windshield that in the opinion of the person conducting any race or exhibition does not adequately protect the driver, shall wear wind and shatter resistant goggles, or shall wear a face shield. Enclosed cockpit vehicles with side windows need not meet the requirements of this subsection.

(d) Vehicles which participate in a stock car event, except for an oval track enduro event or a demolition derby, shall be equipped with fuel cells and no-spill rollover valves of the ball-check type.

(e) A driver's safety net of the quick-release type shall be installed and maintained in good condition on closed body vehicles in which the driver is not seated along the longitudinal center-line of the vehicle.

(f) Fire-resistant suits of the fire-retardant type in good condition are required to be worn by all drivers and fuelers of vehicles which are fueled or refueled with alcohol, and such suits are recommended when any vehicle is refueled with the engine running during an event.

(g) Except for a vehicle participating in a demolition derby, roll caging tubing shall meet the rules of the sanctioning body, or absent such rules shall be a minimum of 1 3/4" outside diameter steel with a wall thickness of .090" for stock cars and a size commensurate with vehicle weight for lighter classes.

(h) The thickness of the vehicle firewall shall meet the rules of the sanctioning body, or absent such rules shall be twenty-two (22) gauge steel.

(i) Except for subsections (g) and (h) of this section, any sanctioning body rules which require safety standards greater than those required in this section shall be enforced.

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Secs. 14-164a-11—14-164a-17.

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