

Dear Participant

Welcome to the **WCMA Race Licensing School**, conducted by the Northern Alberta Sports Car Club (NASCC) to provide the experience and credentials you need to apply for a WCMA Amateur Road Race License.



For 2022 we once again look forward to providing an educational and fun introduction to sports car road racing and high performance driving at RAD Torque Raceway. Please note that this school is conducted in a controlled setting with emphasis placed on learning in as safe a manner as possible.

For those of you intending to begin racing this year the successful completion of the school will entitle you to apply for a Western Canadian Motorsport Association (WCMA) race license. This license qualifies you to enter road-race competitions at amateur levels throughout North America.

**IMPORTANT:** Information to download for the school schedule, is available at <https://nascc.ab.ca/roadracing/school/> along with a vehicle technical inspection form you must complete in advance of the event and email to [NASCC.Tech.Director@gmail.com](mailto:NASCC.Tech.Director@gmail.com), along with license application forms, medical forms and more! The tech form is also attached to this message.

Please note that the daily schedule is very tight and it is extremely important that you arrive at the track earlier rather than later – **so please be on time**. There is no on site registration, but you must pass through the entry gates and **confirm you have signed a waiver on-line**, so start arriving around **8:00 am**. You will be, or were, sent a separate email about how to complete the on line waiver.

**Student – Instructor assignments** will be made at 8:30. **DO NOT BE LATE** to that meeting, held at the west end of the paddock, at the entrance road to the track.

**When you first arrive, you will park** in the area in the west of the paddock, facing the racetrack. Someone should be there to meet you and indicate where you will line up. Leave room in front of you for your instructor to insert their car in front of you. Throughout the day, you will park lined up behind your instructors, facing the track. Leave ~2 car lengths between cars. Your instructor may have one or two students.

To make your day more enjoyable, there are a few tips for you to consider:

Make sure **YOU** are in good repair. Ensure you are well rested and ready for a rigorous day. A day at the racetrack can tax even the fittest of people and starting the day at less than full

strength can ruin the experience. Make sure you have plenty of water to drink to keep you hydrated and snacks to keep you energized throughout the day.

**Clothing** - Ensure you have clothes for all weather conditions, the weather can be quite variable at the track in July and **we run the school in all types of weather** short of an outright blizzard! Dress warmly, but in layers, and be prepared for rain too. Consider sunscreen and a hat as well. You must wear long pants, a shirt, shoes and socks while on the track. Sorry, no shorts or sandals are allowed in pit lane or on the racing surface.

**Vehicle** - Make sure your vehicle is in an excellent state of repair; the track environment can tax your car's various systems. Cooling, engine oil, suspension and brakes are particularly important. If you bring a race car, remember that we run in the rain, so bring more than slicks.

**Tires** - Ensure your tires are inflated to a value slightly (a few psi) above the manufacturer recommended pressure, do not exceed their maximum allowable pressure as printed on their sidewalls. This gives you a reservoir of air to allow you to adjust the tires down to the pressure that makes them work at their maximum performance for the exercises we run. Recheck them after your first session on track; you will probably wish to lower the pressures at that point. If you find they are over-inflated you can always reduce pressure. Discuss pressures with your in-car instructor.

**Brakes** - Ensure your brakes are in excellent condition. It is a good idea to have fresh brake fluid in the system, and you should be confident the pads have enough life. A day on the track can be very punishing for most street braking systems and we would hate to see you go home early because you are out of pads!

**Fuel** - Bring one or two jerry cans of fuel if you can arrange it. Even small displacement engines can get well less than 10 mpg under track conditions. There will be very little time available over the lunch period to leave the track to re-fuel.

**Oil** - A liter of engine oil may be needed for some engines as well.

**Interior of Vehicle – IMPORTANT** - Please clean out the interior and trunk areas of your car, items must not fly around inside the car while you are on track. This can include items such as tissue boxes, pens, car parts, clothing and beverage travel mugs, etc. Your vehicle must be free of all items which can present a hazard by roaming free in your car or trunk! Under the hood (or in trunk) make sure your battery is secured well.

**Food** – No food or drink will be provided. You must bring your own supply of food and beverages.

**Helmet** - If you plan to race this coming season make sure to buy a Snell SA2015 or 2020 spec helmet. The following are also acceptable standards for the school - 2005 or 2010 Snell SA (competition) or M (M is okay for the school). Make every effort to arrange for a helmet, we do not have spares for rental.

Come prepared to learn. Even our instructors who have been racing for many years learn something each time they instruct at the school.

Once again, thank you for deciding to become part of this exciting sport and we look forward to seeing you at the track.

If you have any questions please email [sue@somedaysoon.ca](mailto:sue@somedaysoon.ca) or [nascc.events@gmail.com](mailto:nascc.events@gmail.com)

Also if anyone taking the school is under 18 years of age, please let Sue know so that she can inform you on how to complete a minor waiver, along with the parental waiver they must sign. This form **must** be completed before participating in the school.

If you require directions to RAD Torque Raceway, please go to the link and scroll down the page:  
<https://www.RADTorqueraceway.com/visitors/>

See you all at the school!

Sue Wilson and Jed Harrison representing ARCA and NASCC

### **Race License Info**

For those planning on racing keep in mind that it takes time to get everything done to get your license. Upon passing the race school you need to:

- 1) Get two passport sized photos of yourself to submit with your race license application
- 2) Complete your medical self declaration.
- 3) Submit club membership card or identify yourself as an NASCC member in the on line license application, photos, medical documents and application form to the WCMA, with a payment to the WCMA of \$100. The following is the link for the WCMA license application page on the WCMA website, with a link to the payment page on Motorsport Reg <http://www.wcma.ca/new/racing/competition-licenses/>
- 4) Paying for the race school includes payment for 2022 membership in NASCC, so you will already be a member of a WCMA affiliated club, and the WCMA knows this.

If you have any questions regarding your race license please contact Sue at [racelicense@wcma.ca](mailto:racelicense@wcma.ca)

