

Chicago Region SCCA Solo Events New Driver Checklist

Welcome to the Chicago Region SCCA Solo community! We're glad to have you at one of our events. As a 'newbie', we want to help your experience with us be a positive one. We hope you'll have a good time and become a regular attendee of our events. Please review this step-by-step checklist that was created to help guide you through an event day. It will help you and get familiar with our event operations and procedures. If you have questions on anything, please don't be afraid to ask. Our volunteers and members will be glad to help you!

1. Come Early and Prepared for the event.
 - a. Try to be at registration by 7:30 AM. Bring sunscreen, a hat, food to eat and plenty to drink. Bring a change of clothing in case the weather turns bad.
 - b. We run our events rain or shine, and all drivers are required to work a worker assignment during the day, even if the weather conditions worsen as the day goes on.
2. Check in at the Registration Table.
 - a. We encourage online registration and payment as this makes our events flow more smoothly and makes it easier for everyone involved. You can register for events online at: <http://register.scca-chicago.com/>
 - b. Sign the waiver and get a wristband. All event attendees are required to sign a waiver and wear a wristband even if they are not driving. The wristband should be worn on the left wrist and clearly visible.
 - c. If you are new, or have a car class or number change, you must stand in line at the computer and wait to be entered in the computer. Using online registration helps you avoid this data entry wait.
 - d. When you're finished at registration, pick up your tech card before moving on to tech.
3. Take your car to Tech.
 - a. Your car must have clearly readable numbers and class designations displayed before being teched. Use a contrasting color. Blue or white painter's masking tape works well, or you can buy magnetic or vinyl numbers and class designations. Shoe polish and/or numbers on the vehicles side windows are not usually readable at speed. Got questions? Please ask.
 - b. Remove all loose items from the car before going to tech. Loose items can become projectiles at speed and must be removed from the vehicle.
 - c. Your tech card must be signed in tech before taking it with you to get a worker assignment.

4. Get a Worker Assignment.
 - a. Worker assignments are assigned from a car parked near the starting line of the course. There are four “heats” during the day and you will be required to work during one of the heats, or after the event if you are working cleanup.
 - b. Without workers, we cannot continue to run our events, so everyone must fulfill their work assignment. The club is a volunteer organization and we do not have paid workers, so all drivers must also work.
 - c. Workers must check-in at the back of the timing trailer before going to their work assignment. This is separate from receiving the assignment and is necessary for us to determine that you did do your work for the day.
5. Walk the Course.
 - a. There are no practice runs at our events. You’ve got at most six tries to drive through the course and get a fast time without hitting the cones or missing the course. The best way to ensure success at autocross is to walk the course repeatedly prior to taking your runs and walk with an experienced driver.
 - b. All course walks must be completed before the mandatory drivers’ meeting. If you come late to the event, you’re not likely to have enough time to walk the course prior to the start of the drivers’ meeting.
6. Attend the Drivers’ Meeting.
 - a. The mandatory drivers’ meeting is used to help ensure that everyone knows what to do, how to work a corner and what is expected from them during the day. Special instructions may be provided at this meeting.
 - b. We will provide the run order for the day, which determines when you are expected to drive and when you are expected to work.
 - c. All of this can be confusing the first time. If you’ve got questions, please ask. The only question that is stupid is the one that isn’t asked. Don’t be a wallflower; you’ll have more fun by getting involved in the meeting!
7. Get ready to Run, Work or Wait depending on the Run Order.
 - a. If you are running in the first heat, you will need to bring your car to grid at this time and prepare to run. The grid person will tell you when it’s your turn to run, make sure that your car is warmed up and you are ready to go before you’re called to run. Make sure your car is full on oil before you run; your car will thank you.
 - b. When it’s your turn to work, you must check in with the course marshal at the timing trailer before heading out to your work assignment. Make sure he checks your name off the list or we won’t know that you worked.
 - c. If your worker assignment is not until a later heat in the day, you can either return to your car in paddock or observe the other competitors from the observation area near the timing trailer.
8. Attend the Trophy Presentation.
 - a. After the event is over, timing and scoring will work to tabulate the results and our auditors will audit them. There will be a trophy presentation after the event to award the top third of each class with a trophy.
 - b. Attending the trophy presentation is a great way to meet new people and congratulate your competitors. Even if you don’t win a trophy, this is a great way to become a closer member of our autocross family.
 - c. Please cleanup after yourself and leave the event site at a safe & calm speed.