

# Florida Citrus Region Drivers Education Event Rules and Procedures

## 1. PARTICIPATION

Participation in Florida Citrus Region (FCR) Driver's Education (DE) is open to PCA member's and invited non-PCA guests who are 18 years of age or older and have a valid drivers license. As a condition of participation and attendance at an event, all participants and their family members and guests are required to sign both a PCA Waiver of Responsibility Form and a hosting Track waiver before entering the track site. Attendance at a DE event is at the invitation of FCR and FCR reserves the absolute right to have any person removed from the event premises.

**PRIOR TO STARTING ON TRACK SESSIONS THE EC SHALL CONDUCT A MANDATORY DRIVERS/PARTICIPANT MEETING AT A PLACE TO BE DETERMINED. ALL DRIVERS/PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATEND THIS MEETING WITHOUT EXCEPTION. ANY DRIVER/PARTICIPANT NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING SHALL BE SUBJECT TO DESCIPLINE BY THE EC, CDI OR HIS DESIGNATE.**

## 2. VECHICLE REQUIREMENTS

- A. Equal restraint systems and equivalent seating are required for both the driver and passenger
- B. Open top vehicles must have fixed roll bar protection (factory roll bars in Boxsters meet the requirements). The roll bar must allow the driver to pass the "broomstick" test (the top of the driver's helmet must be below the line from the top of the roll bar to the top of the windshield frame). All occupants of open top vehicles must utilize arm restraints. All sunroofs must be closed or entirely removed while on track (arm restraints required if sunroof is removed). Convertible tops, Targa tops and sunroofs must be in the closed position. 996 Cabriolets must have their hardtops installed if the vehicle is NOT equipped with the supplemental roll bar protection. Race cars with diagonal "Petty-bars" (main hoop to forward down bar) are not allowed to have passengers (instructor or student)
- C. All occupants of open top vehicles must utilize arm restraints. Arm restraints are required if glass sunroofs are removed
- D. Identification Numbers: require 6-inch minimum on each side.
- E. All vehicle body panels, lids, doors, bumpers, spoilers, air dams, and wings must be attached with mechanical fasteners. Tape is not a mechanical fastener.
- F. The vehicle must be safe for participation in the opinion of the Event Chair (EC), Safety Chair (SC), Chief Driving Instructor (CDI), Chief Technical Inspector (CTI), and any instructor assigned to the vehicle.

## 3. VEHICLE PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. All vehicles participating in the event must produce the FCR Technical Inspection Form that has been completed and signed by a qualified mechanic.
- B. Vehicles must be equipped with a high back seat or headrest
- C. Vehicles must pass a minimum technical inspection at the event prior to being allowed on the track. However, it is the sole responsibility of the participant to ensure that his/her vehicle is safe, track-worthy, and mechanically sound.

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### 4. HELMET & CLOTHING

- A. Helmets must be a minimum SA-2000. No M-rated helmets will be accepted.
- B. All occupants of vehicles without a windshield must wear rated/approved eye protection.
- C. Long pants and long sleeved shirts are highly recommended. All clothing must be of natural materials such as cotton, linen, wool or silk. NO SYNTHETIC FABRICS (exception granted for rated/approved driving suits, see item 4-D).
- D. Driving Suits (Rated/Approved) are strongly recommended in race-prepared vehicles or vehicles utilizing race fuel.
- E. Shoes: athletic or other lace-up shoe with leather or canvas uppers and leather or textured soles

### 5. RUN GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Green group: All novice drivers will be assigned to this group. Drivers will remain in this group until approved for the next level in accordance with the Evaluation Form. An instructor shall accompany all drivers in this group.
- B. Blue group. Progressing DE drivers who have been approved to advance from Green in accordance with the Student Evaluation Form. An instructor will accompany all drivers in this group.
- C. White group. Experienced DE drivers who have been previously approved for solo driving in accordance with the Student Evaluation Form. The evaluation form requires the approval of both the driver's assigned instructor and the CDI for the student seeking Solo status. This group should periodically seek and instructor during the course of the event.
- D. Black group. This group is for advanced solo drivers with a significant amount of DE experience. Some instructors may run in this group due to size limitations of the Red group.
- E. Red group. Instructors who have attained instructor status with FCR or PCA National Instructor Certification program (FCR reserves the right to request check-out session of non-FCR instructors)

### 6. ON-TRACK RULES

- A. Flags. It is critical that all drivers understand the meaning of the various flags used for track control. Green and Blue group students shall receive formal training during classroom sessions. All drivers shall receive refresher training at mandatory drivers meeting. FCR recommends that ALL drivers review flag definitions by visiting the FCR website prior to attending an event.
- B. Passing. All passing is by point-by only. The CDI will designate passing zones for each run group at the mandatory drivers meeting at the beginning of the event. All passing must take place in those zones, and no one may pass until the driver of the leading vehicle has "pointed-by" the trailing vehicle.

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*Point-By: A hand signal made by the driver to indicate the side to overtake on. Arm straight out window indicates overtaking on drivers left. Arm over car indicates overtaking on driver's right side of car. Car being overtaken STAYS ON LINE. In the event of physical disability other signal methods shall be announced at mandatory drivers meeting..*

All passing must be completed prior to the FIRST braking cone. Additionally the following driver DOES NOT need to pass if given a point-by if the following driver does not feel track conditions allow a safe passing maneuver.

- C. There will be no passing under the following flag conditions: Red, Yellow, White
- D. Failure to point-by. Anyone who fails to point-by faster vehicles within a reasonable time is subject to receiving a black flag and a discussion with the CDI or his designate
- E. Tailgating will not be tolerated and will result in a black flag and discussion with the CDI or his designate. Repeated tailgating offenses will result in expulsion from the event.
- F. Spins. Any driver who spins his/her vehicle must enter the pits lane at the next opportunity and immediately report to the CDI or his designate for discussion of the spin and to have the vehicle condition checked. Any driver involved in two spins during the event will be excused from further participation.
- G. Wheels Off. Any driver who has an off-course excursion must enter pit lane at the next opportunity and immediately report to the CDI or his designate for a discussion of the excursion and to have the vehicle condition checked. "Off-Course" means any wheel or wheels leaving the paved surface of the track.
- H. Windows. Drivers and passengers windows must be full down (rain or shine). All sunroofs, Targa tops, and convertible tops must be in the closed position.
- I. Mechanical failures. If a vehicle succumbs to mechanical failure while on the track, under no circumstances is the driver to exit the vehicle to attempt repairs.
- J. Vehicles passengers. Non-participants are not permitted in either student's or instructor's vehicles on the track during run group operations. Those desiring to attend classroom sessions and/or experience the track as a non-driving student can register as a "Non-Driving Student". If at any time a passenger feels uncomfortable in a vehicle and wishes to no longer continue to be a passenger, it is the responsibility of the passenger to inform the instructor of their desire to end their participation in the session. The instructor is to pull into the pits and allow the passenger to exit their vehicle. No passengers are allowed to accompany a non-instructor unless they are designated instructor for the event. (Example: A Black-group non-instructor is NOT allowed to accompany a solo White-group driver.)

**FLORIDA CITRUS REGION DOES NOT ENDORSE, SANCTION, RECOMMEND, OR OTHERWISE PROMOTE INSTRUCTORS TO DRIVE STUDENT VEHICLES.**

**THOSE STUDENTS THAT WISH TO HAVE AN INSTRUCTOR DRIVE THE STUDENT VEHICLE SHALL DO SO AT THE SOLE RISK OF THE VEHICLE OWNER AND ASSUME COMPLETE AND TOTAL LIABILITY DURING THE DURATION OF THE DRIVING PERIOD. FOREVER HOLDING THE INSTRUCTOR HARMLESS FOR ANY AND ALL LIABILITY**

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**UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL THIS STATEMENT BE CONSTRUED OR INTERPRETED AS EITHER A FORMAL OR TACID ACCEPTANCE/APPROVAL BY FLORIDA CITRUS REGION NOR SHALL FLORIDA CITRUS REGION OR ANY OF ITS OFFICERS, CLUB LEADERS, OR EVENT CHAIRS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY THAT MAY RESULT FROM THIS NON-RECOMMENDED ACTION.**

### 7. ANIMALS/PETS

FCR shall follow host Track rules regarding animals and pets. Please note that it is generally not acceptable to bring pets to events

### 8. ALCOHOL & DRUGS

No alcohol shall be consumed at any event until after all driving activity has been completed for the day. No illegal drugs or prescription drugs that modify driving ability shall be smoked or consumed.

### 9. ENFORCEMENT

The EC, CDI and SC have total authority to act on behalf of FCR regarding the conduct of the event and are empowered to interpret and enforce these rules, and to take any action to address any safety issue, as they deem appropriate. Penalties set forth in these rules are guidelines only, and it is within the power and absolute discretion of the CDI or EC to impose discipline that is more or less severe if they feel circumstances warrant. Participation in ALL run groups, plus guests and family members are subject to the authority of the CDI and EC.

### 10. EXCLUSIONARY POLICY

Attendance at a DE is at the invitation of FCR and FCR reserves the absolute right to have any person removed from the event premises. FCR further reserves the right to excuse any participant from further participation at FCR sanctioned events.

### 11. DAMAGE

Any participant or their guest who causes damage to the track premises, including any paved or unpaved surfaces, buildings, walls, barriers, structures or other improvements is responsible for payment for that damage. The track premises include but are not limited to the track area and paddock (infield) area. The discharge of material (including but not limited to oil, coolant, etc) on the track is considered damage and the participant is responsible for paying for the cleanup of the material.

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### 12. MISCELLANEOUS

These rules are intended to be reasonable and minimum guidelines by which FCR conducts DE events. In addition to the content of these rules, all participants and guests are required to exercise good judgment and common sense during their participation in the event. If, in the opinion of the CDI, or EC, any participant or guest fails to do so, appropriate sanctions may be imposed.

### 13. TOURING LAP SESSION

For DE events that incorporate Touring Lap sessions, additional Touring Lap specific procedures must be followed. These procedures are documented in the other documents that are available from FCR.

### 14. EVENT FEEDBACK

FCR welcomes and wants participant feedback on the event, please visit the club website to email club leaders with thoughts, recommendations or comments relating to all aspects of the event.