

# === 2024 Drivers' Meeting ===

## CALL TO ATTENTION

Hello and welcome to the event, I'd like everyone's attention during the drivers' meeting. This may take about 10 minutes. We need to tell you important safety information, site logistics, and things to make the event run smoothly and safely. This is new information, you have not heard this before. So shut up, pay attention and let's get through this. Any new drivers? Come up to the front please....

## INTRODUCE SAFETY STEWARDS

Our safety stewards today are: \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ . Let them know if you see an unsafe condition.

## WAIVERS

Has everyone signed the waiver? If not, do it right after this meeting. If you see anyone without a wristband, point them toward the waiver station. [indicate location]

## RANTOUL

### *New Site, New logistics*

- There is a row of cones to the south of the entrance road separating us from the runway. That line extends the length of the property.
- These cones can not be crossed for any reason, it is an active airport beyond the cones.
- There are also Barrels on the northwest and southwest limits of the runway. These also can not be crossed for any reason.
- Indicate locations of: Waiver Station, Porta Potties, Trash Bags, Pit, Grid, Starting Line, Finish Line, Corners
- **Spectators Locations:** Spectators without a waiver are on grass behind the fence. Spectators with a waiver can not go beyond the grid.
- Parents are responsible for their children's safety. Children under 12 and pets are not allowed in the grid, start-finish area, or course areas

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**except** when supervised by their parents. Pets should be on a leash.  
Please make sure your pet has shelter and water during the event.

## NO SMOKING

Smoking or vaping is **ONLY** allowed in the Pit Area. You may not smoke or vape on course, not in grid, not in the toilets, Not on a train, Not in a tree, Not in a car! Smokers! Listen to me!

You would not, could not, in a box.

You would not, could not, with a fox.

You will not smoke them here or there.

You will not smoke them anywhere.

You will not smoke cigarettes or vape.

## TRASH

If you brought it....take it home with you.

Please pick up all your garbage and put it into the bags provided. *[tell them where garbage bags are located]* We want to leave this site in as good a shape as we found it or better.

## WEATHER

- Drink plenty of water, Use sunscreen, Tie down your stuff if it is windy... and it's always windy.
- We will suspend the event in case of lightning.
- We will not re-start the event until at least 30 minutes after the last lightning strike is observed.

## DRIVE AT A WALKING SPEED

**WALKING SPEED** - The speed in the pits and grid is walking speed.

Walking speed is single digit speed. The timed course is the only area where you may exceed walking speed.

## JACK STANDS

If you have to put any part of your body under your car you must use jack stands and do that only in the pits unless it is a fixed grid. **This is a zero-tolerance policy.**

- "Who has jack stands?"

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## ===== COURSE INFO =====

### GRID

No "lighting up" the tires in the grid or warming up tires.

Please line up in the same order for all your runs. Make note of who's in front of you. This makes it easier on the timing crew. A grid worker will tell you when it's your turn to drive. Please pay attention so you are in your car and ready when they come for you.

Working/repairing your car in the grid is only possible in a fixed grid. If the grid is moving you must take it to the Pits.

### RE-RUN

If while on the course someone runs in front of you, stop and you will get a re-run. If you see a cone down while on the course, stop and point it out. You will get a re-run. If you don't stop, no re-run, and the cone will probably be called on you.

### RED FLAGGED

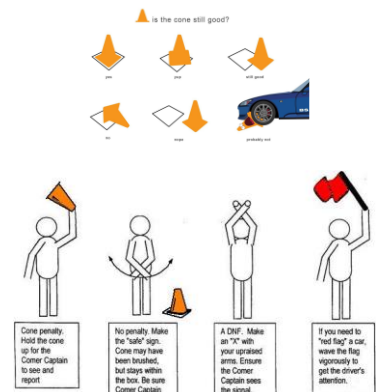
If you are red flagged, stop and then proceed at a reduced speed and safely complete the course. A reduced speed is with purpose but 100% certain you will not hit any further cones or lose control of the car. You will get a rerun if you are red flagged for someone else's error. If you are red flagged for something involving your car you will lose that run. All red flags are FULL COURSE. Corner captains MUST pay attention and wave their flag if any other corner flag is being waved.

*[GET THE PROP CONE AND BOX TO DEMONSTRATE PENALTIES]*

### CONES

The cone penalty is 2 seconds if it is knocked out of the box or knocked over.

- If you hit the cones at the start or finish, that run will not count.
- If you hit the **timing lights** and damage them, you will pay for them. You will be disqualified for the day, and all previous runs will not count. You will not get a refund.



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## WORKING EVENT

Everyone is expected to work the event. You are to check in at the timing vehicle before your work heat starts and grab a yellow vest. Get there quickly, so we can get the event started. **When working the course, you must run to put cones in place!** We will try to run a car every 20 to 25 seconds. If you can't get all the cones set, use your radio to hold the start and red flag all cars on the course. When you are working the course, **you must not be using a cell phone or other device.**

Never turn your back to a car on course. You may need to turn as cars are approaching but never lose sight of a car in your vicinity.

- **Corner Captains** – grab a radio, hold the flag, and know where the extinguisher is. Report to heat safety steward before going to your corner.

## NO TROPHY

If you do not work, you will not get a trophy, even if you have earned one. If you leave early we will not save your trophy unless you make prior arrangements or have someone pick it up for you.

## HEAT CHANGE

When we change heats please do so as efficiently as we can. The sooner we change over; the sooner we get to trophies. If live worker changes are used you must never turn your back to cars on course.

# ===== DRIVING THE EVENT =====

**HELMETS** – No helmet, no run, helmet needs a 2024 tech sticker.

- If you are using a club loaner helmet, you **MUST** return it to the front of the grid as soon as the heat ends.
- If you are using your own helmet, it must have a Snell 2010 rating or later. (Current rating and previous 2, SA2020 / M2020, SA2015 / M2015, SA2010 / M2010)

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- If you get to the start line wearing an unapproved helmet or no helmet, you will be sent back to grid and lose that run.

**SPIN OUT** -- If you spin out, put brake and clutch pedals to the floor and get your car gathered back up before you continue. The run is lost. Use it to practice but be safe. Uncontrolled runs could cost us the use of the site and could cause you to be ejected from the event.

**PASSENGERS** -- During a timed run, a single passenger is allowed provided they: are at least 12 years old or at least 57" tall; are in a vehicle which has passed tech inspection; are wearing a properly fitted seat belt and a properly fitted helmet; have completed and signed the required participant waiver. **Passengers cannot have hand-held camera, phone, etc.** Also, they **must keep their hands and arms inside the vehicle or the driver will be disqualified for that run.**

**LUNCH** – Lunch will be announced as the 1<sup>st</sup> heat progresses. Be prompt so we can get the afternoon going on time.

Please, when leaving, drive sensibly as this reflects on the whole club and may affect if we get this site in the future. We have notified the police and they will be watching for exuberant driving and you will be ticketed.

**FUN RUNS** -- If we have time we will have fun runs. Fun runs are \$1.00 each with a registered car and registered driver. You may carry as many passengers as there are seatbelts installed in your car during fun runs. All people in the car must be belted in and wear helmets.

Our Next Autocross Event is: [*Choose the next event*]

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|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| 1) March 23 & 24   | 2) April 6 & 7      | 3) April 13 & 14 | 4) May 18 & 19       |
| 5) June 8          | 6) July 13          | 7) August 17     | 8) September 14 & 15 |
| 9) October 19 & 20 | 10) November 9 & 10 |                  |                      |

Club meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, at Torro Loco in Urbana at 7pm.

**Are there any questions about these rules or what to expect or what is expected of you?**

GOOD LUCK to everyone and let's have a safe fun day.