

Changes From 2025

This section documents all significant changes between the 2025 RAW Race Series Technical Regulations and the 2026 Technical Regulations.

Brake System Changes

- Section 7.1: Brake pads changed from OPEN (any brand/compound, Lotus Elise fitment) to RAW OEM ONLY. All brake components including pads, rotors, and calipers must now be as originally manufactured and purchased from RAW.
- Section 7.3: NEW - Brake fluid type is open but must meet minimum DOT 4 specification (not previously specified).

Weight Changes

- Section 3.2.1: SR minimum weight increased from 1325 lbs to 1350 lbs (with dry tires).
- Section 3.2.1: SR wet tire minimum increased from 1305 lbs to 1325 lbs.

New Setup Restrictions

- Section 3.5.1: Maximum camber limit added: -3.0° (front and rear). No camber limit existed in 2025.
- Section 3.5.1: Minimum ride height added: 17.25 inches (measured from ground to top of front chassis bar at tag location). No ride height rule existed in 2025.

Fuel Specification Changes

- Section 13.1: 2025 allowed 91-93 octane pump gas plus Sunoco 94 and Sunoco 95 Optima. 2026 allows only 91-94 pump gas (Sunoco premium fuels removed as named options).
- Section 13.4: NEW - Cooling of fuel is prohibited in any form.
- Section 13.5: NEW - Fuel must be used exactly as supplied without additives or modifications.

Gear Ratio Changes

- Section 11.4.1: Front sprocket options reduced from 14/15/16 tooth to 14/15 tooth only (16-tooth eliminated).

Spring Changes

- Section 6.4.1: 2025 specified 700lb (Red) or 800lb (Blue) springs in any combination. 2026 states only springs as supplied by RAW are permitted with no specific color/rate designations.

Permitted Modifications from 2025 Now Requiring Declaration

- See sections 19.3-19.5 for specific information.

Data, Electrical & Sensor Changes

- Section 16.2: 2025 allowed adding specific sensors (steering angle, fuel pressure, coolant pressure, oil temp). 2026 allows only data sensor packs sold by RAW Aftersales.
- Section 10.2: No unauthorized device can be connected to any electronic control system (CANBus).

- Section 10.3.2: Permitted to hardwire clocks, USB chargers, cameras, SmartyCams, GoPros, Garmin Catalyst, rear-view cameras, and Garmin Zumo R1 Radar System.
- Section 16.6: Not permitted to reset the data acquisition system after official sessions.

Tire Rule Additions

- Section 12.4.2: All drivers must use the same tire type (slick or rain) in all races and qualifying sessions.
- Section 12.5.1: Tire warmers or any means of artificially varying tire temperature prohibited.
- Section 12.5.3-12.5.4: Cleaning tires after sessions is permitted, but chemical/thermal treatment beyond normal cleaning is prohibited.

Safety Equipment Changes

- Section 15.1: Arm restraints now mandatory (not required in 2025).
- Section 15.1: Camber plate upgrade now mandatory (not required in 2025).
- Section 15.1: Case saver now mandatory (not required in 2025).
- Section 15.1: Clutch switch (or equivalent per 10.3.1) now mandatory (not required in 2025).
- Section 15.5.1-15.5.2: FHR and helmet requirements clarified with specific standards.
- Section 15.1: 2027 mandates announced: trident rollbar, behind-seat fuel tank, FIA 8860/8059 ABP helmet.

New Procedural Requirements

- Section 2.1.1: Annual technical inspection before competition in calendar year now required.
- Section 2.2.3: Top 5 finishers must drive directly to Parc Fermé after qualifying/races.
- Section 12.3.3: Formal Tire Replacement Request form now required for damaged tire replacement.
- Section 22.2: Formal Vehicle Replacement Request form now required for spare (X) car usage.
- Section 1.6: Non-RAW parts must be reported to technical inspectors before competition (Tech Variance Form).
- Section 25.4: Protest fee of \$250 added for technical/administrative protests.

Video & Communication Changes

- Section 17.0.2: Livestreaming without telemetry is now explicitly permitted (2025 only prohibited telemetry).
- Section 17.0.4: Video cameras mounted outside the vehicle are now prohibited unless authorized by RAW.
- Section 19.2: Wind deflector source opened from RAW-manufactured only (2025) to OEM or aftermarket (2026).