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Rule Change Bulletin – Rule 26 Seats and Restraints

Changes in RED FONT – effective from the 2021 race year.

26. SEATS AND RESTRANTS (Refer Figure 1 Rule 46)

(a) All seats shall be securely mounted. **The seat must be suitable for the application from Adults to Junior or smaller bodied drivers and be of a snug fit with minimal body movement.**

(b) ALL seats shall have a restraining bar behind to prevent rearward collapse of the seat back.

(c) Head restraints are required to be fitted for all occupants in all classes of vehicles. Each restraint, if not incorporated into the seat, must consist of a metal plate at least 2.0mm. thick and not less than 150mm. (horizontal) by 75mm. (vertical) together with a resilient padding at least 25.0mm. thick, the restraint shall be securely mounted. With the occupant seated in the normal position, the restraint shall be in a position to restrain the rear movement of the head.

(d) A single point catch and release buckle (Lever Latch) shall be fitted to all **safety harnesses**. Cam Lock or Rotary **lever safety harnesses** are not permitted.

(e) A minimum 5-point 75mm wide competition harness for all Classes **other than Junior Classes which must be 50mm wide**. A recognized, approved manufacturer and type shall be used **and shall have the following standard:**

SFI 16.1

SFI 16.5

FIA 8853-2016

FIA 8853/98

A factory made 50mm webbing for the over the shoulder HANS Device is permitted but must only be fitted with the HANS Device.

Safety Harnesses are to be no older than the manufacturers expiry date.



(f) No chafed or stretched webbing is permitted. **Each Competitor must replace any damaged or worn safety harness before any competition as required.**

(g) Safety belts shall not be fastened to seat frames or supports.

(h) Safety belt mounting points are to be secured to:

- (i) vehicle frame or chassis
- (ii) vehicle floor, if reinforced with MOT approved backing plates.
- (iii) The harness clips must be wired closed in the correct manner where they clip into the retaining eyes.

(i) Inertia reel seat belts are not permitted.

(j) Shoulder strap mounting points are to be positioned so that the straps are not more than a 45-degree angle from a horizontal plane extending from the occupant's shoulders (refer Figure 1 page)

(k) Minimum bolt size for fastening restraint hardware to chassis to be 10mm, 7/16 inch or 11mm is the standard recommended size. Fasteners must be Grade 8 or higher or approved seatbelt eyelets.

THE END.