

**Technical Bulletin**

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Subject: ENGINE CERTIFICATION / COMPLIANCE PROGRAM - Draft

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Summary:

To address scrutineering for engine legality in vintage racing and to strive for a level playing field for all competitors, the National Vintage Formula Ford Association's (NVFFA) has updated the 2015 SCCA GCR for Formula Ford engine rules and has prepared an engine certification form.

The Formula Ford Challenge Series (FFCS) has adopted the NVFFA "Engine Certification Compliance Document" for use by engine builders and race entrants to certify compliance with NVFFA 2026 engine rules.

What if I do not know if my engine complies, or if I have a known or suspected non-compliant component? Don't worry, you can still race with FFCS. You just may not be eligible for awards or points, per chart below. The intent is to phase in compliance under a normal rebuild / refresh schedule.

Requirements:

- Prior to the 2026 season, entrants shall complete and submit the Engine Certification Compliance Document to the FFCS via MotorsportReg. (include link)
- Keep a copy with your vehicle Log Book.
- Preferably, the document shall be completed by the engine builder initially for new builds and subsequently for engine rebuilds and cylinder head refreshing. Home engine builders who build, rebuilt, or refresh their engine and / or cylinder head shall complete the document.
- Details of the technical process to measure an engine for legality and complete the certification form can be found in the Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing (RMVR) "Formula Ford Legal & Proud" technical process

Documents:

- NVFFA Engine Certification Compliance Document
- RMVR "Formula Ford Legal & Proud" technical process
- 2026 NVFFA Rules & Regulations
- NVFFA Procedure – Checking FF engine Compression Ratio
- FF Cam Profile Graphs
- FF Cam Lobe Plotting spreadsheet

Unknown or Non-Compliant Engines

Non-Compliance	Consequence	Notes
No Engine Certification Document or submitted, but compliance unknown.	May race with FFCS, no awards or points.	Complete certification document at track, indicate "unknown."
Certification indicates use of Wiseco pistons, all other engine aspects compliant.	Eligible for FFCS points and awards.	Provide 2 year compliance waiver*.
Certification indicates use of FFI valves.	May race with FFCS, no awards or points.	Provide 2 year compliance waiver*.
Certification indicates non-compliant compression ratio.	May race with FFCS, no awards or points.	Correct compression ratio by next event, using thicker head gasket. Then provide 2 year compliance waiver* for head gasket.
Certification indicates non-compliance with other engine rules (camshaft, valve lift, components, etc.)	May race with FFCS, no awards or points.	Provide 2 year compliance waiver*.

* Compliance waivers may be extended at FFCS discretion.