

What is required to advance a run group?

Oftentimes we're asked this question by new students who are eager to advance.

We always suggest you enjoy the learning experience and don't be in a rush to advance. Get as much time with as many different instructors as possible. This will help hone your driving skill in the shortest timeframe and has the added bonus that each instructor shares a unique set of insights with you.

With that said, there are some basic skill sets your instructor will be watching to see if you've mastered. Here are some basic guidelines for advancing:

Novice Benchmarks

(Skills required before promotion from green to blue)

- Drives the line accurately and consistently
- Drives at an appropriate pace for the run group
- Inputs are increasingly smooth
- Makes few mistakes and self corrects
- Remains calm in traffic
- Anticipates slower cars in front
- Does not "tailgate"
- Does not give or accept late passing signals
- Gives passing signals promptly and properly
- Passes with good safety margins
- Is learning good braking techniques
- Exhibits good manners and consideration
- Displays full knowledge of procedures, flags, and driving terminology

Beginner Benchmarks

(Skills required before promotion from Blue to Blue Solo/White)

- Uses the full track consistently
- Very smooth inputs, especially braking
- Uses Ocular Vision in most corners ...moves head
- Carries reasonable momentum into corners
- Practices effective heel and toe braking/downshifting
- Demonstrates competent car control and recovery skills
- Prompt and courteous passing signals
- Good driving record for two events minimum
- Calmly deals with fast traffic and close passing
- Demonstrates full compliance with region DE philosophy
- Receives two satisfactory check out rides with instructors