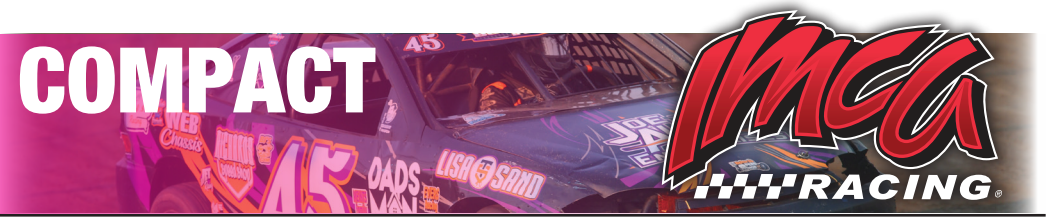
2027 SPORT COMPACT RULES



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Drivers licensed in this division may also be licensed in Hobby Stock, Northern SportMod™, Southern SportMod™ or Mod Lite divisions, but may NOT be licensed or compete in Modified, Stock Car, Late Model or Sprint Car divisions. Unless otherwise noted, all parts to be approved OEM and must match make and year of car.

1. **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** Rules apply at all times car is on track. Snell-rated SA2020 or SA2025 helmet required.SFI-approved full fire suit required. Fire retardant gloves, shoes and neck brace (or head and neck restraint) required. Right and left seat head supports required if using head and neck restraint system. Driver-side window net required, minimum 16 inch by 20 inch ribbon or mesh style, and must be mounted to roll cage so latch is at top front of window. Maximum four inch tall visor attached to window net. Minimum two inch wide SFI-approved five point safety belt assembly required, must be mounted securely to main roll cage. Master kill/fuel pump switch required on left side of dash within easy reach of driver and must be clearly marked 'OFF' and 'ON'. *Recommended: Fire bottle, head and neck restraint, fire retardant head sock, underwear and roll bar padding, collapsible steering shaft, safety belts no more than two years old.* All minors must use SFI-approved head and neck restraint.
2. **BODY/CHASSIS:** Any front wheel drive, compact car with three or four cylinder engine. All cars must remain strictly OEM. Must be unaltered OEM-appearing body. No station wagons, convertibles or two seat sport cars allowed, no Honda CRX. Maximum wheelbase 107 inches, maximum one inch difference from side to side. OEM steel unaltered floor pan only. Inner fenders may not be removed. Hood and trunk lid/hatch must be securely fastened. All doors must be securely welded or bolted. All glass, exterior lights, chrome/plastic trim and hood insulation must be removed. Dash may be removed, but can remain. Maximum seven inch front and rear sun visors allowed, opera window may be closed on two-door car. Skirting allowed, between the tires only, must maintain OEM appearance. Car number must be minimum four inches thick and 20 inches tall and clearly visible, on both sides and roof.
3. **VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (V.I.N.):** The V.I.N. must remain clearly visible and unaltered in at least two of the OEM locations. Any car missing the V.I.N. will not be allowed to compete. *IMCA highly recommends each racer maintain a copy of their vehicle repair manual.*
4. **BUMPERS/RUB RAILS:** Bumpers must be approved OEM in OEM location, welded, chained or cabled to frame. Front and rear tow hooks mandatory. OEM bumper covers should remain. May have one horizontal bar - maximum 1.75 inch OD - tying front frame horns together ahead of radiator. One additional maximum one inch OD bar may be added for radiator protection; must be behind bumper, within confines of body, no wider than OEM frame horns. Maximum one inch wide by two inch tall steel or lexan rub rails allowed - bolted flush to body. No sharp edges allowed on bumpers, rub rails or bolts. No bars past outside edge of body other than rub rails.

   Aftermarket: Fabricated tubular front bumpers allowed. Must be covered by plastic nose and bent to fit with rounded ends. Main bumper bar must be 1.25-1.5 inch O.D. round tubing with maximum 0.083 inch wall thickness.
5. **ROLL CAGE:** Six-point, full perimeter roll cage required. Must use minimum 1.5 inch O.D. with 0.095 inch wall thickness tubing. Rear hoop must have "X" bracing configuration. Rear kickers required. *Recommended: front brace bar from main cage to front cowl.* Forward brace bar allowed from main cage to front strut tower. Must have 1.25 inch minimum O.D. cross bar in top halo. Cage must be electric welded and attached using adequate plating (*Recommended: minimum 0.250 inch*). No iron, galvanized pipe or fittings, square tubing, brazing or soldering allowed.
6. **DOOR BARS:** Minimum three horizontal door bars on driver side and two horizontal door bars on passenger side. Both sides must have vertical bracing from top to bottom door bars. All tubing must be minimum 1.5 inch O.D. with 0.095 inch wall thickness. Steel door plates, 18 gauge or 0.049 inch minimum thickness, must be securely welded to outside of door bars on driver side. Plate must cover area from top door bar to frame and from rear down post to five inches in front of seat. Must be visible for inspection.
7. **DRIVER COMPARTMENT:** Minimum three windshield bars mounted in front of driver. Aluminum high-back racing seat required. Must be securely mounted to roll cage using 0.375 inch bolts. Driver must be sealed off from track, engine, transmission and fuel cell/tank. No mirrors. No gutting allowed except for roll/door bar clearance. All flammable material, radio and air bags must be removed. Front and rear firewalls must remain and have no holes. Interior must remain open.
8. **SUSPENSION AND STEERING:** All components and mounts must be unaltered, OEM and match year, make/model of car used. Exception is: Sway bars may be removed. *Recommended right rear safety hub (for example 1987-1995 Caravan hub assembly).* OEM or approved aftermarket right rear safety hub allowed. Brace bar allowed between strut towers in front and rear. No other bracing allowed on front end. No weight jacks, modifications, racing components, aftermarket or homemade traction devices allowed. Rear wheels must track straight ahead and be in alignment with front wheels. No more than 2 degrees camber on any wheel. No center steering. Quick release steering wheel is allowed, must maintain OEM column. No aftermarket remote reservoir power steering.
9. **SPRINGS/SHOCKS/STRUTS:** All shocks and struts must remain OEM, in OEM location. No strut boots or covers. OEM springs may be cut. No bump stops allowed. Maximum one 360 degree by 2" tall spring rubber per wheel.
10. **TIRES AND WHEELS:** OEM DOT 13, 14, 15 or 16 inch diameter unaltered passenger tires only. Minimum 60 series, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, and

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H speed rated tires only. No asymmetrical or directional tires. No racing, mud or snow tires. No re-caps, softening, conditioning, grinding, sanding, siping or grooving allowed. Must be unaltered OEM steel or aluminum wheels, with standard bead bump and maximum seven inch width. Reinforcing of OEM wheels recommended. OEM replacement Aero 44 and 45 series wheels allowed, 5 or 5.5 inch offset only. Front tires and wheels must be the same series, size and offset (0.50 inch tolerance); rear tires and wheels must be the same series, size and offset; do not have to match front to rear. Tires must be inside of body. No wheel spacers or bleeder valves. Must use one inch O.D. steel lug nuts on aftermarket wheels only.

11. BRAKES: Must be steel, unaltered, OEM operative, four wheel disc or drum brakes, and match year, make and model of car used. OEM master cylinder only, in OEM location. No brake shut off or bias adjuster. Steel brake lines only.

12. EXHAUST: Exhaust manifold must be unaltered, OEM for year, make and model of car used. Smog pump, catalytic converter and air conditioning compressor may be removed. All engines must use single maximum two inch O.D. exhaust pipe. Exhaust must extend past firewall and turn toward ground. No exhaust in driver compartment. When required, Schoenfeld muffler part no. IMCA922 only must be used.

13. WEIGHT: No ballast (extra weight) of any kind allowed. Any item deemed as ballast will be required to be removed.

14. BATTERY/STARTER: One 12 volt battery only. No lithium batteries. Must be securely mounted with positive terminal covered. Battery must be in Marine type case if mounted in driver compartment. OEM starter only, must be in OEM location. Car must leave initial staging area on demand, unaided, or go to rear of that race.

15. GAUGES/ELECTRONICS: Scoring transponder must be located inside of right rear wheel well as low as possible with unobstructed view to track. No cell phones, unapproved cameras, transmitting or receiving devices (exception is one-way Race Receiver radio by officials). 12 volt ignition system only. No aftermarket ignition boxes. No performance chips. No aftermarket harnesses. Unused OEM wiring may be trimmed back. All ignition components must be unaltered, OEM and match year, make and model of car used. Aftermarket analog tach, oil pressure and water temp gauges only. Vehicle computer (ECU) may be tuned, should be mounted in accessible location for inspection.

16. FUEL SYSTEM: Must have complete, unaltered, OEM fuel system for year, make and model of car used. Gasoline only, maximum E15. No performance additives. Gas tank ahead of rear axle allowed but must install shield under it. Gas tank behind rear axle must be replaced with maximum eight gallon racing fuel cell and relocated to trunk area. Must mount with minimum one inch square tubing or two solid steel straps around entire cell, two inches wide and 0.125 inch thick. Metal firewall or cell cover must be between driver and cell. Fuel cell vent, including cap vent, must have check valve. If racing fuel cell does not have aircraft style positive seal filler neck/cap system - a flapper, spring or ball type filler rollover valve is required. External electric fuel pump wired to the ignition switch allowed with aftermarket fuel cell. No cool cans. Fuel lines through driver compartment must be steel. Aftermarket fresh air pipe and air filter allowed, but no ram air.

17. TRANSMISSION: Must use OEM, unaltered transmission that came in year, make and model of car used. All forward and reverse gears must be operational. Flywheel, flexplate, clutch assembly and torque converter must be unaltered, OEM for year, make and model of car used. Must have one inch inspection hole in bell housing (accessible from top) to inspect clutch and flywheel. No transmission coolers in driver compartment. No mini clutches, couplers, torque dividing final drives, locked differentials or CVT transmissions.

18. ENGINE COMPARTMENT: Engine and radiator must be OEM, in OEM location for year, make and model of car used. May use solid engine mounts or safety chains. No accumulators/accusumps. Belt driven accessories may be removed, crank balancer must remain.

19. ENGINE: 3 or 4 cylinder in-line engines only. Recommended: double overhead cam. All engine components must be unaltered OEM for year, make and model of car used, must match V.I.N. Must use OEM crank, rods, valve sizes, stroke, etc. No aftermarket racing heads. No high performance or sport car engines of any kind. No turbo charged, super charged, rotary engines, or engines utilizing variable cam-timing. No unapproved alterations allowed to any engine; disqualification and $250 fine if illegal - exception is engine may be bored 0.020 inches using OEM replacement pistons.

20. CAR CLAIM: Refer to www.imca.com for claim eligibility requirements.
(A) $1,500 cash claim or $500 and exchange on complete car. Claimed driver has option of accepting cash or exchanging cars with claiming driver. Fuel cell and electric fuel pump (if equipped) are included.
(B) Claim does not include – 1. racing seat, 2. safety belts, 3. transponder.