

SAMOA Events Policy

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Runs that are not listed on the SAMOA website calendar do not comply with this events policy and as such are considered non-sanctioned "independent/impromptu" events. Only sanctioned SAMOA events and other clubs' regional and local events (such as SCCA and MAZDA, NASA, etc.) will be posted to the events page or linked on the SAMOA website. SAMOA sanctioned driving events are based on the following:

1. Rallies (non-competitive only) are considered sanctioned events when insurance certificates are available, issued and approved by the Events Coordinator. Due to insurance costs, rallies are limited to three per year, unless prior arrangements are made with the BOO. One of the requirements (# 7) does not apply to sanctioned rallies.
2. Only members in good standing (current dues paid) may lead a sanctioned event.
3. All events must be approved by the Events Coordinator to earn sanctioning and the date cleared at least 3 weeks BEFORE the proposed run (sooner is better). Details of the run must be received by the Events Coordinator no later than two weeks prior to the run, or later by special arrangement. The Events Coordinator and Webmaster will coordinate for posting the run to the Events Page.
4. Event leaders must follow the SAMOA rules of the road (website download -- Leader Pack). Event leaders must go over pertinent rules of the road during the pre-event drivers' meeting, particularly those rules related to safety (obeying traffic laws, not tailgating, keeping the car behind you in visual contact before a road change, and keeping slower cars to the rear). Participants should be reminded that slower drivers will not get "lost" as the sweep car will always be there (see #6).
5. Event leaders must have the waiver forms (website download -- Liability Release Form) signed by all event participants including passenger/navigators and the completed forms mailed or delivered to the Events Coordinator or Secretary within 7 days after the event. The Secretary will archive the forms.
6. Event leaders must designate and use a sweep car and ensure the sweep knows his/her responsibilities. Event leaders and sweep cars are highly encouraged to use radios -- either CBs, FRS, GRS -- and maintain radio contact. Portable club CB's are available free of charge. If the event is rated A or A (Blend or Adventuresome as stated on the website) there may be certain times when radio usage is impractical. In that case, regroup areas should be used (when safe to do so) to re-establish radio communications and visual contact before the next road change. Rally sweeps will drive the route well after the last car to make sure no one is left behind. Rally sweeps may also be participants in the rally.

7. Event leaders should get the "clear" signal from the sweep after a road change or traffic control before accelerating to run speed. In the absence of a "clear" signal from the sweep, the event leader should, when safe, pause the run to ascertain what happened and/or let the sweep catch up.
8. Event leaders **must provide clearly written directions** of the run route, preferably with odometer based mileage waypoints **and the destination address and phone number. Rally leaders must provide the destination and phone number in a sealed envelope.** An attached route map is desirable, but not required. A copy of the route directions must be provided to each participant.
9. Failure to adhere to this policy may be reviewed by the Board and the event leader may be disallowed from leading future sanctioned events.