

Rules and Regulations

Driver Eligibility

All radio control car-racing hobbyists are welcome to join the series. Whether you're new to the sport or a seasoned racing hobbyist, we invite you to participate in the Tamiya Championship Series. Fun and fair competitive racing is our mission. We have a class for everyone depending on your budget and your need for competitive racing. Look at the classes below to see which class best suites you.

Note:

Full factory sponsored and professional drivers should read below, as they are not eligible to participate in the TCS series.

"Factory Team" drivers (drivers who are, or have ever been, employed or supported by a factory, manufacture or distributor as part of a factory racing team) are not allowed to compete. This includes drivers that received sponsorship entailing a monthly salary from a factory/manufacture and received paid airfare/accommodations to racing events. The host site will determine who those factory and sponsored racers are. If the host site deems it necessary, they may also bar those drivers who receive partial sponsorship. It is further at the discretion of the host site to determine which racers fall under the criteria and definition of factory/sponsored driver. Tamiya America cannot possibly know every individuals claims of being a sponsored or factory driver and therefore needs the judgment and discretion of the host site to weed out the factory/sponsored driver that does not meet the average hobbyist criteria.

Host sites must be careful not to confuse racers who get a deal from their friends that are employed or work for "motors R us" or get a discount at their local hobby shop. There will always be racers/hobbyists that will try and get a deal of some kind. Tamiya America strives for balanced conditions wherever possible.

An example of a racer that Tamiya America would not allow to compete would be the Ryan Lutz's and David Jun's of the RC industry. These types of drivers are clearly supported by a factory and would not be eligible to compete as Tamiya America supports their racing careers in all of the above mentioned points.

Racers that have won the "GRAND" prize (a.k.a. TCS National title) <u>ARE</u> eligible to participate in regular season TCS races. They are also eligible to win the first place trophy, however they are not eligible to win prizes that are associated with first place. In turn, we ask past champions to donate their first place prize to any participant or spectator of their choice. All former TCS national title winners that won the trip to Japan are eligible to participate at the TCS North American Finals under the "Past Champions" grudge match class and any special classes. National title winners that did not win a trip to Japan are eligible to compete again at the Nationals in a trip winning class.

General Rules Applying to All Vehicles and classes

CHASSIS

- 1. All chassis platforms must be built per the instruction manual. Altering their basic structure and design is prohibited.
- All Tamiya vehicles must use Tamiya parts only. No parts from other manufactures unless specified within this document.
- 3. Any Tamiya Hop-Up Option and spare part is allowed and legal as long as it is used in the way it was designed, and installed on the vehicle it was designed for.
- **4.** It is strictly forbidden to re-engineer or modify the car in any way other than with Tamiya Hop-Ups or kit supplied accessories. (This applies to all classes)
- **5.** Tamiya springs must retain the factory paint/coating. It is illegal to remove the paint/coating from the springs.
- 6. Chassis lightening (by means of milling parts) is prohibited in all TCS classes.
- 7. Lightweight screws or adjustable turnbuckles that are made of aluminum, steel or Titanium that are made by other manufactures are allowed. i.e. any screw or turnbuckle is legal. (Be aware! If you win the National title down the road and head over to Japan for the Tamiya World Championships, all screws and turnbuckles must be TAMIYA only!)
- 8. The use of thin shims (available at most hobby stores and made available by Tamiya) to space out the slop or play in suspension arms, steering bell-cranks and wheel axles is permitted in all vehicles except in the spec class. Shimming the aforementioned components of the car in a way that alters the geometry of the car or its basic geometry design is not legal.
- 9. The use of O-Rings on shock ball ends and camber/steering links is allowed.
- **10.** Changing the camber-link positions on the car other than the way it was intended is prohibited.
- **11.** Camber links must be positioned in the mounting holes they were originally drilled for. Drilling new camber link holes is not permitted or legal.
- 12. Steering tie-rod linkages, on all chassis platforms, must be attached to the steering knuckle per the instruction manual. Drilling new holes to change "ackerman" is not permitted. Raising and lowering the steering tie-rod with shims, on the steering knuckle itself to change bump steer is not permitted.

ELECTRONICS

- **13.** Any manufacturer's electronic speed control, radio equipment, servo saver, antenna pipe, antenna mount, pinion and spur gears, ball bearing, tire inserts are allowed in all classes, unless exceptions are noted within class specific rules.
- **14.** 2.4 GHz, 27 MHz or 75 MHz are the only radio frequencies permitted. A minimum of 2 alternate channel frequencies is required when using 27 MHz and 75 MHz radios.
- 15. Personal AMB-it transponders are preferred, but not required. For more information about these transponders please visit http://www.amb-it.com/ambrc-c-16.html Most host sites will have "house" loaner transponders.

BATTERIES

16. The batteries allowed for the 2011 season are:

- a. NiCd and NiMh batteries that are legal for TCS are the same ones found on the ROAR approved list as seen here: http://www.roarracing.com/approvals/sbattery.php
- b. <u>Hard Cased LIPO</u> batteries are legal for all classes. See specific class rules for limitations and exceptions.

- c. TCS legal LIPO batteries must be 7.4 volts 2S-1P/2P specification. TCS legal LIPO batteries may not exceed 6000 MAh capacity. See class specific rules as MAH and C rating may be limited for a particular class. You may use the ROAR approved LIPO list found here as a guide and reference to the 7.4 Volt 2S-1P batteries that will be permitted for TCS: http://www.roarracing.com/approvals/lipobattery.php
- d. NOTE: Despite the ROAR approved list, <u>All TCS legal LIPOS must have a Molded Plastic, Hard Case!</u> Soft case packs are not legal for the TCS series.
- e. Sport packs that are readily available at hobby stores are legal as long as they are assembled from the general hobby industry i.e. Orion, Peak, Reedy, Duratrax, Dynamite, Trinity and Hobbico etc.
- 17. Batteries that are purchased direct from Sanyo, Panasonic, Intellect or Gold Peak that have no hobby industry branding are not legal. These batteries include those that are used in power tools and have a solid colored shrink-wrapping to them. Racers that still own batteries such as the Sanyo NI-CD 2000, 1400, 1700 or 1200 are allowed as long as they have the original hobby industry shrink-wrap.
- 18. <u>LIPO TECH rule</u>: In the interest of safety and fairness, all LIPO batteries will be volt metered at TECH prior to a "race or qualifying" heat. LIPO batteries exceeding 8.44 volts will not be allowed to race on the track until they have been discharged to meet the 8.44 rule.
- 19. Any battery connector or direct hard wiring to the battery is allowed.

Car Body

- **20.** All car bodies must be painted and must be cut along the trim lines. You are not allowed to create extra vent holes for the purpose of ventilation or performance enhancement. Leaving extra material below the trim lines of the body is prohibited.
- 21. All car bodies must use the wings that are supplied in the kit. Mixing and matching ABS plastic wings, between different body styles, is not allowed. Part number 53470 (Lightweight Wing) and 53604 (Racing Wing Set) or any future OPTIONAL wing set is legal for any sedan/sports car body as long as the body is pre-marked with dimples for the option wing mount. See specific class rules for restrictions.
- **22.** In the spirit of keeping TCS Racing scale in appearance to the public, the Subaru Legacy B4 body (items 53727, 49374 & 53824) is not legal for all GT classes.

Motors

- 23. Any motor connector or direct hard wiring to the motor is allowed.
- 24. <u>Motor Heat Sink Tech Rule:</u> The use of any manufacturer's motor heat sink is legal; HOWEVER, it is illegal to form ice on your heat sink for use during your race or qualifying heat.
- 25. It is forbidden to freeze any motor prior to qualifying or racing.
- 26. Motor Fan Rule: The use of any manufacturer's cooling fan is legal. However, the fan must be no larger than 1.5 in. by 1.5 in. and must run off of the receiver or direct from the main battery pack. It is ILLEGAL to have a secondary battery to power the fan. No more than 2 fans total are permitted in a vehicle. This includes the speed control fan.
- **27.** It is forbidden to crank the timing on the 540-J motor physically or through the use of rare earth magnets. This rule applies to all the classes that use the Tamiya 540-J silver can motor.
- 28. Johnson 540-J motors are limited to 17,500 RPM. This rule applies to GT-2, Mini, FF-03 and F-1. Measurement method: Tamiya 540-J Johnson motor, item 53689. 17,500 RPM limit. Measured once only, 10 minutes after the race heat or main, using the Tamiya, Much More or Peak motor checker in step mode (7.2V) for 22 seconds. The top 3 of each Qualifying or Main race will have their motors' MAX RPM checked at the discretion of the race director or lead tech official. The car can not be taken back

to the pits when selected for motor rules conformity. If the motors' MAX RPM exceeds the set limits, penalties such as disqualification of times will be given. Please note that the motor will be hot after running and will thus have 200-300 higher RPM. Adjust your break-in methods accordingly to conform to the rules and measurement method!!

Tires and Wheels

- 29. Tire conditioners are allowed on rubber/foam tires in all classes, but may be restricted at certain venues. (Some TCS host sites do not allow additives due to ventilation issues) Tires may not enter the TECH inspection area in a wet condition.
- **30.** <u>Tire Tech Rule:</u> In order to keep tech moving quickly and smoothly, tire warmers are not allowed in the tech inspection area. They may be used after the car has passed technical inspection.
- **31.** It is not permitted or legal to drill extra vent holes on the vehicles wheels for the purpose of altering the performance and grip level of the tire. Enlarging the existing vent hole is also illegal.
- **32.** Any tire insert may be used in the open Tamiya rubber tire classes. "Spec" premounted rubber tire classes may not remove the installed Tamiya insert. Running rubber tires with no inserts is permitted and legal in the open tire classes.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 33. Any modification not called out specifically in these rules is not legal.
- **34.** If a driver finds a loophole within the rules, the *exploitation* will be deemed illegal at the discretion of the race director or the LEAD Tech inspection official.

Best of Show/Concourse Rules

- 1. A body submitted for concourse consideration must be mounted on a fully assembled operational chassis that is entered in the race event.
- 2. The body is not required to run in a heat race. Concourse bodies, if raced, must comply with all other rules and may not enhance the performance of the vehicle.
- **3.** Concourse winners may be required to demonstrate the vehicles functionality if asked by the judges. Serious contenders for concourse (Best of Show) should be ready to demonstrate the vehicles' functionality during or after judging if requested.
- **4.** Dioramas or extra figures are not allowed during concourse judging. Driver figures inside the vehicle are permitted.
- 5. Wheels used for concourse/best of show must be Tamiya wheels. Wheels used must match kit supplied size (i.e. no 26mm wheels on a Mini). Appearance Modifications to the wheels is permitted.
- 6. You may only enter a best of show or concourse entry in relation to the class that you are entered/racing in. I.E. A racer may not enter F-1 concourse if he/she is only racing in the GT-2 class.

Below you will find the class specific rules for each class offered at TCS regional races. The rules below outline exceptions and class specifics that are otherwise not noted in the General Rules section.

Tamiya Spec Novice Rules

The Spec class is intended for Novice drivers only. It will be at the discretion of the host site to weed out drivers who are attempting to enter the Spec Novice class who are of expert or intermediate ability.

- 1. Legal chassis platforms: TT-01, TT-01R, TT-01E and TT-01R-Type E.
- 2. The Novice Spec class is limited to the following option parts:
 - a. Plastic body CVA mini oil-filled shock set. (Any Tamiya spring may be used)
 - b. TT-01 aluminum center prop shaft (53620 and 54026)
 - c. TT-01 propeller joint cup set
 - d. TT-01 ball bearings (53497 and 54025)
 - e. TT-01 adjustable upper arm set (53674)
 - f. TT-01 turnbuckle steering tie-rod set (53662)
 - g. TT-01 carbon upper deck (53672)
 - h. 5mm aluminum ball connectors
 - i. Aluminum clamp type wheel hubs (4mm, 5mm, 6mm)
 - j. Metal motor mount (53666)
 - k. Speed tuned gear set. (53665)
- 3. The Kit type closed-end-bell, silver can motor (Mabuchi/Johnson) and the 540-J (item 53689) are the only motors allowed for this class.
- **4.** You must run kit type tires: Racing Slicks (50454), Racing Radials (50419), Racing Semi Slick Tires (50810). These are all rubber/vinyl compounds.
- Medium Narrow 24mm tires are not allowed. All Tamiya Spec Class cars must use 26mm wheels and tires.
- 6. Battery rules: TCS approved NiCd, NiMh and LIPO batteries with the following exception: Note: There is a 4000 Mah capacity and 35C limit for the Spec Class when using LiPo battery packs.

FWD

The new Front Drive class has been revamped with the new FF-03 chassis. This class is for all Sportsman drivers who want to drive realistic FWD body style cars. The key to going fast in the FWD class is corner and exit speed.

- 1. <u>Legal chassis platforms:</u> FF-03
- Motor rules: Tamiya 540-J Johnson motor, item 53689. See section 28 under "General rules" for motor RPM limits.
- 3. Battery rules: Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above.
- 4. No minimum weight.
- 5. FWD body styles only. 4WD Rally variants of street FWD cars are not legal.
- 6. If a FWD body does not have a wing included, you may not add one, regardless if it's ABS or polycarbonate. All FWD bodies are not allowed to use the optional polycarbonate wing sets, regardless of pre-stamped dimples on some of the FWD body sets.
- 7. Spec tires: Item 1015, Tamiya Pre-Mounted Tires Type B3 (24mm) tires and wheels must be used for this class. The 5-spoke wheel color is unique to the pre-mounted spec tires. (Carpet track locations are exempt from this rule) Carpet track locations may use any Tamiya 24 mm tires and spoke wheels. Dish wheels are not permitted. (Racers tip: The new C type compound is recommended for carpet tracks)
- 8. The gear cover MUST be used.
- 9. Maximum final drive ratio: 3.85 Max Spur: 80 tooth, Pinion: 54 (64 pitch)
- 10. The below table shows the current legal FWD body list. New FWD body releases will be added as they become available.

Current FWD Body styles	Item #	Production Status
Beams Integra	50968	current
Honda Civic VTi (EG)	51421	current
Volvo 850	84137	current

Honda Accord 1996	84138	current
Peugeot 406 ST	84139	current
Alfa Romeo 156	84140	current
Toyota Tom's EXIV	84143	current
Renault Clio	84144	current
Toyota Tom's Levin	84145	current
JAS Motorsport Honda Civic	51431	current
Volkswagen Golf GTi Cup	51339	current
VW Golf V5	50787	Discontinued
Ford Mondeo BTCC	50551	Discontinued
Nissan Primera JTCC	50572	Discontinued
VW New Beetle	50790	Discontinued
Peugeot 306 WRC (FF02)	50809	Discontinued
Opel Vectra	50668	Discontinued
Toyota Celica (FF02)	50771	Discontinued

GT-2 Rules

The GT-2 class is for intermediate hobbyist and racer. This is the perfect class for racers graduating from the spec class.

- 1. Legal chassis platforms: Any TUB chassis TA-05 variant and TB-03 variant.
- Motor rules: Tamiya 540-J Johnson motor, item 53689. See section 28 under "General rules" for motor RPM limits.
- 3. Battery rules: Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above.
- 4. All GT-2 cars must meet a minimum weight of 1400 Grams.
- 5. Any Tamiya 190 mm GT or Sports car body is permitted with the exception of the VERMAC 350R GT (AKA EBBRO 350R) and all Honda NSX's.
- 6. Spec tires: Item 1015, Tamiya Pre-Mounted Tires Type B3 (24mm) tires and wheels must be used for this class. The 5-spoke wheel color is unique to the pre-mounted spec tires. (Carpet track locations are exempt from this rule) Carpet track locations may use any Tamiya 24 mm tires and spoke wheels. Dish wheels are not permitted. (Racers tip: The new C type compound is recommended for carpet tracks)
- 7. All GT-2 cars must meet a minimum weight of 1400 grams.

GT-1 Rules

The GT-1 class is the EXPERT touring car class for the TCS series. Here, advanced hobbyists and racers get to race in a formula that has the most exotic cars available from Tamiya. If speed and exotic cars are your game, this is the right class for you. This is the State-of-the Art class for GT.

- 1. <u>Legal chassis platforms:</u> Any variant TRF 414,415,416, 417, TB EVO 1-5 and any variant TA-05, TB-03.
- Motor Rules: 17.5 motor technologies will be locked down to 4 manufactures to keep things simple for racers and the organizers alike. A. <u>Novak</u> (item 3417) Pro Brushless Motor 17.5 (Yellow Ring), B. <u>Novak</u> (item 3617) Ballistic Spec 17.5-yellow tab, C. <u>LRP</u> (item 50850) X-11 17.5 Stock Spec (Orange Ring), D. <u>LRP</u> (item 50852) X-12 17.5 Stock spec and E. <u>Tekin</u> (item TT2251) Redline 17.5. F. <u>Speed Passion</u> (item SPF17V2) Ultra Sportsman 17.5 V2.
- 3. No BOOST ESC rules: The following ESC's (electronic speed controls) are the only one's permitted in the GT-1 class. The speed controls selected have no PC interface. This keeps things as fair as possible and is done to prevent accidental firmware updates or roll backs. Approved ESC's: Novak: GTB 1/2 Series (item 1709, 1710, 1711) Havoc Series (item 1732, 1733, 1735) XBR Series (item 1720) LRP: A.I. Brushless Reverse (item LRP80100, LRP80150) Speed Passion: Cirtix Stock Club Race ESC (item 12280)

- Rotor Rules: Stock rotors only for the motors mentioned in section 3 of the GT-1 rules. Tuning rotors are illegal.
- **5. Timing rules:** Physical motor timing is allowed, however all the motors mentioned in section 3 of the GT-1 rules must not be advanced beyond the timing range sticker, rotation physical limit or the timing advance inserts included in some motors.
- 6. Battery rules: Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above.
- 7. Any Tamiya 190 mm GT or Sports car body is permitted.
- 8. Weight penalties: Double deck "carbon fiber plate" GT-1 cars must meet a minimum weight of 1380 Grams. Tub chassis vehicles have no minimum weight.
- 9. Spec tires: Item 1015, Tamiya Pre-Mounted Tires Type B3 (24mm) tires and wheels must be used for this class. The 5-spoke wheel color is unique to the pre-mounted spec tires. (Carpet track locations are exempt from this rule) Carpet track locations may use any Tamiya 24 mm tires and spoke wheels. Dish wheels are not permitted. (Racers tip: The new C type compound is recommended for carpet tracks)

Mini Rules

The Mini's are for everyone wanting to race close and have fun doing it! This class is ideal for any intermediate racing hobbyist wanting to keep racing simple and fun. It is very competitive, but without the pressure!

- Legal chassis platforms: M03, M05 and M06 chassis cars that use the 60D size tire or smaller.
- 2. Current TAMIYA Mini bodies available for the M03, M05 and M06 are legal.
- 3. FWD minis must use FWD body types. RWD minis must use RWD body types.
- 4. New for 2011: Spec Tires, item 1016 Pre-Mounted Radial Tires 60D Super-Grip (4pcs) must be used for all regional races. The rim color used on the Spec tire is unique to the pre-mount. The style rim used is the Suzuki swift spoke.
- 5. Motor Rules: Tamiya 540-J Johnson motor, item 53689. See section 28 under "General rules" for motor RPM limits.
- 6. Motor RPM Limits will be imposed at all TCS Regional races. Limits TBD
- 7. Tamiya internal gears only. Aftermarket idler and spur gears are not legal.
- 8. Battery rules: Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above. Note: LIPO battery packs used in the Mini class must be a rounded profile, hard case, stick pack configuration.
- 9. All M-chassis cars must meet a minimum weight of 1250 grams.

F1 Rules

Formula 1 is back! This class is open to anyone wanting to tackle the challenge of running direct drive F1 race cars. This is an expert drivers' class as chassis set up is key. Driving finesse and skill will be the key to victory. There are two F-1 classes' to choose from!

F-1 FOAM

- 1. Legal chassis platform: F104
- Motor rules: Tamiya 540-J Johnson motor, item 53689. See section 28 under "General rules" for motor RPM limits.
- Any Tamiya F104 foam F1 tire may be used. This includes: F104: 51384, 51385, 54167 and 54168.
- 4. Mixing and matching F103 and F104 foam rubber is not allowed.
- 5. Cutting compounds and re-gluing them to create firm/soft hybrids is not allowed.
- 6. Tire width trimming is not allowed. The entire width of the Tamiya tire must be used.
- 7. Mixing Tamiya bodies and Tamiya wings is NOT allowed. You must use the wings that match the body set.
- 8. Any pinion and spur gear ratio combo may be used.
- 9. Tamiya Driver figure must be used.
- 10. Battery rules: Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above.

F-1 Rubber Tire

- 1. Legal chassis platform: F104 and F104W
- Motor rules: Tamiya 540-J Johnson motor, item 53689. See section 28 under "General rules" for motor RPM limits.
- 3. Tamiya F104 rubber tires and rims only. F104W cars may only use the kit supplied rubber tires and wheels.
- 4. Tamiya F104 bodies only. Mixing Tamiya bodies and Tamiya wings is NOT allowed. You must use the wings that match the body set.
- 5. Any pinion and spur gear ratio combo may be used.
- 6. Tamiya Driver figure must be used.
- 7. Battery rules: Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above.

1/10 4WD Off-road Rules

This class is perfect for anyone who wants to tackle off-road terrain with Tamiya's new line up of intermediate to high-end off-road kits. Keeping all four wheels right side up is half the battle! The other half of the battle is learning how to jump!

- 1. Legal chassis platforms: DF-03, DB-01, 501X/511/502
- 2. DF-03, DB-01, 501x/511/502 bodies only.
- 3. Any aftermarket 4wd tires from Losi, Proline, J-Concepts, etc. are legal.
- 4. Motor rules: Open 10.5 brushless motors and speed controls.
- 5. Battery rules: Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above.

1/10 2WD Off-road Rules

This is the premier class in off-road. It's open to anyone who wants to tackle the challenges of 2WD off-road buggies with Tamiya's new state of the art TRF201 and base model 201 chassis.

- 1. Legal chassis platform: TRF201 and DN-01
- 2. Body Rules: 201 and DN-01 bodies and wings.
- 3. Any aftermarket 2wd tires from Losi, Pro-Line, AKA, J-Concepts etc. are legal.
- 4. Motors rules: Open 17.5 brushless motors and speed controls.
- 5. Battery rules: Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above.

Rally

At certain TCS venues, the Rally class will be run for fun. If you think you have the control skills to slide a Rally car around a dirt course, then this class is right up your alley.

- 1. Legal chassis platform: DF-03 RA, TL-01 RA, TA-02 and TB-01
- 2. Motor rules: Tamiya Black Sport Tuned or silver 540-J Johnson motor's.
- 3. Tamiya Rally Bodies only.
- 4. Tamiya Rally Block Tires only.
- 5. Battery rules: Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above.

Mini Rally

- 1. Legal chassis platforms: M05ra
- 2. Motor rules: Tamiya 540-J motor (item 53689) No RPM limits

- **3. Battery rules:** Any Legal TCS battery. See general rules above. Note: LIPO battery packs used in the Mini class must be a rounded profile, hard case, stick pack configuration.
- 4. Mini rally block tires only.
- 5. Any Tamiya Rally Mini body may be used.

TCS Regional Race Format and things to know

- 1. There must be at least 5 participants in each respective class for the class to be run.
- 2. All races are 5 minutes in duration. Some classes will have 8 minute A Mains.
- **3.** There will be two qualifying heats to determine the Main set-up order at all regional race events.
- **4.** The qualifying format will be left to the discretion of the host site. The two options are IFMAR qualifying and heads up qualifying starts.
- **5.** There will always be two rounds of qualifying followed by the main events.
- **6.** All Mains will be heads up starts. In certain TCS regions, the Triple "A" Main format will be used.
- 7. Prizes and awards will be given to the top 3 in the "A" Main of each class.
- **8.** All racers finishing in the top ten, in each class, will automatically qualify for the Tamiya North American Finals. In order to enter a "trip winning" TCS Finals class, you must have competed in the class during the regular regional season to compete in that class at the Finals. Those not making the top ten will be given first priority as "walk-ins" on a first come first serve basis. Qualified racers and walk-ins may not enter a trip winning class they have never raced in previously. You must have participated in the 2009/2010 season to be eligible to take part in the TCS 2011 finals. EXCEPTIONS include: SPEC Novice and exhibition classes. There will be 4-5 classes that will be run in the finals in August 2011. The classes will be announced two months prior to the event. Three of those classes will be eligible for the Tamiya World Championship trip. The TCS Finals trip winning classes will be determined and based on class participation/popularity during the 2011 season. The Tamiya Japan World event guidelines and structure will also determine which classes will be deemed as the trip winners. The winner of each eligible class will win a trip to Japan to compete in the Tamiya World Finals held in November 2011.

The awards given at a TCS Regional Event are:

- 1. 1st–3rd medals for the "A" Main for each race class along with Tamiya prizes.
- 2. "Best of Show" award for the best-looking vehicle in each class.
- 3. "Top qualifier" award for each respective class.
- 4. "Top Rookie" awarded to the top racer who is 13 and under in age.

Tamiya 2011 World Championship Notice and information:

The Tamiya World Championships are typically held in November. It is usually the week before the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday.

TCS North America Finals winners that win the trip to Japan must have a valid U.S. or Canadian passport 8 weeks prior to the trip to Japan. Signed waivers, racer information and questionnaire must be submitted to the TCS director 6 weeks prior to the trip.

Due to translation timelines and last minute changes, the 2011 rules and regulations may not be given to the North American trip winners until 3 weeks prior to the event.

Trip winners must purchase spec batteries and motors either from Tamiya America or Tamiya Japan once in Japan for the World Championship race.

TCS Champs will be given a special promo code for our website, so they may purchase spare or option parts in preparation for the Tamiya World's trip.

TCS North American Finals trip winners who are under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a legal guardian to Japan. If the winner turns 18 prior to the trip a guardian is not needed. Due to the nature of the World Championship trip, its logistics and tight schedule for the contestants, friends and family are not permitted to accompany winners.

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