

First Settlers Region
Drivers Education Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What type of helmet is required?

Snell SA 2005 or later rated helmets are required to participate in First Settlers Region DE events. Motorcycle (M rated) or karting (K rated) helmets do NOT meet our requirements. Helmets will be inspected for compliance as part of the technical inspection at the track. Open-face helmets are not recommended.

2. I don't have a helmet. Can I borrow or rent one?

We do have a limited number of helmets available as loaners for use by DE Intro students. Borrowing a helmet from a friend is possible, but only if they are not running in the same group as you.

3. How do I register?

Registration for First Settlers Region DE events is done online via www.Motorsportreg.com. The first step is to set up a personal account via the "Create an Account" link on the website. You can search for events using the Calendar function. The website is user-friendly though you need to be sure to check on the options to include run group assignment, car number, t-shirt size, etc.

4. Can I register for only one or two days instead of all three days?

In order to accommodate as many full registrations as possible we don't allow partial registrations until the end of the registration timeline. We will consider one or two day registrations if there is space available when registration closes. Any special request should be directed to the DE Registrar at de@fsrpca.org. **We have a Monday option for our Fall event. See registration details.**

5. I'm unable to register as an instructor. Why?

First, make sure FSR is one of the regions you've selected in the Clubs section of your profile. If PCA FSR is not one of your clubs, then FSR cannot see you to allow you to register for our event. Instructor credentials must be verified before you can register. PCA certified instructors will be verified via the list posted on the PCA website. Instructors should update their qualifications on the "External Driving Resume" tab on Motorsportreg.com with as much detail as possible so our registrar and Chief Track Instructor (CTI) can verify your information. If you have not instructed with us before, and are not on the PCA Instructor list, we will need email confirmation from your CTI or sanctioning organization to verify your credentials. If you have instructed with us since 2008, you should be on our list and have the "Instructor Entry" option available on the online registration form to ensure you are charged the right amount. If you have any questions, please verify your instructor status with the registrar BEFORE YOU REGISTER, so that we can add you to our instructor list and get the charges correct.

6. What is required for me to instruct with First Settlers Region?

Certification of your credentials by our Chief Track Instructor (CTI) is required for you to instruct at our DE events. We welcome all qualified driver's education (DE) or high performance driving education (HPDE) instructors regardless of affiliation. PCA certified instructors will be verified via the list posted on the PCA website. Instructors should update their qualifications on the "External Driving Resume" tab on Motorsportreg.com with as much detail as possible so our registrar and Chief Track Instructor (CTI) can verify your information. If you have not instructed with us before, and are not on the PCA Instructor list, we will need email confirmation from your CTI or sanctioning organization to verify your credentials. If you have any questions, please verify your instructor status with registrar BEFORE YOU REGISTER, so that we can add you to our instructor list and get the charges correct.

7. I have an online credit with First Settlers Region on Motorsportsreg.com. How do I redeem it when I register?

Your credit will show up on your Motorsportreg.com account when you go to the registration page. At checkout, you'll see a checkbox below the item in your cart that you will be able to check to redeem your credit for the immediate purchase. If you have any questions, contact the Registrar before completing your registration and payment.

8. How does car-sharing between run groups and students work?

Two drivers sharing one car is possible but only if the drivers are in different run groups. Registration fees are required for both drivers. **Please contact the Registrar BEFORE YOU REGISTER if you're trying to share a car in the same run group.**

9. How do I know what run group to register in?

You should update your driving experience in your account on Motorsportreg.com for verification by our Registrar and Chief Track Instructor (CTI). For Students, your sign-offs to move up to a new group should be recorded in your logbook with an

instructor sign-off. For intermediate or advanced drivers, your qualifications must be approved by our CTI using inputs emailed from your Region or sanctioning body's CTI. If you have any doubt about which run group you should be in, contact our Registrar before signing up.

10. How do I request a specific instructor?

We try to accommodate every request for a specific instructor; however, preferred pairing is not always possible. You can submit your request to the Registrar using the link on Motorsportreg.com to "Ask the Registrar a Question".

11. Are in-car video cameras allowed?

Mechanically mounted cameras are permitted. Modern suction cup mounts, while not recommended, are permitted with a tether. The tether should be as short as possible to prevent interference with vehicle operation. Any such mount is subject to inspection and rejection during technical inspection at the track. No other temporary type mount will be accepted.

12a. What are the requirements for registration?

You must be 18 years of age and show proof of a valid US-issued driver's license upon registration at the track.

12b. How much does the event cost?

The Sep 2012 registration fee for drivers is \$379 and for instructors it is \$125. This fee gives you full access to three full days of track sessions and three classroom sessions for Green and Blue group students.

13. When will registration be open at the track?

Details of registration and tech inspection times will be made available when the event schedule is published. However, you can expect registration to be open for a few hours on Thursday evening, then again each morning of the event. Please note, this does not mean that walk-on registration is possible. All participants must register in advance of the Registration close date using Motorsportreg.com. At-track registration simply consists of picking up registration materials and armbands, etc.

14. What is the refund policy?

Electronic refunds via Motorsportreg.com are possible and must be done as per policy. We strive to be efficient but it can be time consuming. Refunds for cancellations on or before Sep 01, 2012 will be issued minus a 10.0% cancellation fee, or issued as a full credit on Motorsportreg.com credit for a future FSR event. Cancellations after Sep 1, 2012 receive a 50% refund. No refunds after Sep 10, 2012, although extenuating circumstances will be considered. Refund requests must be made in writing or through the Motorsportreg.com cancellation button on the MY EVENTS page. No-shows will not receive a refund.

15. Are your DE events open to other cars besides Porsches or non-PCA members?

Yes! All marques and interested drivers are welcome on a first-come, first-serve basis.

16. My car is completely stock including street tires. Will it be acceptable for DE events?

With the exception of roll bar requirements for some convertibles (see additional FAQ regarding convertibles), no modifications are required to make your car 'legal' for DE events.

17. How much track time can I expect?

The schedule will vary depending upon the track configuration and may be adjusted to accommodate special events such as instructor training; however, a 'normal' event weekend includes either four 20 minute sessions or three 30 minute sessions per group, per day. Groups may also be combined for the sake of efficiency while maintaining maximum track time for everyone.

18. Does the instruction include classroom training?

Yes. Students in the Green and Blue groups are expected to attend daily classroom sessions to discuss track rules and regulations, safety issues and driving techniques.

19. What is the difference in the various color groups?

The Green Group is for beginners and novices. The Blue Group is for novices and intermediate students. Green and Blue students will be assigned an instructor until signed-off for solo driving. The White group is for upper intermediate and early advanced drivers. The Black Group is for advanced drivers and the Red Group is for instructors.

20. What is involved with the "DE Intro" program?

The DE Intro program is designed to provide new drivers an introduction to our track events without having to devote the time and money to an entire weekend. The cost is \$50 for one track session with an instructor. All technical and helmet requirements apply. We have a limited number of loaner helmets.

21. Do I need to wear any special clothing?

The regulations require long pants, a long sleeve shirt, close-toed shoes and an approved helmet. All clothing should be of natural fibers.

22. Do I need to have my car inspected before the event?

Yes. A pre-event technical inspection, performed by a qualified mechanic, is required by all participants. The required form can be downloaded at www.fst.pca.org. It must be completed and signed by the mechanic within 30 days of the event. You must bring the form to the technical inspection team when you arrive at the track.

23. Do qualified instructors need to complete a third-party technical inspection by a mechanic?

Yes. In the best interest of your safety and for other participants on the track with you, we require all participants to obtain a pre-event technical inspection within 30 days of the event. The completed and signed tech form must be presented to the tech inspectors at the track.

24. What are the technical inspection requirements at the track?

Every participant needs to bring their car to tech inspection, and obtain a sticker indicating a valid inspection, each day before getting on the track. Instructors are required to pass tech inspection on the first day only. Instructors are required to peer tech their cars on subsequent days.

25. Are refunds possible if the event is cancelled for weather?

The event will be held rain or shine. Unfortunately, our costs to rent the track cannot be refunded in the case of inclement weather, so we are unable to refund any registration fees if track sessions are cancelled for weather.

26. Can I pick my own number for my car?

You will identify the number that you would like to put on your car when you register on-line. We will make every effort to accommodate all requests; however, we can't have the same number on two different cars. Numbers will generally be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. The numbers must be at least 8 inches high and placed on both sides of the car either on sheet metal or windows. The color needs to be contrasting to make the numbers easily visible by the track workers. Blue painters tape, painted, magnetic or vinyl numbers are all suitable.

27. What are the rules for passing?

The Green, Blue and White Groups are allowed to pass only in designated passing zones that will be explained each morning during the All Driver's meeting. The Black Group uses "Extended Passing" that includes any straightaway. The Red Group for instructors uses "Open Passing" anywhere on the track. However, a "point by" from the driver being passed is REQUIRED prior to any pass regardless of the run group or passing rules.

28. Can I participate in a DE in an open car?

Any Porsche vehicle equipped and operated with a factory hardtop is acceptable. At this time we do not accept any other manufacturer's hardtops.

Any make of car using a soft top, or no top, requires a racing approved rollbar and must pass the "broomstick" test. The "broomstick" test specifies that the driver's helmet, and

instructor's helmet when appropriate", be below a line drawn from the top of the windshield and the top of the roll bar.

Porsche Boxsters operated with soft tops are also acceptable with their fixed rollover hoops and must also pass to the broomstick test. Typically, a 986 Boxster will require the addition of a rollover hoop extension to pass the broomstick test. Typically, a 987 Boxster will not require the extension.

When available, soft tops must be closed. All targa tops must be installed unless there is additional roll over protection. All sunroofs must be in the closed position

If no roof is installed, arm restraints are required.

29. Do I need to sign any insurance waivers?

Everyone is required to sign a VIR track liability waiver when coming through the gate for the first time. All participants and spectators are required to sign a PCA liability waiver when registering for the event.

30. Is car insurance for dedicated track events available?

Yes. Various companies offer insurance coverage specifically designed for high performance driver training events. Lockton Affinity is one company recommended by PCA with a link to their website available on the Motorsportreg.com website.

31. Do you permit instructors from other PCA regions, car clubs, or racing and track organizations?

Absolutely! We welcome all qualified driver's education or high performance driving instructors. PCA certified instructors will be verified via the list posted on the PCA website. Instructors should update their qualifications on the "External Driving Resume" tab on Motorsportreg.com with as much detail as possible so our registrar and Chief Track Instructor (CTI) can verify your information. If you have not instructed with us before, and are not on the PCA Instructor list, we will need email confirmation from your CTI or sanctioning organization to verify your credentials. Instructors who have driven with us since 2008 should have the "Instructor Entry" option available on the online registration form to ensure you are charged the correct amount. If you have any questions, please verify your instructor status with the registrar BEFORE YOU REGISTER, so that we can add you to our instructor list and get the charges correct.

32. Where can I find information about lodging, what to bring with me and what to expect during the weekend?

Details of lodging and suggested items to bring to make your DE weekend more enjoyable are listed in "Event Information Pack" on the First Settlers Region website (www.fst.pca.org). The packet also includes DE driving tips that you should read before the event. All the required forms and a VIR track map are also posted on the website.

Student and instructor pairings will be posted when they become available. Please print your own forms and desired information before coming to the track.