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The Northern Alberta Sports Car Club (NASCC) is pleased to operate the Western Canadian Motorsports Association (WCMA) Competition License Driving School as an opportunity to learn high performance driving techniques that are valuable for both racing on a closed course race track, and when driving on the street. It is also the gateway to acquiring a WCMA Competition Licence.

This school is open to all who have a driver's licence, or a learner's permit with permission from both parents. It is a required school for those who wish to begin road racing and for those who have not had a WCMA or equivalent competition licence in the past two years.

For those taking the school who go on to acquire a race licence we recommend you also read the NASCC Road Racing Tutorial for rookies, also called Road Racing 101. It has much the same information, plus more about racing, race cars, classes, sources of equipment, etc.

The School

The intent of the school is to provide a fundamental understanding of the knowledge and skills required to drive a closed course race track at high speeds safely and with confidence.

The two day licensing school combines a series of classroom sessions on the fundamentals of high performance driving along with on-track exercises, and full track lapping with an instructor. The classroom sessions discuss technical aspects of high speed driving including topics such as cornering, weight transfer, tire grip and optimization, aspects of track safety including flag recognition, and discussion on car preparation.

On-track exercises initially focus on car control, braking, awareness of weight transfer and vision. As the school progresses, you will drive the full track with an instructor to learn the fastest line around the track, shifting and braking points, smoothness, and other essential skills.

Between the exercises and the full track lapping, you will be driving your car for at least half of each day.

The Competition Licence

A competition licence is acquired when the applicant submits proof of successful completion of a recognized school, such as the NASCC school, along with a completed application form, an annual waiver and the necessary fees to the Western Canada Motorport Association (WCMA). The WCMA governs driver licensing in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the NWT for amateur road racing as the regional FIA sanctioning body.

Registration

Contact the Northern Alberta Sports Car Club (NASCC) at www.nascc.ab.ca to register for the school. On the Home page, click on EVENT REGISTRATION on the top menu bar, and follow the links to Motorsport Reg (MSR). If you have any questions, please email: nascc.events@gmail.com.

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Vehicle

You will be providing your own car for the school, and there are some suggestions. It is important that there be a seat for the instructor, so if you plan on bringing a race car, please install a second seat, otherwise it would be best to find another vehicle. A car with a manual transmission is preferred but not essential, as shifting is an important part of track driving. Please do not bring an SUV or a pickup truck, as these vehicles are too large and heavy to safely complete the school. Some Porsche and BMW Sport Activity Vehicles may be used, please check with the school registrar through nascc.events@gmail.com

Your car must be in appropriate condition for high speed driving. The interior of the car and the trunk must be cleared of any loose contents, the tires must be in very good condition, with air pressure checked before arrival, and brakes and other mechanical aspects of the car must be in exceptional condition. Please check oil, coolant and all other mechanical aspects of your car before arriving.

Further requirements

You require a vehicle, a helmet and warm clothes - you will be standing outside on occasion and should dress in layers, so you can adapt to conditions. Wear shoes that are comfortable and not “clunky” in order to feel the pedals. In May conditions are variable, from sleet to baking hot sun, and everything in between. We run in all conditions.

Your helmet – a Snell approved helmet, with an SA rating, such as SA 2005, SA 2010 or 2015 is preferred, but for purposes of the school only, a Snell approved motorcycle helmet (M) is acceptable. If you are planning on racing, you will need an SA 2010 or 2015 approved helmet for competition. This will be discussed in classroom sessions.

Bring snacks and water, lunch is provided.

Cost

School registration: \$690.00.

Signing up for the school grants you membership in the NASCC for 2017. If you already are a member, please contact the school registrar for a rebate on the membership fee. You must be a member of NASCC or another WCMA affiliated club to get a race licence. The licence fee is \$100.00 and is paid only when you submit your licence application to WCMA after passing the school. This will be explained during the school classroom sessions; only the school registration fee is payable at this time.

Find Out More

If you are undecided about racing consider coming out to watch the races on a weekend, or better, to work as a corner marshal. As a corner marshal you get a great view of what wheel to wheel racing is all about. If you want advice about what you are getting into come out to some NASCC Club meetings. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month, and the club members always welcome new attendees. At the meeting you can also connect with an experienced racer to help you learn the ropes, and anticipate the challenges of going racing.

Let's go Racing !