

# **2007 PERFORMANCE DRIVING PROGRAM AND NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS ©**

**Effective January 1, 2007**

## **1. PURPOSE**

This Performance Driving Program (PDP) is designed as an introduction to performance driving for members with street legal vehicles. It is a four step educational program for members to learn to drive their vehicles better on the street and at track events.

The initial New Member Orientation is required of all new members. This is a one day session that includes classroom and on-track instruction. There will be approximately 2 hours of classroom and 2 hours of on track instruction each during the day.

Competition, timing of vehicles or racing are not allowed. Education, safety, confidence, courtesy and enjoyment are the goals of the program. Driver instruction is provided at all levels of the program.

Keys to the success of this program are that the drivers learn car control at speed, defensive driving techniques, along with basic instruction on use of the car's controls including steering wheel, throttle pedal, brake pedal and transmission shifting. A preliminary introduction to weight transfer for car control is part of this program.

Members may choose to remain at one of the levels of this program or move up as their skills and understanding of the performance driving concepts allow.

The Novice, Intermediate and Advanced Performance Driving Program Groups include on-track and personal instruction as requested by the member or the Chief Driving Instructor to achieve the member's goals.

The Driver Orientation Class and Performance Driving Program may be used as one step towards developing the skills and experience to move into one of the race groups. Additional instruction and experience may be required as well.

## **2. CHILDREN**

The Driver Orientation Class is open to minor age children and is recommended for them prior to their obtaining a state drivers license. Children from 14 years up are eligible with a signed Minor Waiver and one parent or legal guardian in attendance during the event. Younger children may be approved for

the program upon parent or guardian request. They must have the physical and mental skills required in order to be approved.

The required safety equipment listed in the GCR for the level that the minor age child is participating must be such that it fits and works properly.

Students will learn about cars, car control, safety and driving techniques. In one weekend, their skills will normally improve dramatically. The Certificate of Completion may qualify them for discounts with some insurance companies. They will be better and safer drivers after completion of the program.

### **3. NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION CLASS**

New members and first time drivers are required to take this class. There is approximately 2 hours of classroom and 2 hours of on-track instruction during this one-day class. You will learn about the track and driving techniques. It will make you a more skillful driver on the street and on the track. Upon successful completion, the students are awarded a Certificate of Completion and are eligible to receive a Professional AutoSports Performance Driving License, which allows them to move into the Novice, Intermediate or Advanced Groups of the Program. This license does not make them eligible for driving in any race group.

### **4. SAFETY EQUIPMENT REQUIRED**

Street vehicles must have the manufacturers standard seat belts and safety equipment. Drivers must wear a Snell rated (auto racing) or DOT (motorcycle) helmet less than 10 years old and in good condition. Cars must be safe with no fluid leaks, good tires, and have all loose items removed.

Race vehicles and drivers that participate in the Performance Driving Program including the New Member Orientation Class must have the attendant safety equipment required by the class they will race in.

Convertible or roadster type cars must run with their top up unless there is either a factory installed bar or an aftermarket roll bar as part of the car.

### **5. GENERAL CLUB REGULATIONS (GCR)©**

All vehicles in the Performance Driving Program and New Member Orientation Class must be in compliance with the Professional AutoSports Inc. General Club Regulations (GCR), including but not limited to, all safety regulations. The driver is responsible for the safety of his vehicle and the conduct of himself and anyone with him while at the track. If there is a question as to the application of the GCR to a specific car or group, submit that question to the Performance Driving Director or Regional Director for clarification.

### **6. PASSENGERS**

Passengers are allowed in the Performance Driving Program except for

the Driver Orientation Class. The passengers must register for the event and have the same safety equipment as required by the driver. Minor's may register as passengers with a parent in attendance and a Minor Waiver signed.

## 7. GROUPS

There are 4 Groups in the Performance Driving Program. After completion of The Driver Orientation Class, you may apply for a Professional AutoSports Performance Driving License and run in the group of your choice.

1. **X Red Group:** Driver Orientation Class group. This is required for all drivers new to the track. This group is under the direct control of driving instructors and classroom instructors.
2. **Red Group:** Novice Performance Driving Program Group for drivers with little experience driving at speed on the track. Passing is only allowed on the straightaway sections of the track. Instructors are available to this group.
3. **Orange Group:** Intermediate Performance Driving Program Group for drivers with more experience. Passing is allowed on the straight-aways and in the corners when waved by. Instructors are available for this group.
4. **Green Group:** Advanced Performance Driving Program Group for skilled drivers. Passing is allowed anywhere with courtesy. Instructors are available by request.

## 8. INSURANCE

In the Performance Driving Program and New Member Orientation Class for Street vehicles, the normal automobile insurance for the car will usually cover any incidents.

This is a driver improvement program that is designed to improve your driving knowledge and skills. It is directed by a Certified Teacher, State of Arizona, Dept. of Education and the curriculum has been provided to most of the large auto insurers.

**As a Certified instruction program, the few accidents that have happened in the program during the last 15 years have been taken care of by the members auto insurance.** This is an exclusive benefit to members of ProAutoSports.

Please note, this is not a DE or HPDE program. These programs are not normally covered by the driver's auto insurance.

If you have questions on your insurance coverage, check with your insurance agent. Make sure that he knows that this is a Performance Driving Education Program directed by a Certified Teacher, State of Arizona and not a DE or HPDE track program.

In addition, Professional AutoSports Inc. has General Commercial Liability, Personal Accident or Injury Liability, Fire Damage, Excess Accident Medical and AD&D for the on-track activities.

## **9. TRACK SAFETY**

There are three groups that play a role in the safety program. First there are Course Officials that in most cases are approved for professional racing events. Their role is to be a communication tool to the drivers and to provide assistance to the Safety Crew if there is an accident. Secondly, the Safety Crew is made up of professional fire fighters many of whom have medical and rescue training. Thirdly, we have commercial ambulance service on site with trained PMT's. The Safety Crew and the Ambulance service are normally provided by the track as part of our contract.

## **10. DAMAGE RULES**

If a car is out of control or is attempting a pass and causes damage to another car, the driver of that car is suspended until a satisfactory agreement is reached with the owner of the damaged car as to restitution. Once that is done, the offending driver is put on probation. Another incident during the probation period may be reason for permanent suspension. Street vehicles may be covered by their auto insurance for accidents during participation in these events.

**UPDATES MAY BE MADE TO THESE RULES WITHOUT NOTIFICATION.  
THEY WILL BE IN EFFECT AFTER PUBLISHING ON THE WEB SITE.  
MEMBERS WILL BE GIVEN A REASONABLE TIME TO COMPLY WITH ANY  
UPDATES.**