

Paddock, Parking & Load-In Information

Parking Inquires

All parking inquiries and requests should be sent to CotaParking@ClubRegistration.net.

Staging and Load-In

1. Circuit of the Americas Blvd. RULES:

- a. The 2 center lanes must always remain completely open for thru traffic.
- b. No pit vehicles may be operated on Circuit of the Americas Blvd.
- c. Keep your vehicle completely within a single, marked lane.
- d. Stay completely in your lane: NO RV SLIDES may be opened if they exceed your lane width.
- e. Do not block driveways and do not park or stage in fire lanes.

2. Staging:

- a. Staging begins at 6am, Thursday, March 28.
- b. Before staging begins, park in a designated Truck Parking lot. They are marked and are off Circuit of the Americas Blvd.
- c. From FM 812, turn on to Circuit of the Americas Blvd. and line up 100 feet before Tunnel 2 security in the correct lane.
- d. Then, ALL personnel must sign COTA waiver and get wristbands from the Tunnel 2 Guard. DO THIS BEFORE LOAD-IN STARTS.
- e. Lane Assignments:
 - i. LANE 1 (Northbound - from FM 812, curbside): All Big Rigs/18 wheelers/Toters/RV's
 - ii. LANE 2 (Northbound - from FM 812, 2nd from curb): Designated garage support vehicles (all sizes, ONE per garage)
 - iii. LANE 3 (Southbound - from Elroy Rd, curbside): Smaller rigs (tags/goosenecks) and track cars (Use Lane 4, 2nd from curb if needed)
 - iv. LANES 5 & 6 (Southbound & Northbound - center lane): OPEN FOR TRAFFIC ALL TIMES

3. Load-In

- a. Load In begins at Noon and ends at 6pm, Thursday, March 28, 2019.
- b. LOAD-IN ORDER:
 - i. (Est Noon-1pm) - Lane 2 - Designated Garage Support Rigs
 - ii. (Est start 1pm) - Lane 1 - Big Rigs
 - iii. (Est start 2pm) - Lane 3 - Smaller rigs & cars (followed by Lane 4, if needed)
 - iv. Load In continues at 6:30am Friday, March 29, 2019, first come first served.

Grid

See Paddock and Grid Map below and online. The grid will be located at the northeast end of the Main Paddock. This is a new grid location for this event. Cars will enter Grid from the west side of the Grid. Cars will then be directed to the track entrance located on the east end of the F1 Garages Building (between the medical center and the F1 Garages Building). Cars will exit the track at the same track entrance/exit.

Paddock Regulations

The Circuit of the Americas (COTA) is a state-of-the-art facility, and (along with the City of Austin) has provided guidelines for conduct that are more stringent than you may be accustomed. These paddock regulations reflect COTA's requirements, along with processes to manage to accommodate the 260 entries for this event. With everyone's cooperation, we hope to make this one of your most anticipated events each year for PCA Club Racing.

Parking will be at a premium at this event due to the large number of entries. Your cooperation and understanding are asked as the Paddock Marshals endeavor to accommodate everyone's space requirements while maintaining good ingress and egress and legally-required fire lanes. Teams and Drivers must park as instructed.

Spaces will accommodate ONLY a hauler (tow vehicle and trailer) and racecar work area with awning, if applicable.

Paddock Speed Limit is 10 mph.

Haulers Parking

Once parked, haulers cannot move to another space for any reason at any time. There will be no space-saving for another hauler. If haulers want/need to be parked together, you must arrive together at the same time. No exceptions can be made.

Haulers will be parked sequentially – that is to say a rig will be parked in space 1, and the next rig in space 2. This will allow us to park rigs closely, maximizing parking space and easing parking challenges especially with larger rigs. Rationally enough, larger rigs will be parked together as much as possible, with smaller rigs together, again to optimize space and facilitate ingress/egress.

Competitors with garages

Each garage space will have a single allotted space for their hauler in the area across the fire lane from the garages. This holds true for multiple cars/teams sharing a garage. One garage = one support vehicle/trailer. Haulers may not necessarily be parked directly across from their garage due to facility structures in this area. We will endeavor to park the hauler as close as possible across from each garage for easy access. No awnings or other side structures beside or off the haulers will be permitted for those with garages (as we expect all garage-users to place all their support equipment in either the garages or within their hauler).

Once the support vehicle/trailer has been parked, we will allow other users of those garages to enter the Paddock near the Garages to unload their cars and equipment. After unloading, these support vehicles and trailers must be moved to the designated area.

No Refueling in Garages

Vehicles may not be refueled in the garages. There is a space in front of each garage separate from the fire lane where vehicles can be pushed out to be run and refueled. These are safety considerations, and no exceptions can be made.

No Track Egress for Track Vehicles from the Garages

All track vehicles must go through the Grid to enter the track. There shall be no vehicle egress to pit road via the south-facing garage doors. These doors may be required to remain closed at all times if violations occur.

RV Hookups

COTA has 78 Premium RV hookups available for rent. These are located outside of Tunnel 2 along Circuit of the Americas Blvd. PCA has no management of these spaces, and competitors must work through COTA. If you want to arrange for RV hookup parking, please contact COTA directly. Please mention you are with the PCA Track Rental Day at COTA in your subject line.

The RV area is separate from the paddock area. These hookups have the following amenities: 24 hour access, full water, 50 amp electricity, sewage drop, restrooms, laundry, showers and security. <http://circuitoftheamericas.com/visit/rv-parking>

Race cars must be in the paddock area. Therefore, a competitor must set up their race car work area in the paddock, separate from their RV (if it is at the RV area). Per COTA, race cars will not be permitted in the RV hookup area for both logistical and space reasons, and COTA will not permit any work to be done on race cars in this area.

While RV's are permitted in the Paddocks, there are no hookup arrangements in the Paddocks.

Utilities

Only garages have power outlets. There is no electricity available in the paddock. There are no hookups for RV's in the paddock!

Paddock Care

No stakes or other anchors may puncture the asphalt at COTA. COTA monitors this carefully, and you will be charged for same. Additionally, all jack stands must have bases that will prohibit them sinking into the asphalt (even something as simple as plywood boards). Rests must be provided for under trailer tongues and anything else that may puncture or damage the asphalt surface. We encourage teams to work with their neighbors to tie off awnings to adjacent vehicles and/or use appropriate non-puncturing weights or ballasts to secure awnings and canopies.

Spills, leaks and drainage must also be monitored and cleaned up promptly per COTA. Oil dry will be available courtesy of PCA paddock marshals, but if you have a leaky vehicle (or hauler) please bring appropriate drip pans. Oil and chemical dump areas are available in the bright yellow metal buildings located in the paddock areas.

Pit/Paddock Support Vehicles

Four wheelers, mini-bikes, scooters, golf carts and similar are permitted. They must be driven by legally licensed drivers only; no children may operate these vehicles on COTA property. Bicycles are also permitted. These vehicles must adhere to the same traffic flow and parking rules as all other vehicles. Any competitor deemed to be operating any pit/paddock support vehicle in a dangerous manner will have this privilege revoked for the duration of the event (ejected!). Those vehicles shall remain in the confines of the competitor's space when not in use.

Noise Curfews

No race engines may be run between 9:00PM and 7:00AM.

Drop-off Access

Understanding that there is from time to time a need to bring a non-credentialed vehicle into the paddock to drop off people and/or equipment; this will be accommodated. Allowing a non-credentialed vehicle in the paddock is being done as a courtesy, abuse will not be tolerated and this privilege may be revoked.

Animals

No pets allowed.

Pit Lane Equipment

Pit lane equipment and participants will ONLY enter and ONLY exit pit lane through either (1) garage #19 - in the middle of the garages or (2), if renting a garage, through your own garage

doors. There will be no entry to the pit lane anywhere else; there will be no exit from the pit lane anywhere else. This is being done to enable quicker turnover of pit equipment between races and keep the event on time.

Hot pit at End of Session

Race cars will not be permitted to stop in the hot/cold pit lanes at the end of each session; they will be waved to the paddock area at the east end of the pits. There will be no exceptions.

These paddock regulations are subject to change before and during the event.

Your cooperation and understanding are keys to making this event a success and being invited back.