

TARHEEL CHAPTER BMW CCA

DRIVING EVENTS COMMITTEE

HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOLS IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

All of us are aware HPDS events have an element of risk that goes along with the learning, enjoyment and social aspects of the event. Each of us makes a reasoned decision as to our participation and we do what we can to take responsibility for ourselves, and to be mindful and respectful of those around us.

We are now in new territory. The presence of Covid-19 has added a new risk factor to consider. Each of us must consider our own health safety, as well as those around us. We have an obligation to our families, friends, co-workers and driving school participants to take personal measures to minimize risks to all.

We suggest you ask yourself ***“Am I willing to participate in this event, understanding the risk profile has changed?”*** If the answer is yes, the next question should be ***“What can I do to mitigate my risk and the risk I may pose to others?”***

Tarheel has been considering this question for months, and we have some guidelines for you. We consider these minimum standards which must be met to help reduce the risk for all. You should consider these a starting point, and think about actions you can take for the benefit of yourself and others.

While these guidelines are necessary to help minimize the risk of the transfer of COVID-19, the remaining risk is not zero. You will need to decide for yourself if you are willing to accept the remaining risk in order to participate in this event.

General Guidelines

Before you leave home please do these things:

- Take your temperature before you leave home. If you have fever, or aren't sure, PLEASE stay home.
- Bring face coverings, hand sanitizer and wipes for your car.
- Bring your own pen to sign waivers.
- Bring materials with you to clean/sanitize the touched components of your car. These are door pulls, window switches, shift levers etc. keeping these as clean as possible is to your benefit.
- For the sake of enhanced safety, please limit inviting non-participants to the event. Immediate household family, “Crew” and prospective future HPDS participants are permitted. All such Guest names must be submitted before the event and are required to check-in at Registration with you to sign the waiver and receive a wrist band.

What to expect in the Paddock:

Meeting and Classroom details are being developed and refined. Details will be available at a later date. Venues and techniques (mostly outdoors) are being chosen where Social Distancing is a primary factor.

Be diligent about social distancing at all times. Maintain six feet of separation from others in all situations, including after the day's activities shut down.

- Attendees must wear face coverings in all indoor spaces (including classrooms and restrooms), when unable to social distance in the paddock, and/or when your family pod at your paddock space has been breached by an outsider. If you have a passenger in-car, we recommend visors down on both helmets.
- The "family pod" are the people sharing a residence and transportation. The family pod may occupy a paddock spot without masks until the pod is breached. When the pod is breached everyone present must wear a mask. This is not negotiable. Non-cohabitating persons are not in the family pod and constitute a breach. These rules are in place in the interest of everyone's safety
- Wash your hands often, using the recommended process which takes a minimum of 20 seconds. It is a good idea to wash your hands before getting in the car and after you exit the car.
- No common food tables or shared coolers between non family members
- Park your vehicle at least 10 feet away from the next vehicle
- Report apparent breaches of safety protocols to Event Organizers immediately. We are always available on the pit wall if you can't locate us in the paddock.

What to expect from Instructors:

Instructors must follow the same guidelines. In addition:

- Instructors pay for Friday on MSR. No cash exchange on site.
- Sharing of communicators is not permitted. Your instructor should give you possession of a headset to use for the event. You are expected to return it to the instructor at the conclusion of your event.
- Your instructor will not touch you, and will minimize the touching of your vehicle to the extent possible.
- At the end of a session with an instructor, the typical de-brief will take place outside the car, masks on, social distancing in effect.
- No high fives, no handshaking.

What to expect at Registration:

- Registration will be in the Tech Shed to enhance social distancing. Maintain adequate spacing in line.
- We may take your temperature with a no contact thermometer. If you have a fever, you will be asked to leave the event.

Tarheel is taking measures to help reduce risk by reducing the handling of paper and objects.

- No Rental Helmets are available at this event
- Medical forms should be completed on line in the event registration process.
- Paperless waiver processes are evolving. Specific instructions will be provided pre-event.
- Registration volunteers will be provided PPE (masks and gloves).

Participants will be responsible for the following actions:

- Signing the waiver-bring your own pen.
- Verifying your helmet meets the requirements. If your helmet has a 2019 Tarheel sticker, show that to the registration person, do not hand them the helmet, that sticker is sufficient for this event. If it does not have a Tarheel 2019 sticker, show the SNELL sticker inside the helmet, without handing the helmet over. If needed, you may be issued a 2020 sticker to place on your helmet.
- The Pre-event Vehicle Tech Form must be complete, as it has your emergency contact information. Drop this form in the box at registration.
- We will not handle your driver's license, but need to verify it. Please present it so we can view it.
- Wristbands will be in your packet or on the table. Put the band on yourself after you leave registration.
- There will be a basket with lanyards. Take one if you need it.
- There will be a basket with optional cotton balaclavas to wear inside your helmet.
- For this event, there will be no grid tech form required.
- Tee-Shirts will be distributed separately from registration, probably at lunch on Saturday.

We are taking these actions to help further reduce risk but remember in the end, just as you have in the past, you must take responsibility for your own health and safety.

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