



Drivers Competing With A Cast

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Drivers competing with a cast has been a question for a while and there has not been anything in the rule book. There are other safety related issues that have been brought up as well. While they are all important, we must deal with each one individually. Our concern is more for the other drivers on track, as well as the child with the cast. While we feel a driver with a cast on their arm, for example, may be able to drive the car on their own, we have felt that they cannot have full grip of the wheel. Same as a cast on a leg, ankle or foot, that a driver cannot feel the brake or gas pedal. We discussed this with 2 leading doctors/surgeons from IndyCar who treat all injured IndyCar drivers and have treated most injured USAC drivers and learned even more. To state it a little more simply, it is physically impossible for a driver to properly hold on to a steering wheel through its range of motion with a standard hard cast. For this reason, we are implementing the following.

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E. Any driver with a hard cast will not be allowed in USAC competition. Any driver with a soft cast or brace, must get cleared from the USAC National office and may require a doctors release.