



**Drivers Meeting Notes  
Schattenbaum Showdown 2024  
PCA Club Race at NJMP Thunderbolt  
August 9-11, 2024**

**Your National Staff:**

Stewards: Vicki Earnshaw, Donna Amico

Timing: David Anderson, T.J. Gottwalt (T)

Scrutineers: Joel Nannis, Steve Coomes, Adam Jaspers, John Rickard

**Your Event Organizers:**

Chair and Co-Chair: Mike Bono ([bonomotors911@gmail.com](mailto:bonomotors911@gmail.com)) and Pete Debusmann ([pcdebusmann@comcast.net](mailto:pcdebusmann@comcast.net))

Hello racers,

We are all looking forward to being back racing at NJMP again this year. We would like to acknowledge and thank Schattenbaum Region for all the hard work that went into making this race weekend possible.

We have terrific national sponsors that contribute significantly to Club Racing. Please use them and thank them. Local sponsors have also contributed significantly to this event, we would like to give a shout out and thanks to **Cherry Hill Porsche, SOUL Performance Products, R&D Exotics and Second Gear Performance.**

**This document contains information you need for this weekend at NJMP, including race-specific details you need to know. Please take a few minutes to look it over.**

And most of all...be safe and have fun!

Thank you,

Vicki, Donna, David, T.J., Joel, Steve, Adam and John

# Race & Track Specific Information

**The Rules for Club Racing are in effect as soon as you arrive at the track.**

**Stewards:**

Vicki Earnshaw: 720-244-1532

Donna Amico: 443-745-2359

Contact with your Steward should be via email: [njmp@pcaclubracing.org](mailto:njmp@pcaclubracing.org). This email goes directly to the Stewards and will be monitored during the event by the Stewards or Stewards assistants.

The Steward will text updates and other information to the participants. If you have not signed up for PCA texting, go to [ClubRegistration.net](http://ClubRegistration.net) and sign up.

The PCA Radio channel for the Steward to communicate to teams: 464.8250 251 DPL.

**Scrutineers:** Your event Scrutineers are Joel Nannis, Steve Coomes, Adam Jaspers and John Rickard.

Please bring your logbook to the classroom to complete registration and receive your tech sticker, to be displayed on your car.

Scrutineers will be at Black Flag on the hot pit lane and during on-track sessions. They will be at tech or in the paddock when the race groups are not running.

Look for the blue PCA shirts for assistance or questions. You may text them at:

Joel Nannis, 817-721-6077

Steve Coomes, 940-391-1807

Adam Jaspers, 970-231-8632

John Rickard, 619-981-8608

Your Scrut(s) may be electronically collecting data to measure gearing, turbo boost, HP, over spec RPM's, etc. We choose cars on a random and non-random basis.

**Timing & Scoring:** David Anderson and T.J. Gottwalt

David and T.J. will be in Timing & Scoring in the tower. Change orders, for example adding an Enduro co-driver, will be done through Registration located in the Schattenbaum encampment at the top of the grid after the start of the event. Please do not come to Timing and Scoring unless you are invited or have a need to be there.

**Registration:** All drivers must be pre-registered at [ClubRegistration.net](http://ClubRegistration.net). Registered drivers must complete on-line PCA waivers prior to the event. Registration will be in the classroom. After showing a valid ID, you will be given a packet that includes run group wristbands and additional information. Check to be sure you have your run group stickers, helmet stickers, and roll bar tech stickers properly displayed. The wristband designating your race registration should be worn and shown at grid.

**Racers Meetings:** There is a MANDATORY Racer Meeting at 8:30 AM Friday morning and an optional racer meeting at 8:30 AM Saturday morning. There is also an Optional Enduro Crew meeting Sunday morning at 8:15 AM. All meetings will be in garage 1.

## Rules Refreshers and Updates

### PCA's Passing Rules:

"The driver attempting a pass has the responsibility to complete a clean pass."

"The car ahead at turn in has the corner but does not 'own' the corner."

"Everyone must leave racing room."

#### 1. "The driver attempting a pass has the responsibility to complete a clean pass."

What this means: The overtaking car is responsible to pick a place where a safe pass is achievable, timing is sufficient that it can be completed, and that the overtaking car can present itself before the turn-in point to the corner alongside the other car long enough to be reasonably seen by the other driver.

#### 2. "The car ahead at turn in has the corner but does not 'own' the corner."

What this means: The car being overtaken must leave racing room if an overtaking car presents itself alongside early enough to reasonably expect to have been seen by the car being overtaken.

#### 3. "Everyone must leave racing room."

What this means: Have 360-degree awareness (if a car was there previously it probably still is around you); "back off" is a viable option. Always keep a way out.

**Passing Under Yellow:** Look at numbers on the white board at the Black Flag station in the hot pits after the checker. If your number is listed on the board, you have been observed passing under yellow. You have 30 minutes to dispute that call by providing video to the Steward. If the call stands there is a 6-position grid penalty in practice or 1 lap penalty in a race. Passing under waving yellow can result in a sanction.

**Incident Procedures:** If you are involved in an incident (single or multi-car), you must report to Black Flag on pit lane after the session/race. If you do not, your clock stops at the time of the incident, and you are DQ'd. For car-to-car incidents (or any other video you need to share with the steward) bring your video of the incident to the Steward on an SD Card or Thumb drive. Bring extra memory media to the track for this specific purpose. Be sure the video is clearly named and labeled with:

- Your name, car number, and session.
- The file name on the media that displays the incident.
- The time of the incident on the video.
- You will be required to leave the SD card or Thumb Drive with the Stewards assistant (it will be returned later) so bring extra, just in case.

### **\*\*\* NEW RULE \*\*\***

## **New At Fault Incident Procedures**

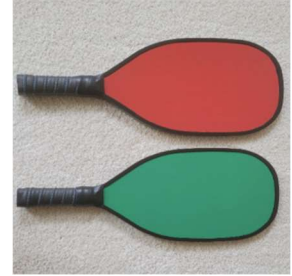
- Should you be deemed at fault for a car-to-car incident, you are still allowed to continue racing for the weekend, subject to Steward approval. However, you will be placed on probation for your next 9

races (not race weekends!) or one year (whichever occurs first). You will retain your national championship points for all races other than the one in which the incident occurred.

- Should you be found at fault for a second car-to-car incident during the probation period, you will be suspended for 6 months from PCA Club Racing, after which you must re-apply to the PCA Club Racing chair for reinstatement.

### **NEW Full-Course Yellow Procedures if Paddles Are Used**

When the track goes full-course yellow (double yellow), we may need to get the pace car out to gather the field without waiting to pick up the leader. This means there may be cars behind the pace car in front of the leader. We will use a paddle that is green on one side and red on the other to communicate to drivers behind the pace car if and when they should pass the pace car and proceed at a moderate pace to catch the field.



The sequence after a double yellow is:

1. Slow down
2. If you are the leader, slow way down and start to gather up the field. Most of the time, we will insert the pace car into the gap created by the leader when he or she slows down.
3. If the pace car comes out ahead of cars that are in front of the leader, then the pace car will first gather the field.
4. Once the field has been collected, the person in the passenger seat of the pace car will show the green side of the paddle to indicate to the car behind that the car should pass the pace car.
5. The green paddle will be shown to each car that needs to pass the pace car; once the leader is behind the pace car, the red side of the paddle will be shown to the leader to indicate he or she should remain behind the pace car.
6. When the pace car lights go out, the pace car will accelerate away from the field, and there will be a single-file restart.

**Checkered Flag:** Front straight for all sessions.

**Blend Line:** When re-entering the track at NJMP, the normal blend line will put you on the inside of the track at the track out of turn 1.

**Pit Speed Limit:** 35 MPH

**Black Flags:** on your left at Turn 6 and the Starter Stand.

**Black Flag Station:** In the hot pits as you exit the track. This is the location of the Scrutineers. Always look for instructions/information as you exit the track.

**Timing Loop:** Start/Finish.

**Scales:** Scales are in garage 2/25 (drive-through), behind the classroom.

**Medical Location:** The main Medical location is just north of the ambulance near Turn 1.

There is a new (2019) medical protocol: The Driver may indicate that he or she went to medical, or they chose to decline medical evaluation. There is no longer a required sign off by an EMT or track physician.

It is our STRONG position that going for medical evaluation is the proper action, this is unchanged. If any racer is taken to hospital for any reason by anyone, race related or not, please notify your Steward.

**Result Sheets:** Results will be posted in the classroom. Change forms and helpful information are available from the registrar. Check results to confirm your transponder is working and your information is correct. Printed results sheets are available upon request.

**Enduro Pit Closed Sign:** Turn 6

**Race Fuel:** Race fuel is available at the track. The pumps are located north of the false grid on the right as you enter the paddock after the bridge. The following Fuel Grades are available: 93, 100, 110, 112.

**Tire Support:**

Pirelli – Frisby Performance Tire, (800) 798-7201 <https://www.frisbyracetire.com/pca.html> or [sales@frisbyracetire.com](mailto:sales@frisbyracetire.com) Please pre-order as soon as possible, but NLT two weeks prior to the event.

Tire & Tech Service Center, Powered by TK Autosports: Located in last Events Garage (furthest from tower). Will dismount, mount and balance tires during the event.

**Awards:** Trophies will be given out after the sprint races on Sunday. Rookie License Certificates, Worker Choice awards and Sponsor Certificates will be mailed instead of distributed at the track.

**Social:** Saturday Evening at Eurosport starting at 6 PM – For racers, DE drivers, crew and guests!

**Dining:** The **Finish Line Pub** will be open from 11AM-10PM, takeout is available via their app.

## Your Weekend Sessions

**Your Points Races are Sprint 2, Sprint 3 and the Enduro.**

**Grid Position** for each session:

Practice 1: first come first served

Practice 2: best time from P1

Practice 3: best time from P2

Qualifying: best time from P2 or P3

Sprint 1: best time from qualifying (not a National Championship points race)

Sprint 2: best time from qualifying

Sprint 3: best time from S2

Enduro: best time from S1 or S2 or S3

Calls to Grid: 1st@15min, 2nd@10min, Grid closes at 5min. Get to grid early.

**Qualifying**

Qualifying session is your fourth session and is on your schedule as “qualifying”. Your qualifying session will be on the clock, so the number of laps is as time allows.

Qualifying is under green flag condition (if possible); that means the track is green as soon as you enter the track, so no games, no side-to-side swerving, which is blocking, and you may be black flagged.

### **Sprint Races**

All 3 sprints are scheduled to be 30 minutes from green flag to checker but may change based on conditions. Race to the checkered flag. Sprint 1 is a non-National Championship points race.

The pole sitter declares which side he will start from. A splitter will split the field for a side-by-side race start. A pace car will be designated to lead the field to the starter.

### **Enduro**

Length of Race is 55 Minutes. Refueling will not be allowed. There is a mandatory 5-minute pit stop that must be taken after the first 15 minutes and before the last 10 minutes of the race.

Pits closed: during 1st 15 minutes, and during double yellow. Enduro pit closed sign is located at Turn-6.

No pit stops may be started inside 10 minutes from the end.

No Stopping at pit out. Manage your mandatory 5 min so that you do not stop at "Pit Out" timing loop and hold up cars behind you.

There will be green cones to signify the start of the pit timing loop as you enter the pit lane.

In the event of a restart, you must take a green flag on the front straight after the restart before you can enter the pits for your mandatory timed pit stop.

Do not linger at pit wall next to track- go out to give info to driver and return as soon as you are done. No one at the track wall first 2 laps. No one may stand on Hot Pit wall.

Hot pit rules – No shorts allowed. Close-toed shoes and shirts are required. No minors allowed, obey pit personnel.

PLEASE - If you stop, on or off track, signal a corner worker to let us know you are OK! Otherwise, we roll rescue, and everyone's session is affected

**Questions? 1 - read the Enduro protocol, 2-consult with Scruts, 3-email the Stewards.**

**Weekend Schedule and Track Map--- See following pages**



## Schattenbaum Region NJ Motorsports Raceway - Thunderbolt Club Race and Driver's Ed August 9, 10, 11, 2024 Schedule



		Advanced DE	Student DE	Yellow Race Group	Red Race Group
<b>Thursday</b>	4:00 PM	Region/National Staff Meeting			
	5:00-7:30 PM	Registration and Load in at NJMP			
	5:00-7:30 PM	Club Race Tech Inspection Garage 1			
	8:00 PM	<b>TRACK CLOSED FOR THE NIGHT</b>			
<b>Friday</b>	7:30 AM	<b>Gates Open</b>			
	8:00-9:00 AM	Race & DE registration in classroom			
	8:00-4:30 PM	Race Tech Inspection Garage 1			
	7:45-8:30 AM	DE Tech Inspection (Staging Lane near bridge)			
	8:15 AM	Corner worker meeting			
	8:30-8:45 AM	Mandatory Club Race Driver's Meeting (Garage 1)			
	8:30-8:45 AM	Mandatory DE Driver's Meeting (Front of Classroom)			
	9:00-9:30 AM	Advanced DE			
	9:30-10:00 AM			Yellow Practice 1	
	10:00-10:30 AM				Red Practice 1
	10:30-11:00 AM	Advanced DE			
	11:00-11:30 AM			Yellow Practice 2	
	11:30-12:00 PM				Red Practice 2
	12:00-1:00 PM	<b>Lunch</b>			
	1:00-1:30 PM	Advanced DE			
	1:30-2:00 PM			Yellow Practice 3	
	2:00-2:30 PM				Red Practice 3
	2:30-3:00 PM	Advanced DE			
	3:00-3:30 PM			Yellow Qualifying	
	3:30-4:00 PM				Red Qualifying
4:00-5:00 PM	Advanced DE				
5:00-5:30 PM	Parade Touring Laps Sponsored by Cherry Hill Porsche				
6:30 PM	Worker's Dinner				
8:00 PM	<b>Gates Close</b>				

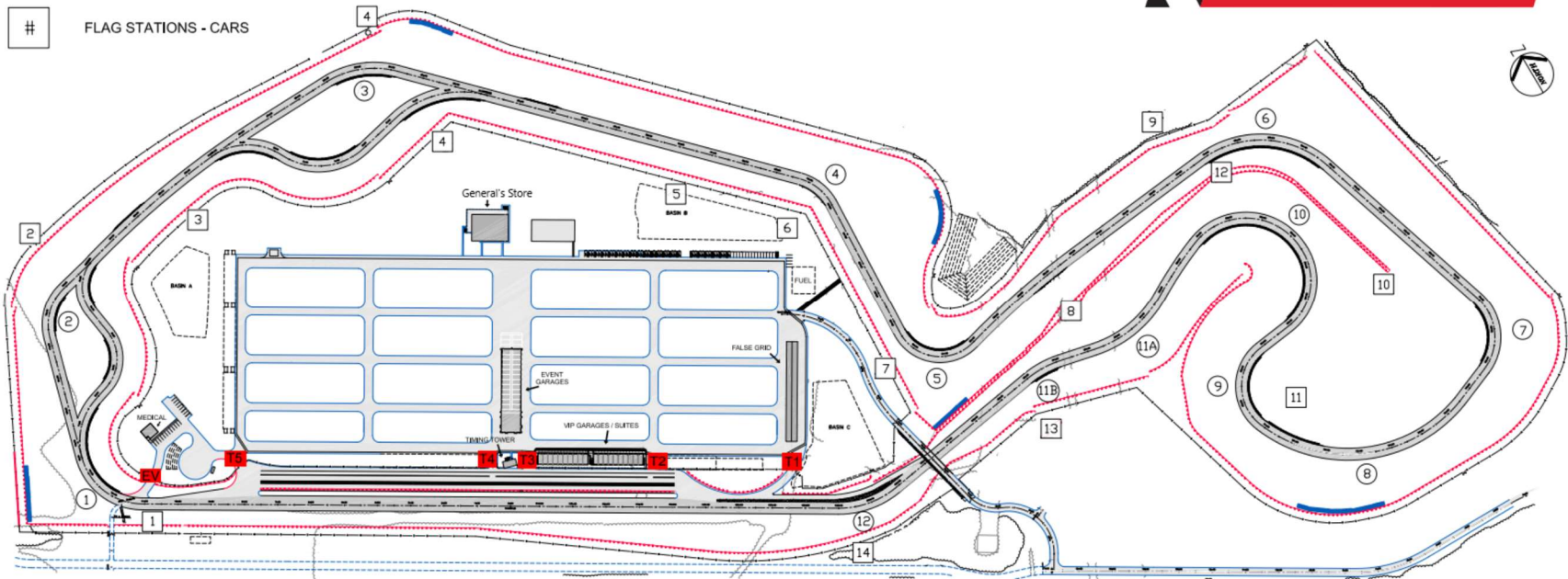
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	8:30-8:45 AM	Optional Club Race Driver's Q&A (Garage 1)		
	8:30-8:45 AM	Mandatory DE Driver's Meeting (Front of Classroom)		
	9:00-9:25 AM	Advanced DE		
	9:30-9:55 AM		Student DE	
	9:55-10:15 AM			Yellow Warmup
	10:15-10:35 AM			Red Warmup
	10:35-11:00 AM	Advanced DE		
	11:05-11:30 AM		Student DE	
	11:30-12:10 PM			Yellow Sprint 1
	12:10-1:10 PM	Lunch		
	1:10-1:50 PM			Red Sprint 1
	1:50-2:20 PM	Advanced DE		
	2:25-2:55 PM		Student DE	
	2:55-3:35 PM			Yellow Sprint 2
	3:35-4:15 PM			Red Sprint 2
	4:15-4:45 PM	Advanced DE		
	4:50-5:20 PM		Student DE	
	5:15-5:30 PM	Parade Touring Laps Sponsored by Cherry Hill Porsche		
	6:00 PM	Racer/DE Driver Social at Eurosport		
8:00 PM	Gates Close			
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	Gates Open		
	8:00-9:00 AM	Race & DE registration in classroom		
	8:00-4:30 PM	Race Tech Inspection Garage 1		
	8:15-8:30 AM	Optional Enduro Crew Meeting Q&A with Scrutineers (Garage 1)		
	9:00-9:25 AM	Advanced DE		
	9:30-9:55 AM		Student DE	
	9:55-10:35 AM			Yellow Sprint 3
	10:35-11:15 AM			Red Sprint 3
	11:15-11:40 AM	Advanced DE		
	11:45-12:10 AM		Student DE	
	12:10-1:10 PM	Lunch		
	1:10-2:15 PM			White Enduro
	2:20-3:25 PM			Orange Enduro
	3:25-3:55 PM	Advanced DE		
	4:00-4:30 PM		Student DE	
	4:30-4:55 PM	Advanced DE		
	5:00-5:25 PM		Student DE	
7:00 PM	Gates Close, See you next year			



# Track Map

Ⓝ CORNER NUMBERS - CARS

Ⓜ FLAG STATIONS - CARS



THUNDERBOLT COURSE

