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Madison Motorsports College Cup Trackcross 11/3/24 @ Summit Point-JC: driver details

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Hey all,

You are reading this huge email because you registered for the Madison Motorsports College Cup trackcross coming up Sunday November 3, 2024 on the Jefferson Circuit at Summit Point Motorsports Park. Thank you very much for signing up to enjoy this unique event! We still have spots left, so please invite your friends to register from <https://members.drivenasa.com/events/4809> soon. Now here are many details to help every one of us have a safe, fun, smooth-running day together...

Madison Motorsports has put together a document with general info about this event, please read it at <https://getfastevents.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/mmccinfo.pdf> .

Next, please make sure you are on the entry list correctly and reply with any updates ASAP. We need your college's name on there if you would like to be in the actual "College Cup" portion of this competition. Also please make sure you know what your confirmed car number is and which car class you're in because that determines which heats you're driving in (A & C *or* B & D.) Click here to see the list, remembering that your drive and work heat assignments aren't final until a few days prior:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/e/2PACX-1vSPue2jFesOwXeZiuSD956NpX3HZWo4bmxlvqdwKJL8Sr9vL5tykRToxt0ZqngV9yWvmCySsu78IDSi/pubhtml>

Most importantly - your numbers shown on there need to be "big and visible" on both sides of your car please, on doors not windows - the bigger the better; at least 12 inches tall, vinyl is preferred but painters tape/masking tape is usually ok unless it's raining. Magnetic numbers typically don't work well for trackcross. Contrasting colors are good - blue tape on a blue car or white shoe polish on glass isn't visible enough. Please pay special attention to your car number on that list; you won't get times if you have any number on your car other than the one on that list, or if we can't see your numbers on your car for whatever reason. At least 90% of missing times and results-related problems come back to car number issues - literally what we can see on your car is what helps us make accurate results for you, so thanks in advance for helping us make that happen!

Classes are NOVICE, SF1, SF2, SF3, SR1, SR2, SR3, SA1, SA2, SA3, CF1, CF2, CF3, CR1, CR2, CR3, CA1, CA2, and CA3. Those classing details are here: <https://getfastevents.com/trackcross-classing/> . Please click that link and reply with your car's class if it's not on the list. The reason knowing your class is important is because it helps us figure out which heats to put you in for driving and working. It also makes for more competition due to having more entries in each class. If you don't list a class, you'll be put in the catch-all class EXPO which has no prizes/trophies/winnings, gets assigned to whatever leftover run and work heats we need to fill, and won't show up on the official results. If you have any questions about classing please reply ASAP. Also the burden of being correctly classed falls on us all collectively as participants so if you see someone doing it wrong, let them know - and let us know. Again the classing page is <https://getfastevents.com/trackcross-classing/>. The bold red section near the bottom is most applicable here... so please check that link and reply ASAP if your car is in the wrong class for this event. It's simply not fair to everyone you're beating in the classes their cars are actually legal for. Note if you have done 5 or more autocrosses, trackcrosses, HPDE days, or similar performance driving events in the last few years you are not considered a Novice with us! Please reply to discuss if needed. Again, thanks much for helping us have accurate results.

Here is our tentative schedule:

7:00a – registration & tech open
8:00a – drivers meeting/novice classroom
est 8:45a – heat A on course 1
est 10:30a – heat B on course 1
12:00p – lunch/touring laps
1:00p – heat C (heat A drivers again) on course 2
est 2:30p – heat D (heat B drivers again) on course 2

Our run heats will tentatively be split by class as follows:

Heats A & C - SR1, SR2, SR3, and other classes TBD

Heats B & D - NOV, EXPO, other/or classes TBD

Arrival:

Please arrive early - we are using Motorsports Gate 1 which should be open by 6:30am. Everyone will need to sign the waiver & get a gate wristband immediately. Please then go directly to the Jefferson paddock - follow the blue painted line from the front gate if you don't know where Jefferson is - to pick a spot (spread way out/use the entire paddock) and unload your car then head to registration & tech inspection ASAP. Speed limit in the paddock and on the Summit Point grounds is 10mph unless otherwise posted. When you are near people (i.e. tech or grid) the speed limit is 3mph i.e. walking speed.

Tech and Registration:

We will have tech and registration together on the cold "pre-grid" lane of pit road next to the black fence, both will only be open from 7am to 8am. Please come to "techistration" with your car ready to go (empty, numbers on, bring your helmet, etc.) You will receive your driver wristband at this time. You will need to show us the orange or brown Snell sticker under the liner of your helmet as well, so please know where that is. And please arrive early to get this taken care of early - late arrivals will be problematic (read: there is no time for registration or tech after the 8am drivers meeting.) Tech is a safety inspection of your vehicle before it goes on track, you need to please print, fill out, and bring a completed/signed form which is here:

<https://www.getfastevents.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/autotech21.pdf>

We strongly encourage participants to "pre-tech" their cars before each event or have a shop or trusted professional do it. Pre-tech the car yourself if you know exactly what to look for or have that done by a qualified shop or individual if not, we will then re-check the car that morning as usual. The most important part is bringing a filled-out/signed form. It will also cost you \$20.00 (cash only) for a blank tech form from our clipboard if you forget yours! Techistration will also take longer for you (and you risk missing track time as a result) if you forget your tech form, so please consider everyone in line behind you. It is the responsibility of the participant to ensure safe mechanical condition of the vehicle at all times. If you have any questions about passing tech please reply immediately. Sorry but refunds or credits will not be available for cars that fail tech. If you're bringing a convertible it needs rollover protection and to pass a broomstick test, please see note below re: convertibles.

Drivers Meeting:

This is a mandatory meeting unique to each event for ALL participants and officials, regardless of when you are running. We always have additional important info about the day to relay to you, much of it safety related. It is the only time of day we can reliably get everyone together. If you miss the drivers meeting for whatever reason you forfeit your entry. Unfortunately we don't have time or manpower to give additional meetings later for one person who overslept because immediately following this meeting, the staff scatters to various parts of the facility to put on the event. Again, if you are not there and registered/tech'd/in the meeting by 8am, you will not be participating - sorry. Also we will have a quick novice meeting after the drivers meeting, so beginner/novice drivers please hang back for a few minutes to discuss the day.

Getting To Course:

Shortly after the drivers meeting, Heat A drivers will line up to leave "parade style" from the paddock behind a designated pace car which is probably Jake's yellow

Supra or Jack's purple M3. If you miss this parade you may not know where to go and may miss runs as a result. We will drive over and immediately do a slow drive-through for TWO LAPS so everyone knows where the course goes and how to get back to grid. We will then make three rows in grid and get started with timed runs. The same applies to all later heats - basically for all heats please line up as directed/announced in the main paddock behind the pace car and we'll go from there with drive-throughs, then timed runs. Just follow the car in front of you and it will all make sense ;-)

Grid:

For all heats we will grid in three equal rows. Grid order doesn't absolutely matter, but please do your best to stay in the same order for each run, as it makes things easier for timing & scoring. Please bring anything you might need (tire pressure gauge, water & snacks, etc) and leave it on the ground next to your grid spot. When your timed run is complete, i.e. once you have gone through the finish timer, please get your car under control and gently slow down to a reasonable speed (think 35mph at most, but much slower when near people) and come back around to get back in the same grid row/spot. As a reminder, speeding or other tomfoolery on the cold part of the circuit when coming back around will cause immediate ejection without refund.

On Course:

We will tentatively run the traditional favorite JC layout... clockwise morning, counterclockwise afternoon:

Map - <https://www.getfastevents.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/jc21jan.jpg>

Morning course video - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrS93UCWS2I>

Afternoon course video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fCNH8ctM_0E

Please note there is no access to any portion of the circuit on foot and no guaranteed way to watch runs from elsewhere on property. All persons not running in a heat need to stay inside the Jefferson Circuit paddock or buildings, please.

At Speed:

Our goal is to give you as many runs as time allows. Once on the hot track for a timed run please assume there is a car about 20-30 seconds ahead of you and another about 20-30 seconds behind you at all times. Drive through the finish like you're driving continuous laps, not driving through an autocross finish sideways! Then slow down and return to your same row in grid. Any spin, 4 tires off the pavement, contact with anything, or other significant loss of control will result in the loss of your run's recorded time. Repeat offenders will be parked, for their own safety. We will use yellow, black, and red flags by their traditional meanings (to be explained further at the drivers meeting if necessary.) If you "catch a flag" as the result of someone causing a problem ahead, you will get a re-run at the end of that heat. If you cause a flag, you will not get a re-run... and the more flags you cause, the less likely it is that you'll be getting more runs - all for safety of course!

Work Assignments:

You will each have a work assignment just like at an autocross. Hopefully we get enough signups that you only need to work one heat (or one block of time) each. Jobs are: registration & tech, timing & scoring, start/grid, and course. You can see your work heat assignment in the far right column of the posted entry list by a few days prior. Work assignments are mandatory - if you skip your work assignment you will not appear on the results, cannot win anything, and will not be welcome back to later events.

Eligibility:

All participants and anyone going on track at any time must be at least 18 years old with a valid drivers license and suitable attire.

Convertibles:

Rollbars are required unless the car is factory equipped with rollover protection, additionally all convertibles must pass a broomstick test at all times on track, see <https://www.getfastevents.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/broomsticktest.pdf>. Please reply ASAP if you have any question about the legality of your convertible. As always there are no refunds or credits for those who register with or show up with convertibles that don't pass tech. Note that all Mazda Miatas (including RFs and PRHTs) will need 4-point full width aftermarket rollbars added, sorry no exceptions.

Helmets:

Helmets must be Snell rated SA2010/M2010 or newer in good condition. Helmets with just DOT approval and/or helmets without Snell approval are not allowed.

Sorry we are no longer providing rental helmets but OG Racing @ Dulles does. As per text above you will need to show us your helmet's orange or brown Snell sticker (under the inner liner) at techstration, please check for this before you arrive. We also do expect the 2010 rated helmets to expire/fail tech starting next year when the 2025 ratings come out, so you've been warned. ;-)

Passengers:

These are solo events by design and for safety reasons. Passengers are allowed (age 18+ only) IN THE AFTERNOON HEATS with NON-NOVICE drivers only as long as they have the same level of safety protection and attire as the driver. Passengers must keep hands and arms inside the car, and handheld recording devices may not be used. For safety reasons, passengers are not allowed during the morning runs unless they are recognized/approved instructors who have been cleared in advance. Again, due to problems in the past, NOVICE drivers may not take passengers on track at any time unless they are recognized/approved instructors who have been cleared in advance.

Provisions:

Unconfirmed as of now. We may have a food truck and/or Chez Summit and/or Bill's Burgers & Fries elsewhere on property could be open for us. Otherwise, Railside Market is outside the track gates - turn right and go about a mile.

Lunch Touring Laps:

We may be able to offer lunchtime touring laps if time allows. This is a 20ish minute lapping session on the entire track in the afternoon direction between pace cars at "highway speeds" - no passing, no helmets - that costs \$20/car CASH ONLY. Age 18+ passengers are ok as long as they are wearing seat belts. Sorry, underage guests cannot ride during these touring laps.

Gas & Air:

It's best to arrive with a full tank and sufficiently inflated tires, but air and gas are both tentatively available in the paddock or elsewhere on the property.

Restrooms:

Indoor plumbing is located in the Jefferson building on the side by the deck.

Weather:

Like all other road course events we run "rain or shine, hot or cold" and only pause for lightning/thunderstorms to wait it out. These events may be rescheduled or paused for more significant weather systems or slippery conditions.

Live Timing & Results:

Again please help us make accurate results by having your car registered in the correct class and putting the correct car number "big and visible" on both sides of your car! We will tentatively have live timing at this event so you can see all times on your phone in grid updated every minute. IF that live timing breaks, your times may be given to you on a printed ticket or post-it note on your way back to grid. These are provided for reference, subject to change during the event, and are not official times. The live timing link to bookmark on your phone for viewing that day after each of your runs is <http://www.getfastevents.com/livetiming> . Again please note these are unofficial, provisional times as they happen - subject to correction during the event day or afterward as needed. Results will be posted online and emailed to you usually the next day, then they are provisional for 24hrs.

Additional Charges:

The "you break it you bought it" policy is in effect. Fees must be paid immediately for damage caused on premises - including but not limited to timing equipment, tire bundles, foam barriers, oil-dry/kitty litter, skidpad sprinkler heads, and more. There will also be a \$100.00 charge for any use of the rollback tow truck or wrecker from the shop if your car cannot be moved via flat tow.

Cancellation:

All sales final – no cancellation, refund, or credit. Entry is transferrable to another person for this event only. If you are having car problems, your best option is to bring a different car. If you find you cannot attend for any other reason, your best option is to sell or give the spot to someone else qualified to participate, then let us know whose name to put on it by 72 hours prior (so, before 7am Thu Oct 31.) Sorry there are no exceptions to this policy so please don't ask.

Upcoming Events:

Our 10th annual winter trackcross series at Summit is a go! Dec 14 on the big track, Jan 11 on all three tracks, and Feb 8 on Shenandoah with dual simultaneous courses. See <https://getfast.motorsportreg.com/> and <https://getfastevents.com/refrigerator-bowl/> .

More Questions & Answers:

Check out the trackcross FAQ at <http://www.getfastevents.com/trackcross-faq/>. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to reply ASAP. We look forward to seeing you at Summit Point! Thanks again,

Jon & MM team