

Safety Rules for Driver Education Events

General Information

1. The purpose of a Driver Education (DE) event is to have fun and learn high speed car control under controlled conditions. You will have a lot more fun if you and your car return home on Sunday in the same condition you arrived. **THIS IS NOT RACING!!**
2. All participants, drivers and observers must have signed the waiver and have a wristband.
3. For your safety and the safety of others, all cars participating in a DE event must have passed a GPR Technical Inspection. It is your responsibility to make sure your car is in good mechanical condition, which you should monitor in the course of the event. A tech sheet can be downloaded from the GPR website.
4. You will be assigned a Run Group. Run Groups are assigned by car type and driver experience. You may only run in your assigned group. If you wish to change groups, you must speak to the Safety Chair for approval. Numbered run group stickers should be affixed to the middle windshield area or left rear window. GPR tech stickers are affixed to the upper left corner of the windshield.
5. No riders are allowed unless one is a registered event participant and the other a PCA instructor.
6. Driver and passenger restraints must be equivalent. If two people are to ride in a car, the restraint systems must be equivalent. If the driver has a 5-6 point harness, the passenger must also have a 5-6 point harness. As of January 1, 2016, if you have a 5-6 point harnesses, you and your passenger must also use a Head and Neck Restraint System (HANS).
7. Windows are normally run in the down position.
8. All loose objects must be removed from the car and trunk. In-car cameras, timing devices, etc. must be securely fastened in the car and not obstruct the driver's view.
9. Side mirrors should be adjusted so that one "just loses" the sides of the car. This helps to minimize blind spots while out on the track.
10. Driving attire ideally should be all cotton, closed toe flat bottom tennis shoes or driving shoes, long pants and long or short sleeved cotton shirt.
11. Helmets must be Snell rated SA 2010 or newer.

GPR Passing Rules

1. All passing is by contract. No passing is allowed unless the appropriate signal is given by the lead car.
2. Passing is on the left only and with a "point by", i.e., using your arm out the window to point the passer by with a "point by" for each car you want to let pass.

3. The car allowing the pass should lift/slow to allow for a safe pass before the next corner.
4. If a contract to pass is given, it **does not** need to be accepted. Use your judgment as to whether it can be safely executed before the corner. If in doubt, don't pass.
5. **NO PASSING IN THE CORNERS.**
6. Passing zones will be announced at the morning driver's meeting for the particular track.

If you leave the track surface

1. Remember, "Both Feet In". If you have to go off track for any reason, it is best to go straight off. It's always nice also not to kill the engine, so clutch pedal goes in when brake does.
2. Two wheels off. Slow the car, check your mirrors and traffic and try to come back onto the track surface at as much of a right angle as possible. It is possible to "hook a wheel" trying to come back on and upset the car.
3. Four wheels off. If you are fairly sure you have not hurt the car, check traffic and re-enter the track at as close to a right angle as possible. A corner worker may also give you the signal to re-enter when it is safe. It is mandatory to come in after 4 wheels off to discuss with Safety and to have the car checked over. Repeated incidents of going off-track or being black-flagged may result in termination of driving privileges for the rest of the weekend.
4. If you have to leave the track surface due to a mechanical or other disabling issue, stay in the car!! Track personnel will assist you with a tow back to the paddock.

General Safety Steps

1. Check your oil, brake fluid and coolant periodically and look for any fluid pooling under the car
2. Torque your lug nuts.
3. Check your brake pads.
4. Check your tire pressures hot.

Enjoy the track! Remember we **are not racing** but rather working on our high speed car control skills and our smoothness. Take care of each other, be courteous and pay attention to the corner workers and the flags. Check your mirrors often. If someone is on your bumper, they are probably not purposely trying to annoy you but rather politely asking for permission to pass. And always remember to keep your eyes up and way ahead of the car.! Your car will go where your eyes go!