

Roadrunner Region 2026 Die Serie Autocross and Drivers Ed (DE) Event Rules

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed for the orderly conduct of competitive events and to further participant and spectator safety. No express or implied warranty of safety or fitness for a particular purpose shall result from publication of, or compliance with, these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators or others.

These rules supersede all previously published Roadrunner Region (RRR) Die Serie and Fiesta New Mexico Rules.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This manual contains the rules, regulations and requirements for participation in the 2026 Die Serie Autocross, Fiesta New Mexico, and Roadrunner Region Driver Education (DE) events.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO READ THIS MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY, ALONG WITH THE PCA PARADE COMPETITION RULES (PCR), AS WELL AS THE PCA DE EVENT DOCUMENT, WHICH CONTAIN ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPETE IN THESE EVENTS.

The following rules apply to all Roadrunner Region Die Serie Autocross, Driver Education (DE), and Fiesta New Mexico driving events.

2.0 GENERAL RULES FOR ENTRANTS

2.1 Registered entrants will be participating in substantially all appropriate aspects of the event (driver's meeting, corner working, etc.)

2.2 Driver's License. A current valid driver's license is required at all events. The minimum age for any driving event is 18 years except for 16 & 17-year-old relatives of PCA members who meet all the Junior Participation Program (JPP) requirements. For minor participation (16 & 17 years old) – a RRR Waiver must be signed by both parents and witnessed.

2.3 Waiver. Prior to participating in any event each entrant **MUST SIGN THE CLUB AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE TRACK/SITE OWNER'S INSURANCE WAIVER.**

2.4 Tech Inspection. For all events, each entrant's vehicle must pass a tech inspection the day of the event. Drivers must ensure that their vehicles are in good working order to be able to pass inspection. The Entrant (participant, driver) is solely responsible for the safety of his or her car. See PCA DE guidelines for specifics of DE car inspections.

2.5 Vehicle Classification. All participants are responsible for selecting the proper classification to compete in. Cars will be reclassified based on run times by the Drivers Council as appropriate.

2.6 Positively no alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances can be consumed by any person at the event, during the hours of event operation.

2.7 Appropriate attire. Due to the lower speeds, long sleeve shirts and pants are not required at Autocross events. Long sleeve shirts and pants are required for high speed Driver Education (DE) and Time Trials.

Footwear must be enclosed, non-slip, with a relatively smooth sole. A fully enclosed leather shoe or driver's shoe is recommended.

If the car does not have a windshield, the occupants must wear eye protection.

2.8 Helmets. All vehicle occupants must wear an approved helmet while on course (See section 7.1).

2.9 Vehicle Safety equipment. See Section 9.0

3.0 DRIVING EVENT CLASSES

Commensurate with 2023 PCA standards for Autocrosses of "Small size," Roadrunner Region has adopted a similar classification system for autocross. Porsche vehicles are grouped into 1 of 5 Production (P01-P05) categories based upon vehicle performance as normally delivered to the United States and/or with limited common performance affecting changes from stock Production. Porsche vehicles with substantial performance-affecting changes will be grouped into the Modified (M01) class. All non-Porsche vehicles will be grouped into the X01 class. Lastly, all expert drivers (Porsche or non-Porsche vehicles) will be grouped into the X02 class.

Drivers are responsible for reviewing the the PCA recommended Class Groupings spreadsheet and selecting the proper class for competition. See attached below:



2023 PCA Auto-X Class Guide

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DRIVERS COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW, RECLASSIFY OR DISQUALIFY ANY CAR AND DRIVER FROM COMPETITION.

4.0 PROTESTS AND APPEALS

The Drivers Council will resolve all conflicts and appeals for local events. Generally, the right to protest and appeal shall follow PCR Guidelines. Except for Fiesta New Mexico, the Protest Committee shall consist of a least one member from the Drivers Council, the event chairman, and one member appointed by the event chairman. At Fiesta New Mexico, the committee must consist of three members, all from different regions and appointed by the Driving Event Chairman.

Driver Council members are not allowed to rule on issues for any class in which that member has a car entered for that event or season competition.

Each car in the competition must be available for inspection for at least 30 minutes after completion of last timed run in class; otherwise any protest will automatically be upheld.

Protests must be filed within 30 minutes after completion of the last timed run.

5.0 SAFETY POLICY

All driving events will adhere to the safety standards and policies as stated in the current PCRs, PCA Autocross Minimum Standards or DE Guidelines, as well as any additional policies and procedures established by the RRR Board of Directors and Safety Committee.

The event organizers must adhere to any facility-specific safety requirements that are more stringent than the PCA minimum standard, e.g., on-site medical, sound limits, etc.

A person must be designated as the Event Safety Steward for each event. The Safety Steward will be either the Region Safety Chair or a person designated by the Region Safety Chair. The Event Safety Steward must not fulfill the role of Event Chair or course designer while filling the role of Safety Steward.

The Safety Chair is the final arbiter for decisions related to safety.

6.0 DIE SERIE SCORING

Die Serie Awards will be given at the end of each season to PCA members participating in autocross. Die Serie points shall be awarded on a class-by-class basis and the overall awards will be based on the total points for those drivers in each class. All Die Serie points will be kept by the Die Serie Scorekeeper using a spreadsheet or other electronic method showing all events to date. The times will be published in the Ramblings newsletter following the event. All questions should be addressed to the scorekeeper.

6.1 Die Serie Award Points

6.1.1 Die Serie Points shall be awarded to each registered PCA driver for “scheduled” Die Serie autocrosses. No points are awarded for Driver’s Ed/Time Trial. “Scheduled” means – approved by PCA and notice appears in The Roadrunner Ramblings at least one month prior to the event.

6.1.2 Points will be awarded in each class based on the driver’s best time of day. Points will be given only to a driver registered for that class.

6.1.3 Multiple cars: Drivers with multiple cars may register for multiple classes and will accrue points for their best time of day in each class.

A driver may run multiple cars in a single class if the cars are comparable in speed, and will accrue points for their best time in that class.

NOTE: Drivers who elect to run multiple vehicles in the same class may be subject to reclassifying one of the vehicles based on time. For example, a driver entering an older stock Boxster in the Novice Class in the morning, then driving a GT4 in the Novice class in the afternoon and running significantly faster times, may have their GT4 reclassified to the Advanced Class.

If a driver has sold a car and purchased another one to run in the same class, season points will be totaled for both cars as long as the times in the new car remain comparable. (See the above example.)

6.1.4 A driver who moves up a class (or is moved up by the Drivers Council) may transfer 1/2 (50%) of accrued points, for end-of-year awards.

Drivers may use points earned toward the Die Serie overall award in only one class and one car over the course of the series. A driver with multiple cars may accrue points only on a class-by-class basis and will be credited with points from the car/driver combination with the highest total for that car/driver combination counting towards the Die Serie overall award.

6.2 Point Schedule per Class

1st Place	8 points
2nd Place	6 points
3rd Place	5 points
4th Place	4 points
5th Place	3 points
6th Place	2 points
7th thru last place	1 point

6.3 Year-end Award Positions per Class

A Die Serie competitor must compete in a minimum of 50% of the completed Die Serie events to be eligible for a Die Serie Year End Trophy. Die Serie Season RRRPCA Championship Points are awarded to PCA members only. Such points are “as finished in class,” without regard to other participant membership. Example: A non-RRR driver finishes first in class, RRR member finishes second, RRR member gets second place points.

7.0 DRIVING EVENTS

Definition of Driving Event: A driving event will be defined as an Autocross, Driver Education (DE) or Time Trial (TT). The designation is based on the type of facility used and how the event is organized.

7.1 Autocross

An autocross is a low speed event with the course delineated by pylons. Time for a course “walk-through” will be allowed. **Approved helmets must be used.** Helmets built to Snell Foundation standards or other standards such as FIA 8860, SFI 31.1 and BS6658-85 Type A-FR are approved for use. Approved helmets must be manufactured to the current rating or the two most recent SA, M or K Snell ratings. For example, if the current Snell SA standard is SA2025, helmets meeting SA2025, SA2020 and SA2015 are allowed. Also, any helmet approved for PCA Club Racing is permitted.

Footwear must be enclosed, non-slip, with a relatively smooth sole. A fully enclosed leather shoe or driver’s shoe is recommended. No open toe shoes or sandals permitted.

A face shield or goggles must be used with open cars lacking a windshield.

Seat belts or harnesses are required, and must be in good condition, no cuts, tears or fraying.

Self inspection alone is not permitted for autocross events. Vehicles must pass technical inspection on the day of the event. Annual safety inspection is not a substitute.

Attendance at drivers’ meeting is **mandatory**.

Course layout must be approved by the Safety Chairperson before the course walk is permitted.

All participants are required to work as assigned by event chairperson. Failure to comply may result in loss of timed runs and/or event points.

7.2. Driver Education (DE)/Time Trial (TT)

Roadrunner Region follows the event operation and safety guidelines for DE/TT set forth by PCA, which are available for download from the Roadrunner Region site (www.rrrpca.com) or from the PCA website (www.pca.org).

7.3 Test and Tune

Test and Tune days are held for the preparation and setting up of cars, as well as enabling competitors to gain practice driving on a course. Test and Tune days are

private sessions, and racing/competition against other vehicles is NOT permitted. Open practice events will meet all minimum standards described herein.

8.0 COURSE SAFETY

8.1 Restricted Areas The autocross course and areas near the start and finish are restricted to adults only (18 years of age or older), except for Junior Participation Program (JPP) entrants when taking their runs. General event viewing is not allowed in restricted areas. JPP entrants cannot have a work assignment in a restricted area.

8.2 Course Workers

A Workers Meeting (may be part of the Driver's Meeting) must be conducted at each event to ensure workers are as safe as possible and they understand worker roles and responsibilities.

A minimum of one person at each flagging station as well as a course control person (Safety Steward) and a starter is required at all RRR driving events.

Each work station, starter and grid will have suitable control flags, fire extinguisher and communication (two-way radio) for all RRR driving events.

No cameras, radios, cell phones, etc. are to be used while working a work station. A camera may be used if there are more than two workers present. The use of a spotter for all photographic activities is strongly recommended.

8.3 Flags

Flag use may vary from event to event and will be covered at the drivers, meeting.

Each entrant must strictly comply with all flag signals. Usage of flags shall concur with standards for their intended purpose.

8.3.1 RED FLAG: This flag signifies a MAJOR PROBLEM ON THE TRACK.
IT MUST BE WAVED AT ALL CORNERS AND THE START/FINISH LINE.

All drivers must stop on the track as safely and quickly as possible and remain in their vehicles until the flag is retracted and the driver is instructed to proceed to the finish by a course worker.

Typically at Autocrosses, red flags are issued to corner workers to signal drivers of any problem on the track, such as debris on the track or a disabled car on the track.

8.3.2 GREEN FLAG: This is for starter use only.

8.3.3 YELLOW FLAG (not used for autocross): This flag may be used on any corner of the track and/or start line. It signifies something has happened on the track ahead. Driver should slow down, maintain their position, and use caution.

8.3.4 BLACK FLAG (not used for autocross): This flag signifies either a mechanical problem with your vehicle or you are obstructing traffic. In either case you must complete your lap in a safe manner and then proceed to the pits.

8.3.5 CHECKERED FLAG (not used for autocross): Slow down! End of run and/or cool-down lap. (If a white flag is shown, you are starting your last lap.)

9.0 VEHICLES & TECH INSPECTION

9.1 Eligible Vehicles. All Porsche vehicles and other manufacturer vehicles are eligible. Karts and motorcycles are not allowed to participate.

9.2 Roll Bars and Seat Belts All cars must be equipped with adequate factory seat belts or multi-point harnesses and be in use by all occupants. No tears, holes or fraying. Roll bars, while not required for autocrosses, are mandatory for open cars and cabriolets without integral roll hoops in all Driver Education/Time Trial events. Refer to the PCA DE Minimum Standards for Harness Systems (at www.pca.org).

9.3 Vehicle Safety (Tech) Inspection

9.3.1 All vehicles must be inspected by designated safety inspectors on the day of the event at the event. PCA Guidelines do not allow self-tech or an 'annual' tech inspection as a substitute.

9.3.2 The owner/driver is ultimately responsible for ensuring cars are prepared in advance using the suggested checklist posted on the website. For DE/TT an inspection must be performed by a certified mechanic prior to the event and an additional inspection must be performed at the event, Please see the PCA DE/TT Guidelines document for details.

9.3.3 The on-site inspection shall confirm the following:

- ✓ HELMET meets the rating requirements
- ✓ RESTRAINT SYSTEM is operational
- ✓ All LOOSE OBJECTS are removed
- ✓ CAMERAS are properly and securely attached
- ✓ BRAKE PEDAL is firm
- ✓ THROTTLE operates properly
- ✓ SEATS are properly attached and functional
- ✓ WHEELS are properly secured
- ✓ No SIGNIFICANT FLUID LEAKS
- ✓ TIRE & WHEEL INTEGRITY is checked
- ✓ BATTERY is secure
- ✓ FUEL CAP is present and secure
- ✓ PROPER CLOTHING ATTIRE per regional rules
- ✓ DRIVER'S SIDE FLOOR MAT is checked for possible interference with throttle pedal return and removed when required

9.3.4 Cars not passing tech inspection will not be allowed to compete. Cars without numbers attached may not receive timed runs.

9.3.5 More detailed Car Recommendations can be found in Appendix 1.

10.0 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

10.1 Drivers Council

The Drivers Council consists of the following four permanent position Council members: Chief Driving Instructor, Safety Chair, and Autocross Chair(s). In addition, a minimum of two additional at-large members are part of the council. These will be selected by the Drivers Council permanent members from those drivers actively participating in PCA Driving events. There is no defined limit for the length of term.

The function of the Council will be to (1) change, revise, interpret, and amend event rules and policies; (2) make and receive recommendations and applications for those

drivers wishing to become Instructors and to maintain the list of said Instructors; and (3) resolve protests made at driving events.

10.2 Event Chair -- Manages the event from beginning to end. Submits the Post-Event Report within five (5) days to PCA

10.3 Safety Chair -- Reviews and approves the course design, including grid/staging areas, with an objective eye towards safety issues. Cannot be the Event Chair or course designer.

As the event proceeds, the Safety Chair watches for unsafe situations and takes corrective action as needed. Any issues shall be discussed by the Event Chair, course designer(s), and Safety Chair

10.4. Event Observer -- Impartial member (not involved in the management of the event) who attends the event and submits the PCA Observer's Report for Autocross within ten(10) days after the event.

10.5 Driving Instructors -- Designated by the Event Chair, prior to the beginning of timed runs. Qualifications are as follows:

10.5.1 DE Instructors

DE Instructors are those members that have attended and passed the PCA National training program and are currently certified. The program is administered by PCA National, and takes place around the country,

10.5.2 Autocross Instructors

Standards for Autocross Instructor certification vary between those drivers new to the club, and drivers that are known to the club. It is not a requirement for either to be a PCA member.

Any driver in possession of a **current** PCA-issued DE Instructor's card is automatically approved as a regionally accepted autocross instructor.

For a candidate new to the club who is wishing to become an Instructor, we require evidence that the applicant has been active in autocross for a minimum of three years; and that they have been observed at a minimum of five PCA events by a member of the Drivers Council. Final sign-off of the new instructor will come after a successful check-out ride with the Chief Driving Instructor.

Experienced drivers who are known to the club to have extensive autocross experience can be designated as autocross Instructors before or during the day of an event by a member of the Drivers Council. A benefit of this provision is that it allows the club to gain access to the expertise of drivers with demonstrated autocross competency that may compete primarily with other sanctioning bodies, yet occasionally attend PCA events.

11.0 Drivers with Passengers (DWP)

Only registered entrants are allowed in vehicles on course during a competitive autocross lap, and no more than two people can be in the car at one time. One must be a designated Instructor.

A “Taste of Autocross” program is allowed if the participant rides with a designated Instructor and meets all the requirements of an entrant (waiver, registration, fee must be paid).

Appendix 1

GENERAL CAR REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Note that these are general guidelines. Please consult the Parade Competition Autocross Rules and the PCA Autocross and DE Guidelines documents for specific requirements.

1. General Requirements.

All cars must be structurally sound. Rust or unsafe damage that impairs safe operation shall be grounds for not passing tech.

No leakage of any fluid, such as gas, oil, water, etc.

All loose objects shall be removed. Spare tire must be adequately secured if left in car.

Driver's window must be full up or full down.

The windshield must be free from cracks. Small chips (less than one inch) outside the driver's forward view are OK.

All doors, and front and rear deck lids must be securely closed by a proper latch.

All outside and inside door handles must function and be unlocked. This is to assure emergency access.

SEATS: Must be suitably anchored. Adequate seat belts or harnesses must be used.

ROLL BARS: Recommended in all open cars for autocross. For DE/TT events, please consult the PCA DE/TT guidelines document.

PEDAL TRAVEL: All pedals shall operate smoothly and brakes must not be spongy. Brake pedal shall have toe clearance when depressed fully.

2. Tires and Wheels

Tires must not rub against any surface. No sheet metal shall interfere with steering/suspension.

Wheels shall be free from cracks. Snap-on wheel covers must be removed.

Lug nuts shall be properly torqued. Steel lug nuts are recommended for modified street cars and required for modified, track-only cars,

Steel studs shall be long enough to extend beyond the top of the steel lug nut a minimum of 1.0 mm.

Tires shall be free of cuts and bruises and meet minimum tread depth requirements. Recapped tires are not allowed. No blisters, cracks or cords showing.

Wheel bearings shall be free of excessive play. Play shall be checked with wheel off the ground.

Camber: 356s should have negative rear camber.

3. Brakes

Brake pad thickness shall be above recommended factory minimum for entire event.

Brake lines shall be tight and free from visible defects or leaks.

Brake fluid reservoir shall be at the proper level.

Clean brake fluid is expected.

4. Steering and Suspension

All steering mechanisms shall be sound and free of excessive play.

CV joint or steering rubber boots shall not be cracked, torn or leaking,

Suspension shall be firmly attached and free from visible damage.

Shocks shall be in good working order, properly mounted and free from leaks.

5. Engine, Drive Train, Exhaust

Belts shall have proper tension and be in good condition.

Hoses shall be in good condition and tight,.

Distributor and air cleaner shall be properly secured.

The battery shall be adequately secured in its holder.

All wiring shall be secure and connections tight.

Gas lines shall be tight and in good condition. Vehicles with gas leakage will not be allowed to run at the event.

Throttle linkages shall be in good working order.

All throttle return springs present and in good order.

Fluid levels: All fluid levels shall be at proper level. No leakage of any fluids is allowed.

Drive train half shafts shall be free of excessive play.

Exhaust pipes and mufflers shall be properly secured and in good condition.

6. Miscellaneous Recommendations (mostly for DE/TT)

Headlights, brake lights and turn signals shall be operable on production cars.

At least one brake light shall be operable on all cars and easily visible. The only exception is for modified, track-only cars. Cars of this type may use one bright--at least three-inch diameter--brake light.

Inside rear-view mirror, in place and functional. Outside rear-view mirror (driver's side) must be present and functional. Passenger's side mirror recommended. Loose or temporary mirrors are not allowed.

Brake fluid should be changed at least annually and/or before each driver school.

Brake fluids designed for the high temperatures experienced at Autocrosses and Driver Ed events are recommended.

Car should be in proper alignment.

Keep the underside of the car clean; it runs cooler.

Tire pressure should be at least the minimum recommended by manufacturer.

Check brake pedal feel after each running session on high-speed events. Do not run if your car's brake pedal feel has changed (soft pedal)

Remember: When participating in an Autocross, Drivers Ed or Time Trial that YOU (the driver) and your car are subjected to stresses well beyond what you may experience during normal street driving. Brake, tire and motor temperatures can and will go up beyond what you might see during normal driving.