

## **NOLA Open Track Day (OTD) for Cars - FAQ's**

- **What is an Open Track Day (OTD)?**

An OTD is an opportunity to bring your car to our track and experience the thrill of high performance track driving.

- **Who can participate?**

Any driver who is at least 18 years of age, has a current drivers license, and has their own car.

- **Do you have to have a racecar to participate?**

No. Almost any sedan, sports sedan, or sports car can participate. Trucks, SUV's, or minivans are not allowed and there are some restrictions on certain convertibles. Please contact Scott Foremaster or Jim Slane if you have questions about your car's eligibility.

- **What if I've never been on a race track before? Is there any instruction provided?**

For an OTD, instruction is not provided but we conduct an extended drivers meeting for the Novice run group and discuss in detail the passing rules and the definition of the flags used on the track during your sessions.

- **What run group should I register for?**

If you have never been on track before or have very limited track experience, you should register for the Novice run group. If you have several track days under your belt or have participated in other events (like NASA or PCA DE's), you should register for the intermediate group. If you have a race car with a current logbook and have a current race license, you should register for the racecar group.

- **Are there other cars on track in addition to mine?**

Yes. There will be other drivers on track with you in your particular run group.

- **Does my car have to pass tech?**

Typically for a NOLA OTD, we will give you a tech sheet to fill out and turn in at the drivers meeting. You are responsible for making sure your car is ready for the track but we do not mandate that you take it to a shop to get this done.

- **Is passing allowed?**

Passing is allowed in designated passing zones with specific passing rules for the drivers. This is discussed in detail during the drivers meeting.

- **What happens if it is raining?**

We run wet or dry.

- **What is the format for the day?**

Typically, walk-up registration opens at 7:15am. The mandatory drivers meeting is at 8:15am, and the first group goes out on track at 9am. Each run group gets five 20-minute sessions throughout the day.

- **Will my car insurance policy cover me if something happens?**

You will need to contact your insurance agent to verify if you're covered or not. Typically, most policies do not cover track day driving.

- **How do I register?**

Usually you can register online through a link on our website. You can also register at walk-up registration the morning of the event.

- **What happens if I register but then cannot attend for some reason?**

We will issue you a credit towards a future OTD.

- **What happens if I have mechanical issue during the track day and can't complete my sessions? Can I get my money back?**

No. Mechanical issues are a fact of life when involved in this hobby. Once you turn a wheel on the track, you have officially participated in the event.

- **Can I take a passenger on track with me?**

No passengers are allowed on track but friends or family can hangout at the track and watch you run.

- **Do I need a helmet?**

Yes. Each driver must have a helmet with an "M" or "SA" Snell rating no older than 2010. We do rent approved helmets for \$25/day should you need one.

- **What if I decide I would like someone to instruct me?**

While we don't offer instruction during OTD's, there are events at the track held by organizations like NASA (National Auto Sport Association) and the Mardi Gras Region of the Porsche Club of America that host DE events (Driver Education). In DE's, an instructor is assigned to you and will ride with you during every session you're on track. They are great fun and you will learn the tips you need to make you a faster and safer driver on track. Be aware that the instructor groups often sell out early – sign up as soon as you decide you want to attend.

More info can be found at [www.nasaproring.com](http://www.nasaproring.com) or [www.mgpca.org](http://www.mgpca.org)