

2017 Golden Gate Chapter BMW CCA Autocross Series Policies & Rules

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Forum: <https://www.bmwautocross.com/forums/forum/ggc-bmw-cca-forums/>
Registration: <https://www.motorsportreg.com/orgs/bmwcca/golden-gate/autocross>
Classification System: <https://www.bmwautocross.com/autocross/>
Classification System FAQ: [AutocrossClassificationFAQ.pdf](#)
Contact: autocross@ggcbmwcca.org

Schedule

All events are at Marina Airport unless otherwise specified.

Link to map location: <https://goo.gl/maps/bBc3xnMY4XS2>

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| January 25: | Autocross School |
| January 26: | Fun Run |
| March 25: | Test & Tune |
| April 22: | Autocross #1 |
| May 13: | Autocross #2 |
| June 3: | Autocross #3 |
| July 8: | Autocross #4 |
| August 12: | Autocross #5 |
| September 23: | Autocross #6 |
| October 14: | Autocross #7 |
| October TBD: | Crows Landing Fun Run |
| November 18: | Top Driver Shootout |
| December 10: | Autocross Fun Run |

2017 Event Registration & Policies

BMWCCA Membership

Everyone signing up and paying to attend our events must be an active member of the BMWCCA. This is a mandatory tax requirement due to our status with the IRS.

Insurance Waivers

Insurance waiver signatures will be collected at the gate and wristbands will be handed out upon entry to the facility where the event is held. All vehicle occupants will be required to sign the BMW CCA insurance waiver, and a Marina Motorsports specific waiver for events at Marina.

Everyone onsite will be required to wear a wristband as proof we have a waiver on file for you. **Failure to comply with this mandatory policy may result in immediate removal from the site and no refund will be provided.**

If you have minors with you, and this includes any person or child under the age of 18 in your car, a minor waiver will be required for each. Instructions and forms for completing the minor waiver can be found here:

<https://www.bmwautocross.com/waiver.pdf>

Pricing

Event pricing for regular season Marina events is \$50 plus \$5 for an optional lunch. Cost for other venues and the season end Top Driver Shootout may be higher.

A limited number of loaner helmets are available free of charge.

Motorsportreg Registration

Registration for subsequent events will open at noon the Monday after the current event – so if the current event is on Saturday, reg for the next one opens the following Monday. Registration for the current event will close the Sunday before the event at Noon.

Step-by-step instructions are included at the beginning of the advertisement page of the MSR event as follows:

HOW TO SIGN UP

Step 1

Visit the GGC Classification System to verify your existing classification, or to select a driver number and classify your car for your first 2017 event with us. Motorsportreg (MSR) **is not connected to** the GGC classification system. The

GGC system is the keeper of the unique driver numbers and car data and every driver must have their own account, driver number, and car classification from the separate GGC system. As a convenience we maintain your permanent number in MSR, but **you must first claim one from the GGC system.**

WARNING: If you fail to complete this step before you register, you will be placed on hold until you do. We will not process your payment until we can verify your driver number and car classification and your spot is not guaranteed until we process your payment. **If you do not classify before registration closes, or before it sells out, your registration will be cancelled.**

Step 2

Read ALL of the content in this event listing to make sure you understand the event requirements, including: event location, driver numbers/classifications, waivers, membership requirements, payments, cancellation policy, tech inspection checklist, timeline, helmet requirements, waitlist, and guest policy. Additional information will be provided in the confirmation e-mail you receive after signing up and even more will be sent after registration closes.

Step 3

BMWCCA membership is required to participate. If you're not an active member of BMWCCA, you will need to join or renew your membership. We prefer you do this yourself at bmwcca.org, but if you like, you may tick the box later in the sign-up process and we'll take your money and pass it along to BMWCCA National on your behalf. Please make sure you understand the cancellation/refund policy described on the next page.

Step 4

We will charge your credit card to hold your spot. We see a fair amount of "declined by your bank" transactions each month, so please be certain your billing information is current. If we cannot charge you, we cannot guarantee a spot for you at this event.

A note about driver numbers and Motorsportreg.com (MSR). The GGC classification system is the keeper of the driver numbers. When you register at MSR, you will select YOUR driver number from the drop-down list. If your number is not available, contact the staff immediately so we can help you out. Often new folks skip this very important first step and claim a number that isn't theirs.

The number you select will be yours forever if you continue to attend events with us. If you go a whole season without attending, you risk losing your number. If you decide you want a different number, you may make that change in the system yourself.

During online registration, you will be asked to provide additional information including, but not limited to:

- Have you classified your car?
- What is your autocross experience level?
- Would you like a driver coach?
- Sharing a car with someone? Who?
- Are you or someone you're bringing under the age of 18?

Drivers age 65 or older will check a box and let us know if they would like to drive in run group 1. Typically, we do not require you to work a job, but if you'd like to, you'll have a chance to let us know your preference. Keep in mind if you run out of group, i.e. you run in RG1, but the other cars in your class do not, you will be placed in the non-compete class for the event.

The text of the actual insurance waiver you will sign is included on the MSR registration page and you must check a box indicating you "have read, understood, and agree to limit your rights as defined in the waiver" to complete your registration. You will sign this waiver form when you arrive on site to the event.

We limit each event to 100 drivers (except the top driver shootout, which will be limited to less). Cancellation policy is slightly changed from last season: You have until noon on the Sunday prior to the event day to cancel. You may cancel your registration via motorsportreg.com and we are automatically informed of your cancellation. If you don't cancel in time, or don't show up, no refund or credit will be issued. There is a \$10 cancellation fee if you cancel prior to close of registration.

Event Dashboard

Confirmed

BMWCCA-GGC Autocross #3 - 06/11/16
BMW CCA - Golden Gate Chapter - Autocross

Saturday, June 11, 2016
Marina Airport, Marina, CA

View Event Details

- Update/change registration
- Registration Requirements
- Register someone else
- See who else is attending
- Print a receipt
- Ask the registrar a question
- Cancel registration

If you are on the wait list, you will be notified of your status after registration closes. If you do not receive an email by the Wednesday before the event, you may assume that you did not get in. If you are on the waitlist and want to be taken off, you should cancel just as you would if you were registered for the event. If you do not cancel, then you may find you got in and your credit card will be automatically charged.

If you register for an event without first classifying your car in the online classification system, your MSR registration will be placed on hold. You will be notified and if you do not classify your car before the close of registration, or before it sells out, your registration may be cancelled. We will not process payments until you are classified and your spot is not guaranteed until we successfully process your payment.

We reserve the right to refuse entry to anyone for any reason. Racing is serious business and we need everyone in attendance to take it seriously. If you're not following instructions, not playing by the rules, or not taking your work assignment seriously, we may ask you not to come back.

NO SHOWS/LATE CANCELLATIONS

For our events to run smoothly and safely, we require ALL who commit to attend to show up to the event. Our events sell out quickly with long wait lists and it's not fair to our other members who miss out or work double to cover for no shows. Those who cancel late or do not show up may not be welcome at future events - three strikes rule applies. Do us the courtesy of cancelling in advance per the published policy.

Passengers and Coaching

First-timers and novice drivers will be required to have a club provided coach and get signed off to drive solo or to take passengers. Work with your coach to decide together when you're ready.

If you are an experienced autocrosser and would like to be a coach, please write us and let us know. We will be glad to add you to the roster and have you share your experience. You will be trained by an experience coach or coordinator prior to your first session of coaching.

Minor passengers are allowed if they are at least 4' 9" tall, wear a helmet, and we have a properly completed minor waiver form on file.

Buddy System

For folks joining us for the very first time, one of our experienced autocrossers will contact you prior to the event to introduce themselves and arrange to meet you when you arrive at the event. We don't expect you to hold hands all day, but your buddy will be there to introduce you around, answer any questions, and ensure you're comfortable with everything that's going on.

If you're interested in volunteering to be a Buddy, please let us know.

Spectators & Guests

Accompanied guests are welcome, but registered participants are responsible for ensuring their guest enter before 8:15am to sign the waiver(s) and obtain a wristband AND attend the mandatory meeting at 8:30am AND honor all the GGC guidelines.

Event Day

Event check-in, donut eating, run stickers, worker assignments, and helmet checks will be done at the trailer.

All participants will park in the indicated paddock area, not near the trailer. Only Staff are permitted to park their cars near the trailer.

Tech Inspections

Tech inspections will be performed at each event by trained inspectors unless otherwise stated. Plan to arrive as early as possible so your car can be checked and signed off prior to the morning meeting.

Tech Inspection Checklist

Verify all the following conditions are met before arriving at the event. Our tech inspectors will check your car and put a sticker on your windshield to indicate it passed. If your car does not pass, you will not be allowed to drive it and no refund will be given.

- 1. BATTERY IS SECURELY MOUNTED – THIS IS OUR #1 FAILURE POINT!** Only factory battery hold-downs are accepted.
2. Wheels are safely attached and exhibit no cracks. Wheel nuts/bolts are tightened to the manufacturer's recommended torque value.
3. All loose items are removed from the vehicle. If a video camera is employed, it is securely mounted. If your floor mats are not secured with Velcro or snaps, remove them.
4. Tires show no cords, belts, or cracks in the tread or sidewall.
5. Seat belts and/or harnesses are properly installed and in good condition.
6. Brakes are in good working order, have no leaks under pressure, and have adequate fluid in the master cylinder.
7. No fluid leaks (fuel, oil, coolant, power steering fluid, transmission and differential fluids, brake fluid) are present while the vehicle's engine is running.
8. Wheel bearings, steering mechanism, suspension, and shocks are in good operating condition.
9. The exhaust is in good working order.
10. Closed-toed shoes are mandatory for drivers. No open-toed shoes, sandals or "flip-flops" are allowed on course.

11. Roll bars, if installed, are properly and securely mounted.

Photography

The BMWCCA is a private organization which requires all participants of our events to be members of the club. Since events are not open to the public and all activities that take place at our events are private, under no circumstances will we allow anyone to film or photograph any activity for commercial use. We welcome members to take photos to share with other members or for personal use only. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact the coordinators.

2017 Classification System

If you had a car classified in 2016, and you participated in the program last year, your original car number has been preserved, but your classification data has been removed. Everyone participating in the 2017 season must create a new car classification before registering for your first event.

If you're new to GGC autocross and need to create an account, you may do so at bmwautocross.com or at the landing page for the online classification system.

Access the online classification system here: <https://bmwautocross.com/autocross/>

The online classification system will close at Noon on the Sunday prior to each event and will reopen at 6pm after the event has finished. You may make changes to your classification or car number at any time before registration closes for the next event. No changes will be allowed between noon the Sunday before and 6pm the day of the event.

NOTE: When you create an account at Motorsportreg.com you're asked to also create a car profile. This profile is separate and not associated with the GGC online classification system. You must create a car classification in our online system before registering for our events at Motorsportreg.com (MSR).

2016 & 2017 vehicles will be gradually added to the database. If you have one that is not in the system, write us so we will prioritize the update for your car. BMW is killing us with so many model variations that it's becoming a major effort to input this data eacy year.

Documentation

Classification Challenge Process (copied from FAQ)

Should you doubt the classification accuracy of a competitor, you may challenge that classification. Your classification may also be challenged, so be prepared.

The rules are as follows:

- Each competitor may challenge a maximum of two classifications per season.
- The challenger must inform an autocross team member of your desire to challenge another competitor within 30 minutes after the driver's run group completes and before 5pm on the day of the event. If the run group completes after 5pm, the challenge can be made at the next event before the first run group starts. Challenge requests received at any other time will not be considered.

- A challenge meeting will be held with at least two autocross team members, the challenger, and the challenged. All will compare the classification system data against the vehicle in person and a final decision will be made on site.
- If it is determined that the vehicle in question is classed incorrectly (A, AA, AAA, B, C), and the points difference results in a class change, the offending competitor will be re-classed as non-compete for the current event and all preceding events for the season.
- If a Gonzo class competitor is challenged and loses, the offending competitor will be re-classed as non-compete for the current event and all preceding events for the season.
- If the challenge occurs at Top Driver Shootout, the losing driver will be immediately disqualified from the event.
- The three-strikes rule applies to all competitors: Starting with the 2017 season, should you be challenged and lose three times you will not be allowed to compete in the GGC Autocross Series for eternity. You may still attend, but only as a non-compete driver.
- The GGC Autocross Team decisions are final– no appeal will be allowed.

If you have any issues accessing the classification system, logging in to bmwautocross.com, or with your default car number in MSR, please contact us at autocross@ggcbmwcca.org.

2017 Rules for Competition

Regular season competition events are held from April thru October and are indicated as such in the schedule above. Though we enjoy friendly competition, we do have some rules that must be followed.

Points and Scoring

Our 2017 Series consists of seven competition events where each competitor will race to earn points by placing in the top 10 finishers of each class. At the end of the season, we present a class trophy to the top three point earners in each class. Everyone who attends a competition event will receive one attendance point. Drivers of marques other than BMW or MINI, or those who placed themselves in the N (non-compete) class are not eligible for a class trophy.

Event results and season standings will be posted on the forum and updated each month so you can keep track.

Rules for Earning Points

- You must drive a BMW or MINI to compete for points in the series.
- You must have the car you're driving properly classified in our online system prior to the close of registration for the event.
- You must run in the group with the rest of your class.
- You must drive the car you have classified in the system.

Exception Cases

Should any of the rules not be met for a given competition event, or you lose a classification challenge, you will be placed in the non-compete class for the event and no points may be earned for that event.

Calculating Points

The first ten placing competitors in each class at each event will receive points based on this schedule:

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| First Place: | 20 points |
| Second Place: | 15 points |
| Third Place: | 11 points |
| Fourth Place: | 8 points |
| Fifth Place: | 6 points |
| Sixth Place: | 5 points |
| Seventh Place: | 4 points |
| Eighth Place: | 3 points |
| Ninth Place: | 2 points |
| Tenth Place: | 1 point |

Everyone at a regular season event will receive one attendance point.

At the end of the season, each competitor's points will be totaled up and we will subtract the lowest point event from your total. If you missed an event, or had a bad day, that low point number will not affect your total point count for the season.

Class trophies for the three top point earners in each class will be awarded at the end of the season to all but X and N class drivers. Event Results and Season Standings will be updated and posted to our forum and the autocross website after each event.

Official Runs & Fun Runs

Your first run is a timed practice run which does not count towards your official runs for the day. All runs that follow during your run group are official runs.

Race Day Rules

- If you registered to drive in an event, you must attend and drive in the event. You may not give your spot to another driver to drive for you. If you do, that driver will be ejected and you may be blacklisted from attending future events.
- You must drive in the run group your class drives in to earn points for the event. If you run out of group, you will be placed in the non-compete (N) class for the event.
- If you do not arrive and check in prior to the 8:30am attendee meeting, you will not be allowed to drive.
- If your car does not pass tech, you may not drive it.
- You may not change your car, classification data, or points after the close of registration or on race day. If you bring a different car, you will be placed in the non-compete (N) class for the event.
- If you do not follow the course as defined, or you leave the course and come back on at a later point, you will receive a DNF (did not finish) for that run and the time will not count.
- No re-runs will be given during your practice run for any reason.
- During an official run, you may stop on course to point out a downed cone or unsafe situation. If the downed cone or situation is confirmed, you will be given a rerun.
- During an official run, if you're stopped by a course worker on course for any reason (red flag, obstacle, etc), you'll be granted a rerun.
- During an official run, if you do not get a valid time in the computer system, you'll be granted a rerun.
- All decisions by the autocross team are final!

2017 Top Driver Shootout Eligibility (TDS)

For 2017 we will require participation in at least three regular season events to be invited to compete for the Fechner Cup at the season end Top Driver Shootout. Final rules and eligibility requirements will be posted to the forum prior to opening registration for the TDS event sometime in October. The event this year is after the time change, so we may need to modify the format to complete the event before dark.

Conclusion

If you have any questions about the above information, please contact us.