



# Porsche Club

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## Porsche Owners Club



### General Competition Rules 2021:

#### Appendix A – Autocross

Effective January 1, 2021

Autocross is a timed competition in which drivers navigate a few cars at a time through a defined course on a sealed surface. It is a form of motorsports that emphasizes safe competition and active participation. Autocross differs from road racing and oval racing in that generally, there are only a few cars on the track, driving against the clock rather than other cars.

Questions concerning these rules should be directed to the POC Competition Director via the official POC website: [www.porscheclub.com](http://www.porscheclub.com)

## 1. Autocross Rules and General Competition Rules

The Autocross appendix enhances the POC General Competition Rules. The rules in this appendix cover all the basics of Autocross but do not contain some pertinent information. For example, to class cars consistently throughout all POC series, the General Competition Rules contain all the rules for classing cars. If anything in the Autocross appendix contradicts the General Competition Rules, the Autocross rules will prevail.

## 2 Autocross Director

The Board of Directors shall appoint the Autocross Director, and the Autocross Director shall appoint an Autocross Competition Director and Autocross Chief Driving Instructor, to form the Autocross Committee who shall then be ratified by the Board of Directors. The Autocross Committee shall be responsible for running and managing all Autocross events, interpreting the GCR, and handling protests. The Autocross Director, or his designee, must be present at all events to ensure that they are conducted in accordance with the GCR.

## 3 Car Markings

All entrants must have numbers legible by corner workers and track staff on the car before entering the track. The contrasting background is required for all numbers.

For Autocross: 6" height minimum, 3/4" stroke/width and legible at a distance of 75 feet are required for sides of the car.

## 4 Competition Numbers

A separate list of Autocross competition numbers will be kept at MotorsportReg.com.

To be eligible for a one-digit number, a member must accumulate 10 or more points. A minimum of 5 points are required for a two-digit number. (Refer to the POC GCR on how to accumulate points)

## 5 Car Classing

POC General Competition Rules apply to all vehicles.

**ONE EXCEPTION – DOT TIRES with <100 Rating automatically moves a vehicle to GT class.**

## 6 Restraint System

In Autocross, at a minimum, 3-point lap belts with shoulder straps are required. Also, the same type of restraint system is required for both driver and instructor.

## 7 Helmets

Safety helmets are required and must be Snell, FIA, or MA certified with a current or one previous certification (SA2010, SA2015, FIA 8860-2010). **Note that SA2010 may be used until 1/1/22.** Helmets must be date labeled. It is recommended that helmets be replaced after 5 years of actual use. Closed faced helmets are highly recommended.

## 8 Safety

All loose objects, tools, removable floor mats, etc. must be removed from all interior spaces.

All competing vehicles must have both driver and passenger glass removed or in the down position at all times while on course.

If two people are in a car, at least one must be an approved event instructor, and the other must be a registered entrant in the event for the sole purpose of instruction. No other passengers are allowed, including back seat passengers.

## 9 **Flags**

**Red:** Red Flag indicates an emergency situation. Look in mirror(s), pull safely to trackside, and stop in view of the nearest corner worker. Remain stopped until instructed otherwise.

## 10 **Penalty**

If cones are used to mark the course, the penalty for hitting a cone during a timed run is an additional two (2) seconds per cone added to the applicable lap time. If a competitor knocks over a cone or moves it entirely outside its outline, the penalty will be incurred. Only "upright" course marking cones are counted for any penalties (any points or DNF penalties). Cones lying on their sides (pointer or directional cones) are only for information purposes and will not count for penalties.

Four wheels off the designated course will constitute a DNF (did not finish).

## 11 **Reruns**

During timed runs, reruns may be granted to entrants whose run is negatively affected by specific situations and circumstances beyond the driver's control. The rerun is intended to avoid penalizing the entrant in such instances. Valid reasons for granting a rerun include:

1. Timer malfunction
2. Catching a slower car on course
3. Interference from a spectator or course worker
4. A red or yellow flag is thrown
5. Obstruction or disruption of cones or course that forces the driver to alter his/her line
6. Other circumstances or safety concerns that are out of the driver's control but affect the entrant's time

The Autocross Director will have the final determination regarding reruns.

Except in the instance of a timer malfunction, the driver must request a rerun by promptly alerting a course worker upon exiting the course and before starting his/her next run.

If an official rerun is given, any cone penalties are NOT carried over.

Reruns will not be granted for any run in which the driver earns a DNF (Did Not Finish); a driver cannot erase a DNF by means of a rerun. Timing failure will not be cause for a rerun if the driver earns a DNF.

Reruns will NOT be granted for mechanical failure of that entrant's car.