



Independent Motorsports Group

On-Track High Performance Driver's Education and Time Trial Rules and Regulations

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A. Foreword

What makes IMG special is our community of drivers, staff, friends, and family. We will always strive to build a friendly community where everyone is there to help each other learn and grow. If you have a problem, we not only encourage, but expect, you to look to our staff, your neighbor in the paddock, or your fellow competitors for help. No matter how small or large the problem, we will do everything within our power to make sure no one is ever left stranded.

These rules are designed to ensure that every participant, at every level (novice, time trialer and racer), has an excitable, enjoyable and – most importantly – safe experience on track. Participant feedback is welcome, as we continue to strive to make IMG events the best that they can be.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions on these rules, please contact us at:

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B. Driver Eligibility

Drivers who meet the following are eligible to participate in IMG On-Track events:

- Are at least 18 years old (16 years or older with parental consent and prior arrangements made)
- Hold a current, valid state driver's license
- Have use of a vehicle that meets the vehicle safety requirements below
- Have been deemed physically fit to participate in high performance track driving
- Are an IMG member in good standing

C. Driver Safety Requirements

At minimum, all drivers participating in IMG On-Track High Performance Driver's Education and Time Trial events must wear the following:

- A proper fitting motor racing helmet with one or more of the following certifications:
 - Snell M2005, SA2005, M2010, or SA2010
 - FIA 8860-2004
 - SFI 31.1/2005
- Long-sleeve shirt and pants in non-synthetic material (e.g.: cotton)
- Closed toe shoes

The following equipment is strongly recommended:

- Driving Gloves
 - Full-face helmet with face shield
- *Note – Full face helmets are required for drivers of open cockpit cars and for all drivers participating at New Jersey Motorsports Park events*

All participants are encouraged to use safety equipment that exceeds these minimum requirements. If you own a driving suit, a head and neck restraint, or a full set of Nomex underwear, we encourage their use.

D. Vehicle Safety Requirements

The goal of the IMG driver's education program is to allow drivers to participate in any safe, well-maintained production car or racecar. In order to maintain a safe environment for everyone, IMG tech inspectors may prevent any car deemed unsafe. In order to help ensure that you do not have issues at the track, make sure that your car complies with the following minimum safety requirements:

Appearance

All vehicles must be in good condition and appearance. Cars should not have excessive body damage, rust, or have any loose bodywork.

Wheels and Tires

Tires must be in good condition with no visible damage. Tires with exposed cords, bubbles, dry rot, or tread separation must be replaced. Wheels must not be cracked or show similar structural damage. All lug nuts must be present and torqued properly. Wheel covers, hub caps, and beauty rings must be removed.

Steering and Suspension

The steering and suspension joints in the car should be in good condition with no excessive play. The wheel bearings should be in good condition with no excessive play.

Engine

There should be no fluid leaks of any kind in the engine bay. A radiator overflow tank of at least one liter must be used (OEM overflow tanks are acceptable). All hoses carrying fluids should be in good condition with no cracks, soft spots, or other damage. All components must be securely fastened to the engine bay.

Battery and Electrical System

The battery must be securely fastened to the car with solid, non-elastic mounting brackets. The positive battery terminal must be covered with a non-conductive battery terminal cover (non-conductive tape is OK). All vehicle wiring must be properly insulated.

Brake System

The brakes should be in good working condition and must be able to stop the vehicle within a safe distance in a controlled manner. Brake rotors and pads should have at least 30% life left and not have structural cracks or damage. The brake fluid must be clean, its level sufficient, and the brake pedal must have adequate pressure. Brake fluid should be of high quality and appropriate for high performance driving. It is strongly recommended that brake fluid be changed regularly.

Seats, Seatbelts, and Harnesses

OEM seats and aftermarket seats are acceptable, as long as they are installed according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

OEM 3-point seatbelts or 5 / 6 / 7 point harnesses (installed according to the manufacturer's recommendations) are acceptable. All restraints must be in good condition, with no fraying, stretching, or cuts.

Aftermarket belts and harnesses must be in good condition with no cuts, fraying, and without apparent heat or UV damage. DE and Time Trial cars participating at New Jersey Motorsports Park events must be current with their certification dates, as follows:

- SFI rated belts must be no older than 2 years of their date of manufacture
- FIA rated belts must be no older than 5 years of their date of manufacture

For cars with a passenger seat, we strongly recommend that the passenger's safety equipment matches the equipment on the driver's side.

Roll Bars

All open cockpit or convertible cars must have a roll bar that is taller than the driver's head with his/her helmet on. Roll bars should be of the highest possible quality, in good condition, and able to support the weight of the car in the case of a rollover. Use of a removable hard top in lieu of a roll bar may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

All convertible soft tops must be in the down position or removed while on track.

Lights and Windows

All cars (except Formula cars) must have at least one working brake light. All glass headlights and driving lights should be covered with tape. All glass sunroofs must be covered with tape. Painter's tape or masking tape is recommended for easy removal.

Interior

All interior components should be securely fastened. All loose items in the interior and trunk should be removed prior to going on track. This includes floor mats, spare tire, tools, jack, and any objects hanging from the rear view mirror.

E. Rules of The Road

On the Track

In order to maintain a safe driving environment, we ask that all drivers follow these on track rules:

General Rules

- Both front windows must be fully open
- All occupants (including instructors) must keep their hands and arms inside the car at all times
- Passing is only allowed in the designated passing zones
- Over-aggressive driving and passing is forbidden
- Drivers should not stop their car on track except in an emergency
- Stay alert and obey all flags and directions from corner workers or officials
- When entering pit lane, put your hand out of the driver's side window in a closed fist to indicate that you are returning to pit lane
- All novice and intermediate drivers are required to participate in all classroom sessions between sessions

Passing

- Passing is only allowed in the designated passing zones
- Passing zones vary depending on the track. Make sure you attend the driver's meeting at each event to find out where the passing zones are for your group
- When being passed, use point-bys to indicate which side you would like the faster car to pass
 - If you would like to be passed on the driver's side, point your finger straight out of the window
 - If you would like to be passed on the passenger's side, point over the roof of your car
- Hold your line when you are being passed

Driving Off-Course and Spinning

- If you are involved in a spin or off-track excursion, wait for a signal from the nearest corner worker before re-entering the track. Return to the hot pit immediately after. The pit marshal will need to speak to you and check the car for any damage.
- If your car becomes stuck or stranded on or off the track, stay in the car. Wait for assistance. Only exit the car if directed to do so or if the car catches fire.

Body Contact

- Metal to metal contact between cars is strictly prohibited. If you are involved in contact with any other car, return to pit lane immediately.

In the Paddock

The paddock is a communal area with participants, staff, friends, families, children, and possibly pets. In order to maintain a safe environment for everyone at the event, stay alert and adhere to the following rules:

- The paddock speed limit is 5 mph for all vehicles (including golf carts and bicycles)
- All children should be supervised at all times
- Burnouts, brake testing, and similar behavior are prohibited in the paddock
- Any fluid spills (gasoline, brake fluid, oil) must be cleaned up immediately
- Dispose of all trash in the provided trash cans
- Take care of the facility! Participants will be responsible for any damage incurred to the facility
- All pets must be kept on a leash. Some tracks have special rules regarding pets. Please clean up after your pets.

In the Hot Pit / Pit Lane

- The pit lane speed limit is 20 mph. Keep your speeds down!
- If you need to stop in the pits, stop within the designated pit stalls on the right hand side
- Do not block the active lane or stop in front of the paddock entrance or exit
- All individuals in the hot pit must wear at least a t-shirt, long pants, and closed toe shoes
- All individuals in the hot pit must be 16 years or older (or abide by track regulation if more restrictive)
- No pets are allowed in the pit

F. Time Trial Competition Rules

The following rules apply to any driver looking to compete in IMG Time Trial competition. If you are looking to compete in an IMG Time Trial, please make sure you read and understand the following:

Event Format

IMG Time Trials use an all-day timing format using a AMB / Mylaps timing system. We will record your lap time for every lap in every session that you complete, and your fastest time during the day will be your competition time. Cars compete by classes by performance, as described in the IMG Car Classing Guide. The fastest time in each class wins.

As the Time Trial program is an extension of the IMG Driver's Education program, we expect all drivers to follow the same rules and regulations as DE participants. Metal to metal contact is strictly prohibited, and drivers who display over-aggressive or dangerous behavior will be disqualified.

Driver Eligibility

IMG Members who have received sign-off from the IMG DE Chief Instructor may apply for a Time Trial license and participate in Time Trial events.

We also accept Time Trial licenses from recognized sanctioning bodies and may grant time trial licenses based on driving experience. Please include your driving experience when applying for your time trial license.

IMG Members with current Race licenses may also participate in Time Trial Events.

Vehicle Eligibility

Any vehicle that meets the IMG Driver's Education Vehicle Safety Requirements and/or the IMG Race Series Vehicle Safety Regulations may compete in IMG Time Trial events. All cars must have their car numbers and car class identifiers visibly displayed on both sides of the car.

All vehicles competing in time trial events must be equipped with an **AMB / Mylaps timing transponder** to be scored throughout the day. A limited number of transponders are available for rental at IMG Time Trial events, but we recommend that all drivers have their own transponder.

For details on MyLaps transponders and timing systems, visit Mylaps.com.

G. Flags and Signals

Flags are the most important form of communication when you are on track. Take your time and make sure you know what each flag means.

<p>Yellow (standing)</p> 	<p>Caution - No Passing</p> <p>There is a vehicle or incident ahead.</p> <p>No passing until you are clearly past the incident.</p>	<p>Yellow (Waving)</p> 	<p>EXTREME Caution - No Passing</p> <p>There is a vehicle or incident blocking the racing line or in a dangerous position. Use caution, and be prepared to take evasive action.</p> <p>No passing until you are clearly past the incident.</p>
<p>Black</p> 	<p>Return to Pit</p> <p>Complete the lap you are on and return to pit lane. Report to the pit marshal for instructions.</p> <p>If the Black Flag is displayed at all stations, all cars must return to the pit.</p>	<p>Red</p> 	<p>Emergency - Stop Safely</p> <p>Come to a complete stop as quickly and safely as possible on the side of the track.</p> <p>Look for your nearest corner station and wait for further instructions.</p>
<p>Blue</p> 	<p>Allow Faster Cars to Pass</p> <p>Check your mirrors – a faster car is approaching quickly. Be prepared to let the faster car pass in the next passing zone.</p>	<p>Debris</p> 	<p>Stay Alert for Debris or Fluid</p> <p>There may be debris or fluid on the track. Be prepared to avoid the debris. The flag will be withdrawn within 2-3 laps if the condition remains unchanged.</p>
<p>Meatball</p> 	<p>Mechanical – Return to Pit</p> <p>Slow down and return to pit. There is a mechanical problem with your car.</p> <p>If you are leaking excessively on track or if your car is unable to return to the pit, pull off and wait for assistance.</p>	<p>White</p> 	<p>Slow Moving Vehicle – Pass with care</p> <p>A very slow moving vehicle is on the track. You may pass it, but take extreme care.</p> <p>This vehicle may be an emergency vehicle or another participant.</p>
<p>Green (or no flag)</p> 	<p>Track is Clear</p> <p>Proceed normally. The session is underway and the course is clear.</p>	<p>Checkered</p> 	<p>End of Session</p> <p>Your session has ended. Complete the lap you are on and return to pit lane at a SLIGHTLY reduced speed.</p>