

NEW ENGLAND REGION SCCA, INC.
“GETTING STARTED IN SCCA ROAD RACING”
PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A NOVICE PERMIT /LOGBOOK
(OR RENEWAL FROM PREVIOUS YEAR)

Sports Car Club of America Club Racing is wheel-to-wheel competition designed to introduce aspiring amateur drivers to the art of professional track racing at many of America's most prestigious circuits, including New England's premier facilities at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, NH, and Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, Ct. "Novice Permits/Logbooks are issued by the SCCA regions to enable student drivers to obtain the training and experience needed for Regional Competition Licenses. Before you can go "racing" with SCCA, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age and hold a valid Operator's Permit in your state of residence
 - Special Note: Persons 15-17 years of must apply only to the SCCA National Licensing Department in Kansas. The regional licensing representatives do not handle these applicants.
- Be a member in good standing with SCCA dues paid for current year
- Obtain a "Novice Permit/Logbook" and then meet the Driver School requirements

For those 18 and older, to obtain a "Novice Permit/Logbook" furnish the following to your regional new Driver Licensing Representative

- A completed medical form (contact Driver Licensing Representative). Physical exam date shall not be more than three months prior to license application is submitted to SCCA National office
- Two passport type photos
- A check for \$110.00 payable to NER, SCCA, Inc. (Novice Permit fee) Your Novice Permit is good for two years from date of issue accompanied by your up to date membership card..
- Your home address and telephone number
- Type of car (make and model) and SCCA class for car you plan on using, if known at the time of application.
- Proof of age (photo copy of front and back of state driver's license is satisfactory).
- Proof of membership (photo copy of current membership card).
- If a renewal , copy of your Previous Novice Permit (retain your original).
- Application for Novice Permit

Please be sure that your doctor has completely filled in everything on the medical form, "Physician's Examination " (color vision test, eye test, peripheral etc.) that his name and address are legible, and he has checked one of the statements on the bottom of the form and signed it. You fill in "Applicant's Medical History." Make sure top of form is also filled in. If you are uncertain about any medical requirements, consult Section 5 of the General Competition rules (GCRs) and/or contact either the Northeast Divisional Medical Director or Club Racing Dept. in Kansas (see contacts below). Before leaving physician's office check to see that he has filled in every blank line.

A GCR (General Competition Rule Book) will be sent to you with your Novice Permit.

Be sure your paperwork is in order as this will help expedite the prompt processing of your Novice Permit/Logbook back to you in time for your first event. Always make and bring with you photocopy of all correspondence forms. They may come in handy if you have to prove that your paperwork has been sent to the proper official and will help insure "smooth sailing" through your first event. Do not send any mail that must be signed for. If you send Express Mail, etc. request no signatures, since most regional officials have regular day time jobs and are not available to sign anyway.

Send to:

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New Driver Licensing, NER, SCCA, Inc.

67 Mapleton St., Cranston, RI 02910 -401-461-9219-Between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m.

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PROCEDURE FOR ATTENDING DRIVER'S SCHOOL

Once you have completed the previous procedures, you will receive your Novice Permit . For your first Driver's School Event you should download the entry from the sponsor Region's website as Online registration will likely not be available to you at this point. Send the entry form with your check to the Event Registrar. Usually a late entry fee is charged if you register on the day of the event; so pre-registering saves you money, time at registration, and may assure you a spot if the event is popular.

ARRIVE AT REGISTRATION within the prescribed time frame with the following items:

1. Novice Permit/Logbook. Be sure you enter all previous racing experience and any professional schools attended (e.g. Skip Barber, etc.). Evidence of professional schooling in the form of certificate, school's letterhead, etc. must be stapled into your logbook (copies only, you keep originals) when turned into registration. Also, inform your assigned instructor of both prior experience and schooling before you commence the day's activities. Your Novice Permit is good for two years from date of issue. YOUR VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD MUST ALWAYS ACCOMPANY YOUR NOVICE PERMIT WHEN YOU REGISTER.
2. Current Membership Card
3. Your crew. To be of maximum benefit to driver, crew should register at same time as driver. Note...in order to be covered by SCCA insurance, any crew member going over the barriers in the pit lane to work on a car or just to signal a driver must be either a full SCCA member or carry a temporary membership and have a crew license. Ask at registration for our full or temporary membership and crew license.
4. All drivers and full-membership crew members must have appropriate membership identification present at all times while at the track. Photo-IDs are recommended and are obtained at registration. "Temporary" crew members will be issued some other form of identification at registration which will limit their access to certain areas of the track.

After registration, your VEHICLE MUST BE INSPECTED by the "Tech" personnel if it has not as yet received its annual inspection sticker.). Look for the tech area or a line of cars waiting inspection and go there. In addition to the car (if not teched yet), the following must be presented for inspection:

1. Your Vehicle LogBook (refer to GCR if you don't know about this). Don't forget car photos for logbook.
2. All driver equipment (shoes, socks, gloves, helmet, underwear, drivers suit, etc). Driver gear must be inspected each year, you will get a sticker for your helmet and you must bring your helmet to Tech along with your Vehicle Logbook each race. Also certain medical info must be shown on the outside of your helmet. Check the GCRs for details.
3. If you are teching your car for the first time be prepared to answer questions pertinent to the safety equipment that is on your vehicle (e.g. where vehicle identification # is stamped on rollbar if applicable; how current your harness system, fire system, etc. are).

ADDITIONAL ITEMS....

1. A school can be the equivalent of three or four races in terms of the wear and tear on your car. Be sure your car is in good shape before you arrive at the track. You cannot afford to have something mechanical deprive you of track time. The greatest cause of lost track time at schools is the delay in getting a vehicle through a complete safety inspection. Seats are found poorly mounted, safety belts too old, electrical wiring frayed, etc. Consult the SCCA General Competition Rules (GCRs) for proper vehicle safety requirements and save yourself considerable time at Tech Inspection by bringing (or rent if necessary) a car that not only will or has passed tech inspection, but one that is expected to last the day. *All safety violations (major and minor) cannot be waived even for a school; it is highly recommended to take advantage of Pre-Season Tech days even if your race car is not totally prepared. Find out what needs fixing before your school.*
2. Bring a crew As a student you will not have any time to do anything on your car between the multiple sessions you will be running during the course of the school.
3. You need at least two schools and six hours of in-car, on track time, with a satisfactory rating by your instructor(s) and/or Chief Steward to satisfy the first step in obtaining a Regional License. Your

Novice Permit/Logbook allows you to enter any school sanctioned by any SCCA region. Try to enter at least one in your home region.

4. Don't raise your stress level by trying to convince others (and yourself) that you can get your "sign off" to go racing with completion of only one school—it generally isn't done (UNLESS you have prior racing experience AND/OR an SCCA accredited professional schooling which is taken into CONSIDERATION by the Chief Steward). So, RELAX AND ENJOY what you can do to become a "race car driver".
5. Study the General Competition Rules (GCRs) so that you will know what the rules of the game are. Know the flags, the rules of the road, what your responsibilities are as well as your rights. Read carefully the Supplementary Regulations you will receive with every entry package. These will be the specific rules for an event, and many of them vary from event to event and track to track. Look around for additional posted notices when at registration, and listen to announcements made in the paddock are throughout the day's activities.
6. SCCA runs rain or shine. Be prepared for both hot, cold and especially rain by bringing umbrellas, rain gear, sun tan lotion, change of clothing, etc.
7. YOUR NOVICE PERMIT IS GOOD FOR TWO YEARS FROM DATE OF ISSUE. Once you have been Signed Off by the Chief Steward of the last school, you then must successfully complete two regional races. "Successfully" means in the eyes of the Chief Steward of each event; "completed" in that you finished more than half of the total number of laps (rounded down) of the race. The signature of the Chief Steward is required on your logbook to this effect. Your Novice Permit/Logbook with an active membership is valid for 24 months from the date of issuance. If the requirements have not been completed by the expiration of the permit, the applicant shall start over with no credit given for previous schooling or racing. When you have completed the above, reproduce a copy of your Novice Permit and then forward the original Permit and a check for \$90.00 payable to SCCA, Inc. you can forward to the National Office along with your medical which he/she has on file or directly to the National Office which also has a copy of your medical. If you have a copy of your medical you can mail it in yourself. Your Regional License will be mailed directly to you from the National Office.
8. While completing your two required races before obtaining actual license, you will be required to participate in one worker session per race (e.g. timing/scoring, corner worker, etc). This is a requirement of the Northeast Division; your worker participation will be entered into your Driver Logbook.
9. A driver who logs in six regional races on the Novice Permit can apply directly for a National License for an additional fee; check GCRs. Applicant must supply a copy of official results for any races beyond the two required and attach them to Novice Permit as evidence of meeting requirements for issuance of a national versus a regional license.
10. Applicants with prior racing experience may have school participating requirements for issuance of a Permit or renewal of Regional License waived in total or in part only by the Northeast Divisional License Chairman or the Manager of Club Racing (see contacts listing).
11. HAVE FUN AND HAPPY APEXES!!!!

CONTACTS

New Driver Licensing & Registrar for NER Schools :

Pat Travers, 67 Mapleton St., Cranston, RI 02910 401-461-9219

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Tech Inspection (car specs, safety questions):

Scott Dowd, 30 Summer Street, Foxboro, MA. nerscrutineer@comcast.net

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P.O. Box 19400, Topeka, KS 66619-0400 –800-770-2055

Web Sites for Forms and info: www.scca.com or www.ner.org

SCCA Northeast Division Driver Schools

6/17-18/11 (evening registration & mandatory class on 6/16) New England Region drivers school at Lime Rock, Lakeville, CT

7/8-9/11 (evening registration & mandatory class on 7/7/11 NER driver school @ NHMS, Loudon NH

10/8-9/10 Glen region driver school @ Walkins Glen, NY

SCCA Accredited Professional Driver Schools: The following is partial list of pro schools which have the authority to issue SCCA driver regional & national licenses upon successful completion of their courses. A more complete list can be viewed in SCCA Sports Car magazine or call SCCA national office 800-770-2055. Attending an accredited school would be in lieu of attending an SCCA school in your region. However, for safety purposes, attendance at a regional school is also recommended should there be one available, especially at a track that is s new to you.

Bertil Roos Racing School 800-722-3669

Bridgestone Racing Academy 905-983-1114

The Jim Russell Racing Schools 707-939-7600

Panoz Racing School 888-82-4872

Pettiford's Go 4 It Racing Schools 303-666-4113

Skip Barber Racing School 860-435-1300