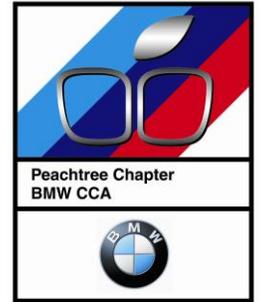


Driving School

Confirmation Packet



Dear Student,

Congratulations! We are extremely excited that you will be joining us for the Peachtree BMW CCA driving school at Road Atlanta. Our goal is to provide you with a safe, enjoyable weekend and to assist you with your driving skills. The focus of the weekend is **SAFETY** for all those involved: you and your car, the Corner Marshals, the Instructors, and all other participants and volunteers.

**READ ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PACKET
CAREFULLY PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE EVENT**

We are constantly striving to improve the quality of the school and enhance each student's experience, so even those of you who have attended previous schools with us may note changes to the format from the last school.

Please be sure to review this packet in its entirety and complete all necessary forms prior to registration.

ALL NECESSARY FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE DRIVING SCHOOLS SECTION OF OUR WEBSITE (www.peachtreebmwcca.org).

Thank you for being part of this great event! We look forward to a weekend full of good times, great cars, and new friends.

Driving School Committee:

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| • <i>Jason Courant:</i> | <i>Chairman</i> |
| • <i>David Harrison:</i> | <i>Chief Instructor</i> |
| • <i>Lea Enslin:</i> | <i>Chief Instructor</i> |
| • <i>Anna-Katherine Johnston:</i> | <i>Registrar</i> |
| • <i>Mike Sewell:</i> | <i>Registrar</i> |

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Few thrills in life rival that of driving a car at high speed in a controlled, safe environment. However, danger and risk are always present in this type of activity. The following forms need to be completed and turned in at registration for the weekend. Registration takes place at the Tech Shed located in the middle of the main parking paddock.

Registration Times:		
Day	Times	Participants
Friday	7:00 am to 8:30 am	Instructors, and Students invited to Friday Orientation
	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm	All Students and Instructors
Saturday	7:00 am to 8:00 am	All Students and Instructors

We strongly urge students to register on Friday if at all possible. It helps ensure students don't miss the mandatory drivers meeting on Saturday morning. Instructors participating on that Friday are allowed to take students out as passengers throughout the day, so if you register early you can get some valuable extra passenger seat time on track.

FORMS:

Driver's License Verification Form: The form needs to be completed, signed, dated, and brought to registration with a copy of your driver's license. Either photocopy onto this form or attach a copy of it to the form.

Pre-Event Tech Inspection Form: This inspection form needs to be filled out and signed by a professional mechanic. We recommend using our Sponsors. Please be aware it is your responsibility to ensure your vehicle is in acceptable working order. The club does not give refunds due to mechanical issues and we reserve the right to prohibit cars we deem unsafe from the track. Once signed by the mechanic, this form needs to be signed by the participant, dated, and brought to registration.

YOU WILL BE CHARGED A \$50.00 FEE FOR A MECHANIC TO PERFORM THIS INSPECTION AT THE TRACK.

Medical Form: This form needs to be completed, placed in a sealed envelope with your name on the outside of it and brought to registration.

Again, these forms are available at www.peachtreebmwcca.org, under the Driving Schools tab.

SECTION 1: THE DRIVING SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

1.1 Before the Event

1.1.1 Student

- **Cancellations:** The cancellation policy is included in the event details on www.motorsportreg.com.
- **Complete Packet:** All of the forms should be completed prior to arriving at the track. Tech inspections are to be completed **prior** to the event, not at the event.
- **Accommodations:** Accommodations are your responsibility. You must make your own hotel reservations as soon as possible if necessary.
- **Clothing:** Weather in Atlanta is generally unpredictable, so please check the forecast and bring appropriate clothes. No open-toe shoes on the track or in the Hot Pits. Shorts and short sleeved shirts are allowed, but please consider your safety. Non-synthetic, 100% cotton pants and long sleeve shirts are recommended while in car on track. Plan to bring several different types of clothing.
- **Helmet:** All helmets must be a Snell 2010 or later. The club does have a limited number of helmets available for rent over the weekend event on a first-come first-serve basis for \$25.
- **Food & Beverages:** Meals and drinks are not included in your registration fee. While there are several convenience stores and fast food restaurants nearby, feel free to bring a cooler of your favorite drinks and food stuffs.
- **Animals:** Animals are not allowed at Road Atlanta. Please do not bring any pets to the event, as you will be turned away at the gate.

1.1.2 Vehicle

- **Vehicle Tech Inspection:** Have the vehicle inspected in advance. The pre-event tech inspection form needs to be completed at the time of the inspection by the mechanic. We recommend using our sponsors.
- **Tune Up:** Your car will be put under considerably more stress during a Driving School compared to normal daily commuting. In addition to the required tech inspection, spend the time and money to ensure your car is at its peak operating condition. This means changing oil, flushing brake fluid, and so on. Bring extra oil to the track to top off **your** supply.
- **Tires:** In almost every case, tires are the single most important factor in measuring and improving a car's cornering capability. Good tires properly mounted and balanced with at least 3/32" tread depth on good wheels is essential. Recommended tire pressure is between 32-40 psi.

“R” COMPOUND (RACING COMPOUND)

TIRES ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR NOVICE STUDENTS

- **Brake Pads:** High speed driving will wear pads out much more rapidly than daily driving, especially your front pads! The condition of your pads is critical to maximum performance and safety during the

event. Check your pads prior to arrival. Pads worn more than ½ from new should be replaced prior to the event.

- **Seat Belts:** Factory belts in street cars are acceptable, as are properly installed aftermarket belts. Matching restraints are required in both student and instructor seats. Frayed or worn seat belts must be replaced.
- **Air, Fuel, & Oil:** These may or may not be available at the track. There are several service stations within close proximity of Road Atlanta with these items. Filling up before you come to the track is a great “rule.”

1.2 Arriving at the Track

Waivers

Everyone (including your guests) must sign **two waivers** at the track. One waiver is for Road Atlanta and is located at the gate. The second waiver is for the BMW CCA and is located at registration in the Tech Shed. Participants (including spectators) assume all risk of damage to persons and property during the course of the event. The ultimate burden of safety is yours.

1.2.1 Minor Waivers

For those persons under the age of 18 who enter the track, a BMW CCA Minor Waiver form must be completed. This must be signed by both parents, unless a single custodial situation exists. It is recommended that the minor waiver form be downloaded and printed **IN COLOR** from the club site, at <http://www.peachtreebmwcca.org/download/MinorWaiver.pdf> and a completed, signed waiver be completed for EACH CHILD, in advance of arriving at the track. Children under age 18 may not be present in the hot pits, nor may they ride in a car during hot track sessions.

1.2.2 Registration

Registration takes place at the Tech Shed in the main paddock. **Bring your helmet and completed forms** to the tech shed for registration. If possible, register early to avoid the rush on Saturday morning.

1.2.3 Move In & Parking

Students may move their trailers, tow vehicles and cars onto the Road Atlanta paddock beginning Thursday at 5:00 PM. Students should use common sense when “staking a claim” to the paddock. The area around the tech-shed is for meetings and committee members only. In the event you are needed to relocate, you will. **Parking is not allowed on the actual skid pad surface, but you can use the surface bordering it, nor in the shaded area between the timing tower and restroom building.**



1.3 During the Event

1.3.1 Run Groups

You will be assigned to run groups based on your experience and ability (A, B, or C). **If two people are sharing the same car, you will be placed in separate run groups. We will make every effort to have the sharing drivers in groups that are not back to back in order to give the car an opportunity to cool between sessions.** You will also be assigned an in-car Instructor for the weekend. Based upon your skill development and ability, you may be “Signed Off” to drive Solo during some of the driving sessions. We encourage you to take different instructors with you if applicable and to ride with as many Instructors as possible throughout the weekend.

1.3.2 Schedule

You will receive a Driver’s School schedule at registration. Keep a copy of the schedule with you at all times! A wrist band is also included and must be worn the entire weekend. In order to maximize everyone’s track time, we adhere as closely as possible to the schedule. **BE ON TIME!** All scheduled school events will proceed with or without you.

Driver’s Meeting & Classroom Time

As part of your schedule, there is a mandatory **(NOT OPTIONAL!!!)** drivers’ meeting early Saturday and Sunday mornings! Please review the weekend schedule closely, as we may or may not have the ability to remind you over the public address system. Your track time depends on your prompt attendance. In addition to your time on the track, we know you will find your time in the classroom of equal value. High speed driving

theory will be discussed as well as a variety of related topics. This is an excellent opportunity for you to learn the mechanics of driving. Every classroom is mandatory and attendance will be taken!

1.3.3 Before Each Session

- Check Lug Nuts/Bolts (Not while they're hot)
- Check Oil Level
- Check Tire Pressures
- Check Brakes (Make sure you have a firm pedal)
- Investigate Suspected Mechanical Problems*

The track is the wrong place to confirm that you have a problem. Thoroughly check and correct any problem prior to going out on track.

1.3.4 Clean Tech

Check your car for loose items in the glovebox, interior and trunk. Be sure to remove any loose articles from your car. Bring a waterproof cover to protect any items you must remove while on the track. Items include floor mats, CDs, tools, and pretty much everything that's not bolted down.

1.3.5 Passengers

Due to insurance constraints, passengers are not allowed in student's cars during run sessions. However, students are encouraged to ride with as many instructors as possible throughout the weekend.

1.3.6 Physical Conditioning

High speed driving is a physically demanding activity which requires a maximum amount of mental concentration, split second timing, and coordinated muscle movement over an extended period of time. You should tune yourself physically and maintain your condition through proper diet, rest, and replenishment of fluids throughout the weekend. **DRINK PLENTY OF WATER!!!**

1.3.7 Passing Zones

This event is NOT a racing school. Due to the difference in driver and car ability, passing will occur. Watch your mirrors and be courteous to one another.

Passing is permitted in the following areas ONLY:

- Between Turn 5 and Turn 6;**
- Between Turn 7 and the Black Flag Station;**
- Between Turn 12 and Turn 1.**

Each zone is identified by a pair of signs at the start and end of the zone. Passes must be completed prior to the end of the passing zone. Late passes will result in a black flag being displayed to you. Any driver observed passing another car outside of these areas will be black flagged and must report directly to a track official in the hot pits. Black flag infractions are serious and will be dealt with accordingly.

All passing must be done with a clear signal from the leading car. The driver of the overtaken car, using his/her left arm, must make a pointing signal outside and over the roof of his/her car. **No signal means no pass – NO EXCEPTIONS!** If you wish to pass, you must wait and receive a signal before overtaking. A passing signal is required for EACH car wishing to pass. All passes must be on the right side only, except between Turn 5 and Turn 6 where either side is acceptable with a point.

For our Run Group A and Run Group B, you can pass anywhere with a point. We would prefer the passing be on the right in the designated passing areas, that is, T5 to T6, T7 to Black Flag, and T12 to T1. The point can be either to driver left with a straight point out the window or to driver right with a point up and over the roof of the vehicle. Make sure that the point is CLEAR and you stay on-line with whichever line you have chosen. The driver must indicate a point per each vehicle.

If you are the car being overtaken, stay on-line, breathe off the throttle to allow the passing car to complete his/her pass prior to the end of the passing zone. If a car catches up to you, let him/her pass you! They are obviously quicker than you around Road Atlanta. Don't spoil their weekend, or yours – we're all friends here and cooperation makes the event better for everyone.

1.3.8 Driving Etiquette

Do not follow too closely or group together. There are two options: back off on the straight to allow more room (an ideal time to listen to your Instructor) and/or exit the track and drive through the hot pit at a slow speed (15 mph max) and return to the track. Should you elect the second option, signal your action to the other students by extending your arm out your window, make a fist as you exit Turn 10b and stay left going under the bridge so as to enter pit road.

After the checkered flag is displayed at the start/finish line, slow down. **DO NOT** instantly slow down as the driver behind you may not see the checkered flag... they're too busy watching you! This cool-down lap is very important as it will allow your brakes to cool, helping minimize the chance you will warp your rotors or boil your brake fluid. When you park in the paddock, **DO NOT** apply the handbrake. Leave automatics in "park" and manuals in first or reverse.

If you have a mechanical problem while on the track, follow these steps:

- If you can continue, use your flasher and slowly return to the hot pit area. If your car is leaking fluid, get off and stay off "the line."
- If you must stop on the track, check your mirrors and park off-line in a non-target location, preferably near a corner station. Signal to the corner worker that you are OK. In either case, stay in your car unless there is a fire risk. **DO NOT** cross the track unless a corner worker instructs you to do so.

Driver changes are to be made in the hot pit lane only. Remember, the hot pit speed limit is 15 mph.

1.3.9 Run Group & Car Number

At registration, you'll be issued a run group and placed on the top center of the windshield and window.



car number to be passenger side rear

1.3.10 Corner Stations

Corner stations at Turns 1,3,4,5,6,7, Black Flag, Start/Finish will be staffed with marshals who have flags to signal information/warnings to you. Familiarize yourself with the location of these stations and pay attention to the flags being displayed. Flag warnings pertain to the area from the flag station displaying the flag to the next manned flag station. Familiarize yourself with the flags and their meanings in Attachment 2.1.

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1.3.11 Touring Laps

Touring Laps will typically be available during lunch on Sunday (11:00 AM). It will be a **\$10 donation** to the BMW CCA Foundation in support of Teen Street Survival. This is a great opportunity to friends and family to drive on track, albeit at slow speed.

1.3.12 Track Damage

Track Damage - Entrants assume all risk of damage to persons and property during the course of the event. Should any damage to Road Atlanta facilities occur as a result of any action of yours, you will be charged for the cost of the repairs. Past examples include but certainly are not limited to: damage to Armco (rails \$6 per foot/post \$30 each) as the result of an off-road excursion, damage to barrier blocks are \$355 each, oil dry \$10 per bag and damage to power outlets in the paddock, etc. Road Atlanta reserves the right to change any of these prices at any time. The ultimate burden of safety is yours.

1.3.14 Cameras/Video Cameras

Following the safety theme, any cameras or video cameras used must be securely fastened. Cameras and video cameras cannot be manually held. If a corner worker sees one improperly secured – you or your student will be black flagged. If a camera/video camera is placed on the exterior of the vehicle, it must be checked frequently to be sure it is secure. Any camera or video camera that comes off while on-track – consider it lost and non-recoverable. Use at your own risk. **Drones are not allowed to fly over moving vehicles**, and as a general rule should not be flying over people or property where failure would cause injury or damage.

1.3.15 In-car timing

Timing devices have become prevalent in this sport. It is impossible to keep them out, but we require there be no in-car visibility of the timing information when on-track. Face the display forward, down, etc. or cover it. Again – no in-car viewing of the timing data please.

1.4 Rules & Reminders

Please read and adhere to these rules. Safety is the most important issue!

- **NO RACING!!! ANYONE DEEMED TO BE DRIVING IN AN UNSAFE MANNER WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE EVENT WITHOUT A REFUND.**
- **BE READY** to go before your run group is called. Listen for announcements. Remember your meetings & classroom time!
- **BE IN YOUR CAR**, engine warmed, helmet on, seatbelts adjusted, driver and passenger windows down, doors unlocked, five minutes before your run session.
- **EVERY SESSION** will begin the first lap under the YELLOW flag. No passing. This is the time to check your car, the track, and yourself to make sure all is ready.
- **KNOW THE FLAGS** and watch the flag stations. Follow the corner marshals' directions – this could save you a lot of grief. Acknowledge all flags with a brief wave if safely possible.
- **DO NOT TAILGATE** the car in front of you. If you are being followed too closely, signal the car to pass you at the appropriate places or come into the hot pit and allow congestion to clear and then re-enter the track.

- **PASSING** is allowed only in designated passing zones. You may not pass until the driver in front of you has clearly signaled that you may do so. Leave plenty of time and space to complete the passing maneuver by the end of the designated passing zone. Do not block faster drivers.
- **DRIVE YOUR LINE**, don't follow the car in front of you. To do so risks duplicating someone else's mistake.
- **LOUD CARS** are prohibited by local ordinances (Hall County 5.10.580 (E)) between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Sunday. If you drive an unmuffled or loud car, you may not be able to run your scheduled track time on Sunday. The Drivers' School Committee reserves the right to determine which cars exceed allowable noise limits.
- **CONVERTIBLES** are limited to modern BMW factory hard-top convertibles and cars with a full roll cage built to a race specification. Please contact the Chief Instructor to discuss your convertible before bringing it to the track to ensure it will meet the club's requirements.
- **ALCOHOL & ILLEGAL DRUGS** are not compatible with any driving event. The consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs is strictly prohibited during the event. Violators will be ejected from the event without a refund.
- **Track Damage** - Entrants assume all risk of damage to persons and property during the course of the event. Should any damage to Road Atlanta facilities occur as a result of any action of yours, you will be charged for the cost of the repairs. Past examples include but certainly are not limited to: damage to Armco (rails \$6 per foot/post \$30 each) as the result of an off-road excursion, damage to barrier blocks are \$355 each, oil dry \$10 per bag and damage to power outlets in the paddock, etc. Road Atlanta reserves the right to change any of these prices at any time. The ultimate burden of safety is yours. **Please be certain that your car is in good working order and if you suffer (or even think you may have suffered) a significant fluid loss, DO NOT drive the full length of the track on-pavement back to the pits.**

SECTION 2: ATTACHMENTS

2.1 Flags & Meanings

FLAG COLOR	MEANING
	YELLOW: Caution. Slow Down. Be prepared to stop. If waving, proceed with extreme caution. The incident may be on the driving line. No passing.
	BLACK: You must enter the pits when you next pass the pit entrance. Stop in the hot pits and talk to the track official. If the black flag is pointed at you in a furred fashion, this is a warning; you do not have to pit, but you must cease the behavior/action.
	BLUE: This indicates that a faster car is approaching you. Watch your mirrors and signal (point) the car(s) by in the next passing zone.
	YELLOW & RED STRIPED: Debris flag. Indicates that the track surface may be slippery (oil or water) or that some type of debris (car parts, glass, dirt) is on the track.
	RED: The session has been stopped. Carefully slow down and stop on the side of the track, preferably near a corner worker. Wait for further instruction from a corner worker or track official. Stay in your car!
	WHITE: Slow moving vehicle on track, use caution. This flag is used when maintenance or emergency equipment is on track. <i>(It does not mean one lap to go, this is not a race)</i>
	CHECKERED: End of session. Slow down and do a cool-down lap. Enter pit lane and return to the paddock. Perform a debrief with your Instructor.

2.2 Road Atlanta Track Map

