

# **PUTNAM PARK 2026 – TRACK PACK**

Hello Everyone,

If you are receiving this email, it is because you are registered for our upcoming HPDE,  
Summer Heat 2026 at Putnam Park Road Course - June 5-7, 2026  
Fall Festival 2026 at Putnam Park Road Course - September 4-6, 2026

KYPCA cannot thank you enough for supporting us and this event.

We wanted to reach out to go over some logistics prior to the event.

## **PLEASE READ THE TRACK PACK**

### **ARRIVING**

#### **Participants arriving Friday Morning.**

Track gates will open at 6:30 AM on Friday. **THERE IS NO TRAILER DROP OFF ON THURSDAY.**  
Both Tech and Registration will be a drive through process entering at garage 1B which will open  
at 7:00/7:15 AM each day. **ALL CARS MUST DRIVE THROUGH TECH & REGISTRATION.**

**WHITE, BLACK, RED, AND INSTRUCTORS ARE ALLOWED TO SELF TECH THE TOP PORTION OF  
OUR TECH FORM. You will still be required to bring the car through Tech/Registration.**

#### **Participants arriving to Putnam Friday afternoon.**

If you are a Saturday and Sunday driver you are welcome to register on Friday at the track if you  
wish. We will keep registration open until 5:00 PM at the track.

#### **Participants arriving to Hotel Friday night.**

Once the track goes cold on Friday at 5:00 PM we will transition Tech and Registration to the  
hotel. We will aim to reopen Tech and Registration at 7:30/7:45pm. This will allow time for our  
volunteers to get a bite to eat prior to opening. Go through Tech first before Registration. Tech  
will be in the back of the Host Hotel (SpringHill Suites Indianapolis Airport/Plainfield) parking  
lot. The Hotel Tech and Registration is meant for people without trailers. Registration will be in  
the hotel lobby. You will need to have your completed tech form and driver's license  
ready. **Please confirm your license is not expired prior to arrival.**

**We will keep the Hotel Tech and Registration open until the cars stop coming.**

## **Garages**

We have attached garage assignments to the email. Please use the garage you are assigned.

## **Fuel**

Putnam Park does have fuel available on-site. However, this is **CASH OR CHECK ONLY.**

There are a few Gas stations close to the track that most drivers use throughout the weekend.

## **Morning Meetings – FRI, SAT, SUN**

The all-hands meeting will be at 8:00 AM and take place under the big tent.

The track will go hot at 9:00 AM and remain hot other than for lunch break and corner worker breaks as per schedule. Track goes cold as per schedule and you must vacate the facility as per schedule. That covers the high points and unless necessary please hold any questions until the event.

## **Run Group/Instructor Meetings – 8:30AM**

Everyone **EXCEPT** Green and Yellow will break off into Run Group Meetings. This will give everyone a chance to meet each other and go over proper passing zones, group expectations, and any other questions that one may have about the event.

(Green students will report to classroom in the tower **immediately** after the all-hands meeting.)

(Yellow Students will report to classroom in the tower during their scheduled classroom times.)

## **Lunch**

The track will remain hot until Lunch. The snack bar will be open for guests and participants both days as well.

Instructors, lunch will be provided to you all three days in the big tent.

We will be offering touring laps during lunch on Saturday and Sunday. Touring Laps are **HIGHWAY SPEEDS & NO HELMETS**. Anyone can ride with you for touring laps as long as they have signed the PCA waiver and received their wristband at the gate. **Children are allowed!**

### **Dinner Party**

As many of you know Porsche Louisville, Kentucky's only Porsche dealership, has been a key sponsor for many years. They will be sponsoring the dinner parties at the host hotel Friday and Saturday. We will have beer, wine and other non-alcoholic drinks available.

### **Photos**

If you haven't seen on our social media accounts. We will have our event photographer for Summer Heat 2026!

Austin Hattabaugh will be shooting all weekend around the track to make sure we all look FAST! Austin is offering all drivers an opportunity to pre-order a photo package through his website. This package is \$80.00 for everything he shoots of your car over the weekend.

Any questions on photography please reach out to Austin at [hattabaugh\\_austin@hotmail.com](mailto:hattabaugh_austin@hotmail.com)

Please find link to Austin's pre-order photo package in the email

### **Run Group Descriptions**

**Red** - Advanced/Instructors (Advanced driver with other organizations, Extensive experience @ Putnam, fast pace)

Registration for Instructors & Advanced Drivers that can drive at pace in a group faster than Black. Requirements are rapid and real time pass signals and excellent traffic management. This run group features expanded passing rules. Instructor's will be placed in this group to align with student schedule to avoid back-to-back sessions.

Reassignment to black will be at the discretion of event staff.

**Black** - Advanced/Instructors (Advanced driver with other organizations, Extensive experience @ Putnam, lower pace)

Registration for Instructors & Advanced Drivers that can drive at pace in a group faster than White. Requirements are rapid and real time pass signals and excellent traffic management. The goal is to group drivers by relative pace. This run group features expanded passing rules.

Reassignment to another group will be at the discretion of event staff. Instructor's will be placed in this group to align with student schedule to avoid back-to-back sessions.

**Blue/White** - These 2 groups operate as one run group, Blue students will be assigned instructors, white will be SOLO.

There will be drills at the beginning of 2 sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

These drills will only last the first lap of the session. After the first lap the track will be green. If you do not wish to participate, please grid towards the end to avoid confusion for drivers driving in the drills.

**White** - Solo Intermediate (Solo approved drivers, Moderate experience on Track, Putnam experience preferred not required)

Solo intermediate drivers. Drivers with moderate experience on track. Drivers that drive in intermediate with other organizations. Instructors will be available on site but are not assigned to drivers. This run group features expanded passing rules.

**Blue** - Instructed Intermediate (Intermediate drivers, Moderate experience on Track, Putnam experience not required).

Drivers in Blue are expected to be capable of driving comfortably at a White run group pace. The primary purpose of the Blue run group is to help a driver get accustomed to the White run group with the assistance of their instructor. The instructor is not expecting to focus on the basics, but rather fine-tuning advice. This run group features expanded passing rules.

**Yellow** - Novice (Novice drivers, at least 2-4 days of experience preferred)

Drivers in Yellow are expected to refine their driving skills, increase their confidence and judgment, and learn the next level of techniques. All yellow participants will have an assigned instructor to teach through the weekend. This run group is intended for NOVICE drivers, not first timers. Please email the registrar if you are concerned if you meet this requirement.

**Green** - Beginner (New drivers, 0-2 days of experience)

Drivers in Green are expected to learn new driving skills, increase their confidence and judgment. The emphasis is on navigating the track safely and on learning the basics of high performance track driving.

## **Safety**

- Snell Rated Helmets SA2015 & SA2020 are acceptable for this event. Motorcycle helmets are **NOT** permitted. Rental helmets are available at the NCM Holley Tower but do not have provisions for HANS devices.
- Long sleeve cotton shirt, natural fiber long pants (or driving suit) are recommended but shorts and short sleeve shirts are allowed.
- **Expired Harnesses are not acceptable.** If you have 4/5/6 point harnesses in your vehicle they may not be expired. SFI Harnesses are to be replaced 2 years from their date of manufacture. FIA Harnesses may be used until the end of the year of their expiration which is 5 years from their manufacture date. **NCM's pro shop does not sell harnesses.** Every car with a multi-point harness system will be checked at the onsite tech inspection. If your harness system is out of date your car will not pass the tech inspection, you will be permitted to use standard 3 point belts, in the case where you only have a harness system, you will not be permitted to drive on track.
- Tech inspections are not the time to argue with the inspectors. When coming to the tech inspection, please have your completed tech form, helmet and driver's license ready for review. Please have your car emptied and in the condition it will be entering the track. If you are missing documents or have a car with obvious failures (a cooler in the passenger seat for example) you will be asked to pass through the tech garage and return to the line once you are prepared for your inspection.
- In the rare event that your car fails the sound limit at NCM MSP (103db @ 50 ft). The corner worker will black flag you, the grid marshal will notify you of the sound reading. The only appropriate answer to the marshal is "OK, I will get it fixed" The NCM Pro Shop sells baffles for many exhaust sizes, but not all sizes particularly ovalized tips. From recent experience very few cars fail.
- An approved head and neck restraint device is required for all cars using 4/5/6 point harness systems. If you have anything aside from stock 3 point seat belts in the car. You and any passenger student or instructor must wear a HANS device.
- If the driver seat has a harness system, but the passenger seat does not, both the driver and passenger **must** use the 3-point belts, according to the Equal Restraints section 10 (f).
- The **ONLY** approved 4 point harness system is Schroth's 4 point system. Any other manufacturer's 4 point harness system will not pass tech inspection and you will be required to wear 3 point belts.

- Demonstration Rides for **Non-Students** (Hot Laps, Thrill Rides) To provide prospective students/sponsors/friends/family a “taste” of the DE experience, regions may have offered rides with an experienced DE Instructor during a run group session. While we understand the importance of these efforts, some significant risk management concerns have been presented to the Executive Council. After much discussion, consultation, and careful consideration, **the EC has determined that it is necessary to prohibit Hot Lap rides**. In simple terms only registered students & instructors are permitted to ride in cars on track during hot laps. Your guests **CANNOT** get wrist bands to go ride with the instructors.
- **This is not a race!** This is a High Performance Driver's Education. We want everyone to have fun but we are attending this event to learn at all levels.
- **All open wheel / open cockpit** cars participating in the event must have fenders attached to the vehicle body at all four corners. In addition, **all occupants of open cockpit cars must utilize an SFI and/or FIA approved arm restraint system**.
- Mezger equipped cars (996/997 Turbo/GT3/GT2) please review the following policy: [KYPKA Mezger Policy](#). You will likely be asked during the tech inspection if your car has coolant in the system and/or if it has been "pinned".
- We are happy to announce that Putnam Park has approved the request and will be allowing hybrid and electric vehicles at our Putnam events.
  - Please note, in the event of an electrical fire the vehicle owner will be responsible for ANY facility damages.

If you have any further questions that the Track Pack did not answer please reach out to us via email. [DE@kypca.org](mailto:DE@kypca.org)