

Space Coast PCA Autocross Rules and Procedures 2020

This document captures the Rules and Procedures followed by Space Coast Region of Porsche Club of America for Autocross events held at the American Muscle Car Museum. As a region of Porsche Club of America and covered by their insurance carrier we also must adhere to PCA National rules. So, we will be following PCA National Parade Rules in force for 2019. Any rules not specifically stipulated in these classifications for brevity of posting are assumed to be in force per the Parade rules. Additionally, trailered cars, open exhausts, Hoosiers R7/A7 and racing slicks are NOT allowed by AMCM event site management. This differs from PCA National Parade rules. If you desire a more comprehensive description, it can be found at 2019 Parade Competition Rules at PCA.ORG. Space Coast PCA Autocross Committee reserves the right to dismiss from the event and/or ban from future events, any driver for unsafe driving on or off course and driver or spectator who in the judgement of the Autocross Committee display unsportsman like conduct. In such cases money for event registration shall be forfeit.

Procedures

Waiver of Liability

Driver/Spectator Insurance Waiver. Each entrant and spectator must sign the event waiver form. Anyone refusing to sign the waiver will be asked to leave the event.

Parental Consent and Waiver. Each driver under the age of 18 must have the special Parental Consent and Waiver form completed and signed by both parents, and must have at least one parent in attendance during the event. In the event a guardian (Grandparent) is a PCA member and brings a minor family member to drive, the form must be signed by both parents, notarized and presented to registration the day of the event. A downloadable copy of this waiver is available on the PCA.org website or can be obtained soft copy from the autocross event chair prior to the event.

Entrants

A participant may enter and compete in only one car per event.

Instructors

The instructors for the day will be announced at the drivers meeting. Novices with less than 3 events experience are required to run with an instructor. If you are not required to have one, but would like an instructor please notify registration at the time of registering. If in line and an instructor is not yet in your car, notify the grid worker/starter before starting you run. The Course Marshal will assign an instructor to you. An instructor, at their discretion may choose to sign off on a novice driver and allow them to drive solo for the remainder of an event.

Work Assignments

Mandatory work assignments are allotted to each driver and denoted on the driver's wrist band. If you are unsure of your work assignment, **please ask. You must complete your work assignments to run. If you do not complete your work assignments you will be disqualified, (your runs will not count and no points will be awarded.)** You will also be disqualified from entering the next autocross event.

Timing, Radios and Flagging

Each flagging station will have a radio and red flag and fire extinguisher. Chairs, cameras and other distractions (to the course workers and drivers) are not permitted at flagging stations for safety reasons. Do not stand with your back to any car on the course. Mobile phones are not be used while working stations.

It is the responsibility of the flaggers to maintain safe conditions on the course as well as the location and status of the cones for the purposes of scoring. We cannot have a good event without precise flagging. Please pay attention and be accurate with your calls.

All communications shall be addressed through Timing. No cross communication between flagging stations. Please speak slowly and clearly into the radio. If a car hits a cone please notify Timing, "Timing, this is station 3, one cone, car 43" timing will acknowledge. If you do not know the car number describe the car "black 914."

The red flag indicates an emergency or an unsafe condition. If there is a dangerous situation on the course or you are if directed by timing to use the red flag, the red flag should be waved **immediately**. Do not step on to the course or put yourself at risk when waving the red flag at a car. Any driver that continues to run the course at speed, after the red flag has been waived, will be disqualified from the event. A Black flag waved at your car means you must return and talk to the course marshal.

Car Numbers

Each car shall have its official number clearly marked on **both sides** of the car (preferably the door but rear side windows is fine). The numbers shall be at minimum **6" tall, high contrast, clearly visible, and legible**. The number on the driver's wrist band from registration will determine the official number of the car for that event. Two driver cars require two numbers; numbers from different heats will be selected by event timing and scoring.

Course Map

A course map shall indicate entrance and exit area, the general course layout and course boundaries. The map is not drawn to scale.

Walking the Course

It is strongly recommended that all drivers familiarize themselves with the course by walking it prior to the drivers meeting. **No wheeled or motorized devices are permitted on the course;** this includes bicycles, roller blades, skateboards, "go-peds" and the like.

Cones, Pylons and Penalties

Each autocross event is run on a unique course laid out by cones and is designed with the safety of course workers, participants and their cars in mind.

Each cone and gate must be properly executed, to avoid penalty points. Each downed or standing out-of-the-box pylon (cone) shall count as a two-second penalty. All chalked cones count, including those before and after the timing equipment. Helper cones are not subject to penalty. If you hit a standing cone in a gate you cannot be declared off course at that gate.

Finish Line/Stop Box Penalty

The hitting of any cones at and after the finish timing equipment, whether or not a stop box is used, constitutes a DNF. Cars must come to a complete stop in the stop box. Two occurrences of rolling stop in the same event will result in being asked to leave.

Official Runs

The Autocross Chair and Committee will determine the official number of timed runs for an event. The quantity of runs will vary depending upon number of cars, length, difficulty and complexity of the course, weather conditions, etc.

Each run taken will count towards the total number of runs for the day. Runs not taken within your assigned run group will not be scored; they will be entered as DNF (did not finish), but will count towards the total number of runs for the day. Please take your runs with your run group unless you are directed otherwise by timing.

No passengers are allowed at any time (due to our insurance regulations) except for pre-approved instructors as passengers only. Runs taken with an instructor will be scored.

If the driver observes a cone out of the box, missing or knocked over by someone else, or if the driver was not at fault in hitting the cones, e.g., swerving to avoid collision with something/someone on the course, the driver should come to a safe, immediate and complete stop and indicate the problem to the course worker so as not to be charged with the penalty. Cones prior to the unsafe condition; however, will carry over. Follow the instructions of the course worker/timing. You may be instructed to exit the course via the timing lights or to return directly to staging.

Re-runs

Re-runs may be granted by timing for a variety of reasons including but not limited to a timing malfunction, unsafe condition, misplaced cone, etc. If the Red Flag is waved while running, immediately come to a safe and complete stop.

Re-runs should be taken as soon as practical, but no later than the end of the run group. To avoid "hot laps", five (5) cars must run prior to a re-run. If there are less than five (5) cars remaining in the run group the driver may be held at the start line for the equivalent of five (5) runs or held for the next run group, at the discretion of the Chairman/timing. A driver may elect not to go to the front of the line for a re-run.

Run Groups

The cars are generally split into 4 run groups; each group will have up to 10-15 cars. The run group shall determine your work assignment or driving time. In the interest of fairness to all drivers, hot laps are not permitted. All drivers are to follow the directions of the grid workers. All attempts should be made to follow the grid. No car should start its next numerical run before the entire run group has completed its run.

Off Course/DidNotFinish

An off course or DNF will be entered as a score if a gate/cone is missed or if 2 or more wheels leave the course. If two wheels leave the pavement you will be asked to stop and talk to the course marshal before getting back in line for the next run. **If all 4 wheels leave the pavement you will be asked to sit out the remainder of the event.** A spin on course does not constitute a DNF if no gates have been missed and the car has not left the course boundaries.

DNS

A DNS (did not start) will be entered for any run not started. A driver may elect not to take all of the runs for the day.

Timing

The timing device will be automatically started and stopped by the competing vehicle. All recorded times will be considered official unless protested. In the event of a timing problem, the competing car will be waived off course (red flagged) and given a re-run.

Official Times

Times will be recorded per the timing equipment and will be considered as official time. Penalties for cones will be noted on the timing slip (if used) and will be added to the official time for a total score. The official results will be posted to the Autocross section of the Space Coast Region (SPC.PCA.Org) web site. If there are issues with your times, please contact the Autocross Chair.

Protests

All protests must be presented in writing to the Chairman within 20 minutes of the last run. The decision of the Chairman is final. The decision need not be made at the event.

Pre-runs, fun runs and exhibition runs

In order to verify course safety, flow and clarity, the Course Designer or other designee of the Event Chair shall pre-run the course prior to the commencement of walk-throughs. The pre-run shall be made with a passenger whose duties are to assist in the verification and to adjust pylon placement as required. The pre-runner shall be permitted to fully compete in the event but shall be restricted to running in the 2nd or subsequent heat. No individual shall pre-run more than once per season. These pre-runner restrictions apply to the pre-run driver only.

Exhibition or fun runs will not be permitted until the official completion of an event and will only be permitted at the discretion of the Chairman.

The Chairman and/or Autocross Committee reserve the right to charge an additional fee per run for fun runs.

Clothing

Open toed shoes, sandals and bare feet are not permitted. Rubber soled shoes (sneakers, etc.) are recommended. Driving shoes and gloves, as well as fire resistant clothing, are recommended but not required.

Seat belts

All cars must have metal-to-metal seat belts, securely anchored. All occupants must wear belts. Cars with instructors as second occupant must have metal-to-metal seat belts for the passenger.

Windows

The driver's side windows shall remain fully down during a run, passenger windows may be fully up or fully down.

Cleaning out your car, glove box and trunk

Loose objects inside the trunk(s) and passenger compartment must be removed from the car. Loose objects include cell phones, change, paper, garbage, cups, floor mats, etc. In other words everything must be removed from your car.

The spare tire need not be removed if it is securely fastened. The battery must be securely fastened as well.

Pit & Paddock Area

All cars are to be parked within the designated pit & paddock area, except for vehicles used by timing, safety, and the Autocross Committee.

There is no speeding in the pit & paddock area. Any driver speeding in the pit or paddock area may be disqualified from the event at the discretion of the Chairman or Committee. Please, no speeding in the general vicinity of the event.

Inclement Weather

An event may be postponed, delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather at the discretion of the Space Coast PCA Officers, Board, Autocross Chair or Committee. If an underway event is terminated early, placing and points will be awarded on best time for the lowest number of runs completed by all entrants within class.

Helmets

All drivers and instructors must wear helmets. Helmets must be Snell 2010 approved or newer (M or SA rated). SA rating is recommended. DOT helmets are not permitted. Face shield is required if vehicle is not equipped with a full windshield. A limited number of loaner helmets are available for the day. Drivers should invest in their own helmet.

Autocross Car Classifications

Listed below are the open classes for Porsche. Ladies may compete in Open classes by car or the singular Lady's class. These classes are for Porsche cars only. BMWCCA classes will be included and BMWCCA will be responsible for classing the entries appropriately. All non-Porsche/BMW cars will be classified in the FUN class.

Showroom Stock Classes – Cars are “as delivered” from Porsche when new with no modifications. “No” includes safety equipment like harnesses, seats, and any aftermarket changes that could reasonably be considered performance improving. This includes aftermarket wheels, sway bars, harness bars, air filters, etc. Tires must be rated DOT 180 wear rating or higher with no cord showing. If a car is in question it will be reconciled using the full 2019 Parade Competition Rules at PCA.ORG

Production Classes - The Production category is for street automobiles altered beyond the Showroom Stock limits and older Porsches. The following adjustments, alterations or modifications are allowed in the Production class automobiles plus what was allowed in Showroom Stock. Safety equipment, Air Cleaners are free, Ignition is free but must keep original distributor. Carbs can be re-jetted, DME reprogrammed, no turbo boost changes. Suspensions can be adjusted with no machining or changing of mounting points. Track width can be increased by 1” over stock but tires must remain inside the fenders. Headers are allowed but must have a muffler. Tires must be DOT approved with tread wear minimum of 180 or more with no cord showing. If a modification is in question it will be reconciled using the full 2019 Parade Competition Rules at PCA.ORG

Modified Classes – This category is for street vehicles with modifications beyond those allowed in the Production Category. All Tires must be intended for highway use. Trailered cars, Hoosiers R7/A7 and Racing slicks are NOT allowed by event site management. Mufflers may NOT be removed. This differs from PCA but required by our event site management. Any ignition allowed. Any Porsche engine is allowed in any Porsche car. Any fuel management system is allowed. All DOT approved tires but must be contained under the fenders. Increased track width to 2” over stock. Original level of interior and safety equipment must be present (# of seats, dash, lights, windows). If a modification is in question it will be reconciled using the full 2019 Parade Competition Rules at PCA.ORG

Protests

All classification and modification protests must be presented in writing to the Autocross Chairman within 20 minutes of the last run. The decision of the Autocross Chairman is final. The decision need not be made at the event.

General

The addition of safety equipment such as roll bars, roll cages, fire extinguisher, safety harnesses, harness guide bars, etc., is permitted and recommended.

- Roll bars are recommended for cabriolets.
- No drugs or alcoholic beverages are permitted at the event.
- No Passengers are allowed.
- Only certified SPC instructors are allowed in a car with another person
- An adult must accompany children at all times.
- Pets must be leashed, where permitted. Pets not allowed at AMCM

Tires

Cord may not be visible before, during or after official timed runs. Recapped or regrooved tires are not allowed. Street tires (Stock classes) must have visible tread across the entire tread surface. All Tires must be intended for highway use. Trailered cars, Hoosiers R7/A7 and Racing slicks are NOT allowed by event site management. **Tire warming is not permitted.**

IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF ANY RULE OR PROCEDURE, DO NOT HESITATE TO ASK THE CHAIRMAN FOR EXPLANATION OR CLARIFICATION.