



EVENT AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

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OVERVIEW

This document outlines what to expect when attending a Drift Spot event, either as a spectator, media outlet, driver and official. All information is subject to change. The latest version of this document will remain available at <http://www.drift-spot.org>.

SPECTATOR AND DRIVER REGISTRATION & CHECK IN

All event participants must use the Main Entrance at NHMS to access any event site. Participants will be required to sign the track insurance waiver at the operations building located to the left of the main gate.

Spectators will also check in at the main gate, where they will also pay the admission fee.

Participants will check in for the event at the event site. All participants, driver and crew, must also check in with Drift Spot staff. Pre-registered drivers will be verified and new participants will need to fill out a short registration form and present payment. All registered participants will be presented with a wristband or some other form of identification that must be worn at all times when at the event site. Anyone without a wrist band will be required to see an event official and sign in.

Spectators are allowed in designated areas only. At no time are any Spectators allowed within the active event area. Only drivers, crew, and officials are permitted in the event area.

Events start promptly at 8 am EST. Any participants arriving after 9 am EST must check in with event officials before joining the event. If for any reason a participant must leave the event early, they must notify the event officials before leaving the premises.

DRIVER AND VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION

DRIVER SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All drivers, regardless of classification must have the following safety equipment in order to participate in any Drift Spot events:

- Valid Driver's License
- Long Pants
- Closed Toe Shoes
- SA2005 or M2005 Snell rated helmet. Snell rated helmets are identified by a sticker located on the base of the helmet. Sample stickers below.



MINORS

Minors are allowed to compete in Drift Day and Drift Clinic events with a completed Minor Waiver form. This form is available at <http://www.drift-spot.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2010/09/minorwaiver.pdf>. This form must be printed in color and signed in the presence of an event official.

DRIVER CLASSIFICATION

Drivers and vehicles are classified separately. The Driver's classification determines the participant's "run group". Driver Classifications are:

- A – Experienced.
- B – Intermediate.
- C – Beginner.

All new drivers are placed into group "C" unless otherwise noted.

CLASSIFICATION TESTING

In order for a driver to update his/her classification, he/she must demonstrate the required level of competency required for their desired group. These tests are held during all open Drift Day events (see Event Types below for more information). Drivers who want to update their classification must notify event officials at the beginning of the day. Drivers testing will be marked differently and judged on each run. At the end of the event, these drivers will be notified if they have qualified for their desired group.

Judging consists of the following:

- Course Speed ("B": 20% - "A": 10%)
- Transitions ("B": 35% - "A": 20%)
- Ability to maintain drift angle ("B": 25% - "A": 35%)
- Adherence to the racing line ("B": 20% - "A": 35%)

The weight of each of these elements differs on which class the driver is attempting to test into. Weights are marked in parenthesis next to the category.

*Note: If any testing driver demonstrates the necessary skills before the end of the event, they will be notified immediately and their classification will be updated for the next event.

If a driver fails to qualify for their desired group, the event officials will present the driver with their scoring worksheet outlining the areas for improvement. He/she is then free to test again at the next event.

GROUP DESCRIPTIONS

GROUP A

Group "A" is where the most experienced drivers are placed. These drivers have demonstrated a mastery of basic drifting skills and may have competed on a professional level. All Group "A" drivers are eligible for competitions and tandem practice. (See Event Types below for more information)

GROUP B

Group "B" is where intermediate drivers are placed. These drivers have demonstrated a strong competency in basic drifting skills and are able to perform consistently at each event. This is the largest group in the organization. Only drivers classified as Group "B" Tandem can compete in competitions and tandem practice. (See Event Types below for more information)

GROUP B TANDEM

This special sub-section of Group "B" is for Group "B" drivers that have demonstrated a mastery of basic drifting skills and are experienced enough to handle tandem practice. What separates this sub-group from Group "A" is their lack of competition and/or event experience. Drivers in this sub-group typically move up to Group "A" very quickly.

GROUP C

Group "C" is where all new and inexperienced drivers are placed. These drivers are either completely new to drifting or lack basic drifting skills. Drivers in this group typically require instruction and/or additional time to work on the basics of drifting. This group is ineligible for competition and tandem practice.

VEHICLE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The following list contains the minimum required safety equipment required of all vehicles used at all Drift Spot events:

- DOT Restraints. Harnesses are allowed, but must be installed according to manufacturer's specifications
- Wheel bearings with zero play
- No leaking fluids (Oil, Power steering, Coolant, etc...)
- Brake fluid within acceptable levels
- Functioning throttle return spring, if equipped
- Battery securely tied down. Bungee cords are not allowed. Solid tie-downs only
- No loose items. This includes floor mats, music cases, etc...
- Exhaust note cannot exceed 98db @ 50 ft.

Vehicles that do not meet these minimum requirements will be given one opportunity to correct and ask for a re-inspection. If a vehicle fails a second time, it will be considered ineligible for the current event.

CONVERTIBLES AND OPEN TOP VEHICLES

Convertible and open top vehicles are allowed to participate in all Drift Spot events. If possible, the following additional safety items are strongly recommended:

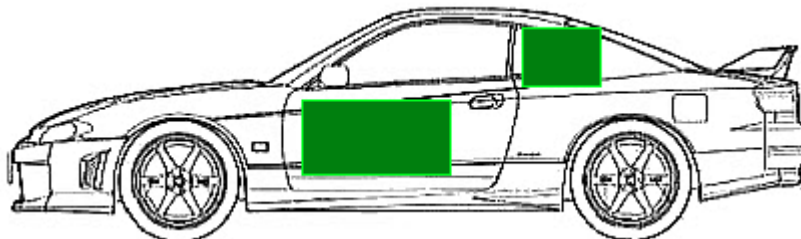
- Roll Bar
- Hard Top, if applicable

VEHICLE NUMBERING AND LETTERING

All vehicles participating must have a number assigned and clearly visible on both sides of the vehicle. Minimum Number specifications are as follows:

- Minimum 8" (inch) Height
- Minimum 1" (inch) Stroke (width of the number)

Approved number placement locations:



VEHICLE CLASSIFICATION

All vehicles are classified in one of the following groups:

- Stock
- Street Modified
- Prepared

STOCK

Vehicles with little to no modifications are placed into this group. These vehicles are typically daily driven, registered street vehicles. Modifications allowed in this class are:

- Cat-back exhaust
- Performance Springs
- Any wheel/tire combination
- Performance intake filter/system

Stock vehicles are allowed to participate in the following event types only, regardless of Driver classification:

- Drift Day
- Drift Clinic

STREET MODIFIED

Vehicles modified but still considered street legal are placed into this group. Most of the vehicles will be placed here. Modifications allowed in this class are, but not limited to, listed below:

- Performance Exhaust.
- Performance Intake.
- Aftermarket Suspension Systems
 - Sway Bars, End links
- Modified Steering systems
 - Modified Control Arms
 - Tie Rod Spacer
- ECU Updates/Reprogramming

Street Modified vehicles are allowed to participate in all event types. Additionally, Street Modified vehicles that meet the Tandem & Competition Criteria are eligible for use in tandem practice and competitions.

PREPARED

Heavily modified, non-street legal, vehicles are placed into this group. These vehicles are typically race-prepared and single purpose. There are no modification limits in this group. Instead, there are minimum safety requirements for all prepared vehicles.

- 4-Point Roll Cage, 6-Point recommended (SCCA, NASA, Formula D spec are acceptable)
- 2.5lb A/B/C Fire Extinguisher mounted within reach of the driver. Fire suppression recommended.
- Harnesses, if equipped, must be a minimum of 4-Point. 5-Point recommended.

Prepared vehicles are allowed to participate in all event types, including competition and tandem practice.

TANDEM & COMPETITION CRITERIA

All Prepared class vehicles are approved for tandem practice and competition entry. Vehicles not in the prepared class must have the following safety modifications in order to qualify for tandem practice and competition entry:

- 4-Point Roll Cage, 6-Point recommended (SCCA, NASA, Formula D spec are acceptable)
- 2.5lb A/B/C Fire Extinguisher mounted within reach of the driver. Fire suppression recommended.
- Harnesses, if equipped, must be a minimum of 4-Point. 5-Point recommended
- SA2005 Helmet Required. M2005 are not approved for Tandem & Competition use.
- Fire resistant footwear/suit recommended but not required.

EVENT TYPES

DRIFT CLINIC

OVERVIEW

A Drift Clinic event is aimed at beginner to intermediate drivers looking to practice the basics.

DESCRIPTION

At a Drift Clinic, drivers are broken up into smaller groups where they work with instructors on a series of drills and skills tests aimed at teaching the basics of drifting. These drills include:

- Circles
- Figure Eights
- Chicane transitions
- Entry "At Speed"
- Small Course runs and transitions

Events are limited entry to keep the student to teacher ratio high.

ELIGIBILITY

Drift Clinic events are open to Group “C” and Group “B” drivers only. There are no vehicle classification restrictions.

DRIFT DAY

OVERVIEW

Drift Day events are aimed at providing a safe, pressure free, practice environment for all of our drivers.

DESCRIPTION

At a Drift Day, the event starts with registration, check-in, and vehicle technical inspection. A drivers meeting is then held to go over the basic course layout and the schedule for the day. Next, the drivers are separated into run groups, mostly in line with their driver classification, and are given a series of “runs” throughout a pre-determined course.

Courses are designed to maximize the amount of space available while providing a challenging and fun layout for drivers to enjoy. The courses are designed for intermediate level drivers, with a maximum initial entry speed of 60 mph. All courses contain one or more of the following elements:

- Moderate speed entries
- Low speed technical areas
- Wide sweeping curves
- Varying left and right transitions

Drivers are given a minimum of 3 runs per group. Each group will continue to rotate on and off the course for the remainder of the day.

DRIVER CLASSIFICATION TESTING

Driver’s wishing to update their classification may do so at any Drift Day. For more information on testing and driver classification, please see the Classification Testing section.

ELIGIBILITY

Drift Clinic events are open to all drivers. Entries are limited to 35 drivers.

TANDEM PRACTICE

Tandem practice is open to Group “A” and Group “B” Tandem drivers participating in approved vehicles only.

POINTS & COMPETITION EVENTS

OVERVIEW

Points and Competition events are aimed at providing a safe, competitive environment for the higher level drivers to test their skills against each other.

DESCRIPTION

At Points & Competition events, the event starts with registration, check-in, and vehicle technical inspection. A drivers meeting is then held to go over the basic course layout and the schedule for the day. A typical competition event schedule is as follows:

- 8 am – Check in, registration, and technical inspection
- 9 am – Drivers meeting, including a course layout overview, clipping points and judging criteria.
- 9:30 am to 11 am – Qualifying runs for all drivers.
- 11 am to 11:30 am – Morning break.
- 12pm to 4 pm – Tandem competition runs.
- 4 pm – Results and Awards.

Courses are designed to maximize the amount of space available while providing a challenging layout, testing the driver's skills. The courses are designed for intermediate to high level drivers, with a maximum initial entry speed of 60 mph. All courses contain one or more of the following elements:

- Moderate speed entries
- Low speed technical areas
- Wide sweeping curves
- Varying left and right transitions

After qualifying, drivers will compete in single elimination tandem runs to find a winner. If there is no clear winner after the first set of runs, drivers will compete in one additional run, after which, a winner must be chosen.

ELIGIBILITY

Points & Competition events are open Group "A" and Group "B" Tandem drivers in approved vehicles only. Entries are limited to 20 drivers using Early Registration only.

MEDIA

All media wishing to cover any Drift Spot event register for the event using the online registration system. Only pre-registered media will be allowed within the event area. All media are treated as event participants and must check in and participate in the driver's meeting.

Media must stay within the allotted media areas designated by NHMS and the Drift Spot safety coordinator. If any media wishes to move outside of these allotted areas, they must get the approval of the Safety Coordinator and have an approved spotter with them at all times.

If any media wishes to position any equipment on participating vehicles, they must notify the Safety Coordinator and Starter before moving within the grid. Media are not allowed in participating vehicles without prior approval of the Safety Coordinator.

Any violations of these rules will result in the immediate suspension of media privileges for the remainder of the event.

SPECTATORS

All spectators must remain in the designated spectator areas. At no time will any spectators be allowed within the event area when in use. Any spectator found in violation may have their access revoked for the remainder of the day.

EVENT OFFICIALS

The following is a list of all Drift Spot event officials and their responsibilities.

- Event Coordinator – Responsible for registration, check-in, run groups and the event schedule. This official is considered the head official for the event. All protests and disputes are handled by this coordinator.
- Safety Coordinator – Responsible for on-site, driver, and vehicle safety. This includes spectator and media safety as well. At any time, the Safety coordinator may make changes to the course, run order, vehicle eligibility, and spectator management if their safety is questioned. This official also manages any vehicle technical inspectors and handles any safety protests and disputes.
- Course Coordinator – Responsible for course maintenance and worker management. This official manages the course layout and course volunteer workers. Volunteer positions include, but are not limited to:
 - Starter
 - Grid Control
 - Pit Control
 - Site Access
- Participant Coordinator – Responsible for participant check in and registration. This official manages all participants bookkeeping and history. Responsibilities also include, but not limited to:
 - Run Count Management
 - Participant Check In and Check Out
 - Score keeping

VOLUNTEERS

To help run the events, a certain number of volunteers are required. Volunteer participation is extremely important to all of us at Drift Spot and crucial to the success of our club. Volunteers work with the Event and Course coordinator to ensure a smooth running event. Event participants, crew, and other spectators can be volunteers and are highly encouraged to do so. Volunteers are rewarded for their help with the following:

- Lunch and snacks are provided throughout the day
- T-Shirts and other prizes

And if the any event participants volunteer, they will also receive:

- Discount vouchers on future event registration fees

PROTESTS

If, at any time, a participant would like to protest an event decision, they must do so by notifying the event coordinator and the official who rendered the decision. At that time the Event Coordinator will hear from the Event Official and the participant. Once both cases have been heard, the Event Coordinator will rule on the issue. The Event Coordinator's decision is final and the issue will be considered resolved.

Some areas that may invoke a protest are, but not limited to:

- Driver Eligibility
- Vehicle Eligibility
- Judging and Scoring accuracy
- Course Run availability

CONTACT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information please visit <http://www.drift-spot.org>

For questions or comments about these guidelines, please visit <http://www.drift-spot.org/forums> or contact the Drift Spot club management at management@drift-spot.org