

HPDE Preparation and Guidelines

SAFETY is a word which you will hear frequently during this event as it is our main priority. We expect you to do everything in your power to make this event safe for yourself, fellow drivers, our guests and Audi Club of North America. Anyone deemed to be driving in an unsafe manner is subject to expulsion from the event.

Medication or Specific Health Needs

- **If you are taking any medication, please ensure you have it clearly identified in your profile in MotorsportReg.com (MSR), the event registration site.**

Drugs and Alcohol

- **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR DRUGS ARE ALLOWED AT ANY TIME WHILE THE TRACK IS HOT. THIS APPLIES TO PARTICIPANTS AND GUESTS.**

Vehicles:

- You must bring your own vehicle to the event. While we are obviously huge Audi fans, you do not need to bring an Audi to the event. All makes are welcome.
 - Vehicle must provide complete rollover protection for the body, head, and limbs.
 - Convertibles are NOT permitted including those with factory roll hoops and/or deployable rollover protection.
 - Removable and retracting hard tops are NOT permitted.
 - Trucks, Vans, SUVs, CUVs, and SAVs are NOT permitted unless the model is included in the ACNA Vehicle Participation Exception List. Send an email to events@audiclubglacierlakes.org to inquire.
- Your vehicle must receive a Safety Inspection, commonly referred to as a “Tech Check”, from an authorized shop within 30 days prior to the start of the event. *You must bring this completed form with you to the event!*

Safety Gear

- Helmets must be worn by all participants during all in car sessions. Helmet rental is offered in the event registration if you need one. The following helmets are valid for this event:

Application	Rating	Valid until
M	2010	Dec. 31, 2021
SA	2010	Dec. 31 2021
SA	2015	Dec. 31, 2026

Clothing

- Comfortable clothing is recommended. **Long pants and long sleeve shirts are required**, as are leather or canvas shoes with socks. Be prepared for all types of weather.

Car Preparation

- Arrive at the track with a full tank of fuel. You will likely need to refuel at least once a day. Driving with less than 1/3 tank can cause the engine to suck in air when fuel sloshes to side of tank.

- Before entering the track or pit area, remove EVERYTHING from both the trunk and interior of your car. This includes door pockets, under seats, glove box, floor mats, loose change, and visor attachments.
- Ensure your tires have factory recommended pressure to start the event. As you drive, the tires warm and the air within expands. Check pressure throughout the day to optimize traction given the conditions. At a minimum, check pressure at the start of each day.
- Sun roofs must be CLOSED while on track.
- A tech inspection sticker (provided at registration) must be affixed to your windshield before you enter the track.
- A run group indicator (provided at registration) must be affixed to your windshield before you enter the track.
- Car numbers (provided at registration) must be applied to both sides of the vehicle on glass toward the rear of the car – avoid blocking your view – before you enter the track.

General Rules:

- Only registered participants and Instructors are allowed to drive on the track. For students, only Instructors are permitted in the passenger seat of any car on track during session. Instructors may give passengers rides (front seat only) to participant, and to non-participants if schedule permits. Waivers must be signed!
- Any camera and video devices must be securely mounted. No hand-held devices are allowed in the car.
- Track and insurance regulations prohibit the timing of vehicles or any type of competitive driving.
- No drones allowed. (Not even in the parking lot.)
- Follow all facility rules including any restrictions on motorbikes, scooters, skateboards, etc. If in doubt, ask before use

On the track:

- HPDE Event schedules are purposefully tight to maximize track time for all run groups. Be in the staging area and READY TO GO five minutes BEFORE it is time for your run group. Run groups are announced over the loudspeaker.
- Be belted in with your helmet on and buckled BEFORE entering the pit area. Make sure the passenger seatbelt is ready for your instructor to get in and buckled up.
- All student drivers must have an instructor with them while on track at all times until they are signed off as “Solo” and the sign-off or solo sticker is applied to their car.
- While on track – if there is “a butt in the seat” then the window must be either 100% up or 100% down – this will be defined by the event master at the morning Drivers Meeting each day.
- Listen to you Instructor and Safety Crew Members. Follow their instructions immediately. Do NOT argue, even if you disagree. Their priority is to keep you, themselves, and other at the event safe. You can exit the track and discuss if needed.
- The first lap of each session is a warm up lap. Drive at reduced speed. Take time to warm up your tires, brakes and yourself.
- At the end of each session a cool down lap is provided to allow your engine, brakes and tires to cool down. Treat your car well and take advantage of it.
- DO NOT USE THE EMERGENCY BRAKE. Park the car in gear. Clamping down brake pads on hot rotors may cause them to warp.
- Check the condition of your tires, brakes (pads), lug nuts and fluid levels frequently during the event to make sure your car remains safe to drive. Check your gauges when on the track.
- Drive within your ability. On any racetrack one can quickly get into trouble. Take a break if you need one.
- **NO RACING IS ALLOWED.**
- Drive safely. Have fun!

Driving Tips:

- Listen to your Instructor. They have training and experience to help you both learn and remain as safe as possible
- Focus on being smooth and consistent with the “line”. If you drive the correct line, speed will come naturally.
- Drive your own line. Don’t just follow the line of the car in front of you. They may not have the correct line.
- Keep reasonable distance between cars. Minimum distance on straights should be 3 car lengths unless you are passing, and then you should not be immediately behind the car in front of you. Maintain a safe interval in corners. If

you find yourself in a group, back off for a while, or even pull into the pits for a moment. It is easier to focus on your own driving when you aren't worrying about how close other drivers are to you.

- Watch your mirrors, especially at the beginning of a passing area and at the entrance to the track. Allow faster cars to pass. Follow the passing rules outlined in this packet. Do not attempt to pass near the end of a straight. Be sure you have time to complete your pass before any turn.
- Be conscious of and respect your fellow drivers. Be courteous. Don't hold up a faster car. Allow them to pass in the next available passing zone. Don't ride someone's bumper. If they don't give you the pass, cycle out through pit road and put some distance between you and them.
- Corner workers report unacceptable intervals and unsafe driving practices to the track marshal. Drivers will be black-flagged for improper or unsafe driving. *Repeated violations will result in disqualification from the event.*
- If a BLACK FLAG is pointed at you, acknowledge it with either a wave or flash of headlights. Proceed around the rest of the track and report to the pit master. You will be told what the problem is. It may be an infraction or simply an open sunroof. *Failure to respond to a black flag will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification from the event.*
- If you see a RED FLAG, stop as quickly and safely as possible and in sight of a corner station. Remember that there may be other cars behind you. Pull clear to one side of the track. Do not start again unless you are given a green or yellow flag.

Passing

- Passing rules are explained in detail at the Drivers Meeting and in the classroom.
- All passing requires a "contract". This means that before a pass can take place, both the passing car and the car being overtaken are aware of the pending pass, acknowledged the situation and have both granted permission and accepted the opportunity to pass.
- If you do not get a valid contract to pass from the car in front of you, DO NOT PASS.
- Novice and Intermediate drivers will rely on guidance from their Instructor to perform all passing.
- Failure to follow passing rules will result in disciplinary measures and could result in expulsion from the event.

In the Event of Trouble on the Track:

- If you drop two wheels off the track, gradually ease off the gas, continue straight until the suspension is settled and gently steer the car back on the track. Do not jerk the wheel.
- If you see you are going off the track, but are still in control, drive off in a straight line. Do not turn the wheel. Do not make a futile attempt to hold the car on the track. This will result in a slide or spin.
- If you spin, the general rule is "both feet in". Depress the brake and clutch simultaneously until you come to a complete stop. If you have an automatic transmission, put both feet on the brake.
- If you spin, drive off the track or take two wheels off the track, come into the pits and report to an event official for a re-tech. Don't wait to be black flagged.
- Pit out and track entry are explained at the Drivers Meeting.