



TRACK PREPARATION

RULES, PROCEDURES, POLICIES, AND SUGGESTIONS

TECH INSPECTION INFORMATION...getting ready

1. **TECH INSPECTION:** A qualified shop prior to the event must complete a thorough tech inspection. This is for your own safety as well as others. Bring the completed Tech Form with you when you sign in at the track. Without a completed Tech Form you will not be able to drive. **NO EXCEPTIONS and NO REFUND.** Niagara Region drivers, check the website for dates and locations for a courtesy inspection.
2. **FINAL TECH:** All student run groups will be required to have their vehicle inspected at the track. This inspection will take place the evening before the event and, if necessary, very early in the morning at the track on the first day of the event.
3. **FINAL TECH GUIDELINES:** Before final tech all loose objects must be removed from the car. A loose object is anything that is not securely fastened (bolted or screwed) to a metal surface. *Items attached with Velcro or suction cups are not permitted.* No cameras are to be mounted outside the vehicle. Cameras mounted inside the vehicle must be securely fastened to a roll bar, roll cage or a metal connection on the dashboard. Cameras in the car must also be tethered to keep the occupants safe should the mount break or the camera become loose and detach from the mount.

At the final tech be prepared to have your car inspected with particular attention to brakes, tires, leaks and seat belts/harnesses. Roll bars and roll cages will also be checked for proper installation and padding. Inspectors will be checking for the conditions as described on the Tech Form. If your car has an aftermarket harness installed it must be installed correctly and with a

seat that compliments (routing holes etc.) the harness. A copy of the harness manufacturers recommended installation instructions would be helpful to have in case the chief tech inspector has concerns regarding your harness installation. As with all safety issues, the chief tech inspector's decision is final.

Many Porsches came from the factory with seats that have an integrated headrest. Because of the integrated headrest no 4,5,6 or more, point harness may be used with the stock seat. Only the 3-point seat belt system, as supplied by the factory, may be used with seats with the integrated headrest. Autos with the 4-point Schroth QuickFit harness with Anti submarine (ASM) feature must be correctly installed and have a seat that compliments the harness. All autos with the Schroth system must also retain the factory 3-point system.

4. **HELMETS:** Must be Snell 2005 or later and rated SA or SAH. Green run Group students only may use a 2005 or later Snell rated M (motorcycle). Be sure the helmet has no cracks and the interior padding is in excellent condition.
5. **TIRES** are very important. They must be free of visible sidewall breaks/cracks or rubbing. Tires may be no more than 5 years old, must be H rated (130mph) or better and have at least 40% of the original tread remaining. Race type tires must have visible tread depth indicators. Tires may not be underinflated. The clearance between the tires and any potential rubbing point may be checked.
6. **EXCELLENT BRAKES** are essential. Be certain they are carefully inspected and do meet the standards as expressed on the Tech Form. Do not underestimate the importance of having a recent brake fluid change using a quality brake fluid. Brake pads are very important. They will get worn down fairly quickly. If there is any doubt that they will last, bring a spare set of pads to the track.
7. **CONVERTIBLES** must meet the roll bar/cage standards as outlined on the Tech Form and pass the "broomstick test". There can be no exceptions.

T top cars, Targas and 914s may only participate with the top in place.

Porsche 996 and later convertibles and other cars with deployed roll bars are acceptable.

Open top dedicated racecars must also pass the "broomstick test".

8. **KIT CARS** built and assembled by the manufacturer are eligible to

- participate. Documentation of factory assembly will be required. Open top Kit cars must meet all the safety and rollover protection requirements of convertibles (#7 above). All rollover protection will be carefully inspected for proper installation. The “broomstick test” must be passed.
9. OPEN WHEEL cars may not participate.
 10. All student cars must have passenger seat with equal restraints as the driver's seat and it is "strongly suggested" that ALL instructor cars have 2 seats to accommodate student demo rides.

AT THE TRACK

1. Watkins Glen Infield Map.....Please review this before you come so that you are familiar with the area. The map can be found at www.theglen.com.
2. Track Entry...will be at Gate 2. Each person entering the gate must sign the Watkins Glen waiver. (*Anyone under 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the waiver for them*).
3. Registration.... will take place at the racetrack the day before the event. It is normally between 6pm and 8pm. All participants must sign in at the Tech Center. You will need to bring your completed Tech Form and your helmet to registration. You will sign a PCA Club waiver, receive a schedule, and get car numbers and a run group sticker. A new student orientation will be scheduled as part of registration. For those who cannot make registration the day before, you may register at the track on the first day between 6:30-7:30 AM.
4. Final Tech.....will be at the track during registration. Come to final tech with the run group sticker and numbers affixed to the car. At final tech the car may be checked for brakes, tires, seat and harness installation and other safety items. Fluid leaks must be minimal. If any issues are identified they must be rectified to the satisfaction of the chief tech inspector before the car is allowed on track.
5. Run Groups... are designated as Red for instructors, Black for Advanced Drivers, White for Intermediate Drivers and Green for Novice Drivers. *Staging* for run groups will be located outside the Tech Center. Plan to be at staging 10 minutes prior to the time your run group is scheduled to be on track. Do not leave your car unattended. Use this time do a final check of your car, get yourself ready to go on track, adjust your seat, mirrors etc. No repairs or mechanical adjustments may be made in the staging area.

INSTRUCTORS' cars will NOT be allowed out in other sessions unless specific approval is received from the DE Chair or Chief Instructor.

Passengers are NOT permitted in any car with the exception of instructors with students or students with instructors. NO RIDES with non-event people.

6. Fuel...should be purchased in town. It is recommended that you fill up in town prior to coming to the track. Do not overfill your tank. Normally there is fuel available at the track but it is high-octane race fuel and is very expensive. Any fuel brought to the track in containers must never be placed in the Tech Center garages and all refueling from gas cans must take place outside the garages.
7. Meals.....the Media Center is usually open for lunch. You can check with a Driver Education Committee member before the event to confirm that lunch will be available. Otherwise there are many restaurants in the village but be aware that depending on your track schedule it may be difficult to get to the village, have lunch and get back in time. You may also consider bringing your lunch or a small grill for cooking.
8. Hydration....is a concern especially if it is warm. Most participants bring water or other fluids to keep themselves hydrated and their electrolytes in balance. *No alcoholic beverages may be consumed until the track is closed for the day.*
9. Wear Appropriate Clothing.....Long pants and long sleeved shirts and socks are required on track. Cotton is best; avoid nylon or polyester. Shoes should be comfortable and have a nonslip sole. "Sneakers" and boat shoes work well. Do not consider wearing open toed shoes, high heeled or platform type shoes. Even in summer, bring a jacket. It can get cool in the evening. In spring and fall, warm clothing will be necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES AS A DRIVER

1. **SAFETY**...*is our primary concern during the entire event.* Anyone deemed to be conducting themselves in an unsafe manner, both on or off the track, will be asked to leave and not be allowed to register for future events. There will be no refund. No alcoholic beverages of any kind may be consumed until after the track is closed for the day. This includes guests and visitors.
2. Track Protocols and Procedures.....must be understood and practiced by all drivers. It is the responsibility of each driver to make certain they know and understand these rules. Anyone choosing to not adhere to expectations will be considered to be conducting themselves in an unsafe manner and will be asked to leave the event.

3. Courtesy and Respect..is the right of every participant. Please remember that students learn at different rates and come with varied levels of experience. Driving on the track in a manner that is deemed “too aggressive” or unsafe will result in elimination from the event.
4. Before each run... the car should be inspected for fluid leaks and tires checked for wear, cuts and air pressure. Lug nut torque should be checked. Brake pad wear and rotor condition should be assessed. Be sure you have enough gas. If you need help, ask!
5. Any driver having an off-track excursion or involved in any type of incident on-track.... will be black-flagged and must come off the track. The driver will consult with the DE Chairperson or Chief Instructor before being permitted back on track. The car may require a new tech inspection before being allowed back on track.

Two off-track incidents or spins will result in elimination from the event and there will be no refund.

Any car causing damage to the track facilities or equipment will be required to immediately pay for the damage. If the damage is extensive you will be required to pay \$100 immediately and the remainder after the track has established the total cost. If it is less than \$100 you will be refunded the remaining amount. In the event of a fluid leak, drivers are responsible for the cost of the Speedy-Dry to absorb the fluids leaked by the car.

6. PHOTOS AND VIDEOS OF INCIDENTS.....PCA is a club founded on fellowship and enjoyment of our cars. A fellow participant’s misfortune at the track should not go public. The filming of any incident at our events is strongly discouraged. We request that photos and videos of damaged vehicles not be posted on the Internet.

AND A FEW OTHER THINGS

1. Items to bring to the track.....in addition to the car, your driver’s license and Tech Form, you may want to consider:

- Cooler with water or Gatorade type drinks
- Sunscreen
- Folding Chair
- Tire Gauge
- Torque Wrench for lug nuts
- Assorted Tools
- Extra oil, brake fluid and brake pads (they wear out quickly)

