



GENERAL RULES

1. Drivers must be 16 years of age or older with a State-issued Driver's License, must be in good physical health and not under the influence of alcohol, controlled substances or prescription medications that may impair judgment and/or coordination.
2. Drivers will be grouped by skill level categorized as follows:
 - Red - The fastest, most experienced drivers who have mastered car control, show good judgement and are eligible to become instructors
 - White - Intermediate drivers have demonstrated a well-developed understanding of track rules, car control, safety, etiquette etc
 - Blue - Novice drivers who are developing situational awareness, car control, etc. either with or without an instructor on board
3. Street legal cars are allowed. No roll cage required except where factory rollover protection is not provided (some convertibles).
4. Drivers must submit a PDS Safety Inspection Form prior to the event.
5. Race cars (including retired cars) must meet the safety standards for race cars in the Racing rules unless an exception is granted.
6. Vehicles deemed unsafe for any reason may be barred from the course at any time.
7. PDS Drivers must wear the following as a minimum while on track: An SA-rated helmet, pants and shirt made from natural fiber, close-toed shoes (no tank tops, shorts, Crocs, sandals etc.). A head and neck device is highly recommended.
8. This is not a race, ALWAYS give faster traffic a point by and hold your line while being passed.
9. The first lap of every track session is at 50% speed under Full Course Yellow to warm up tires and check brakes. No passing or full throttle until you see a green flag. Green flags will be displayed at every station to signal the start of the session.
10. Passing zones: In Novice groups, passing is limited to long straights only (see Event Info for track map) and only after a point by. Passing in intermediate groups is unrestricted with a point by. Advanced group passing is unrestricted. Overtaking drivers are responsible for executing a safe, clean pass.
11. Car to car contact is strictly forbidden.
12. Drivers will be black flagged for spins, 4 wheels off course, loss of control, contact, repeated 2 wheels off course, missing flags, passing in a no-passing area, lack of awareness or any safety issue.
13. Drivers will only run in their assigned group.
14. Sessions start and end at the assigned times. Time lost to black flag, red flag or other delay/stoppage cannot be made up.
15. Novices will not be allowed on course without an approved instructor assigned.
16. Cars must have car numbers on both sides, 8" tall minimum, up to 3 digits. Painter's tape is ok.
17. If you have a mechanical failure or are involved in an incident on course, remain seated and buckled into your car and wait for a safety team. The only exceptions are if your car is on fire or you are directed to exit the car by a course marshal.
18. Ride alongs: Persons over 16 years of age may ride along with Advanced drivers with the approval of the CDI. Car must be equipped for passengers. One passenger per car. Passengers clothing must meet the same standard as PDS drivers.



PERSONAL CONDUCT

19. Anyone entering the Event premises must sign the Liability Waiver at the gate and wear the wristband issued by the gate staff confirming that the waiver was signed. No signature, no entry. No exceptions.
20. Participants will follow the rules and directions of the venue staff and event staff, and conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner while on the Event premises.
21. Any conflicts or disputes over official decisions, track rules, event rules, or venue rules will be handled through the Chief Steward.
22. Sharing driver credentials is prohibited and will result in everyone involved being banned from the event.
23. Putting any motorized vehicle on track without authorization of the officials is prohibited.
24. Social Activities: There will be various organized social activities that members/drivers may be asked to assist with and all are welcome to enjoy. All organized social activities will be announced in the Event Schedule. All drivers, crew, families etc. are invited to hang out in the tech inspection area, check in area or safety gear inspection area to socialize OR help out! Bring a beverage(s), snacks, corn hole boards, etc. and have fun! The more, the merrier.

FLAGGING AND COURSE CONTROL (FOR ALL EVENTS AND SESSIONS)

25. Whether or not other communications systems are used, Flagging remains the primary means of communication between race officials and drivers, especially in terms of safety. It is critical that all drivers understand the messages being conveyed from the flagging stations.
26. Green flag: Official start of the race (or session). Hold the starting formation until the Green flag is waved. Accelerate quickly and safely to make it through the first turn unscathed.
27. Yellow flag (standing): A stationary yellow flag means there is a hazard ahead that is off the racing surface or other non-imminent danger to be aware of. Be prepared to slow down. NO PASSING.
28. Yellow flag (waiving): A waiving Yellow flag indicated IMMINENT DANGER ahead, typically on the racing surface or racing line. There may be safety vehicles moving on track, there may be SAFETY WORKERS on the racing surface. Immediately slow the pace, NO PASSING. Stay off throttle and remain heads up, be prepared to evade another vehicle, parts, debris or workers. Violations of waiving yellow flags endanger human lives and will be dealt with accordingly.
29. Yellow flag (all stations, full course): Yellow at all stations means officials need to get control of the full racing surface without stopping the race, often times due to an incident. There may be a waiving yellow at the station prior to the incident. Slow down, gradually catch the car ahead and remain SINGLE FILE, NO PASSING
30. Red/Yellow stripes: Surface flag, indicating something on the track ahead you want to be aware of. Could be oil, could be gravel, could be a turtle. Be prepared to evade. Make note of location as the Surface flag is informational only and typically displayed for only 2 laps.
31. Blue with Yellow diagonal: Passing flag. Of you see this flag and the official points it at you, you're obviously the slower car. Maintain your pace and line, check mirrors for a fly-by from other car(s) that are faster.
32. Black flag (open): Note that you will see this as an open or waving flag and then the official will point it at the offending party as they pass. You violated a rule, pit in this lap and report to the Black Flag station on Pit Road.
33. Black flag (All stations, full course): Officials need to clear the track. Slow the pace, no passing, proceed single-file to pit road and stop, remain in place until directed by an official.
34. Black flag (rolled up, pointing): You did something, we saw it but we're just giving you a warning not to do that shit again.
35. Mechanical flag: AKA thet Meatball, a black flag with a red or orange 'ball' in the middle means that the officials have noted a mechanical issue with your car, pit in on this lap and see the black flag steward or go behind the wall.
36. Red flag will only be used for an on track emergency. Bring your car to a quick, safe, controlled stop on either side of the racing surface. Once stopped drivers may SLOWLY roll up to the next flag station along one side of the race surface and stop. Do not pass other cars. Be aware of safety vehicles which may be traveling counter-direction. Await further instructions from course marshals. Cars may be directed to enter pit road under Black Flag All or the field may be collected by a pace/safety car. Once the Red Flag comes out there is NO PASSING until the race resumes under the Green Flag.
37. Checkered flag : End of race/session, once you see the checkered flag you are on your "in lap" and will enter pit road.
38. YELLOW FLAG NO PASSING ZONES: A No Passing zone begins at the first flag station a Yellow Flag is displayed and remains in effect until you pass the incident AND THEN do not see a yellow flag at the next flag station. If you are passed under yellow do not take back the position even if waived by.

PDS Safety Inspection Form

Driver Name:		Car Number:	Car color:
Car Year:	Car Make:	Car Model:	

	Helmet: Snell SA-rated, properly fitted with chin strap, in good condition with no cracks.
	Rollover protection: Original roof, factory ROPS (rollover protection system) or roll bar. Top of helmet must be >1" below the roll bar/ROPS protection area with driver seated in normal driving position
	3-point factory seat belts or 5+ point harness in good condition, no fraying, weathering or stretching evident
	No loose body panels, chassis must be structurally sound
	No cracks in windshield that impair vision or that extend from one side to any other
	A minimum of one rear view mirror that offers a clear view of traffic approaching from the rear
	Brake fluid flushed once per year. Recommend high performance fluid to prevent boiling (ex. Motul RBF600). No oil or other fluid leaks.
	Front and rear suspension in good condition, including boots, ball joints, seals, bushings, struts. No excessive wear or play. No damage to mounting points, pivots or perches
	No excessive play in steering wheel, no binding.
	Throttle return operates properly.
	Exhaust in good condition with gasses exiting aft of the driver's seat back.
	Serpentine/accessory drive belts in good condition.
	Electrical system in good overall condition. Battery positively secured
	Brake rotors show no signs of excessive wear, cracking or damage. Brake pads at 40% or greater. All brake lights operational.
	Tires in good condition - no cracks, cuts, cords showing, separation or blisters. Speed rated appropriate tires. Sufficient tread thickness and appropriate inflation (Novice group may not use R-comp or race slicks).
	No missing lug nuts. Lug nuts properly torqued.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE CAR I AM ENTERING IN THIS EVENT HAS BEEN INSPECTED AND MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE CRITERIA ON THIS INSPECTION SHEET. I understand that at all times I remain solely responsible for the safety and track-worthiness of my vehicle, and that I am not relying upon this inspection as the sole or primary basis for deciding to enter this car in this or any Texas Motorsports Alliance event.

Driver's Signature:	Date:
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