

What to Expect At Your First Drivers Education Event

Event Registration

After you register online at clubregistration.net you will receive an email stating that you are confirmed and are in the Green group. The car number you choose during the registration process 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, the clubregistration.net website, or you can make your car numbers using painter's tape of a contrasting color to the color of your car. For example, blue on black is not acceptable because it is not visible on the track, but black on silver is. The numbers need to be at least 8" tall and are placed on both doors, and (optionally) on the front hood.



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 (list available on ClubRegistration.net) 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 uploaded into ClubRegistration no later than noon on the Friday before the event.

Helmet - You are required to wear a safety helmet when on track with Snell 2015 or 2020 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 2015 approved helmet will only be good until 2025 so if you are going to purchase one, a 2020 approved helmet would be a better purchase because it will be good for a longer period of time. 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 – must be filled out online during the registration process.

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The Night Before the Event

Prepare your car for the track by ensuring the gas tank is full and you have your helmet, forms, and anything you need at the track. 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. Water will be provided at the track. The night before the event, 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 on your left wrist at all times during the weekend.

Find a place to park. There typically is a section blocked off with Green cones. This is for you! It is best to park here so your coach can easily find you.

Registration is 6:45 am - 7:30 am. Please proceed to registration, located in the clubhouse, as soon as possible after your arrival. Bring your helmet and Driver's License with you.

At the registration table you will receive a packet with the following:

- Green wrist band – put on your wrist for the entire weekend.
- Green sticker - center on your windshield outside above the rear-view mirror.
- Driver Info sticker - windshield outside top drivers side.



Prepare your car:

- Remove any loose items from the passenger compartment and trunks and place neatly near your car. Weigh down light items so they are not carried off by the wind.
- Check fluid levels, including fuel (at least half a tank). Fuel is available at the track.
- Check tire pressures and verify lug nuts are torqued to the correct specification. If you do not have a torque wrench, ask to borrow one from a neighboring driver.
- Ensure your car number is on the car (both doors, and optionally the hood)

Once you have you and your car ready, please join other participants in the club house no later than 7:30 am for the mandatory drivers' meeting.

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

On Track Run Group Sessions

We do our best to stay on schedule; however, unforeseen events sometimes cause shifts, so please listen for announcements. There are 4 planned sessions on Saturday and 4 on Sunday. These sessions are approximately 25 minutes long. Two sessions before lunch and two sessions after lunch.

There are 4 coaching teams, numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4. Each team has a Team Lead, an Assistant Team Lead, and a group of certified qualified driving coaches. The Chief Driving Coach (CDC) has overall responsibility for the coaching 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

Before your first run session, your assigned Driving Coach will meet you on the grid, or beforehand at your car. Please arrive at the grid a little early to make sure they can find you. The first run group on Saturday is low speed with no passing allowed, so helmets are not required. Please leave your helmet in the paddock.

During the first run session, your coach will drive your car, with your permission, slowly for 2-3 laps. This allows you to see the track the first time without trying to navigate all the corners. Then you will pull in to the pit lane and change seats. 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 approximately 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, secure your seat belt, helmet, and communicator (provided by your coach).

The grid master will also give you a 3 minutes to go signal, start your car if not already running, sunroof closed, and side windows down. Check to be sure the air conditioning and radio are off, and that all looks good with your gauges.

Indicate to the Grid Master that you are ready with a thumbs-up 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 coach 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 coach (it is perfectly OK if you want to switch), please talk to the team leader, Chief Driving Coach or the Driver Education Chair, and a substitute will be found for you.

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Just like day 1, there is a mandatory driver meeting at 7:30 am. Once again there will be a green driver 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 feel free to email me at DERegistrar@mavpca.org

See you at the track!

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