# 2022 Golden Gate Chapter BMW CCA Autocross Series Policies & Rules for Competition

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#### **Information Links**

Website: <a href="https://bmwautocross.com/">https://bmwautocross.com/</a>

Forum: https://www.bmwautocross.com/forums/forum/ggc-bmw-cca-forums/

Registration: https://ggcbmwcca.motorsportreg.com/

Classification System: <a href="https://www.bmwautocross.com/autocross/">https://www.bmwautocross.com/autocross/</a>

Classification System FAQ: <u>AutocrossClassificationFAQ.pdf</u>

Contact: autocross@ggcbmwcca.org

#### 2022 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. When you register you will select your path: member or non-member (renewal) and will be charged accordingly. Those selecting non-member (renewal) will be charged an additional \$58 to activate a 1-year membership in BMWCCA.

#### **Insurance Waivers**

Every person attending our events, drivers and guests, must sign the electronic waiver to obtain a wristband and gain entrance to the site. You should do this before arriving at the event by visiting <a href="https://bmwautocross.speedwaiver.com/">https://bmwautocross.speedwaiver.com/</a>. If you do not take care of this in advance, you will be required to do so before entering the gate. If you can't do this for any reason, you won't be permitted to enter and no refund will be given.

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 <u>in your car</u>, 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 events is \$85 plus \$10 for an optional lunch.

#### **Motorsportreg Registration**

Registration for subsequent events will open at 5pm the day after the current event – so if the current event is on Saturday, reg for the next one opens on Sunday at 5pm. 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 - Select Driver Number and Classify Your Car

To classify, visit the <u>GGC Classification System</u> to create an account, select a driver number and enter your car details and modifications. If you already have an account, please be sure your

classification is accurate before registering for this event. 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 to participate.

General information, forums, etc here: <a href="https://www.bmwautocross.com">https://www.bmwautocross.com</a>
Access the online classification system here: <a href="https://www.bmwautocross.com/autocross/">https://www.bmwautocross.com/autocross/</a>

**Go-karts:** Competitors driving karts of any kind are required to wear full-face helmets; a collar-type neck brace designed for motorsports use; and gloves, jackets, and full-length pants made of leather, vinyl, abrasion-resistant (ballistic) nylon or equivalent.

**WARNING:** If you fail to complete this step before you register, and/or we cannot match the information you provide to an active classification at bmwautocross.com, your registration will be placed on hold until you do. It's easy and quick and you will only have to do this once unless you make changes to your car. It is very important that you take care of this step before you register for this event.

#### **Step 2 - Understand Requirements**

Read ALL of the content in this event listing to make sure you understand the event requirements, including: COVID-19 information, event location, waivers, membership requirements, payments, cancellation policy, tech inspection checklist, timeline, helmet requirements, waitlist, and guest policy.

#### Step 3 - Be a Member

**BMWCCA** membership is required to participate. If you're not an active member of BMWCCA, you will need to join or renew your membership before signing up. We prefer you do this yourself at <a href="mailto:bmwcca.org">bmwcca.org</a>, but if you like, you may register as a non-member and we'll take your money and pass it along to BMWCCA National to renew or activate your membership on your behalf. If you register and your membership is not current, your registration will be placed on hold until you provide proof that your membership is active. If we cannot verify your membership by the time registration closes, your registration may be cancelled.

#### Step 4 - Register

Complete the registration form and sign the electronic waiver.

A note about driver classifications and Motorsportreg.com (MSR). The GGC classification system is the keeper of the driver numbers and car data. When you register at MSR, you will need to provide your GGC Classification System (bmwautocross.com) username. We will use this to match your registration with your classification record in our separate system. If we cannot find a match, we'll assume you did not classify and put your registration on hold.

The number you select will be yours forever if you continue to attend events with us or until you change it. 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 at any time.

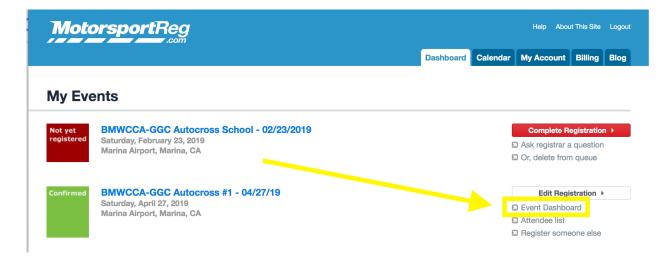
During online registration, you will be asked to provide additional information including, but not limited to:

- Your classification system username
- Your autocross experience level
- Covid Vaccination Status
- Share driver
- Accompanied minor

Drivers age 65 or older will check a box and let us know if you 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 also sign this waiver electronically prior to the event.

We limit each competition event to 100 drivers (or fewer depending on site or other factors). Cancellation policy is that you have until noon on the Sunday prior to the event day to have cancelled on time. You will cancel your registration via motorsportreg.com and we are automatically informed of your cancellation. There is a \$35 cancellation fee if you cancel prior to close of registration. If you don't cancel in time, or don't show up, no refund or credit will be issued.



# **Event Dashboard**



# BMWCCA-GGC Autocross #1 - 04/27/19

**BMW CCA - Golden Gate Chapter - Autocross** 

Saturday, April 27, 2019 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 guestion
- 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 want everyone to come and have fun, so please take care of this important step.

Your safe enjoyment of our event is our #1 priority. 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 to leave and you may not be allowed to come back.

#### NO SHOWS/LATE CANCELLATIONS

We recognize life happens, but 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. Please do us the courtesy and cancel or notify us that you will not attend.

#### **Passengers and Coaching**

Due to COVID, In-car coaching is no longer the norm, but we are able to provide observational guidance to help you improve your skills. Should things change, we will return to our prior coaching program and policy:

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 at the event, but **registered participants are responsible** for ensuring their guest(s) enter before 8:15am to sign the waivers and obtain a wristband AND attend the mandatory meeting at 8:30am AND honor all the GGC guidelines. Under no circumstances are guests, non-registered persons, allowed to drive during the event. Proxy drivers, those not actually registered, are not allowed to participate in the event.

#### **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 (with the exception of Test & Tune) 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 REASON FOR FAILURE! No bungee cords, wire ties, or other makeshift solutions will be accepted
- 2. **Wheels** are safely attached and exhibit no cracks. Wheel nuts/bolts are tightened to the manufacturer's recommended torque value
- 3. If **aftermarket wheel studs** are used, each wheel stud must be at least flush with the outer-most surface of the wheel nut when the nut is affixed by fingers and before any wheel nut is torqued to the manufacturer's recommended value
- 4. 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
- 5. Tires show no cords, belts, or cracks in the tread or sidewall
- 6. **Seat belts** and/or harnesses are properly installed and in good condition
- 7. **Brakes** are in good working order, have no leaks under pressure, and have adequate fluid in the master cylinder
- 8. **No fluid leaks** (fuel, oil, coolant, power steering fluid, transmission and differential fluids, brake fluid) are present while the vehicle's engine is running
- 9. Wheel bearings, steering mechanism, suspension, and shocks are in good **operating** condition
- 10. The **exhaust** is in good working order
- 11. **Closed-toed shoes** are mandatory for drivers. No open-toed shoes, sandals or "flip-flops" are allowed on course
- 12. Roll bars, if installed, are properly and securely mounted

**Go-karts:** Competitors driving karts of any kind are required to wear full-face helmets; a collar-type neck brace designed for motorsports use; and gloves, jackets, and full-length pants made of leather, vinyl, abrasion-resistant (ballistic) nylon or equivalent.

#### **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.

#### 2022 Classification System

Everyone participating in the 2022 season must create a new driver classification before registering for your first event. We've made points and class changes and any old classifications have been deleted.

If you're new to GGC autocross and need to create an account, you may do so at <a href="mailto:bmwautocross.com">bmwautocross.com</a> 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) and you will be required to enter your classification system (bmwautocross.com) username during registration.

New model 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 we're challenged to keep up.

#### 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 reclassed as non-compete for the current event and all preceding events for the season.
- The three-strikes rule applies to all competitors: 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 <a href="mailto:autocross@ggcbmwcca.org">autocross@ggcbmwcca.org</a>.

#### **2022** Rules for Competition

Though we enjoy friendly competition, we do have some rules that must be followed. Our format for the 2022 season will consist of five independent competition events where we recognize class winners for each, rather than a series with a year-end shootout as in the past. We are a BMW/MINI club and that's what we know, so only those brands of cars may compete. We are inclusive so we also have a non-compete (N) and non-BMW/MINI class (X).

#### **Rules for Competition**

- You must drive a BMW or MINI to compete
- 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 at the close of registration

#### **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.

#### **Winners and Awards**

The top three finishers in each class at each event will be recognized as First Place, Second Place, and Third place respectively. We do not calculate places for the non-compete classes of X and N. Event Results will be posted to our forum and the autocross website after each event.

Other than publishing results, we have yet to determine if trophies will be awarded to class winners after each event.

#### Official Runs Defined

For the 2022 season, all runs made during your competition run group are official runs.

#### **Race Day Rules**

- If you registered to drive in an event, <u>you</u> 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 be eligible for competition. If you
  run out of group, you will be placed in the non-compete (N) class for the event and
  considered to be driving for fun only.
- 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.
- 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. Timing display failures will not result in a rerun.
- All decisions by the autocross team are final!

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