

2027 BCCR - Summary of Changes

Changes from the 2026 Basic Club & Competition Rules v1.4 to the 2027 BCCR v1.0

This document summarizes substantive rule changes and notable clarifications in the published 2027 BCCR v1.0 compared directly with the published 2026 BCCR v1.4. Routine spelling, punctuation, capitalization, formatting, pagination, figure placement, and wording cleanup are not individually listed unless they affect the meaning of a rule.

Membership, Awards & Championships

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
1.1.2	Membership term	Full membership changes from 12 months from the date of purchase to the calendar year in which purchased. The 2026 language describing event memberships is removed from this rule.
1.4.4.4	Race credits	New rule: credits will not be issued to overall winners using a complimentary entry for that event.
1.7	Regional championships	The detailed four-region championship points system and its eligibility, scoring, tie-breaker, and award provisions are removed. The 2027 BCCR instead states that ChampCar may offer promotional/regional championships, with rules issued concurrently with the upcoming race schedule.

Tire Rules

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
4.3.2	Free Oil Cooler	Oil cooler, non-OE (engine, transmission, and/or differential): First oil cooler (with pump if necessary) is free, additional oil coolers are 20 pts each
4.8.2	Minimum molded tread depth	Clarified and simplified. Tires originally molded with less than 7/32 inch of tread depth are prohibited, regardless of current measured tread depth or wear.
4.8.3	Approved Tire List	Approved Tire List updated for 2027 while retaining the general requirement of UTQG 250 or higher unless specifically listed.

Fueling & Pit Procedures

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
8.2.8.4	Fueling language	The repeated sentence requiring fuel jugs to be manually supported is removed from this sub-rule. The manual-support requirement remains elsewhere in the fueling rules, so the safety requirement itself is not removed.
8.2.9	Pit fuel storage	Clarified as no more than 25 gallons of fuel per car in the pit stall.

Lighting Requirements

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
9.9.1	Forward-facing light color	New color requirement: all front-facing lights must be white or amber. No other front-facing light colors are acceptable.
9.9.1	Headlight location notice	Adds notice that a future rule set will likely require headlights to be mounted in the stock base-model location. The current rule continues to require headlights within 12 inches of stock locations.
9.9.4	Brake lights	Revised from the 2026 300-foot visibility wording to require at least two operational red brake lights, with one in each rear corner.

9.9.5.1	Rear rain lights	Rain lights remain recommended rather than universally required, but the Race Director may require activation at their discretion. Cars not equipped to comply will be black-flagged while those conditions exist.
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Coolant

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
9.12.1	Antifreeze / anti-boil exception	Adds an event-specific exception: antifreeze or anti-boil remains prohibited unless allowed in the event Supplemental Rules.

Editorial & Clarification Changes

- Changed or standardized terminology, capitalization, punctuation, spacing, and sentence structure throughout the BCCR.
- Removed redundant wording where the same requirement was already stated elsewhere.
- Updated formatting, pagination, headings, figures, and presentation for the 2027 edition.
- Minor wording changes that do not alter competitor requirements are treated as editorial and are not individually itemized in this summary.

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Version 1.1 Appendix Updates

This update supplements the preceding v1.0 change summary with the Minimum Weight VPI provisions and appendix organization in the 2027 BCCR v1.1. References marked App. 2 refer to sections within Appendix 2.

Minimum Weight VPI

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
App. 2, 1.1.1.1-1.1.1.4	Vehicle definitions	Distinguishes Standard VPI vehicles, which have a point value only and no minimum weight, from Minimum Weight VPI (MW) vehicles, which have both a point value and a listed minimum weight. Appendix 2 governs MW vehicles where it conflicts with the main BCCR. Competition weight includes ballast but excludes the driver and fuel. Declared ballast is recorded on the tech sheet.
App. 2, 1.1.2	Weight checks and penalties	ChampCar may weigh MW vehicles during impound and immediately before or after an event. Impound weighing is in as-raced condition without driver equipment; teams may be required to drain or pump out fuel and remove ballast for separate weighing. A vehicle below its listed minimum weight is disqualified from the event.
App. 2, 1.1.3	Ballast allowance and installation	Only MW vehicles may carry ballast, solely to meet their listed minimum weight. Total declared ballast is limited to 200 pounds, with no single piece or stack over 50 pounds. Ballast must be solid metal, secured within the bodywork, require tools for removal, and serve no other purpose. Liquids, shot, sand, and other loose or pourable materials are prohibited. Ballast may not be mounted in the engine compartment, driver's footwell, or beneath a fuel cell. Ballast and mounting hardware may not pass through or into a fuel cell enclosure. Total ballast weight must be recorded on the tech sheet. Technical Inspection may reject any installation it considers unsafe.
App. 2, 1.1.4	Bodywork and chassis limits	MW vehicles must remain full-bodied and retain OE body width. Flares, panels that increase width, narrowing, sectioning, shortening, and body or chassis modifications primarily intended to reduce weight are prohibited. No other gutting or removal is permitted beyond the stated exceptions. Permitted exceptions include rolling inner fender lips; headlight replacement under 9.9; mirror changes subject to 9.16; door gutting only for cage installation while retaining the outer skin and complying with 9.5.3; panel or chassis changes only as necessary to install and mount the cage under Section 3; and removal of fender liners, other non-structural non-body plastics, and heat shielding.

Minimum Weight VPI continued

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
App. 2, 1.1.4.5	Tire coverage	The 4.8.6.1 tire coverage requirement from the 10 o'clock to 2 o'clock positions applies to MW vehicles. Its permission to stretch fenders or add flares does not apply. Tire width is therefore limited by OE fender coverage, with only inner-lip rolling permitted. Questions should go through the Tech Desk before the event.
App. 2, 1.1.5	Engine and transmission restrictions	MW vehicles must retain an engine and transmission originally offered for the vehicle's listed year, make, model, and generation. Engine swaps under 4.5, the Foreign Market Engine Exception under 4.5.6, assessed transmission/transaxle swaps under 4.3.2, and the point-free transmission swap under 4.7.2 are prohibited. Stock engine rebuilds, manufacturer overbore rebuilds, and OE or OE-equivalent replacement of worn or damaged components remain permitted under the cited rebuild and replacement provisions. A replacement transmission must be the same OE unit originally offered for the vehicle's year, make, model, and generation.
App. 2, 1.1.6	Classes and quarterly review	MW vehicles compete in Classes A through D under 2.3 and are not eligible for Class F. Both the VPI and minimum weight are subject to quarterly review and may be adjusted outside January 1.
App. 2, 1.2.1	MW drivetrain donors	Engines and transmissions from MW vehicles may not be used for swaps unless the engine or transmission is also used in another Standard VPI vehicle already on the list. This provision affects drivetrain choices for Standard VPI builds as well as the MW program.

Appendix Organization

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
Appendices 1-8	Appendix organization	The current order is: 1 Legal; 2 Minimum Weight VPI; 3 Aerodynamic Anatomy; 4 Chassis Modification Guide; 5 Roll Cage Basics; 6 Transponders; 7 Race Car Decals; and 8 Racing Flags.

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