

# SVTOA ON TRACK EVENTS

## Rules & Regulations

### **Drivers**

- All drivers must be 18 years old or older and have a valid driver's license.
- All vehicles must carry liability insurance of at least the state minimum for use on public roadways.

### **Eligible Vehicles**

- All Ford Family (Ford, Lincoln Mercury, Volvo, Jaguar, Mazda, Aston Martin, Land Rover), or Ford-powered production vehicles (Shelby Cobra, Sunbeam Tiger, Pantera, Saleen, etc.).
- No open wheel cars.

### **Ground School**

All drivers must attend the Ground School held on-site prior to an On Track event. **Drivers must attend or they will not be permitted to run.**

### **Helmets**

- You may bring your own helmet to the event. The helmet must carry a minimum "SNELL SA 2000" rating\*.
- If you show up with an inferior or older rated helmet, you will not be allowed to use that helmet.

\*The "SA" designation stands for Special Applications and is directed towards requirements unique to auto events. The performance tests for these helmets are somewhat different than the tests motorcycle helmets are subject to. In addition, "SA" rated helmets have stricter requirements for flame retardance. This is why motorcycle helmets (which carry an "M" designation) are NOT acceptable. The Snell foundation rates and certifies helmets and they upgrade their certification every 5 years. Helmets do not last forever. After 5 years their protective qualities begin to decline. After 8 years, helmets should be replaced.

### **Inclement Weather**

- All events will run rain or shine.
- Events will not be rescheduled.
- In the event of rain, cars must run with wipers and headlights on. Cars must run with driver's window down **at all times rain or shine.**

### **Refund Policy**

- There will be no refunds 7 days prior to the event. Sorry, no exceptions.
- There will be no refunds due to inclement weather.
- If your vehicle fails to comply with tech inspections on the day of the event, there will be no refunds at that time and your vehicle will not be allowed to run on the track.

### **Passengers**

- Only SVTOA INSTRUCTORS are allowed as passengers in student vehicles during driving activities.
- SVTOA Instructors may be allowed to take passengers ONLY with the approval of the Lead Instructor)
- Passengers ARE allowed during parade laps and/or charity laps

### **Registration**

All participants must register with us upon arrival. **All participants must register before proceeding to vehicle Tech Inspection.**

### **Rejections on General Principle**

Any car, which appears to be unsafe or unfinished, will be rejected. SVTOA reserves the right to deny the privilege of participating in the event to anyone for reasons that may be related to safety, attitude problems, car appearance or any other reason deemed appropriate. These decisions will be made at the discretion of the Senior Tech Inspector, Regional Director or the SVTOA Lead Instructor. In such a case, no refund fee will be granted, and no other costs will be reimbursed.

### **Spectator and Participants**

- Spectators are welcome. But everyone who enters must sign insurance waivers. NO EXCEPTIONS! Spectators are NOT required to be an SVTOA member.
- Parents or legal guardians of children under the age of 18 MUST sign a "minor" release form prior to entry.
- Only drivers with a car on the grid will be allowed in the pit lane.

### **Video Cameras**

Hand-held video cameras are not allowed inside the vehicle while on the track. The only video cameras allowed inside the vehicle out on the track are one's which are securely mounted to the car. If a corner worker or Grid Marshal sees any hand-held camera, you will be black-flagged.

## **Tech Inspection**

- **All Cars Must Pass Tech Inspection Before Being Allowed To Participate In Driving Events.**
- No car will be allowed on the track without the proper tech stickers.
- **Inspect your car thoroughly prior to the event.** (The responsibility of putting a safe car on the track rests with you.) If you show up without your tech inspection form filled out, you will be asked to step out of the tech inspection line to complete it before returning to the line. (And if you have ever been to these events, you know that the tech line can be LONG! The following requirements will be adhered to:

**Convertible cars** – All convertibles must run with the tops up (closed and locked). Convertibles with **approved** roll bars (not styling or light bars) may run with top up or down.

**Trucks** – Trucks must run with tailgates up or removed. All soft tonneau covers must be removed.

**Helmets** – Helmets with **Snell SA95 or SA00 ratings are REQUIRED. No exceptions!** Helmets must be free of damage and fit properly. Straps must be strong and flexible.

**Driver Attire** – All drivers must wear **long pants, leather or leather/canvas shoes and a long-sleeve cotton shirt.** Driving suits are recommended but **not** required.

**Seatbelts** – Seatbelt usage is **REQUIRED.** Factory seat belts are OK. Aftermarket "DOT" approved or competition seatbelt/harness may be used IF PROPERLY installed. All Belts must be in good condition with no cuts or frays and mounted securely.

**Mirrors** – Each car must have at least one rear-view mirror. Two are recommended

**Interior** – Seats must be mounted securely. All loose objects must be removed. No loose wires under the dash. A fire extinguisher is recommended. Halon is preferred. Fire extinguisher bracket must be metal, not plastic. All video cameras must be securely mounted inside the car. No hand-held video cameras will be permitted.

**Battery** – Must be securely mounted; terminals tight and in good working order. Terminals should be covered and/or taped.

**Trunk/Rear hatch** – All loose items must be removed. Spare tire, jack and lug wrench secured with factory hardware or removed.

**Tires** - Should have at least 20% of the original tread (unless they are race tires); sidewalls should be in good condition (free of cuts, cracks, or deep scratched). Check treads for foreign objects (nails, screws, glass, etc.). Tires should be the proper size for the rim and must clear suspension and fender edges without rubbing. Rated tires must carry a minimum of "S" rating (112 MPH). Unrated tires must be in good condition.

**Tires should be cold-inflated to AT LEAST 32 psi. INFLATE YOUR TIRES PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE TRACK.**

**Wheels** – On tight with all lugs in place. Wheels will be checked for proper torque and inspected for cracks. Hubcaps or trim rings must be removed.

**Brakes** – Brake pads should have at least half of the original material remaining before the event. Fluid level must be at fill line. Brake fluid should be changed if it appears dark, as this is an indication of water in the fluid which can affect braking performance during extended brake use.

**Brake Lights** – Must be operational.

**Fluid Leaks** – None allowed. Car will be checked while running. Includes oil, coolant, brake and fuel lines. If no coolant overflow system, you'll need a catch can.

**Steering** – Steering should not have excessive play. Power steering should be free of leaks at hoses and seals. Both manual and power fluid levels should be checked. Front wheels should be tight at bearing and spindle. Steering linkage (tie rods, idle arm, etc.) should be in good condition.

**Glass** – Window glass must not be cracked or broken. Cars with T-tops or sunroofs must run with tops or glass installed and closed. All front door glass must remain fully lowered when on track.

**Exhaust System** – Entire system should be in good condition, with no leaks.

**Radiator Overflow Catch Can** – One must be in place if your car does not have a coolant overflow system. Catch can must be securely mounted with a minimum one-quart capacity.

**Throttle Return Spring** – Two required. No exceptions. Most EFI vehicles have two factory installed springs. One on the throttle valve, and one on the cable.

**Bras** – Vehicles may run with bras, as long as they are securely attached.