



GENERAL RULES

The purpose of Motorsports North East Autocross is to challenge and improve driving skills in a safe, controlled environment. No modifications are required to your vehicle, but the vehicle must pass a safety inspection and there are common-sense safety procedures which must be followed. It is each driver's responsibility to read and observe the following rules. This document should be read in conjunction with the Autocross Manual.

- Speed limit of 5 mph in the pits. The pit area is not for warming up tires, or other high-speed activities. Failure to slow down after the finish line in the allotted space is also a violation. If you are not compliant with these regulations, there will be serious repercussions. First offense, your fastest run will be eliminated. Second offense, you will be asked to leave the event, and no times will count towards the event. Third offense, you will be banned from future *Motorsports NE* events.
- Each driver must wear an "M" or "SA" rated helmet carrying a 2005 or later Snell Memorial Foundation approval sticker. For those purchasing a new helmet, a 2015 "SA" rated helmet is strongly recommended, but an "M" rated helmet is acceptable. If you don't have a helmet, MotorSports North East has a limited number of loaners that could be used.
- Everyone must have their driver windows down at all time. If there is an instructor in the car both windows must be down at all time.
- All sunroofs should be either removed or fully closed.
- All *Motorsports NE* Autocross events are FULLY MUFFLED EVENTS. A car having a excessively noisy exhaust system will be prevented from participating. Autocross sites are becoming increasingly scarce, with one of the main problems being excessive noise.
- Metal-to-metal seat belts, securely anchored are required.
- Sneakers, tennis shoes or other rubber-soled shoes are recommended. High-heels, sandals and the like will not be allowed.
- Roll Bars are recommended but not required for all open cars.
- All cars must pass an on-site safety inspection. All loose articles within the vehicle (including floor mats) must be removed prior to the safety inspection. Children's seats must be removed prior coming to the Safety Inspection. Having the car inspected is the responsibility of the driver. A car that has not been inspected will not be allowed to compete. Late inspections are at the convenience / discretion of the Tech Inspectors. They **DO NOT** have to inspect your car beyond the published allotted Safety Inspection time windows.
- Cars / drivers not following the *Motorsports Northeast* Rules could be subject to protest by any participant. If a protest is upheld, it may result in disqualification from the event, reclassification or other changes as determined by the *Motorsports NE* Rules Committee and Event Chairperson.
- A driver may only enter one (1) car in an event.
- A maximum of two (2) drivers are allowed per car and drivers typically run in different run groups. Both drivers are responsible to insure that number on car matches the driver.
- All Novices (Rookies that have participated in less than 5 Autocrosses) should take advantage of our instructors to learn the course and tips on car control. Novices should turn on their hazards in the grid to signal the instructors.
- No passengers are allowed on any timed runs, except for pre-approved *Motorsports Northeast* Instructors.
- Should "fun" runs be provided at the end of the event, it is restricted for cars that have been registered and having passed the Safety Inspection can participate. A passenger is allowed on the "fun run" but they have to sign the waiver and wear a helmet.
- Working at a flagging station, or other workstation assigned is MANDATORY for all drivers unless you opt for and pay for no-work season pay or per day no-work card. Failure to obey this requirement could impact, at the discretion of the Event Chairperson, to forfeit points, times and/or future participation. WE MUST ALL WORK OR PAY TO PLAY!!! First offense participant's times do not count. Second offense participant sits out one event and pays fine of \$50 for the next time they show up. Third offense you will be asked not to participate for the rest of the season.
- *The 10 Car Rule*; Re-runs are to be completed during the same session. You may NOT cut in line and have to allow at least 10 cars to precede you during the current sessions. If you have more than one re-run for the session, complete one, and go to the end of the line of cars taking re-runs and take the next one but ensuring the



proper spacing between runs of 10 cars. Easiest solution: go to back of grid line that is moving towards start line. Communicate with grid worker to identify which lane you should go into. You may end up in new line as result.

- All *Motorsports NE Committee members and instructors* that are working the event that day, have the right to take their runs at their leisure throughout the course of the day as long as they observe the 10 car rule. These individuals will have a "X" or some other distinction on their cars letting other participants know why they're cutting in line when needed. Should a *Committee member or instructor* take their runs in succession, they will not count.
- All *Motorsports NE Instructors* must be available for the first two (2) runs of both first heats. You will be allowed to make up your runs throughout the day. (I.E. 2 runs in each of the first 2 heats, then running in your normal heat in the afternoon.
- Instructor Runs are to be clearly notified and pre-cleared with Timing, and do not count toward event points.
- Car numbers will be assigned on a yearly basis only.