2027 BCCR - Summary of Changes

Master Consolidated Edition - Through v1.2 - Spring Rule Correction - November 12, 2026

This document summarizes substantive rule changes and notable clarifications in the published 2027 Basic Club & Competition Rules (BCCR) compared directly with the 2026 BCCR v1.4, fully integrating subsequent updates (v1.1 Appendix updates and v1.2 Section 1.4.4 revisions). Routine spelling, punctuation, capitalization, formatting, pagination, figure placement, and wording cleanup are not individually listed unless they alter the operational meaning of a rule.

1. General, Membership & Race Credits

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
1.1.2	**Membership term [v1.0]**	Full membership changes from 12 months from date of purchase to the calendar year in which purchased. 2026 language describing event memberships is removed.
1.4.4 - 1.4.4.3	**Race Credits terminology [v1.2]**	Standardizes the term **"Race Credits"** throughout this section. Permitted uses, transferability, two-year expiration, award amounts, and accumulation remain unchanged.
1.4.4.4	**Award credits have no cash value [v1.2 Supersedes v1.0]**	States: **"Race Credits issued as awards have no cash value."** **Superseded Notice:** Replaces and supersedes the initial v1.0 provision withholding credits from overall winners using complimentary entries.
1.7	**Regional championships [v1.0]**	The detailed four-region championship points system and its eligibility, scoring, tie-breaker, and award provisions are removed. ChampCar may offer promotional/regional championships under rules issued concurrently with the race schedule.

2. Powertrain & Vehicle Performance Index (VPI)

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
4.3.2	**Free Oil Cooler [v1.0]**	Oil cooler, non-OE (engine, transmission, and/or differential): First oil cooler (with pump if necessary) is **free (0 pts)**; additional oil coolers are **20 pts each**.
4.3.2 / 4.7.2	**Steel coil springs [summary correction]**	Steel suspension coil springs are now point-free under 4.7.2. Removes the former 5 pts/corner charge and OE shape/dimension exemption requirements. Adjustable spring perches and other modifications providing ride height adjustment remain 10 pts/corner under 4.3.2.

3. Tire Rules

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
4.8.2	**Minimum molded tread depth [v1.0]**	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 [v1.0]**	Approved Tire List updated for 2027 while retaining the general requirement of UTQG 250 or higher unless specifically listed.

4. Fueling & Pit Procedures

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
8.2.8.4	**Fueling language [v1.0]**	The repeated sentence requiring fuel jugs to be manually supported is removed from this sub-rule. The manual-support requirement remains elsewhere in fueling rules; safety standard is unchanged.
8.2.9	**Pit fuel storage [v1.0]**	Clarified as no more than 25 gallons of fuel per car in the pit stall.

5. Lighting & Fluids

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
9.9.1	**Forward-facing light color [v1.0]**	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 [v1.0]**	Notice that a future rule set will likely require headlights in stock base-model locations. Current rule continues to require headlights within 12 inches of stock locations.
9.9.4	**Brake lights [v1.0]**	Revised from 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 [v1.0]**	Rain lights remain recommended rather than universally required, but Race Director may require activation at discretion. Non-compliant cars black-flagged during conditions.
9.12.1	**Antifreeze / anti-boil exception [v1.0]**	Event-specific exception: antifreeze or anti-boil remains prohibited unless explicitly allowed in event Supplemental Rules.

6. Minimum Weight VPI (Appendix 2) [v1.1 Update]

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
App. 2, 1.1.1.1–1.1.1.4	**Vehicle definitions [v1.1]**	Distinguishes Standard VPI vehicles (point value only, no minimum weight) from Minimum Weight VPI (MW) vehicles (point value + listed minimum weight). App. 2 governs MW vehicles where conflicting with main BCCR. Competition weight includes ballast but excludes driver and fuel. Declared ballast recorded on tech sheet.
App. 2, 1.1.2	**Weight checks & penalties [v1.1]**	ChampCar may weigh MW vehicles during impound and immediately before/after an event in as-raced condition without driver gear. Fuel pump-out and ballast removal may be required. Vehicles below listed minimum weight are disqualified.
App. 2, 1.1.3	**Ballast allowance & mounting [v1.1]**	Only MW vehicles may carry ballast, solely to meet listed minimum weight. Total declared ballast capped at 200 lbs (max 50 lbs per stack/piece). Solid metal only, bolted inside bodywork requiring tools to remove. Prohibited in engine bay, driver footwell, or below fuel cell. Total weight must be on tech sheet.
App. 2, 1.1.4	**Bodywork & chassis limits [v1.1]**	MW vehicles must remain full-bodied with OE width. Flares, width panels, and lightening gutting prohibited. Permitted: inner fender lip rolling, headlight replacement (9.9), mirrors (9.16), door gutting for cage only (9.5.3), cage mounting alterations, and removing liners/heat shields.
App. 2, 1.1.4.5	**Tire coverage [v1.1]**	Rule 4.8.6.1 coverage (10 to 2 o'clock) applies. Fender stretching/flares are NOT allowed on MW cars. Width is limited strictly by OE fender coverage with inner-lip rolling only.
App. 2, 1.1.5	**Engine & transmission limits [v1.1]**	MW vehicles must retain OE engine/transmission offered for vehicle year, make, model, and generation. Swaps under 4.5, Foreign Market Exception (4.5.6), assessed trans swaps (4.3.2), and point-free trans swaps (4.7.2) are prohibited. Stock rebuilds and OE replacements permitted.
App. 2, 1.1.6	**Classes & quarterly review [v1.1]**	MW vehicles compete in Classes A through D under 2.3 (ineligible for Class F). Both VPI and minimum weight subject to quarterly review and outside-Jan-1 adjustments.
App. 2, 1.2.1	**MW drivetrain donors [v1.1]**	Engines and transmissions from MW vehicles cannot be swapped into other vehicles unless also used in an existing Standard VPI vehicle on the list.

7. Appendix Structure & Sequence [v1.1 Update]

Rule	Change	2027 Rule / Effect
Appendices 1–8	**Appendix organization [v1.1]**	Reorganized sequential order: **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.

Editorial & Clarification Changes

- Standardized terminology, capitalization, punctuation, spacing, and sentence structure across all sections.
- Removed redundant wording where requirements were already established 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 not individually itemized.

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