



WESTERN STATES CORVETTE COUNCIL

WSCC 2015 SNELL Helmet Requirements and Matrix

As most of you know, the 2015 Competition Code amendments were just voted on and approved at the General Membership meeting in January. The Code has been revised and is now posted on the WSCC website.

One of the approved changes will affect autocrossers as it applies to motorcycle helmets. For 2015, motorcycle helmets are no longer approved for use.

Article II, Section 1 Autocross/Slalom Code, Section C – Entry Requirements, #7 (page 16):

Was revised and now reads:

7. Helmets meeting the following standards must be worn while on course. All helmets meeting the current or two immediate preceding Snell Memorial Foundation Standards SA, or SFI standards 31.1A, or 31.2A are acceptable **R**

The current Snell Memorial Foundation standard is 2010, however, the **2015 Standard will be in effect 10/1/2015**. SA2015 helmets generally are not available until October or later. The Comp Code allows for the two immediate preceding Snell Memorial Foundation Standards (2000 and 2005); SFI rated helmets are also permitted with a 2000 or 2005 date. Note that only SA2010 rated helmets are available for retail sale at this time.

If you have a SA2000 helmet you may use this helmet for autocross until 10/1/2015; after that date an SA 2005 rated or later helmet will be required.

Snell Memorial Ratings are updated about every 5 years.

Snell's advice – "Our advice to Safety Inspectors and Racing Authorities is that they continue to accept helmets in good condition and certified either to the current or immediately previous Snell standard. At this time, SA2010 is the current Snell standard and SA2005 is the immediately previous.

Snell urges everyone to replace their Snell certified helmets routinely no later than five years after the helmet is first worn. However, even by this conservative advice, many current SA2010 certified helmets still have years of service in them. Unless a helmet has been damaged, or has five or more years of use, or is no longer accepted by safety inspectors or track authorities, there may be no need to replace it."

The WSCC rules are less restrictive than Snell, but we do rely on their advice. A helmet that is over 5 years old is recommended to be replaced, but the final decision is up to the individual racing. You are allowed to use a helmet for almost 15 years by our current Comp Code.



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Purchase Date	Your Helmet Snell Rating (or equivalent)	Snell Rating Date in Use	Actual Date	WSCC Comp Code
Prior to 2005	SA2000	2010	Thru 10/2015	No longer acceptable for WSCC
Prior to 2010	SA2005	2015	11/2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, thru 10/2020	Ok for use as is from the most recent 2 Snell rating cycles
		2020	11/2020 or after	No longer acceptable for WSCC
3/2015 or earlier	SA2010	2015	11/2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 thru 10/2020	Ok for use as it is from the last Snell rating cycle
		2020	11/2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 thru 10/2025	Ok for use as is from the most recent 2 Snell rating cycles
		2025	11/2025 or after	No longer acceptable for WSCC
10/2015	SA2015	2015	11/2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, thru 10/2020	Ok for current use
		2020	11/2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, thru 10/2025	Ok for use as it is from the last Snell rating cycle
		2025	11/2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, thru 10/2030	Ok for use as it is from the most recent 2 Snell rating cycles
		2030	11/2030 or after	No longer acceptable for WSCC

If you currently have and are using an M rated helmet. These are no longer allowed as of 2015, you must have a SA or SFI 2005 or later helmet.

The current Snell Standard documentation may be located at <http://www.smf.org/standards/sa/2015/SA2015Final3252014.php>

Snell Memorial Foundation 2015/SA 2015 Release Notes may be located at: <http://www.smf.org/standards/sa/2015/SA2015releaseNotes.pdf>



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Snell Foundation Finalizes SA2015 Standard

The Snell Memorial Foundation, Inc. has finalized its SA2015 Standard for Protective Headgear which applies to auto racing helmets. However, although there are several changes in test requirements and procedures from the current SA2010 Standard, Snell certified auto racing helmets are expected to stay very much the same as they are now.

Changes include:

- SA2015 helmets must be ready for the addition of frontal restraint tether hardware such as used in HANS® and other systems.
- SA2015 includes provisions for “Low Velocity” impact testing.
- SA2015 includes “Low Lateral” impacts in case of strikes against side window frames and similar structures.

The projected timeline for SA2015 is as follows:

- SA2015 Certification testing has already begun.
- SA2015 Certified helmets will not be available for sale until October 1, 2015, when the standard takes effect.

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Please direct any questions, comments and requests for copies of the SA2015 Standard to info@smf.org or call 916-331-5073.