Porsche Club of America
Junior Participation Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where are the complete rules of the JPP?

A: In the *Region Procedures Manual* (*RPM*).

Q: To which events does the JPP apply?

A: Autocross, autocross schools, rally, gymkhana, Concours, and tech quiz events **only**.

Q: Are PCA Regions required to open their driving programs to 16/17 year old licensed drivers who are children, step-children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews of active members?

A: No, this option was created to allow Regions who have an interest, to allow fully-licensed children, step-children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews of PCA members to participate in autocrosses, autocross schools, gymkhana and, as a non-driving navigator in rallies. The decision to do so is a Region's decision.

Q: May Regions allow licensed 16/17 year old drivers to participate in other PCA driving events?

A: This option is not available for time trials, driver education events, or club races. For rallies it is available as the navigator only, driving is not open to participants under 18.

Q: My child, step-child, grandchild, niece or nephew has obtained her learner's permit. May she participate in an autocross at my Region?

A: This option is only available to fully licensed, unrestricted drivers. Laws vary greatly by state with respect to obtaining unrestricted licenses. Some states place restrictions on young drivers with respect to age, school grades, daylight versus night driving, number of passengers allowed in a car, etc. Additionally, there are active movements in some states to raise driving ages and add restrictions. Any Region choosing to utilize the option of allowing younger drivers' participation is responsible for insuring that only fully, unrestricted licensees are allowed to participate. When we say, "unrestricted", we are not referring to restrictions upon a license if the restrictions are being complied with during the event.

Q: As an active PCA member may I allow my licensed 16/17 year old child, step-child, grandchild, niece or nephew to participate in an autocross if I am unable to attend?

A: No. This program is designed to support family activities in the club and thus **the PCA member and at least one parent or legal guardian** of the minor child must all be present at the

event for the entire time the child is participating, and further the parents or legal guardians must sign the special parental insurance waiver available at the event. For Rallies, the minor child may only navigate and the driver must be their parent or legal guardian if they are a PCA member. If they are not a PCA member, the driver must be the sponsoring PCA member and the parent or legal guardian must be present at the beginning of the rally.

Q: The 2010 RPM specifically states that nieces, nephews and stepchildren are not allowed to participate under the rules of the JPP, yet here you say they are allowed. Which is it?

A: Allowing nieces, nephews, grandchildren and step-children to participate is a new addition to the Junior Participation program for 2010. This change was made late in 2009, after the 2010 RPM went to press and therefore it is not represented in that document. However, the cover letter that accompanied the 2010 RPM explained this change in the rules. All rules of the JPP apply and must be followed, as with children of club members: Nieces, nephews, grandchildren and step-children must be age 16 or 17; must be fully licensed drivers; the JPP forms must be properly filled out and signed by all living parents or legal guardians; and at least one parent or legal guardian must be present at the event. However, the parent or legal guardian no longer has to be a club member if the uncle, aunt, grandparent or step-parent is a club member. The uncle, aunt, grandparent or step-parent who is a club member must also be in attendance at the event.

Q: Our PCA Region permits nonmembers of PCA to compete in our autocrosses as guests. Can our guests bring their 16/17 year old licensed driver children to participate?

A: No. This program is available only to children, step-children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews of current PCA members.

Q: You say current PCA members.

A: That's right, if one has allowed his/her PCA membership to lapse, his or her child, step-child, grandchild, niece or nephew cannot participate until the PCA membership is renewed.

Q: We will be attending the National Porsche Parade this year. May my 16/17 year old child participate in the Parade autocross?

A: Eligibility for participation in Parade competition events is defined in the Parade Competition Rules (PCRs). Currently, JPP members may register as entrants along with their parents, however, this may change independently of the JPP rules. (Remember, JPP is an option, it is not required for event managers to allow it.) It is recommended that you check the PCRs each year for updates and changes.

Q: My Region sponsors autocross schools, car control clinics or driving clinics to teach car control. May I take my 16/17 year old child, step-child, grandchild, niece or nephew to participate in such activities?

A: If such events fall entirely within the safety guidelines for autocross as described in the RPM

then participation would be permitted. However, if the event includes continuous lapping of a closed race course or otherwise fits the description of a Driver's Ed, Time Trial or Club Race, then it would **not** be permitted. Autocross and autocross schools are allowed in the JPP. Driver's Ed, Time Trials and Club Races and schools for teaching those skills are beyond the scope of this program and therefore such participation is not permitted.

Q: Is special insurance required for autocrosses that include 16/17 year old drivers?

A: No special insurance is required. PCA's national policy will cover such Events, assuming that the normal and proper insurance has been obtained for this event.

Q: Should special observer reports be completed for events which include 16/17 year old drivers?

A: No, the standard Observer Report Form for the event type is fine. Observers should note in the general comments section of the form their observations relative to the special waivers, safety, and conduct.

Q: The minor's mother/father is deceased or no longer has custody, am I required to obtain their signature?

A: Both parents have to sign the waiver if they are alive. If the parents are divorced or separated, but both are still alive, both parents must sign the waiver. If one parent is deceased, the surviving parent may sign alone (with a witnessed signature), but he or she must represent that the other parent is deceased. If you have any reason to doubt such a representation, you should not accept the waiver form without further inquiry.

Q: The minor's parents are divorced, and not on good terms. However, both have signed the waiver. Do I have to get a new waiver on each event?

A: No, not if the signed waiver specifically lists all events in which the son or daughter will participate. But if it only lists one event, or does not list the event in which the son or daughter will participate, you will need a newly-signed waiver by both parents listing the event.

Q: If a minor's living parent is no longer the minor's legal guardian, do we still need the parent's signature?

A: No, the actual legal guardian's signature is needed. However, if you have any reason to doubt the representation that a parent is no longer the legal guardian, you should not accept the waiver form without further inquiry.

Q: Is there a difference between TSD (navigational) and gimmick rallies for the JPP?

A: No, the JPP does not recognize any difference between rally types. For all rallies, the driver must be 18 or older. JPP participants may participate as navigator only.