

# **Roadrunner Region 2008 Die Serie Driving Event Rules**

The rules and/or regulations set forth herein are designed for the orderly conduct of competitive events and to further participant and spectator safety. No express or implied warranty of safety or fitness for a particular purpose shall result from publication of, or compliance with, these rules and/or regulations. They are intended as a guide for the conduct of the sport and are no way a guarantee against injury or death to participants, spectators, or others.

These Die Serie rules supersede all previously published Roadrunner Region Die Serie and Fiesta del Porsche rules.

## **Fran Walker Award**

The Fran Walker Award is open to all Fiesta del Porsche Entrants. An entrant must compete in the same vehicle, in the same class, in all three events. Scoring is based on a proposal in the Panorama.

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This manual contains the rules, regulations and requirements for participation in the 2008 Die Serie and FIESTA DEL PORSCHE events. **ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO READ THIS MANUAL IN ITS ENTIRETY, ALONG WITH THE PCA PARADE COMPETITION RULES, WHICH CONTAINS ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO COMPETE IN THESE EVENTS.**

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## **2.0 GENERAL RULES**

The following rules apply to all Die Serie and the Fiesta del Porsche driving events.

Prior to participating in any event except Concours. Each entrant **MUST SIGN THE CLUB AND TRACK INSURANCE WAIVER**

Each entrant must have a current Roadrunner Tech Sheet on file. All vehicles must be in good working order and pass a tech inspection. The Entrant, (participant, driver) is solely responsible for the safety of their car.

All participants are responsible for properly classifying their car. Misclassified cars are subject to disqualification. Approval by the Rules Committee is required to change a vehicle's Classification.

Positively no alcohol, drugs, etc. are allowed during any event.

A valid driver's license is required at all events. Minor participation (16 & 17 years old) – A RRR Waiver must be signed by both parents and witnessed. Forms are kept in the Blue Notebook along with Registration Forms.

Long Sleeve Shirts and Pants are not required at Autocross Events. Due to the lower speeds driven during autocross events PCA has dropped this requirement.

Long Sleeve Shirts and Pants are still required for high speed Drivers Education (DE) Events and Time Trials.

A fully enclosed leather shoe or drivers shoe is recommended.

### **3.0 CLASSIFICATIONS, 4.0 MODIFICATIONS**

**NOTE:** For 2008, the Roadrunner Region has adopted the PCA Parade Competition Rules for all car classing and preparation matters. Copies of the PCR's are available at the Roadrunner Region's web site, as well as at the PCA national website. All competitors are strongly urged to download and print a copy of this document, and to read it carefully. Responsibility for correctly classifying one's car rests with the competitor.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RULES COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW, RECLASSIFY OR DISQUALIFY ANY CAR WHICH DOES NOT CONFORM SPECIFICALLY TO THE CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE SHOWN IN THE PCRs.**

### **5.0 PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

Generally, the right to protest and appeal shall follow PCR guidelines. Except for Fiesta del Porsche, the Protest committee shall consist of a least one member from the Competition Rules Committee, the event chairman, and one member appointed by the event chairman. At Fiesta del Porsche, the committee must of consist of three members, all from different regions and appointed by the Driving Event Chairman.

Any entrant (in same class only) may file a protest. Each protest must be in writing, must state the rule(s) being violated, and must be accompanied by a \$30.00 deposit. If the protest is upheld the money will be returned to the protestor; if it is denied the money will go into the general fund. The protestor may request that the car be dismantled, inspected, or any other test be made, provided the he/she post a cash bond with the Protest Committee sufficient to cover the total costs of disassembly, inspection, and reassembly. If the car is found, upon inspection, to conform to the rules, the protestor shall forfeit the bond, which will be used to cover the costs involved. If the car is found, upon inspection, not to conform to the rules, the protestor's bond shall be returned and the driver of the protested car shall stand all expenses and be subject to penalty as determined by the Protest Committee.

Rules committee members are not allowed to rule on issues for any class in which that rules committee member has a car entered for that event or season competition.

Each car in competition must be available for inspection for at least 30 minutes after completion of last timed run in class; otherwise any protest will automatically be upheld.

Protests must be filed within 30 minutes after completion of the last timed run.

## **6.0 SAFETY POLICY**

All driving events will adhere to the safety policy of the current PCR's. At the discretion of the Event Chairman, an exception may be made to allow semi-open cars without roll bars to run in low speed autocrosses without roof panels in place. This will not be permitted at driver's schools. All written and implied policies are enforceable by the Event Chairman and/or Safety Chairman.

## **7.0 DIE SERIE SCORING**

All Die Serie points will be kept by the Die Serie Score Keeper using a spreadsheet showing all events to date. All questions should be addressed to the scorekeeper.

Die Serie Season championship Points are awarded to RRR members only. Such points are "as finished in class", without regard to other participant membership.

Example: An non RRR driver finishes first in class, RRR member finishes second, RRR member gets second place points.

A sponsor of a Die Serie driving event shall receive a one time only bonus award of 1st place points. One event per year per sponsor maximum. Two sponsors are allowed for multi-day events in which case each sponsor will receive a one-time bonus award of 1st place points.

Die Serie Rally points. One point awarded for each Rally participated in.

Die Serie points shall be awarded each Roadrunner Region Driver at any Die Serie event.

### **Die Serie Overall Award Requirements**

- 1) Points are awarded for "scheduled" Die Serie timed driving events, autocrosses, Driver's Ed/Time Trial. "Scheduled" means – approved by PCA and notice appears in The Roadrunner Ramblings at least one month prior to the event.
- 2) Participant must drive in a minimum of one Die Serie Rally. One point awarded for each rally.

Drivers may use points earned toward Die Serie overall award in only one class and one car over the course of the series. A driver with multiple cars may accrue points only on a class-by-class basis and will be credited with points from the car/driver combination with the highest total for that car/driver combination counting towards the Die Serie overall award. If a driver has sold a car and purchased another one in the same class, points will be totaled for both cars. If a driver is driving another car in their class and not their own car, points will be added to their current total.

Drivers of multiple cars for points will only be allowed under the following provisions:

- 1) The driver must own or be the affiliate member of the owner of the cars.
- 2) If multiple cars are driven at an event by a non-owner or affiliate while they are also competing for points in their own car, the car for points must be driven first to avoid competitive advantage.

A Die Serie competitor must compete in a minimum of three Die Serie events to be eligible for a Die Serie Year End Trophy.

### **7.1 yearend Trophy Positions per Class**

Trophies will be awarded to Drivers completing three Die Serie events.

### **7.2 Point Schedule per Class**

1st Place	8 points
2nd Place	6 points
3rd Place	5 points
4th Place	4 points
5th Place	3 points
6th thru last Place	2 point
7th thru last place	1 point

## **8.0 DRIVING EVENTS**

**Definition of Driving Event:** A driving event will be defined as an Autocross or Time Trial based on the facility and how the event is organized.

## **8.1 Autocross**

An autocross is a low speed event with the course delineated by pylons. Time for a course “walk-through” will be allowed.

Approved helmets must be used.

Snell 2000, M2000 or SA2000 and newer must be used.

The approved helmet must have a manufacturer’s sticker inside showing approval.

A face shield or goggles must be used with open cars.

Seal belts are required, and must be in good condition, no cuts, tears or fraying.

Car must pass technical inspection (Self inspection is permitted for autocross events)

No passengers except driving instructors or a driving instructor with a novice passenger.

Attendance at drivers meeting is mandatory.

Course layout must be approved by the Safety Chairman

All participants are required to work as assigned by event chairman. Failure to comply may result in loss of timed runs and/or event points.

## **8.2 Driver’s Ed/Time Trial**

The following are the Driver’s Education and Time Trial requirements that have been developed by the Roadrunner Region Board. The focus of these requirements is to insure safety for all and to help facilitate the progression of driving skills.

### **Driver Requirements:**

Safety: To follow PCR’s recommendations.

Eligibility: All novices and first timers must be checked out and released by an instructor.

## **Car Requirements:**

### **Safety:**

- 1) Car must pass tech inspection; a qualified mechanic must perform a yearly tech.
- 2) Approved fire extinguisher mounted within driver's reach is mandatory. Minimum BC rated.
- 3) Roll bar is mandatory for all "open" cars. Roll bar must be SCCA/FIA approved.
- 4) Sunroofs, Targa Tops, and Cabriolets must be closed. Purpose built race cars exempt, driver must wear arm constraints.
- 5) Cars must be equipped with a lap belt and shoulder belt for the driver. Belts must be equal or better than the factory original supplied. Five point competition belts are recommended on all cars. Passenger seat must meet the same requirements if an instructor is to be present.

## **Event Requirements:**

**Corner Workers:** Corner assignments must be posted. One corner worker should be present at each work station. If only one corner worker is available, that worker shall be experienced. Corner workers must be dressed in clothing that meets the same requirements as when driving.

**Pre-Registration:** Pre-Registration is recommended. Forms will be available through the monthly newsletter, "Ramblings", and the Roadrunner Region Web page. Event Chairman is responsible for pre-registration.

**Run Group Assignments:** Car Assignments to run groups are at the discretion of the Event Chairman.

**Passengers:** No passengers other than instructors.

## **9.0 Course Safety**

### **9.1 Corner Working**

A minimum of two corner workers per work station is required at Fiesta del Porsche and recommended for other Driving Events.

Each corner worker and starter will have communication equipment to notify control of problems.

Each corner worker and starter will have suitable control flags.

A fire extinguisher will be provided at each work station for Fiesta del Porsche and Driving Events.

No Cameras, radios, etc. are to be used while working a work station. (A camera may be used if there are more than two workers present.)

## **9.2 Flags**

Each entrant must strictly comply with all flag signals. Usage of flags shall concur with standards for their intended purpose.

**GREEN FLAG:** This is for start use only.

**YELLOW FLAG:** This flag may be used on any corner of the track and or start line. It signifies something has happened on the track ahead. Driver should slow down and use caution.

**RED FLAG:** This flag must be waved at all corners and start/finish line. It signifies a **MAJOR PROBLEM ON THE TRACK**. All drivers must stop on the track as safely and quickly as possible until the flag is retracted.

**CHECKERED FLAG:** End of run and/or cool down lap. Slow down!

**BLACK FLAG:** This flag is for use by starter. It signifies either a mechanical problem with your vehicle or you are obstructing traffic. In either case you must complete your lap in a safe manner and then proceed to the pits.

Flag use may vary from event to event and will be covered at the drivers meeting.

Typically at Autocrosses red flags are issued to corner workers to signal drivers of any problem on the track, such as debris on the track or a disabled car on the track.

A red flag indicates caution, slow down, debris or a slow moving car ahead. Be prepared to stop safely if the course is blocked or workers are on the course.

If you are directed to stop by a course worker, remain in your car.

## **10.0 TECH INSPECTION**

All driver education and autocross events require a current tech inspection of each car. The completed and signed Tech sheet must be on file for every car entered in a Road Runner Region event.

A current Tech inspection is: Done before the first event of the calendar year the car is entered by a qualified mechanic. A qualified mechanic is a qualified Porsche repair facility or qualified owner (self-tech).

The tech sheet must be signed and dated by the tech inspector and driver entrant. In cases of multiple drivers of the same car, each driver must sign and date the tech sheet.

The owner/driver is responsible for the tech inspection.

Driver's Ed/Time Trial events require tech inspection to be performed by an approved Porsche repair facility.

Tech inspection is to ensure that each car is mechanically safe. Each car is to be thoroughly inspected at each event. For driver's school events, it is recommended that the cars be pre-teched.

Cars not passing tech inspection will not be allowed to compete.

## **10.1 GENERAL CAR REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Roll bars, while not required for autocrosses, are mandatory for open cars and cabriolets in Driver Education Events.

Shocks shall be in good working order, properly mounted and free from leaks.

Headlights, Brake lights and turn signals shall be operable on production cars.

At least two brake lights shall be operable on all cars and easily visible. The only exception is for modified, track-only cars. Cars of this type may use one bright, at least three inch diameter, brake light.

Tires must not rub against any surface. No sheet metal shall interfere with steering/suspension.

Rust or unsafe damage. All cars must be structurally sound. Rust or unsafe damage that impair safe operation shall be grounds for not passing tech.

Wheels shall be free from cracks. Snap-on wheel covers must be removed.

Lug nuts shall be properly torqued. Steel lug nuts are recommended for modified street cars and required for modified, track-only cars.

Wheel studs shall be long enough to extend beyond the top of the steel lug nut a minimum of 1.0mm.

Tires shall be free of cuts and bruises and meet minimum tread depth requirements. Recapped tires are not allowed.

Driver's window must be full up or full down.

The windshield must be free from cracks. Small chips (less than one inch) outside the drivers forward view are OK.

Outside rear view mirror (drivers side) must be present and functional. Passenger side mirror recommended. Loose or temporary mirrors are not allowed.

All doors, front and rear deck lids must be securely closed by a proper latch.

All outside and inside door handles must function and be unlocked. This to assure emergency access.

Wheel bearings shall be free of excessive play. Play shall be checked with wheel off the ground.

Brake pad thickness shall be above recommended factory minimum for entire event.

Brake lines shall be tight and free from visible defects or leaks.

Brake fluid reservoir shall be at the proper level.

No leakage of any fluid, such as: gas, oil, water, etc.

All steering mechanism shall be sound and free of excessive play.

CV joint or steering rubber boots shall not be cracked, torn or leaking.

Suspension shall be firmly attached and free from visible damage.

Drive train half shafts shall be free of excessive play.

Camber: 356's should have negative rear camber.

## **10.2 Engine**

Belts shall have proper tension and be in good condition.

Hoses shall be in good condition and tight.

Distributor and air cleaner shall be properly secured.

Throttle linkages shall be in good working order.

All throttle return springs present and in good order.

Wiring: All wiring shall be secure and connections tight.

Gas lines shall be tight and in good condition. Any gas leakage will fail tech.

Fluid levels: All fluid levels shall be at proper level. No leakage of any fluids is allowed.

Clean brake fluid is expected.

Exhaust pipes and mufflers shall be properly secured and in good condition.

### **10.3 Trunk**

The battery shall be adequately secured in its holder.

All loose objects shall be removed. Spare tire must be adequately secured if left in car.

### **10.4 Interior**

SEAT BELTS: All cars must be equipped with adequate seat belts. No tears, holes or fraying. Belts are required for driver and instructor.

SEATS: Must be suitably anchored.

ROLL BARS: Recommended in all open cars for Autocross. Road cars will have tops and/or sunroofs in place. Roll bars mandatory in open cars for Drivers Education Events. (See the Safety Policy, section 6.0).

PEDAL TRAVEL: All pedals shall operate smoothly and brakes must not be spongy. Brake pedal shall have toe clearance when depressed fully.

INSIDE REAR VIEW MIRROR, in place and functional.

LOOSE OBJECTS must be removed.

### **10.5 Miscellaneous Recommendations**

Brake fluid should be changed at least annually and/or before each driver school.

Brake fluids designed for high temperatures experienced at Autocrosses and Driver Ed events are recommended.

Car should be in proper alignment.

Keep the underside of the car clean, it runs cooler.

Tire pressure should be at least a minimum recommended by manufacturer.

Check brake pedal feel after each running session on high-speed events.

Do not run if your car's brake pedal feel has changed (soft pedal).

Remember when participating in a Autocross, Drivers Ed or Time trial You (the driver) and your car are subjected to stresses well beyond what you may experience during normal street driving. Brake, tire and motor temperatures can and will go up beyond what you might see during normal driving. So please make sure all of the above safety rules and recommendations are followed.