



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

Welcome to Rocky Mountain Chapter BMW Club 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. This is your guide.

A pre-event checklist of information is provided below, which will help you avoid last-minute delays that could eat-up valuable track time.

Please review the Quick Pre-Event Checklist, and then review the detailed information on the following pages.

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

Quick 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](#) ("MSR") to ensure the car you intend to drive on track is the car listed in your registration
- Print out the [Driving School Schedule](#) and put an extra copy in your glove box
- Print out the [Tech Inspection Form](#) and put an extra copy in your glove box
- Get your car Tech'd ([list of tech centers](#))
- Get your car teched **NOW**, you may have service items that require time to resolve. You can use one of the tech inspection stations on [this page](#), or you can go to the ASE-certified mechanic of your choice
 - Instructors Only: You may tech your own car; if you are sharing the same car with a Student, you can perform their tech inspection also (two forms, one for each driver)
- Make sure your Helmet meets the standards listed [here](#)
- Get your numbers both sides of the car (see: "Car Numbers", below)
- Prepare a checklist of items you need: sunscreen, water, hat, lip balm, rain gear, etc.
- Homework (**Required Reading**): [Driving School Guide](#)
- Homework (**Required Reading**): [Driving School Manual](#)
- Recommended: Add your picture to your MotorsportReg profile (instructions below)

BEFORE THE DRIVING SCHOOL

Students & Instructors

Documentation

- Make sure you are 18 years or older
- Make sure your Driver's License is valid
- Print 2 copies of this document and keep one in your glove box
- Print 2 copies of the [Tech Inspection Form](#) and keep one in your glove box
- Print 2 copies of the [Driving School Schedule](#) and keep one in your glove box

Check your MotorsportReg.com Registration

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

- Verify the vehicle you are bringing is in your [MSR Profile](#)
- Verify the vehicle you are bringing matches what you indicated on your [MSR Registration](#)
- If your MSR 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 Technical Inspection 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.**

- Get your car teched **NOW**, you may have service items that require time to resolve. You can use one of the tech inspection stations on [this page](#), or you can go to the ASE-certified mechanic of your choice.
- Brake fluid must have been changed within the last 120 days (4 months) of the Event Date**
- Resolve any service items that failed inspection (Re-Check Required box will be checked on the inspection form)
- If a re-check was required, after repairs, obtain sign-off from your inspector in the RECHECK field.
- Verify your Tech Inspection Form is filled out accurately and completely (the form will be checked in Grid, 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

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. 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 2019, only the following Snell certifications are acceptable.

Automotive: SA2015 or SA2010

Motorcycle: M2020 or M2010

SFI 31.1 and FIA 8860 certifications are also accepted.

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 Guide** on the Rocky Mountain Chapter Website provides a bird’s-eye view of how to prepare for the Driving School.

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 Guide](#)

Required Reading: [Driving School Manual](#)

You may choose to print a track map for your reference

Rocky Mountain BMW CCA Chapter: [Forms Page](#)

MotorsportReg.com Profile Picture

Consider adding a headshot to your MotorsportReg 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://www.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"

Car Numbers

All drivers are responsible for providing and placing their assigned number on their car.

1. Numbers must be at least 6" tall, and preferably 8", with a 1" stroke (thickness)
2. Numbers must have sufficient contrast to car color to be easily legible to corner workers when the car is at speed
3. Numbers must be placed on **BOTH** sides of the car

You may choose to purchase magnetic or vinyl numbers, or you can make your own with masking tape or print them on paper. If choosing to print numbers on paper, please tape all four sides of the paper to prevent wind damage. As long as the numbers and letters meet the guidelines above, you're good to go.

Here are some sources:

Print your own

- Create and print your numbers at home using [this template](#)

Vinyl & Magnetic

- <https://www.trackdecals.com/>
- <http://www.izoomgraphics.com/>
- https://www.soloperformance.com/NumbersLettersGraphics_c_930.html

Other Forms

If you need forms (tech inspection, minor waiver, etc.), you can download them from the Rocky Mountain Chapter website [Forms Page](#).

AT THE DRIVING SCHOOL

Everyone

Waivers

There are TWO waivers you must sign. You must sign BOTH, and you will receive a wristband for each – these protect you, the Club, and the Track.

1. the Track Waiver at the gate (Right Wrist)
2. the BMW Club Waiver at check-in (Left Wrist)

Students & Instructors

ARRIVAL AT THE TRACK: PADDOCK

- Find a parking spot in the paddock
- Proceed immediately to Check-In and bring:
 - Driver's License
 - Completed Tech Inspection Form (for the vehicle you will be driving on-track)
 - Helmet (unless you are renting a helmet)

EARLY DRIVER CHECK-IN ON FRIDAY EVENING

There will be early check-in at the Wingate Hotel (4711 N Elizabeth St, Pueblo, CO 81008) from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. If you are there, please take advantage of this (you'll thank yourself in the morning!).

DRIVER CHECK-IN AT THE TRACK

If you are planning to check-in the morning of the event, please arrive at the track by 6:45 am and proceed immediately to the pavilion to check-in. 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. The courteous participant will do the following:

- Get out your driver's license and have it available for inspection while you are waiting in line
- Have your completed Tech Inspection Form ready
- If your Helmet does not already have a BMW Club tech sticker from the current year, bring your Helmet to Check-in
- If you are renting a helmet, you will you will leave your driver's license with the check-in folks until you return the helmet.

With the above in-hand, you will receive your check-in envelope, containing:

- A BMW Club wristband (Left Wrist)

AFTER CHECK-IN: PADDOCK AND GRID

- Empty all loose items from your glove box, interior, and trunk
- Consider emptying your car as much as possible at home before you come to the track
- 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 (rain, snow, sun, wind, and everything else). The Driving School will run, rain or shine.
- Wind-proof and rain-proof your staging areas as appropriate (weather can change any moment)
- Place your completed Tech Form under a windshield wiper
- For your first session of the day, please grid your car 15 minutes beforehand. This allows time for the Grid Tech to check your tech inspection form 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 a wristband in your envelope. Lunch and dinner tickets will be issued at the instructor meeting.

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. You will be issued your meal tickets at that time. Please contact Eugene Yen dec@rmcbmwcca.org if you have any questions.

SERVICES AT THE TRACK

The concession stand will be open for lunch.

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

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