

What to Expect At Your *First* Drivers Education Event

Event Registration

After you register online at clubregistration.net you will receive a confirmation email stating that you have been accepted. The acceptance will indicate you are in the green group and you are assigned a unique car number. This number will be yours so long as you attend at least one event a year. You can either purchase single use vinyl numbers from a sign store or the clubregistration.net website OR you can make the numbers for your car using painter's tape of a contrasting color to the color of your car. For example, blue on black is not acceptable, but black on silver is. The numbers need to be at least 8" and are placed on both doors and (optionally) on the front hood.



There are several important email attachments that require action prior to the event.

Tech Inspection Form –The form is certification that your vehicle has passed the safety inspection criteria required for track activity. An authorized dealer or approved mechanic must fill out the form and sign indicating that your car is ready for the event. You also must initial and sign the form. The Tech Form must be turned in during registration on the day of the event.

Helmet - You are required to wear a safety helmet when on track with Snell 2005 or 2010 approved sticker. Not all helmets meet this requirement so be sure to check the sticker inside the helmet (underneath the padding) or on the back of the helmet. Note that a 2005 approved helmet will only be good until 2015 so if you are going to purchase one, a 2010 approved helmet would be a better purchase. A limited number of approved helmets are available to rent from the track facility for a fee – be sure to reserve this option early with the track directly.



[Emergency Contact Form](#) – this is required if you have not entered this information during registration on the web site for clubregistration.net.

[DE Handbook](#) – a detailed document of the rules and regulations for a driver education event, for review before the event, and reference if there is a question during an event. You do not need to bring a printed copy with you.

The Night Before the Event

Prepare your car for the track by ensuring the gas tank is full and you have your helmet and forms. A clean car is a safe car, so especially be sure to clean the windows. Hydrate yourself with water and sports drink the few days prior to the event. The night before the event, please have a good nutritious dinner and get a good night sleep.

The Day of the Event

When you arrive at the track, you and your guests will be asked to sign the track wavier at the front gate and will be issued a checkered wristband. You must wear it at all times during the weekend. Proceed to find a place to park in the paddock – at Eagles Canyon (ECR) this is to the right after you pass the gate shack, at Motorsport Ranch (MSR) , turn left at the T and park along the grass. Registration will be open at 6:30 AM in the club house (upstairs at MSR or downstairs at ECR). Please proceed to registration as soon as possible after your arrival. **Bring your helmet and completed and signed technical inspection form with you.** At the registration table, you will be asked to sign the club waiver, and you will receive a packet.

Please do the following with the contents after you return to your track car:

- Green wrist band – put on your wrist for the entire weekend.
- Green sticker - place on your windshield outside above the rear view mirror.
- Tech sticker - place on the upper left corner (driver side) of the windshield.
- Name tag showing your car, car number and team that you have been assigned to for the grid – wear this for the weekend at the track.
- A schedule and track map - put in your pocket or plastic name tag holder.
- Lunch tickets – if you pre-registered for lunch, bring to the lunch line.



When you return to your car, also:

- Remove any loose items from the passenger compartment and trunks and place neatly in front of your car on the grass or beside on the pavement. Be sure to weigh down light items to prevent them from being carried off in the wind.
- Check your fluids to ensure that they are at the correct levels, including gas gauge at least at half a tank. There is also gas available at both track venues.
- Check your tire pressures, and ensure that lug nuts are torqued to the correct specifications. If you do not have those gauges, there will be some available at the grid later or get to know the people around you to borrow one.
- Ensure your car number is on the car.

Once you have you and your car ready, please join other participants for coffee and refreshments at the club house. **You must return to the club house by 7:30 am for the mandatory drivers' meeting for all registered drivers.** You will receive a small sticker during the drivers' meeting, indicating you attended, which you can put on top of your tech sticker on the windshield after the meeting is over. This sticker is necessary to participate in the first run session each day of the event.

At 8:00 am the Green Student group will have mandatory class room instruction, please plan to attend.

On Track Run Group Sessions

The Run Group Colors in the schedule have corresponding flags flown 15 minutes prior to the session start time, visible from the paddock area. We do our best to stay on schedule; however track activities sometimes cause shifts, so please listen for announcements and watch for the flags. Green run sessions are typically preceded by Yellow. There are 4 planned sessions on Saturday and Sunday. These sessions are 25 minutes long -two sessions before lunch and two sessions after lunch.

There are 4 teams, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4. Each team has a Team Lead and an Assistant Team Lead for the weekend, and a group of certified qualified driving coaches/instructors. The Chief Driving Instructor (CDI) is responsible for all of the instructor teams. Unlike your run group color, the team number assignment is complete arbitrary, and may change from event to event.

Your First Time On The Track

Please drive your car to grid area at the top of the hill near the track (same for both tracks) 15 minutes prior to the start time in the schedule. The first run group on Saturday is with no helmets, so please leave your helmet in the paddock. There are 4 team groups indicated by a number on your name tag and registration materials – please park your car in your assigned group. Once you are on grid you will meet your instructor, please stand by your car and they will find you.

During the first run group, your instructor will drive your car, with your permission, slowly for 2-3 laps. Then you will pull in to the pit lane and change seats and you will drive the remainder of the session.

Remaining Sessions of the Event

For all subsequent sessions, please bring your helmet to the grid. Arrive on the grid when the green flag is flying, or 15 minutes prior to the scheduled time (adjusted by announcements, if needed).

The Grid Master will give the signal of 5 minutes to go, this is your indication to get into the car and secure your seat belt and helmet. Then you will receive the 3 minutes to go signal, start your car if not already running, sunroof closed, and side windows are down. Check to be sure the air conditioning and radio are off, and that all looks good with your gauges. Your indication to the Grid Master that you are ready is to give the thumbs-up signal outside your window. The Grid Master will signal to you and wave you to leave grid. Proceed slowly to the pit lane and onto the track.

Your instructor is scheduled to be with you for both Saturday and Sunday. If you have any questions, or for some reason you are not comfortable with your instructor, please talk to the team lead or the Driver Education Chair, and a substitute can be accommodated if necessary.

2nd day – if applicable

For 2 –day events, a mandatory drivers meeting takes place at 7:30 AM. Once again there will be a green meeting at 8:00 AM. The schedule will indicate when you will be on the track. Please repeat the car preparation process from Saturday. .

If you have any questions please call me at 972-977-9821.

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Registrar