



Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW CCA Performance Driving School How to Prepare for the Event

Welcome to Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW CCA Performance Driving School!

To ensure that you get the best experience possible, and to keep the event running smoothly, you're going to need to do some things to get prepared in advance.

The pre-event checklist of information provided here will help you avoid last-minute delays that could eat-up valuable track time.

Please review the Pre-Event Checklist below, and then review the Detailed information on the following pages.

Keep this document handy, and check-off items as they are completed.

PRE-EVENT CHECKLIST

- Make sure you are 18 years or older, and your Driver's License is valid
- Print out 2 copies of this document and keep the extra copy in your glove box
- Check your registration at motorsportreg.com:
(<https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/dashboard>) to ensure the car you intend to drive on track is the car listed in your registration
- Print 2 copies of the **Driving School Schedule** and keep one in your glove box
(<https://rmcbmwcca.org/hpde/driving-schools/driving-school-schedule/>)
- Print 2 copies of the **Tech Inspection Form** and keep one in your glove box
(<https://rmcbmwcca.org/hpde/tech-inspections/>)
- Get your car scheduled for Tech **NOW** (**list of tech centers:**
<https://rmcbmwcca.org/hpde/tech-inspections/>), you may have service items that require time to resolve
 - Note that cars must be tech'd within 4 weeks of the event
- Make sure your Helmet meets Minimum Standards (see: "Helmet Requirements", below)
- Get your numbers and letters for both sides of the car (see: "Car Numbers and Letters", below)
- Prepare a checklist of items you need: sunscreen, water, hat, lip balm, rain gear, etc.
 - We recommend that you bring a reusable water bottle, and at least 1 Gallon of water per person, per day
- Homework (**Required Reading**): **Driving School Student Manual**
(<https://rmcbmwcca.com/hpde/driving-schools/#driving-school-manual>)
- Recommended: Complete the digital SpeedWaiver when you register for the event via MSR
- Recommended: Add your picture to your MSR profile (instructions below)

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BEFORE THE DRIVING SCHOOL

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Documentation

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Check your MSR Registration

If the vehicle you bring to the school does not match the vehicle indicated on your MSR registration, **you will not be permitted on the track.**

- Verify the vehicle you are bringing is in your **MSR Profile** (<https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/account>)
- Verify the vehicle you are bringing matches what you indicated on your **MSR Registration** (<https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/dashboard>)
- If your registration shows the wrong vehicle, fix it so it shows the correct vehicle

Technical Inspection

If the vehicle you are bringing to the school does not pass Technical Inspection, **that vehicle will not be permitted on the track.**

If the vehicle you bring to the school does not match the vehicle shown on the Tech Form, **that vehicle will not be permitted on the track.**

Technical Inspection may reveal service issues that take time to resolve; arrange for this Inspection ASAP **so you have time to fix anything that will prevent you from driving on track.**

- Have a **qualified individual** inspect your vehicle using the Tech Inspection Form you printed (above)
- Brake fluid must have been changed within the last 120 days (4 months) or 6 track events
- Resolve any service items that failed inspection
- If a Re-Check was required, after repairs, have your tech inspector fill out and sign a new Tech Inspection Form
- Verify your Tech Inspection Form is filled out accurately and completely (yes, there will be a test, and failing paperwork means you don't get to drive on-track!)
- Staple your Tech Form pages together if they are printed on two sheets of paper
- Consider emptying your car as much as possible at home before you come to the track

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If you are driving the same car on multiple days, you only need one Tech Form.

Helmet Requirements

The BMW Club requires a minimum standard for your Helmet based on [Snell Helmet Safety Standards](#). **Your helmet must belong to either the most-recent rating for your helmet type, or the previous rating.** The rating for your helmet can be found inside the helmet, between the padding and the shell (usually toward the back of the helmet's interior).

As of 2022, only the following Snell Standards are acceptable for BMW Club events:

- Automotive: SA2020 or SA2015 (SA2010 are no longer accepted)
- Motorcycle: M2020 or M2015 (M2010 are no longer accepted)
- SFI 31.1/2015, SFI 31.1/2020
- SFI 41.1/2015, SFI 41.1/2020
- For FIA 8860 helmets, there is an expiration date on the sticker in or on the helmet

If your helmet does not meet these standards, you must either rent a helmet from the Driving School or buy a new helmet (recommended).

Homework

To get the most out of your experience... Be Prepared!

The **Driving School Manual** on the Rocky Mountain Chapter Website provides a rubber-meets-the-road view of what you will learn at the School, and how to safely practice those skills in everyday driving. **The fastest way to become an expert driver is to use this manual, both before and after the Driving School, and to practice what you learn—every single day—even when the speed limit is only 25 mph!**

- Required Reading: **Driving School Student Manual**
(<https://rmcbmwcca.com/hpde/driving-schools/#driving-school-manual>)

MSR Profile Picture

Consider adding a headshot to your MSR Profile.

Between the time you register for The Driving School and the time you arrive at the track, the event organizers have spent a **lot** of time poring over your names. It's great when we can recognize you at the event, even if we've never met.

If you are comfortable with adding your photo to MotorsportReg, it would be really helpful to your in-car and classroom instructors.

1. Sign in to [MotorsportReg.com](https://motorsportreg.com)
2. Click "My Account"
3. Under "My Profiles", click on your name/email address (right under the default Helmet image, or the image you've already added)
4. Click "Edit my Information"
5. Click the Camera icon next to "Upload a photo"

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SpeedWaiver

RMC BMW CCA has enabled SpeedWaivers for our Driving Schools. If you complete this digital waiver (including photo), you will not be required to sign a waiver for RMC BMW CCA at the track (note: you will still have to sign any applicable track waivers). We **highly recommend** that you complete the SpeedWaiver when you receive the text (ie. at the same time that you register for the event).

At this time, Minors waivers cannot be accepted via SpeedWaiver, and must be filled out by a parent or guardian. Minor waivers are available here: <https://rmcbmwcca.org/hpde/driving-schools/>

Car Numbers and Letters

All drivers are responsible for providing and placing their assigned number and run group letter on their cars. You provided your preference for car number when you registered, and your run group letter will be assigned to you by the Chief Driving Instructors.

1. Numbers must be at least 8" tall, with a 1" stroke (thickness)
2. Run group letters must be at least 4" tall
3. Run group letters are defined as AS (A-Solo), A, B, C, D, and i
 - (Instructors, please note the lowercase "i")
4. Numbers and letters must have sufficient contrast to car color to be easily legible to corner workers when the car is at speed (ie. no blue on blue)
5. Numbers and letters must be placed on the front door panels, or the side rear windows
6. Numbers and letters must be placed on **BOTH** sides of the car
7. The ordering will be: *number letter*, ie. "34 C"

You may choose to purchase magnetic or vinyl numbers, or you can make your own with painter's tape, or print them. As long as the numbers and letters meet the guidelines above, you're good to go.

Here are some sources:

Print your own

- Print your Number and Run Group Letter at home using [this template](#)

Vinyl & Magnetic

- <https://www.trackdecals.com/>
- <https://www.izoomgraphics.com/>
- <https://www.soloperformance.com/>

Other Forms

If you need forms (tech inspection, minor waiver, etc.), you can download them from the Rocky Mountain Chapter website, here: <https://rmcbmwcca.org/hpde/driving-schools/>.

Camping

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Camping is free in the paddock. RV electrical hookups and carports may be available at certain tracks, and can be rented through the track directly (usually through [MotorSportReg.com](https://www.motorsportreg.com)).

Weather

We hold the Driving School no matter what the weather.

On-Track Insurance

The BMW Car Club of America has partnered with Lockton Affinity to provide a high-performance driving event insurance program, delivering affordable insurance to the many BMW CCA enthusiasts involved in performance driving events. More info can be found at BMW National's website:

<https://www.bmwcca.org/events/hpde>

DETAILS - Getting to the Track

How to Get to the Tracks

High Plains Raceway

From Denver, drive east on I-70. Take the Byers exit (#316) to US 36.

Drive east on US 36 for 17 miles. The track is clearly visible on the left (north) side of US 36.

For more information on High Plains Raceway, see their web page <https://www.highplainsraceway.com>

Pueblo Motorsports Park

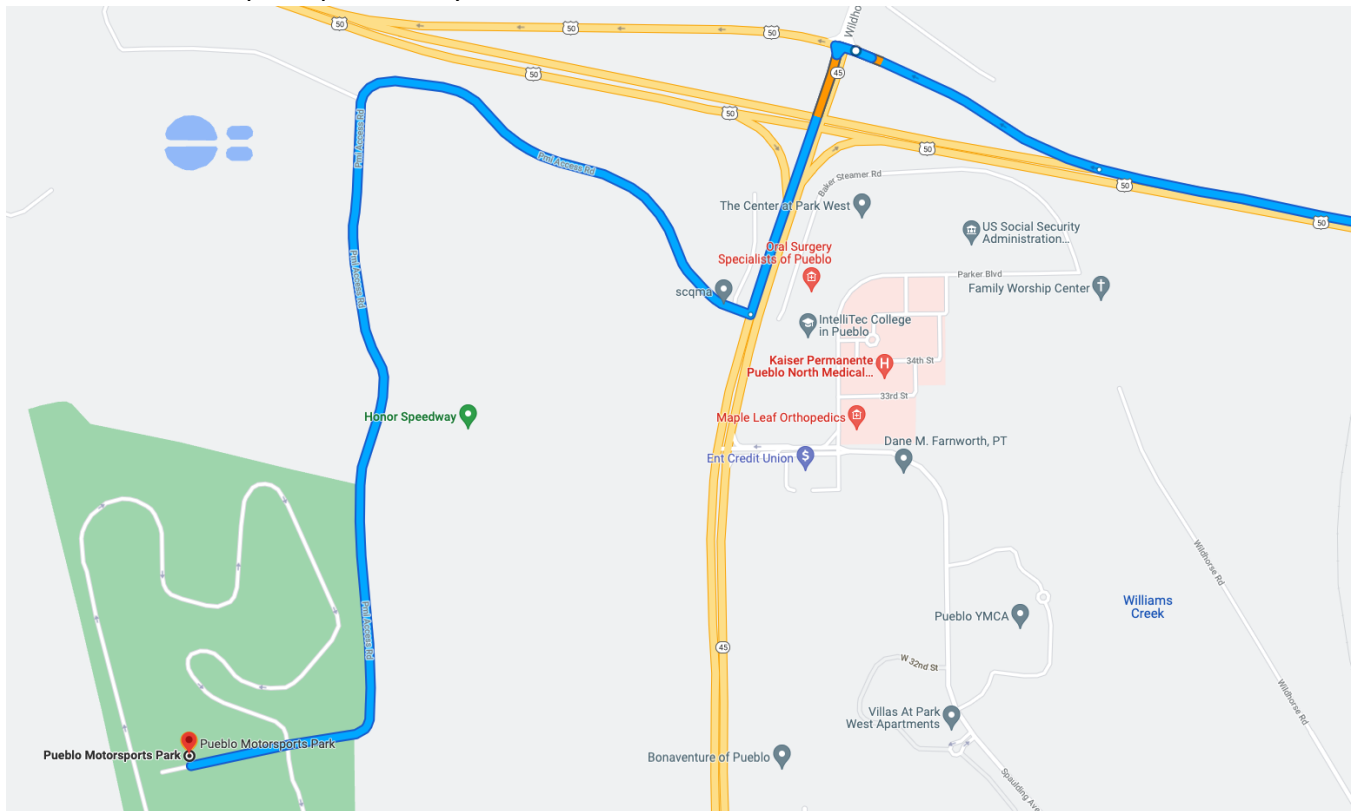
From I-25, take Exit 101 in Pueblo to US-50, turn right at the light to get on US-50 West.

Take US-50 west for about 2 miles, and watch the signs for Pueblo Blvd/CO-45 South.

Take the exit lane off of US-50 for Pueblo Blvd/CO-45 South.

At the light, turn left, go across the highway, and then take the first right at PMI Access Rd.

Follow the main asphalt path until you reach the Gate:



DETAILS – At the Track

AT THE DRIVING SCHOOL

Everyone

Waivers

When you arrive at the track you will likely have to sign the track's waiver before entering the Paddock. Put on their wristband as instructed.

A parent or guardian must sign a minor waiver for all minors entering the track property; this form may be signed in advance if notarized.

Students & Instructors

ARRIVAL AT THE TRACK: PADDOCK

- Find a parking spot in the paddock
- Proceed immediately to Check-In and bring:
 - Driver's License
 - Cell phone with completed SpeedWaiver
 - Your Helmet
 - Completed Tech Inspection Form (for the vehicle you will be driving on-track)

DRIVER CHECK-IN AT THE PAVILLION

There will be early check-in at the track on Friday afternoon from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. If you are there, please take advantage of this (you'll thank yourself in the morning!)

If you are planning to check-in the morning of the event (Saturday or Sunday), please arrive at the track by 6:30 am and proceed immediately to check-in, which will be located at the pavilion or other central structure. The goal is to get everyone through check-in as quickly and efficiently as possible.

A lot of time can be wasted at Check-In if you are not prepared; **please be well-prepared.**

- Get out your driver's license and have it available for inspection while you are waiting in line
- Get out your cell phone and pull up the SpeedWaiver confirmation
- Have your helmet and completed Tech Inspection Form ready

With the above in-hand, you will receive:

- A wristband that will go **on your left wrist**
- A Helmet Tech Sticker on the left cheek of your helmet (so Grid can see it when you're in your car)
- A Vehicle Tech Sticker that you will place on the upper-right (driver's) corner of your windshield

If you will be at the track for 2 days, please keep wristband(s) on your wrist for the second day.

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AFTER CHECK-IN: PADDOCK AND GRID

- Remove the backing and stick the Vehicle Tech Sticker to the upper-right (driver's) corner of your windshield
- Empty all loose items from your glove box, interior, and trunk
- Install a tow hook into the front bumper of your vehicle (rear also if you have two)**
- Install / tape your numbers and run group letter onto **BOTH** sides of your car
- Refer to the Driving School Schedule you printed out (above)

Do not rely on PA announcements as sometimes they are inaudible due to wind, car noise, etc.

- Stage your stuff in two clusters
 - Cluster #1: the stuff you need quick-access to all day
 - Cluster #2: the stuff you won't need until the end of the event
- Stage your folding chairs, sunscreen, lip balm, hat, plenty of water to drink, clothing appropriate for Colorado weather

Be ready for anything: Colorado weather can be unpredictable!

The Driving School will run, rain or shine.

- Wind-proof and Rain-proof your Staging Areas as appropriate (weather can change any moment)
- For your first session of the day, please grid your car 15 minutes beforehand. This allows time for the Grid Tech to remind you to empty your vehicle and for you to meet your instructor. If you are late to Grid, you risk losing track time.
- After the first session, please grid your car at least 10 minutes beforehand

INSTRUCTORS

- You will get an Instructor wristband at check-in
- You will get a lunch order form at check-in

VOLUNTEERS

Check-in volunteers: please arrive at the track by 6:15 am; Check-in opens at 6:30 am.

Other volunteers: Please arrive at the track by 6:30 am and proceed directly to the pavilion to check-in. There will be a volunteer meeting at the pavilion at 6:45.

SERVICES AT THE TRACK

The concession stand will be open for breakfast and lunch.

Saturday night dinner is provided as part of the event. Friends and family are welcome, just update your MSR Registration with an estimated count for us.

Fuel can be purchased at the track, but it is expensive.

If you have questions, don't wait for the last day to ask them. Have fun and..."Let's be careful out there"!

Please contact the Driving School team at dsinfo@rmcbmwcca.org if you have any questions.