



Audi
Club North America
Southern California



**Detailed Requirements
for
High Performance Driving Schools**

Thank you for participating in an Audi Club SoCal high performance driving school. We are excited that you will be joining us!

While the club works hard to conduct a fun, educational and SAFE event, performance driving on a race track exposes you and your car to certain unavoidable risks. Careful preparation and a “safety mindset” can do much to minimize those risks.

The following is presented to help you prepare for the event. Because safety is so important, your failure to comply with these policies may result in exclusion from the event and forfeiture of your entry fee. Most of these requirements are mandated by Audi Club of North America and complying with them is a requirement of the Club’s insurance policies. If you still have Questions after reviewing this document, you may direct them to eventmaster@audiclubsocal.org.

SAFETY

SAFETY IS NON-NEGOTIABLE

In-car Lap Timing: Our driving schools are educational events for learning and practicing precision driving. They are NOT a race, a racing school, or practice for racing. In-car lap timing which is visible to the driver or passenger is NOT allowed at Audi Club Driving Schools. It is permissible to refer to a video or data analysis system AFTER your on-track session.

Helmets: ACNA requires all participants to wear helmets bearing a current Snell or FIA certification. Audi Club SoCal has a limited number of open-face rental helmets which meet these requirements. A rental helmet may be reserved when registering for the event.

Purchasing your own helmet is a great investment in safety, comfort, convenience, and cleanliness! The price of some high-end auto racing helmets can take your breath away, but fortunately there are helmets bearing the latest Snell certification which are surprisingly affordable, some starting at less than \$170!

If have your own helmet, or plan on purchasing one for this event, please note that newer Snell SA (Special Application) helmets are required. Helmets without a Snell (or FIA) rating are not acceptable (for example, most motorcycle helmets only have a DOT rating which does not meet the ACNA helmet requirement).

The following table summarizes the permitted helmets and their expiration dates.

Helmet Type	Snell Label	Expiration Date
Motorcycle*	M2010	Dec 31, 2021
Auto Racing	SA2010	Dec 31, 2021
Auto Racing	SA2015	Dec 31, 2026
Auto Racing	SA2020	Dec 31, 2031
Auto Racing	FIA	Per helmet label

Motorcycle helmets are no longer allowed at ACNA events.

Regardless of the mandatory expiration dates in the table above, most authorities recommend a maximum in-service life of five years.

Seats and Belts: Equal safety restraints (seats, seat belts, air bags, etc.) are required for the driver AND the instructor / passenger. Stock seats and stock 3-point seat belts are completely adequate for **Audi Club SoCal** driving schools. All seats and belts must be securely attached and in excellent condition.

Aftermarket Seats and Harnesses: If your vehicle is equipped with aftermarket seat belts or harnesses, they must be certified by a recognized safety authority AND be installed per the manufacturer's installation instructions or if none exist, per accepted good practices. Acceptable belt certifications include FHTSA, FMVSS, SFI and FIA. If equipped with harnesses without a crotch strap (known as **4-point harnesses**) these harness assemblies must have an **approved ASM rating** (anti-submarine). Aftermarket seats shall be installed in accordance with the seat manufacturer's recommendations.

You are solely responsible for safely complying with these standards. The club reserves the right, but not the obligation, to deny entry to any vehicle which appears to be unsafe for the student, instructor, or other participants.

Head and Neck Restraints: Audi Club SoCal strongly recommends that a helmet restraint (**head and neck restraint, or HNR**) be used whenever **safety harness** are used (four / five / six / seven-point harnesses). [Currently REQUIRED at Porsche Club of America driving schools.] There are many restraints available with SFI or FIA certifications. The Simpson HANS and Hybrid, Necksgen Rev, and Schroth Evo are the most common. Although not inexpensive, they are much more affordable than a spinal cord injury.

Arm Restraints: If you are driving an open car or open-top convertible then you must wear SFI approved **arm restraints** AND you must provide the same arm restraints for use by your instructor passenger. See also the convertible section below.

Clothing: Clothing should be made of natural fibers or other fire resistive material. Long Sleeves, Long Pants, and practical closed-toe shoes are required. A long sleeve cotton tee shirt and jeans are adequate. Driving gloves are suggested.

Windows: The front driver and passenger windows are almost always required to be down when on-track, unless the weather is unusual. If a car has fixed plastic windows which cannot be lowered then a fire-rated driving suit is strongly advised.

Don't take shortcuts when it comes to safety!

Purchasing Safety Equipment: There are many reputable sources for safety equipment. We've listed a few to help get you started:

Southern California retail outlets

- **Winding Road Racing** is an Audi Club SoCal sponsor. They provide a 5% discount to Audi Club members. To obtain the Audi Club discount you must either:
 - Visit the Southern California store located at 3759 South Plaza Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92704, M-F: 9am-6pm, Sat: 9am-4pm, Sun: 10am-4pm, or by appointment (657) 859-9557. (This is a new address, hours, and phone number.)
 - Place a Mail Order by calling the local store at (657) 859-9557 and speaking with the local manager.

You can browse at store.windingroad.com, but the Audi Club SoCal 5% discount is not available for online orders. If you have a specific item or size, we advise calling ahead to make sure the SoCal store has what you need in stock. Please be prepared to provide your ACNA membership number when requesting the discount.

- Sube Sports, 17161 Palmdale Ln., Huntington Beach, CA 92647 M-F: 8-5, Sa 9-12
www.subesports.com

Online outlets

- Wine Country Motorsports supports the Golden Gate chapter and provides discounts to Audi Club members winecountrymotorsports.com (Sears Point Raceway, Sonoma, CA)
- Hoerr Racing Products www.hrpworld.com
- OG Racing www.ogracing.com
- Saferacer www.saferacer.com
- Competition Motorsports competitionmotorsport.com/driver-gear (aka Racer Parts Wholesale)

Vehicle Safety Inspection: This is a safety driving school, not a race or competition, so an appropriate **street-worthy car in excellent mechanical condition** is all that is required. High Performance driving on a racetrack will subject your car to forces it is designed to handle but which are not often experienced in daily driving. We recommend that all fluids (oil, coolant, and brakes) be fresh. The tires must be newer than five years old, and tires & brakes should have at least 50% of their useful life remaining.

For your safety and the safety of others at this event, **Audi Club SoCal** requires that you have a dealer, independent automotive shop, certified mechanic or other qualified individual inspect your vehicle and verify its condition and safety *prior to arriving at the event*. The form for the required safety inspection (often referred to as *tech inspection*) may be downloaded from the club website at www.audiclubna.org/southern-california/driving-school. This inspection **must be accomplished within the four weeks** prior to the event. **Vehicle inspection will not be provided at the event.**

Regardless of who you select to inspect your car, **you are solely responsible** for insuring that your vehicle is always safe and capable during the event. Failure to present a safe vehicle, a properly completed Inspection form, or mechanical failures or other safety defects which occur during the event, will disqualify you from further participation. Event fees will not be refunded due to failure to meet inspection requirements or for mechanical failures.

Have your car inspected **early** and **thoroughly** to avoid disappointment!

Turn Signals: Functional turn signals are desired. Audi Club events use cooperative passing in designated passing zones. If inclement weather prevents running with windows down, turn signals will be used as a "Blink-By", an alternate to the normal "Point-By" passing.

Tires: The street tires which are already on your car are fine for beginners and novices at this driving school event. If you continue participating in track days, as your experience increases you will find the "all season" tires which are usually fitted to be inadequate, and you may choose to upgrade to a "summer performance" type of street tire. Note, however, that specialized track tires, typically with a DOT wear rating at or below 200, or competition-only tires are **not** permitted for beginning and novice drivers, are discouraged for all but advanced drivers, and are not allowed on any SUV at ACNA-sanctioned driving schools. If you are unsure of your experience level or vehicle status and wish to use specialized track or competition tires please contact the organizers for clarification prior to registering.



Convertibles: Open cars and convertibles are allowed at ACNA sanctioned driving schools if equipped with either:

- **Approved OEM roll-over protection** (Not all factory roll bars are approved. See the ACNA-approved vehicle list in the Appendix to the ACNA HPDE Guidelines on audiclubna.org), or
- **A 4-point (minimum) aftermarket roll-bar** meeting the “broomstick rule” (for the full requirements see the convertible section in the ACNA HPDE Guidelines on audiclubna.org).

Targa tops and those convertibles equipped with the required rollover protection must run with the convertible/removable top/sunroof in the closed/up/installed position, otherwise arm restraints are required for ALL vehicle occupants.

If you are interested in bringing a convertible vehicle to this event, before you register please review the static list on the Audi Club SoCal website (which may be dated - the latest information may always be found in the ACNA HPDE Guidelines at <https://member.audiclubna.org/driving-school-and-event-guideline>), or contact the organizers to verify acceptability of your vehicle.

Sport Utility Vehicles: Most large high-center-of-gravity vehicles are not allowed at ACNA-sanctioned driving schools. This includes pick-up trucks and most SUVs. However, an expanding list of **performance-oriented small SUV and CUV** models may participate but with restrictions. If you are interested in bringing a sport utility vehicle to this event, please contact the organizers before you register to verify acceptability of your vehicle and to learn about the restrictions which apply (again, the latest information is on the ACNA document linked in the previous paragraph).

Driver Classification & Run Groups: All drivers will be assigned by the organizers to a run group based on their demonstrated experience and their car’s capabilities. If you have questions about your driver experience or your vehicle’s qualifications for this event, please contact the club’s Chief Driving Instructor at CDI@audiclubsocal.org

Physical Damage Insurance: While Audi Club HPDE events have an excellent safety record, mishaps can occur. You may wish to review the language of your vehicle's insurance policy, as many policies will not cover damage to your vehicle incurred while participating in this high-performance safety driving school. Optional vehicle physical damage insurance for your car while participating in an **Audi Club SoCal** driving school may be purchased online through various providers.

Passengers: Only pre-approved Audi Club instructors may ride as a passenger in a student's car. If you or your guest would like to get a ride on the track, you may only do so in an instructor's car. This may be arranged at the on-site registration desk.

Emergency Contact Information: Mandatory - If something should happen to you while at the event, the club needs your current **emergency contact information**. Please review and

update as needed in your MotorsportReg.com Profile, located in the My Information section at <https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/account>.

In Case of Emergency (ICE): Recommended - The club no longer collects medical information from participants. However, we encourage all participants to have important medical information, as well as emergency contact information, *on their person* for use by emergency personnel in the unlikely event it is needed. Here are a few ideas:

- Complete the free ACNA Medical Information Form (provided at the back of this document) and keep a copy on your person while at the event. Audi Club SoCal no longer collects these forms at check-in.
- There are many online sources for free ICE forms and wallet cards. See an example at www.geticecard.com, or search the web for "in case of emergency form" or "in case of emergency wallet card".
- There are also commercial ICE products such as www.amazon.com/Emergency-Medical-Personal-Information-Laminating/dp/B01CK6AR7M

Fitness for Performance Driving; Illness, Alcohol, Drugs: You self-certify your **personal fitness** for participating in this event. You must cease driving immediately if you become unfit for high performance driving at any time during the event.

For your safety and the safety of others at the event no **alcoholic beverage** consumption is permitted at the event by anyone (drivers or guests) until all driving is finished for the day.

Drugs or other substances which interfere in any way with your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, even if prescribed by a physician or otherwise legal, are strictly prohibited at this event.

Meal Options: If there is a café at the event you are attending, it will be open at the track on a no-host basis for breakfast, and for lunch if you decide you would like something other than the club-provided lunchtime meal. Dinner will be buffet-style, allowing an individual to select their own combination of dishes. While we attempt to provide a variety of dishes, **Audi Club SoCal** does not take requests for special dietary needs – please plan accordingly.

Cameras: Loose objects, including handheld cameras or handheld smartphones, are not permitted in your car. Securely mounted cameras are allowed. Exterior cameras should have two forms of attachment (the regular mount plus a safety leash). We ask that discretion be used when posting your media online. Please select photos and videos which reflect well on the club, your fellow club members, and our driving school.

Drones: Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (also known as UAV, UAS, model aircraft, or “drones”) may not be operated at any time on or over the track property.