

Observation Rule and Probation Rule

Violations of VARA rules may result in action by officials and (As to negative driver conduct both on & off the track), the following protocols will generally apply. (Protocols for CDI & CS involvement /action apply). All actions and discipline have the purpose in these rules of improving performance and reducing rule violations and increasing safe and respectful vintage road racing. The interpretation of how that is done is left to the Chief Steward and Chief Driving Instructor. Fairness, safety, learning and improvement is desired in these processes whenever possible.

There shall be two forms of monitoring a driver who has violated the rules of the VARA

Observation and Probation.

1 Observation shall be used when deemed appropriate by the Chief Steward, to monitor the future performance of a driver to determine if additional training or other efforts are required to improve the drivers skills. Those additional methods might include assigning a mentor, to help the driver improve or even moving the driver from observation to formal probation. Monitoring under observation shall be the responsibility of the CDI as shall any recommendation to terminate the observation process or elevate it to formal probation.

Observation shall be for a set period of time and unless extended by the CDI, or terminated early by the CDI as a result of good performance by the individual driver. Thus an Observation might be for 2 weekends of racing in which the driver has participated.

While observation is considered a learning process there shall be no requirement attached to attend the “ground school” or other special or extra assignment designed to achieve skill development or growth for the driver. However, all such drivers may be invited to share their experience and “lessons learned” with drivers attending the race weekend “ground school”.

There shall be no appeal of the determination for Observation or Probation

1. Observation. Defined as notice to a driver that he/she has been contacted by the CDI/CS for evaluation of driver proficiency &/ or on track issues. Such a determination by the CS & the CDI shall result in conversation between the driver & the officials to convey to the driver that he/she is being observed for further evaluation. No other requirements are required by the driver during this observation period. However, the driver under observation will be asked to voluntarily attend ground school to share their learning experience with fellow competitors.)

2. Probation.. As defined a driver may be placed on probation for certain infractions on track or off that could result or did result in either unsafe driving conditions or contact or both. Such probation determined by the CS will result in requirements to include among other requirements attending ground school to share their learning experience with others. Time , length & requirements of probation to be determined by the CS with consultation with the CDI.

3. Observation & Probation disciplines enacted by the CS are not appealable to the board of directors but Probation (be appealed) to the CS only for conversion to Observation at the CS and CDI discretion.

Observation is not appealable in any case