



Changes affecting Minor Participation in GRAND-AM events

Due to ever increasing regulations and restrictions regarding Minor Participants in Hot Pit areas of racing events, there is a need to address how best to handle Membership privileges given to those 16 and 17 years of age from this date forward.

After much deliberation we, at GRAND-AM, have decided on the following policy changes effective immediately for any person, 16 or 17 years of age, who has not been legally emancipated for the purpose of signing a valid liability and release waiver:

- ❖ A Minor, 16 or 17 years of age, wishing to purchase an Annual Hard Card may do so. You must fill out a GRAND-AM Membership form and, with it, submit a fully executed, notarized Minor's Release signed by **BOTH** natural parents. In the event that a court order has granted one parent sole custody, we must have proof of that sole custody in order to accept the Minor's Release with only one parent's signature.

GRAND-AM is required to monitor the presence of Minor Participants in the Hot Pit areas to ensure local, state and federal laws are being followed. In order to accomplish this we have decided that a Minor purchasing an Annual Hard Card will not actually receive a Hard Card credential. We will instead give you a paper card that states you have an Annual Hard Card and the amount paid. The card will be stamped "MINOR". You will be required to come to registration at each event you attend to sign the waiver and get a paper pass for that event. There will be no charge for the pass. We regret this inconvenience but feel it is the only way we can adequately monitor Minor participation. If you turn 18 during the racing season, we will print a Hard Card for you at that time and mail it to you or you may pick it up at registration at the event following your birthday.

- ❖ A Minor, 16 or 17 years of age, wishing to purchase a Basic Membership with GRAND-AM may do so. You must fill out a GRAND-AM Membership form and, with it, submit a fully executed, notarized Minor's Release signed by **BOTH** natural parents. In the event that a court order has granted one parent sole custody, we must have proof of that sole custody in order to accept the Minor's Release with only one parent's signature.

A Basic Membership allows you to purchase Hot Pit credentials at GRAND-AM events on a race-by-race basis. If you will be attending 3 events or less, this is the best option for you. The Basic Membership fee is \$65.00 for the season and will allow you to purchase a Hot Pit Credential at events you attend for an additional \$125.00 per event.

- ❖ Please note specific restrictions:

State of New York: You must be 18 years of age to be a **Driver Participant** at a racing event.

State of Florida: You must be 18 years of age or be legally emancipated for the purpose of signing a valid liability and release waiver to participate in any capacity in the Hot Pit area of a race track.

In these cases, you will be given a Cold Pass at events where this applies due to current state law.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact Fresha Myers at (386) 681-6355, and she will do her best to assist you.

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