



Audi
Club North America
Southern California



**Detailed Requirements
for
Driver Education Events (Driving Schools)**

Failure to comply with these policies may result in disqualification from the event and forfeiture of your entry fee. Most of these requirements are mandated by Audi Club of North America and the event insurance policies. Questions may be directed to eventmaster@audiclubsocal.org

Helmets: ACNA requires all participants to wear helmets bearing a current Snell or FIA certification. Audi Club SoCal has a limited number of open-face rental helmets. They may be reserved in advance on the registration page.

If have your own helmet, or plan on purchasing one for this event, please note that Snell 2005 helmets are expiring at the end of 2017. Snell 2010 (or later) helmets will be required beginning in 2018. Helmets without a Snell or FIA rating are not acceptable (for example, many motorcycle helmets have only a DOT rating). **See the table below for all the details.**

Helmet Type	Snell Label	Expiration Date
Motorcycle*	M2005 ¹	Dec 31, 2017
Motorcycle*	M2010	Dec 31, 2021
Auto Racing**	SA2005 ¹	Dec 31, 2017
Auto Racing**	SA2010	Dec 31, 2021
Auto Racing**	SA2015	Dec 31, 2026
Auto Racing	FIA	Per helmet label

*Use of Snell Motorcycle (M) rated helmets is permitted only in stock vehicles which solely utilize factory impact protection. Note also that the Snell M2010 rating will be the final Motorcycle (M) rating permitted for use in ACNA-sanctioned events.

**Use of Snell Special Application (SA) rated helmets is required for all vehicles equipped with supplemental rollover or impact protection, including OEM-provided (for example, Porsche GT3) and aftermarket roll bars or roll cages. Only the SA rating is acceptable for Snell helmets beginning with the 2015 certification.

¹Snell 2005 helmets are not valid at joint HOD / Audi Club events.

Purchasing your own helmet is a great investment in safety, comfort, convenience, and cleanliness! The price of some high-end auto racing helmets can take your breath away, but fortunately there are helmets bearing the latest Snell ratings which are surprisingly affordable,

some starting at less than \$170!

There are many reputable sources for safety equipment. We've listed a few to help get you started (in alphabetical order). Those with a west coast retail location are also identified.

- Hoerr Racing Products www.hrpworld.com
- OG Racing www.ogracing.com
- Saferacer www.saferacer.com
- Sube Sports www.subesports.com (17161 Palmdale Ln., Huntington Beach, CA)
- Racer Parts Wholesale www.racerpartswholesale.com
- Winding Road Racing store.windingroad.com (18437 Mt. Langley St, Suite N, Fountain Valley, CA)
- Wine Country Motorsports winecountrymotorsports.com (Sears Point Raceway, Sonoma, CA)

Seats and Belts: Equal safety restraints (seat belts, air bags, seats, etc.) are required for the driver and the instructor / passenger. Stock seat belts are completely adequate for **Audi Club SoCal** driving schools. If your vehicle is equipped with aftermarket seat belts, the belts and seats must be certified by a recognized independent safety authority AND be installed in compliance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. Acceptable certifications include FHTSA, FMVSS, SFI and FIA. If equipped with 4-point harnesses (i.e., without crotch strap) the harness assembly **must** have an **ASM** rating (anti-submarine).

Vehicle Safety Inspection: This is a safety driving school, not a race or competition, so an appropriate street-worthy car in excellent mechanical condition is all that is required. High Performance driving on a race track will subject your car to forces which it is designed to handle but which are not often experienced in daily driving. We recommend that all fluids (oil, coolant, brakes) be fresh, tires be newer than five years old, and that tires & brakes have at least 50% of their useful life remaining.

For your safety and the safety of others at this event, **Audi Club SoCal** requires that you have a certified mechanic or other qualified individual inspect your vehicle and verify its condition and safety *prior to arriving at the event*. The form for the required safety inspection (also referred to as *tech inspection*) is provided at the back of this document or may be downloaded from the club website. This inspection **must be accomplished within the four weeks** prior to the event. **Vehicle inspection will *not* be provided at the event.**

Regardless of who you select to inspect your car, **You** are solely responsible for insuring that your vehicle is safe and capable at all times during the event. Failure to present a properly completed Inspection form, as well as failures or other safety defects which occur during the event, will disqualify you from further participation. Event fees will not be refunded due to failure to meet inspection requirements or for mechanical failures.



Have your car inspected **early** and **thoroughly** to avoid disappointment!

Tires: The street tires which are already on your car are fine for beginners and novices at this driving school event. If you continue participating in track days, as your experience increases you will find "all season" tires inadequate and may choose to upgrade to a "performance" type of street tire. Note, however, that specialized track or competition tires are **not** permitted for beginning and novice drivers, are discouraged for all but advanced drivers, and are not allowed on any SUV at ACNA-sanctioned driving schools. If you are unsure of your experience level or vehicle status and wish to use specialized track or competition tires please contact the organizers for clarification prior to registering.

Convertibles: NEW! Due to policy changes at Audi Club of North America, open cars and convertibles are now allowed at ACNA sanctioned driving schools if equipped with **approved OEM roll-over protection** or an **approved 4-point (minimum) roll-bar**. Targa tops and those convertibles equipped with the required rollover protection must run with the convertible or removable top in the closed/up/installed position. If you are interested in bringing a convertible vehicle to this event, before you register please review the list on the Audi Club SoCal website, or contact the organizers, to verify acceptability of your vehicle and view the restrictions which apply.

Sport Utility Vehicles: NEW! Most high-center-of-gravity vehicles are not allowed at ACNA-sanctioned driving schools. This includes pick-up trucks and most SUVs. However, an expanding list of performance-oriented small SUV and CUV models may participate but with restrictions. If you are interested in bringing a sport utility vehicle to this event, please contact the organizers before you register to verify acceptability of your particular vehicle and to learn about the restrictions which apply.

Driver Classification & Run Groups: If you have questions about driver or vehicle qualifications for this event, please contact the club's Chief Driving Instructor at CDI@audiclubsocal.org

Insurance: While Audi Club HPDE events have an excellent safety record, mishaps can occur. Your vehicle's regular insurance policy most likely will *not* cover damage to your vehicle while participating in this high performance safety driving school. Optional vehicle insurance for **Audi Club SoCal** driving schools may be purchased through ACNA's affiliation with [Lockton Affinity Motorsports](#). Participants in this event qualify for a 10% premium discount because of ACNA driving school's excellent safety record. For more information, pricing, and to purchase policies online visit <https://locktonmotorsports.com/partner/audi-club-of-north-america>.

Passengers: Only pre-approved Audi Club instructors may ride as a passenger in a student's car. If your guest would like to ride on the track they may only do so in an instructor's car. This may be arranged at the on-site registration desk.

Emergency Contact and Medical Information: Updated If something should happen to you while at the event, it is a good idea to make your emergency contact information and any special

medical information available to onsite personnel. The way Audi Club SoCal treats your emergency medical information has changed:

Mandatory - Make sure you review and update your emergency contact information in your MotorsportReg.com Profile at www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/account. ACNA requires that we obtain this information from all participants.

Recommended - The club no longer collects medical information from participants to provide to the onsite ambulance attendants. However, we believe all participants should consider alternate ways to make important medical information available in the unlikely event it is needed. Here are a few ideas:

- Complete the free ACNA Medical Information Form (provided at the back of this document) and keep a copy on your person while at the event. Audi Club SoCal is no longer collecting these forms at check-in.
- Consider one of the paid ICE (In Case of Emergency) options:
 - The Motorsports Safety Foundation's privacy stickers for helmets and small ICE stickers for ID cards <http://www.motorsport-safety.org/initiatives/ice> (\$20/first year)
 - Since your helmet may not be with you after an incident, we think the **ICEdot Band** is a practical device, as it stays on your body. It includes ICE stickers you may place on your helmet, cell phone, ID Card, medical card, etc. <https://icedot.org/en/products/24-Band> (\$20/first year)
 - ICEdot has other options starting at \$10/first year <https://icedot.org/en/shop>.
- There are many online sources for free ICE forms and wallet cards. See an example at www.geticecard.com, or search the web for "in case of emergency form" or "in case of emergency wallet card".

Fitness for Performance Driving - Alcohol, Drugs, Illness: For your safety and the safety of others at the event no alcohol consumption is permitted at the event by anyone (drivers and guests) until all driving is finished for the day. Drugs or other substances which interfere in any way with your ability to operate a vehicle, even if prescribed by a physician or otherwise legal, are prohibited. You self-certify your fitness for participating in this event, and must cease driving immediately if you become unfit at any time during the event.

Meal Options: If there is a café at the event you are attending, it will be open at the track on a no-host basis for breakfast, and for lunch if you decide you would like something other than the provided lunchtime meal. Dinner will be buffet-style, allowing an individual to select their own combination of dishes. While we attempt to provide a variety of dishes, **Audi Club SoCal** does not take requests for special dietary needs – please plan accordingly.

Cameras: Loose objects, including handheld cameras, are not permitted in your car. Securely mounted cameras are allowed. We ask that discretion be used when posting videos online. Selected those which reflect well on the club and our driving school.

Timing: Our driving schools are precision driving educational events, not a race or practice for a race. In car timing which is visible to the driver or passenger is not allowed at Audi Club Driving Schools. You may refer to your videos or data analysis system AFTER your on-track session.

Drones: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (also known as UAS, model aircraft, or “drones”) may not be operated anywhere on the track property.

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