

Guest Driver Orientations

To ensure that your guest driver can get on track promptly and optimize track time, orientations will take place at 8 am and 12 pm. Please have your guest in the Clubhouse Garage located in the back of the Member Clubhouse at one of these times.

We will try to accommodate guest drivers at other times, but we can't guarantee an instructor's availability.

Guest driver packets, including description of flags, track maps with passing zones, and important information for guest drivers are available on the web site. All guest drivers are required to pass a written test on this material before being allowed on track. The test, with answers, is included in the packet for study.

Our goal is to make your guests' Autobahn track experience a positive and safe one. Please be on time, so that we can accomplish this as efficiently as possible, and so that your guests won't miss their first session.

Please email, text, or call Tony Kester in advance when you will be hosting a guest driver or if you have any questions.

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Drivers Need to Know

Drivers are responsible for their crew and guests in paddock and pits

Air hoses are located on the northeast and west sides of the Tech Building

Gas pumps are located across from the Café by the SUNOCO sign

Stop at all stop signs

Obey speed limits in the paddock

15 mph in paddock and near the café and maintenance building

25 mph in all other areas

Cars coming off the track have the right of way

Enter the South track to the left just after the Tech Building

Enter the North and Full tracks either halfway down the north paddock, or at the circle as designated

When entering the pits from the paddock, drive to middle lane, then move to the right (through lane) as traffic permits

Sign in with race control at the start/finish line in pit lane

Only enter the track at the direction of race control

Stay to the left of the blend line exiting the pits

If the blend line isn't visible, stay to the left until turn two on all tracks

Raise your hand in the air to signal that you are entering the pits

Know and obey the flags or light boards

Know and obey the passing zones

Know and obey the passing rules

Flags and their Meanings

Flags, both manual and in the form of Digital Safety Flag (DSF) LED boards, are used by the Corner Marshalls and the race control person, at the end of pit lane, to relay information to the drivers while on course. In all cases a flashing digital flag is equivalent to a waved fabric flag. It is extremely important that drivers completely understand the meaning of the flags. There are two categories of flags; command and informational.

Command Flags

Command flags give drivers information that he/she **MUST** react to. Failure to properly respond to these flags may cause dangerous situations and could result in disciplinary action.



Yellow Flag- The yellow flag indicates a situation in which caution should be used. It may be displayed in one of two ways.

Stationary or solid light -**This** indicates that a hazard is present somewhere off the track surface. It may be a disabled car, emergency vehicle, debris or personnel. Caution should be used. Drivers should slow down and **no passing is allowed from the point of the flag until completely past the incident.**

Waving or flashing - A waving yellow flag is used to indicate a danger that is on, or immediately adjacent to, the track surface. A driver should use extreme caution, slow down and be prepared to alter his normal racing line. **No passing is allowed from the point of the flag until completely past the incident.**



Green Flag- It might be displayed at the corner station immediately following a corner that is displaying a yellow flag to indicate the course is clear at that point and normal lapping may resume.



Red Flag- A red flag will be displayed at all corners when a serious situation has developed on the course which may require the Safety Team to respond immediately. Drivers should gradually come to a complete stop at the next manned corner station and await a signal to proceed to the pits slowly.



Black Flag- A black flag can be used in different ways.

Warning A **rolled** up (furled) black flag may be pointed at a driver to warn that driver that he has been involved in an improper action. The driver does not have to report to pit lane but must be certain that the conduct that initiated the warning is not repeated.

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Penalty The black flag may be **waved** and pointed by the starter, or a designated black flag corner station, at a specific car that then needs to come to pit lane immediately at the conclusion of that lap and report to race control at the end of pit lane. This may be accompanied by a number board or flashing number on the DSF. An official will then give the driver an explanation with instructions.



All Stations When all stations display a waving black flag or display a black “All”, drivers are to slow down and proceed to pit lane. An incident has occurred on track that needs attention.



Mechanical Black Flag/Meatball- The mechanical black flag is used to inform a driver that he must come into pit lane. A problem exists on the car that may create a dangerous situation. This may be displayed alternating with a car number on the DSF. If a car is leaking fluid or is on fire, a Corner Marshall may wave a driver off the track in order to prevent getting fluids on the racing surface.



Checkered Flag- The checkered flag indicates the session is over; all cars should use this lap as a cool down lap and enter pit lane at the first chance.

Information Flags

These flags simply provide valuable information to the drivers, an immediate reaction to these flags may not be needed.



Blue Flag- The blue flag (passing flag) is used to inform drivers that a faster car may be trying, or will soon be trying, to pass. This can be displayed stationary if the pass may occur within the next two corners, or it may be waving or flashing if the pass is in progress or if a group of cars will be passing.



Surface/Debris Flag- The surface flag informs drivers that fluids or small debris may be on the racing surface. A driver should be aware that traction may be compromised.



White Flag- The white flag can be used in two ways.
At a corner station This is to inform a driver that he may be rapidly approaching a slow-moving vehicle. This should be displayed two stations prior to the slow vehicle.



Emergency Flag (E flag)- The emergency vehicle flag indicates that an emergency vehicle is on course. It is to be displayed stationary for two stations prior to the vehicles location. Drivers must be aware; they may pass the vehicle if it is safe to do so.



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The Pit Board, or “PIT” display on DSF may be shown from the last corner station before the pit entrance. It informs drivers of the condition of pit lane. The yellow board indicates there is a situation in which extreme caution should be used if entering pit lane. The red indicates that pit lane is CLOSED. Drivers may not enter pit lane except in the case of an emergency.

Passing Rules

Passing rules are in effect for all non-race sessions.

Passing is only allowed in designated passing zones accompanied by a wave by.

Passing zones are located on the straightaways only, as defined on Autobahn track maps.

The car being passed must stay on line and wave the passing car by off line.

The car being passed should not make any sudden moves or move off line.

Driver's arm straight out to the left means pass to the left.

Driver's left arm out, up, and gesturing to the right means pass to the right.

These signals should be substantial and obvious to the following car.

The driver of the car being passed should signal a wave by when comfortable. If not, the driver should wait until the next passing zone to signal a wave by.

DO NOT PASS if waved by in a no passing area.

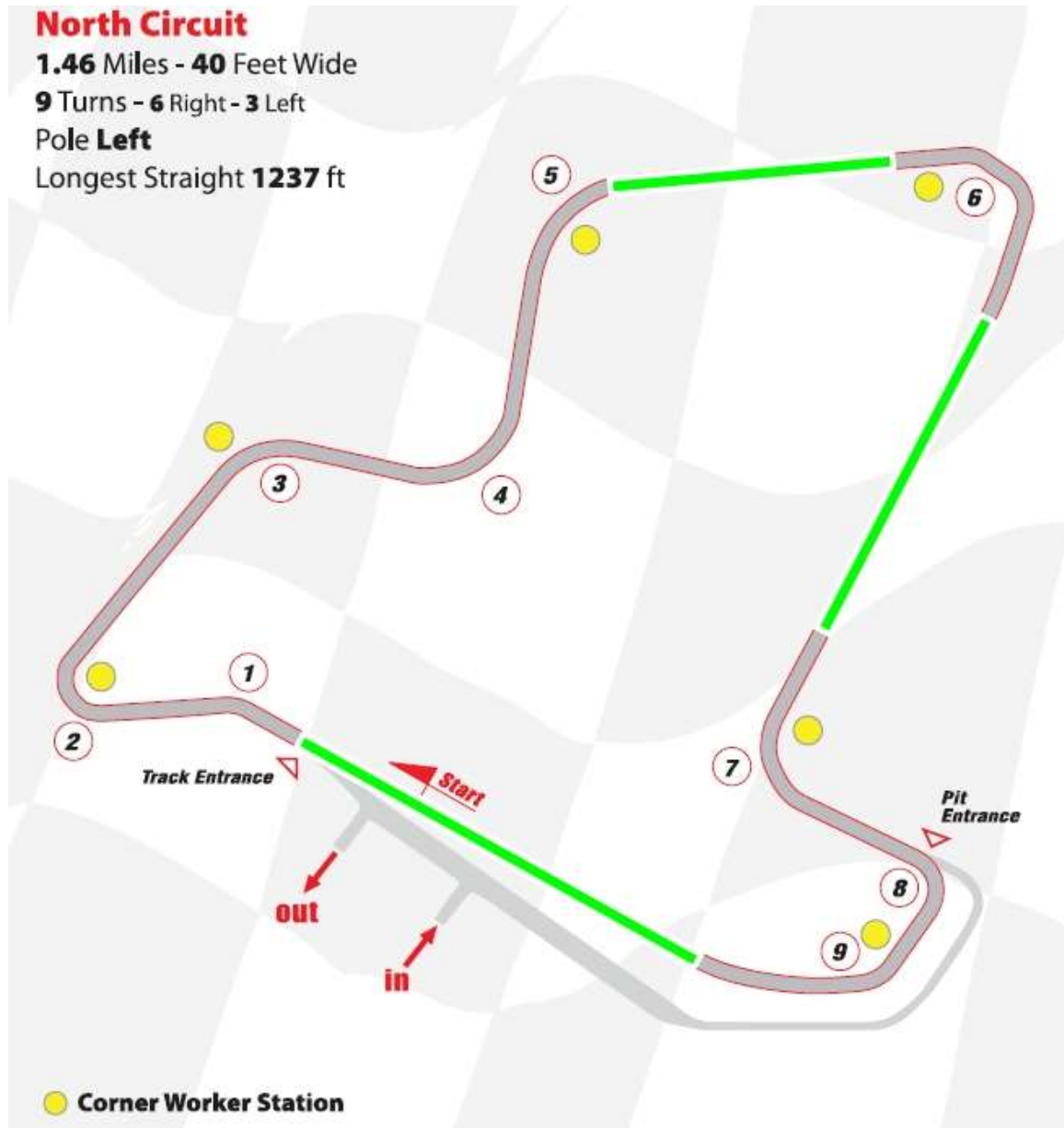
DO NOT PASS anywhere without a wave by.

If a car is obviously limping back to the pits, you may pass with extreme caution.

Violators will be black flagged. Repeat violators will be penalized appropriately.

Passing Zones

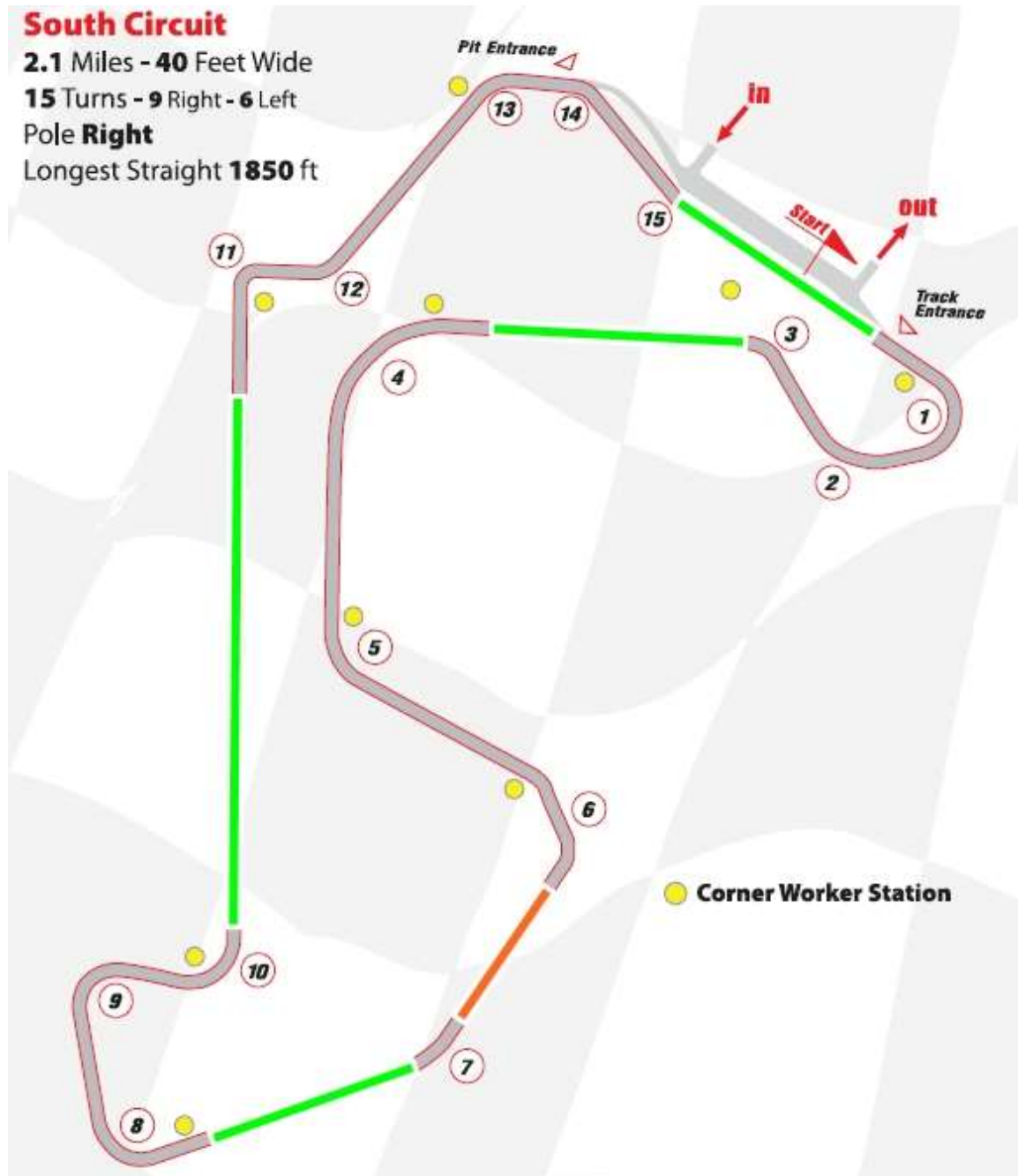
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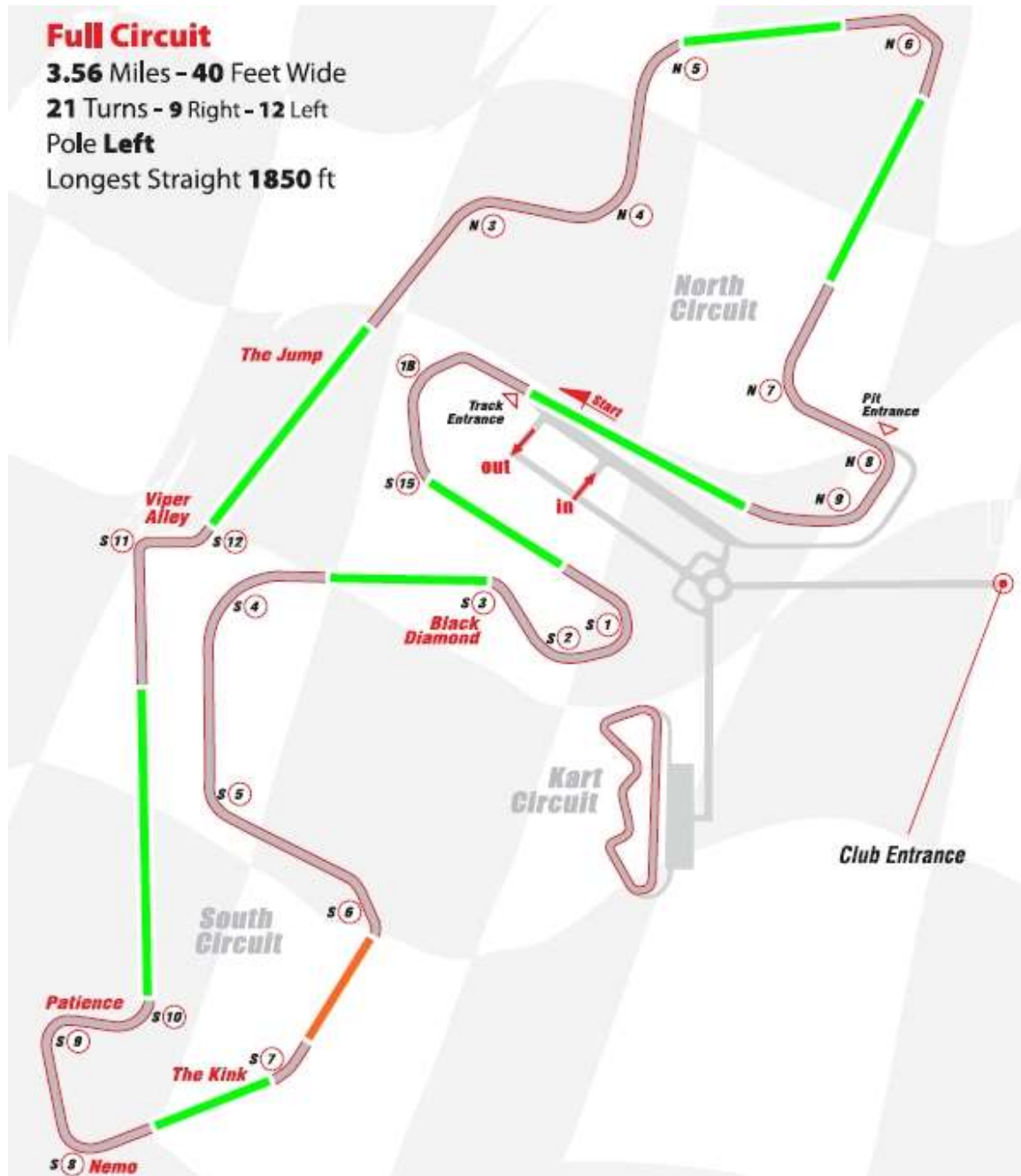


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Track Test

- 1. What is the attire requirement for going on track?**
 - a. No open toe shoes
 - b. No shorts
 - c. No tank tops
 - d. **All of the above**

- 2. How do you check in on track for your first session of the day?**
 - a. At registration
 - b. In the Member Building with the concierge
 - c. In the Instruction Office with Tony Kester
 - d. **In pit lane with the race control worker**

- 3. When is a driver permitted to leave pit lane and proceed on to the track?**
 - a. When the track is clear
 - b. When you get to the end of pit lane
 - c. **When directed by the race control worker**
 - d. When you have a green light

- 4. What does the normal “driving line” mean?**
 - a. The white line at the edge of the track pavement
 - b. **The path for running best lap times**
 - c. The safest path, out of the way of other drivers
 - d. The shortest distance around the track

- 5. What is the significance of the blend line?**
 - a. **You are required to stay left of the line when exiting the pits**
 - b. You can't cross it when lapping
 - c. It denotes the line into turn one
 - d. It is optional depending on the group

6. If the blend line is not visible, what do you do?
 - a. Run your normal line
 - b. Stop, back up and ask
 - c. **Stay to the left until turn two**
 - d. Get your eyes examined by a licensed optometrist
7. When is a driver allowed to pass another car on track?
 - a. At the passing driver's discretion
 - b. **When the driver being passed gives a wave by in a passing zone**
 - c. When the passing driver is more experienced
 - d. When the passing driver is faster
8. Where is a driver allowed to pass?
 - a. **Only in designated passing zones**
 - b. Anywhere that it is safe
 - c. On any straight
 - d. On the long straights
9. What is the procedure for being passed?
 - a. Move over
 - b. **Stay on line and point the following driver by off line**
 - c. Wave the following driver by randomly
 - d. Floor it and make the following driver out brake you
10. What does it mean when the flagging light is flashing?
 - a. The light is going to be turned off
 - b. **The meaning of the flag is accentuated**
 - c. The worker at the flag station likes your car
 - d. You need to pit
11. Identify the flags on a separate sheet.
12. Mark pit and track entry and exit points on a track map.
13. Mark the passing zones on a track map.