



ARPCA Mid-Ohio Driver's Education Participant Manual



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1. Overview

This package contains important information regarding the Allegheny Region driver's education event at Mid-Ohio

Announcements & Key Reminders

- Registration Process: First, go to garage 8 for Tech, and then garage 7 for Registration. This is a 2 step process:
 1. First: Safety Check by our Tech inspection Team. Enter the garage on the trackside, look for the signs. You will need to:
 - Pull through the garage
 - Show your completed Vehicle Safety Inspection (VSI) form (see below)^[SEP]
 - Show your helmet. PCA requires SNELL certified helmets. **If you enter Tech with a helmet not certified SA2015 or SA2010 you will not be able to participate!**
 - Get your VSI form stamped by an ARPCA Tech person.
 - If you are sharing a car, bring a completed VSI form for each driver.
 - Note: please stay close to the chain link fence (track side of garage) to allow traffic to pass on the right side of your car when waiting for tech.
 - When finished with Tech, move your car out of Garage 8 and park in the paddock. Return to registration on foot with the completed VSI form and valid driver's license.
 2. Registration. Go to garage 7. Have your valid driver's license and ARPCA-stamped VSI tech form ready for registration!
 - At Registration you will:
 - Show your valid driver's license
 - Turn in your ARPCA-stamped VSI form
 - Sign the PCA waiver

The Vehicle Safety Inspection (VSI) form must be filled out prior to arrival at the event.
[Vehicle Safety Inspection \(VSI\) form](#)

Registration dates/times are published in the email you'll receive approximately 2 weeks prior to the event. Registration is open the Friday night before the DE. It is HIGHLY recommended to get it done Friday if possible. Registration is also available Saturday morning.

Note: If you arrive late and are unable to complete Tech and Registration on Saturday morning: go to the Driver's Meeting, then see the event chair, who will arrange for the tech and registration process as soon as time permits. Failure to be at the driver's meeting is potential grounds for disqualification from this event. Arriving late will likely result in lost track time.

- Safety Inspections: The Vehicle Safety Inspection (VSI) form must be filled out prior to arrival at the event. A couple of key points:
 - Have your car inspected by a qualified third-party inspector prior to the event to ensure it complies with each of the items on the VSI form. Then fill out all the information requested and bring it with you to the event. You will surrender the form at registration.

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- Who can do the inspection – ARPCA does not have designated inspection facilities. Drivers need to use facilities that understand the difference between a “Track” inspection and state inspection. Sewickley Porsche is the ARPCA region sponsor and may perform the inspection (call 412-741-6400).
- Out of region – Your local PCA region usually has a Track Chair, Chief Instructor, or other contact who might be a good resource for a recommendation in your area.
- Meetings: Attending all driver's meetings and classroom sessions are MANDATORY. Failure to attend will likely result in lost track time. Check the email and schedule for times and locations.
- Visitors: Are friends/family coming to the track to meet you? Great! This can be a wonderful way to show your passion for your sport. Please note:
 - Mid-Ohio will have everyone sign a waiver when they enter the track through the gate.
 - PCA requires that each visitor also sign the PCA waiver. Please chaperone your visitors to the ARPCA registration area in Garage 7 to sign the PCA waiver, get a wrist-band to be worn for the remainder of the event.
 - If the visitor is under 16 years of age an authorized guardian must sign a minor-specific waiver for this individual.
 - Your visitors need to stay behind all fencing. They will not be able to enter the false grid or the hot pit area where cars line up to go onto the track.
- Track Damage: Any driver causing damage to the track, including but not limited to the guardrail, dropping of fluids, use of fire extinguishers, etc. will be invoiced for the amount of the damage.

Thank-you for reviewing this information. If you have any questions, please contact track@ARPCA.com

2. Event Preparation

I. Vehicle Preparation

Please review: [VSI Supplemental Information](#)

As indicated on the Vehicle Safety Inspection (VSI) form there are a few items that require further explanation and clarification that cannot be adequately described on the VSI form. In addition, it is important to understand the intent and purpose of the VSI. The modern motor vehicle is an extremely complex mechanical and electronic device and it is impossible to say that any car is “guaranteed” to withstand the rigors of track driving which are far greater than street driving demands. The purpose of the VSI is to give you an opportunity to identify any items that, if left uncorrected, will likely cause your car not to perform like you (and we) would like during the event. A pre-event inspection of each car is mandated by PCA in order to participate in any PCA-sanctioned HPDE event. It is important to keep in mind that you will be sharing the track with many cars and that mechanical issues with your car can have significant implications for those who are participating in your run group. It is hoped that the obvious importance of mechanical soundness and safety of your vehicle will encourage you not to “cut corners” regarding being thorough in preparation of the car chosen to drive in this HPDE event. It cannot be stressed enough that known deficiencies in your car can, and most likely will, affect not only your success at the event but those with whom you will share the track.

Any and all questions should be forwarded to Dante Oliverio, ARPCA Safety Committee Chairman at Safety@ARPCA.com

You are responsible for the safety and preparation of your own vehicle. Allegheny Region PCA VSI compliance is a check to ensure that you have complied with our requirements; it is NOT an overall safety check. You must have a qualified person or mechanic inspect your car to ensure it is safe for the track. Check your car before each of your run sessions, especially in regards to tire condition, brake fluid level, and wheel torque.

Externally Mounted Cameras: Must be permanently mounted using a commercially available positive mount. Therefore, suction cup mounts, no matter the quality are PROHIBITED without a positively mounted tether. Any cars with improper mounts will not be allowed on the track.

Camera Drones: All drones are prohibited at the event.

II. Driver Preparation

Clothing

The following apparel is suggested when driving at the event:

- Long sleeve 100% cotton shirt.
- Long 100% cotton pants (blue jeans usually apply) ^[1]_{SEP}
- Cotton socks and leather or canvas shoes with thin soles ^[1]_{SEP}
- PCA minimum standards require closed shoes (no sandals or open toes) and properly certified Snell helmet. The rest is up to you.

You will be in the elements for a good part of the weekend; plan on appropriate clothing (in cold/foul weather

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extra dry clothing is recommended). Pack rain/foul weather gear if predicted, plus sun block, hats, bottled water, etc. We run regardless of weather conditions. 

What to Bring: we recommend bringing extra motor oil, brake fluid, tire pressure gauge, paper towels/clean rags, window cleaner, small tools, coolant, and other items that might be needed if a minor problem occurs with your car. Bring water, snacks, a portable chair, anything you might need to stay hydrated, nourished and comfortable during the event. Make sure that these items are removed from your car prior to inspection. You must also remove all loose items from the car including the glove box and trunk (or Frunk). There's a great deal of information here for novice DE participants: [PCA.org Tips and Techniques for DE Participants](https://www.pca.org/Tips-and-Techniques-for-DE-Participants)

Novice Classroom Presentation: Take a few moments to review this information. It will help you prepare: [Novice Classroom Presentation](#)

Videos

Viewing the ARPCA produced track videos can help you prepare. Go to the ARPCA web site at for videos made by our senior instructors. [ARPCA Laps at Mid-OH](#)

Flags: Flags are your "traffic signals" on a race track. Your instructor will help you with this – but arriving with a knowledge of flags puts you "ahead of the curve". Find the flag information here (scroll to slide 29): [Novice Classroom Presentation Mid-Ohio](#)

III. Vehicle Parking

Allow plenty of space for clockwise traffic flow around the garages.

Use of Garages: The use of garages is limited to individuals who have reserved and paid for a garage. No exceptions! The garage assignments are included in the email received a couple weeks prior to the event.

Parking your Track Car: Where to park if you don't have a garage? You can park your car in the paddock area as shown here: [Main Paddock Parking Mid-Ohio](#). Park your car parallel to the cars in the garages.

IV. During the Event

Drivers / Instructors Meetings: There are separate meetings for both drivers and instructors each morning. Attendance is mandatory. Missing a meeting may be cause for forfeiting track time up to and including the entire event.

Run Groups: Participants are placed in run groups based on experience. You will be driving on track with people of a similar experience level.

Event Schedule: Each run group will typically get four driving sessions on the track per day with each session lasting about 25 minutes. The schedule will be received by email before the event. Please print and bring your own copy (none provided).

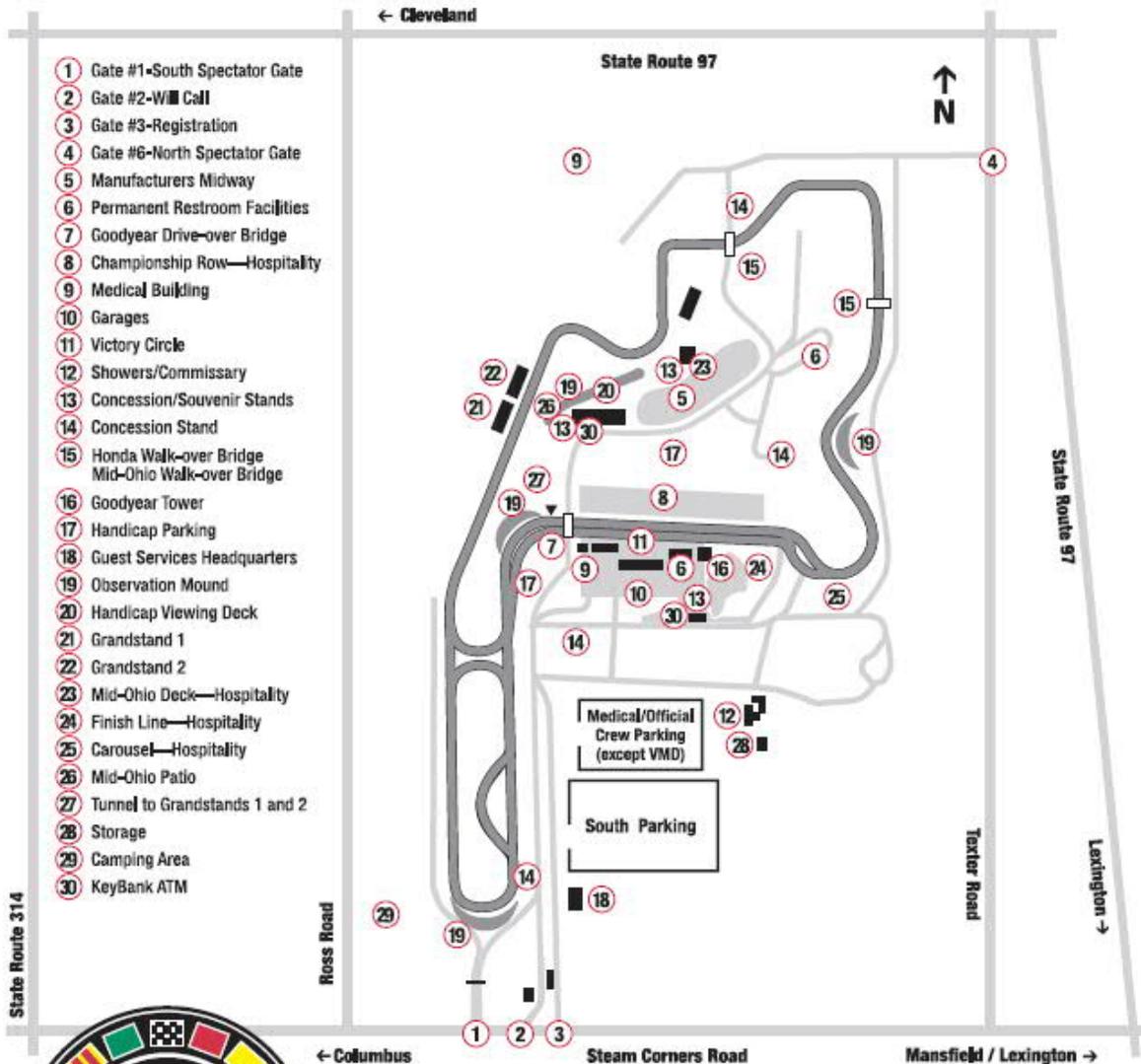
Pit Entry and Exit: Traffic flow diagram is here: [Pit Entry and Exit Mid-Ohio](#)

Classroom Sessions: Classes will be held in the in Timing and Scoring Tower on the 4th Floor accessible by stairs or elevator. All classroom sessions are mandatory.

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Concession Stand: A concession stand at the track will be open for lunches. There will be a scheduled one hour lunch break each day.

Mid-Ohio Map



3. Forms & Agreements

Waiver of Liability

You will be *required* to sign this Release as part of the Registration Process. It is included here so that you will have time to read it prior to the event. Do not need to print this Release as a preaddressed version will be provided for you to sign at Registration.

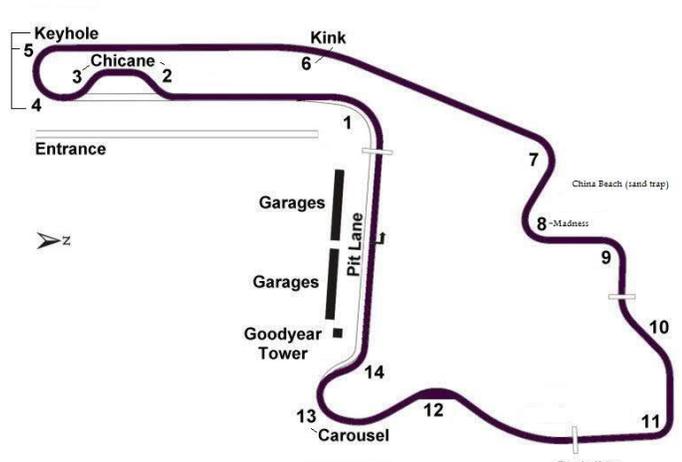
**RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
ARPCA LOCATION Driver's Education Date of EVENT**

IN CONSIDERATION of being permitted to compete, officiate, observe, work for, or participate in any way in any Porsche Club of America or PCA Club Racing ("PCA") events or activities (EVENTS) or being permitted to enter for any purpose any RESTRICTED AREA (defined as any area requiring special authorization, credentials, or permission to enter or any area to which admission by the general public is restricted or prohibited including but not limited to the competition area and any hot pit area), I, for myself and for my personal representatives, heirs, and next of kin:

1. Acknowledge, agree, and represent that I have or will immediately upon entering any of such RESTRICTED AREAS, and will continuously thereafter, inspect the RESTRICTED AREAS that I enter and I further agree and warrant that, if at any time, I am in or about RESTRICTED AREAS and I believe anything to be unsafe, I will immediately advise the officials of such and will leave the RESTRICTED AREA and/or refuse to participate further in the EVENTS. I acknowledge that I may not have the opportunity to inspect any RESTRICTED AREA prior to the event.
2. Hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE PCA or its zones or regions, the promoters, participants, racing associations, sanctioning or administrative organizations or any affiliated entities thereof, track operators, track owners, officials, car owners, drivers, pit crews, rescue personnel, any persons in any RESTRICTED AREA, sponsors, advertisers, owners, lessors, and lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENTS, premises and event inspectors, surveyors, underwriters, brokers, consultants and others who give recommendations, directions, or instructions or engage in risk evaluation or loss control activities regarding the premises or EVENTS and for each of them, their directors, officers, agents and employees, all for the purposes herein referred to as "Releasees", FROM ALL LIABILITY TO ME, my personal representatives, assigns, heirs, and next of kin FOR ANY AND ALL LOSS OR DAMAGE, AND ANY CLAIMS OR DEMANDS THEREFORE ON ACCOUNT OF INJURY TO THE PERSON OR PROPERTY OR RESULTING IN MY DEATH ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THE EVENTS, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
3. Hereby AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS the Releasees and each of them FROM ANY LOSS, LIABILITY, DAMAGE, OR COST INCLUDING BODILY INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE I may incur arising out of my presence or participation in the EVENTS, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.
4. Hereby ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY RISK OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE arising out of or related to the EVENTS whether caused by the NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OF RELEASEES or otherwise.
5. Hereby acknowledge that THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EVENTS ARE VERY DANGEROUS and involve the risk of serious injury and/or death and/or property damage. I also expressly acknowledge that INJURIES RECEIVED MAY BE COMPOUNDED OR INCREASED BY NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS OR PROCEDURES OF THE RELEASEES.
6. Hereby agree that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement EXTENDS TO ALL ACTS OF NEGLIGENCE BY THE RELEASEES, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT RESCUE OPERATIONS, and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the Province or State in which the EVENTS are conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

Mid-Ohio Debrief Form

Date:		Event:		 <p style="text-align: center;">Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course 2.4 mi (2.2 mi w/o chicane)</p>
Session:		Car:		
Conditions:				
TP Front		TP Rear:		
Tires:				
Misc:				

Driver Notes					
Turn	Gear	Braking	Entry	Mid-Corner	Exit
1					
2					
3					
4 & 5					
6					
7					
8 – Madness					
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11					
12					
13 Carousel					
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Comments / Areas to Focus: