



# WMHMI

GINGERMAN RACEWAY

These rules are in addition to, and not in derogation of the rules of common sense and exigencies that might arise at the scene. These rules in no way constitute the entire scope of how the event will be run, and the organizers reserve the right to implement rules on the scene as needed, or invoke and enforce a summary judgment based on circumstances that exist at the time. GINGERMAN RACEWAY and WMHM staff reserves the right to expel any person from the event at any time without refund.

For any questions related to the Rules & Regulations below, please contact any of the WMHM Organizers.

## **Conduct:**

WMHM is an instructional driving event. Drivers are required to operate their vehicles within the rules that will be given at the event, and within the limits of their automobiles and the pavement. Attendance at each driver's meeting is mandatory. An unexcused absence will result in the loss of driving privileges. Aggressive driving, risky maneuvers, excessive off-course excursions, or discourteous driving are strictly prohibited.

Participants are expected to conduct themselves according to the highest standards of courtesy and sportsmanship, particularly in their relationships with other drivers, course officials and GINGERMAN RACEWAY staff, and in a manner that will not reflect adversely on the reputation of the group. Please keep in mind that WMHM does not stop at the track's gates. These rules of conduct extend to the event hotels. High performance driving demands alertness and concentration. In order to ensure that all drivers are well rested and alert, Participants must be respectful of each other's right to a peaceful night's sleep. Fireworks, explosive or incendiary devices are strictly prohibited.

Failure to abide by these rules of conduct will, in the sole and final discretion of the Event organizers, result in penalties such as loss of driving privileges, up to and including expulsion from the Event.

While WMHM provides an opportunity for friends to socialize, a ZERO TOLERANCE policy will be in effect for drunken and disorderly conduct. A Participant who consumes illegal drugs during or within 24 hours prior to the event will be expelled. A Participant who consumes alcohol within 8 hours prior to when the track goes hot will, at a minimum, lose driving privileges for that day. Violation of the rules of conduct while the Participant is perceived to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or perceived to be exhibiting post-consumption symptoms such as a loss of alertness, awareness or mental acuity will, in the sole and final discretion of the Event organizers, result in loss of driving privileges, and/or more severe sanctions up to and including immediate expulsion from the Event. A Participant who is expelled from the Event will not receive a refund.

**Passengers:**

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Passengers on the track are allowed only with the knowledge and permission of the organizers. The ability to take a passenger on track is a revocable privilege, not a right. Passangers are allowed in Advanced I & II throughout the weekend and Intermediate I & II. After the first half of the first day. Absolutely NO devices such as cameras, etc. are to be held by passenger or driver while on course. All such equipment must be firmly fastened/secured to the inside of the vehicle. Instructors should not solicit Participants to drive Participants' cars on track. However, Participant may request that an instructor drive his or her car. If an instructor agrees to drive a Participant's car, then in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, signed by the Participant and each Releasee against whom Participant may assert a claim for damages, the terms of the General Release and Waiver of Liability for the Event shall govern and restrict Participant's claims for any and all injuries and damages which are caused by negligence, whether active, passive, ordinary or gross, or otherwise of the Releasees.

**On-Course Rules:**

on-Course Rules, including passing signals and the use of flags will be explained during the drivers meeting on both Saturday & Sunday

**Basic Safety:**

The understanding and conformance to these regulations is the driver's responsibility. These regulations do not guarantee or imply that injuries or death will not occur. If there are any questions or problems with these regulations, it is the reader's responsibility to contact the organizers with any questions well ahead of the event.

**Participants Must:**

- Be at least 18 years old or accompanied by a legal Guardian.
- Hold a current valid state drivers license
- Have the use of an automobile that meets technical requirements
- Have proper safety equipment as defined in the rules
- Fully pay all applicable fees
- Have knowledge of the rules and agree to abide by them
- Submit a signed waiver and tech inspection form before driving in the event

**Tech Inspection:**

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Participants are required to have their vehicles inspected by a qualified mechanic prior to the Event, and to bring the completed tech inspection form to registration. WMHM may conduct cursory a inspection of Participant's vehicle prior to or during the event, however, in doing so WMHM does not make any representations as to the safety or mechanical condition of the vehicle. The responsibility of ensuring that the vehicle is safe and in proper mechanical condition to participate in the Event falls exclusively upon the Participant and his or her mechanic.

**Required Equipment:**

All Participants must utilize equipment that meets or exceeds the requirements below:

**Vehicle Equipment:**

All vehicles must be inspected BEFORE the event and have a Tech Inspection Form completed by a qualified technician. The vehicle must meet or exceed all of the requirements stated in the Tech Inspection Form (included in the information packet).

**Driver/Instructor/Passenger Equipment:**

- A proper fitting helmet that meets Snell rated SA2000 or M2000 or higher standards. (M2000, M2005, M2011, SA2000, SA2005 ONLY)
- Non-synthetic fabric clothing (i.e. Cotton), including long trousers, socks and closed toes shoes.

**Appearance:**

All vehicles must be in generally good condition and appearance. Excessive body damage is not allowed, and there should never be the appearance of a danger that something will fall off the car or otherwise pose a hazard. The vehicle must meet the 50/50 rule, which means the vehicle must look undamaged and straight at fifty miles per hour from fifty feet.

**Noise Levels:**

A 105db noise limit is strictly enforced. No race engines may be started before 8:00 am or after 6:00 pm.

**Wheels and Tires:**

The general condition of the tire and wheel assembly must be good. There should be no cracks or other damage to the wheels. No cords, bubbles, plugs, or other visible damage to the tire. R-Comp (competition) or higher tires are only recommended for Advanced level students and Instructors. All Novice and Intermediate students are strongly encouraged to use street tires.

All lug nuts must be present and tightly hold the tire and wheel assembly to the car's hub. Wheel bearings must be tight. Any wheel covers, hubcaps or trim rings must be removed.

**Windows:**

Front windows must be rolled down on both the driver and passenger side. This facilitates safety and signals.

**Steering and Suspension:**

The steering and suspension should be checked for general condition. There should be very little play in the suspension and the steering.

**Engine Compartment:**

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There should be no fluid leaks from the engine. A radiator overflow should be present and working. Oil breathers should return the oil to the engine or a catch can. All hoses should be in good condition.

The throttle must have a definite, positive return to idle. Please make sure your car is in good condition!

**Brakes:**

The brakes should be in good working condition and must be able to stop the vehicle in a safe distance and in a controlled manner. Brake pads should be at 50% wear or better. The pedal pressure should be firm. Fluid level will be correct and the brake lines will be in good condition.

**Occupant Safety:**

The driver's and passenger's safety items should be identical. In any event, the passenger's safety items must equal or exceed the quality and level of protection offered by the driver's safety items, including but not limited to roll bar/cage, seats, belts/harnesses and roll bar padding. Where SFI or FIA certifications are required, the Participant must be able to display an appropriate SFI or FIA label during tech inspection.

**Roll Bars/Cages:**

Roll bars are advised for the event, but not required. Any roll bar must be able to withstand the compression forces involved in the supporting the full weight of the car in extremely adverse circumstances. All cars with roll bars and roll cages must meet the prevailing NASA CCR requirements, must be mounted correctly according to the NASA CCR, and all roll bars and roll cages must be adequately padded with the correct material, protecting the driver and passenger equally. Padding must be applied anywhere there is the possibility of contact between the Student and/or Instructor and the roll bar/cage.

If a roll bar/cage is installed, FIA certified non-reclining race buckets are recommended for any seat that may be utilized during the event.

**Seats:**

All seats must be securely fastened to the structure of the car.

If a roll bar/cage is not installed, stock style seats (i.e., original seats, or original seats from another trim level

of the same vehicle) must be used. If a roll bar/cage is installed, FIA certified non-reclining race buckets are recommended for any seat that may be utilized during the event. Race buckets must be mounted correctly according to the NASA CCR.

### **Seatbelts and Harnesses:**

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If the vehicle does not have a roll bar/cage, OEM seat belts must be used in their factory configuration. Non-OEM style 3 or 4 point harness systems are NOT allowed. Seatbelts must be in new or perfect condition. For Vehicles with a rollcage non-reclining race buckets are recommended. SFI and/or FIA certified 5 or 6 point harnesses installed for any seating position that may be used during the event and any such harnesses must not be more than five (5) years old. All harness systems must be mounted in accordance with NASA's CCR (Section 15.5)

### **Convertibles:**

Convertible soft-tops must be down at all times while on track. Arm restraints are required if a hard top is not in use.

**Convertibles with factory roll-over protection:** (e.g.: Honda S2000, BMW Z3, et cetera) Any convertible with factory roll-over protection is allowed without further modification.

**Convertibles without factory roll-over protection:** (e.g.: Mazda Miata, et cetera) Must have roll over protection installed. IE: Roll Bar (factory seats and belts are acceptable for convertables with aftermarket rollover protection)

### **Battery:**

The battery must be securely fastened using at least two bolts, and there must be no chance of the battery coming lose in adverse situations. A non-conductive material must cover the positive terminal. Any battery located inside the driver's compartment must be approved ahead of time.

### **Gas Caps:**

All vehicles must have gasoline caps that will ensure that fuel will not spill out of the tank under hard driving.

### **Exposed Wires:**

There should be no Exposed wires inside the car that might interfere with the safe operation of the vehicle.

### **Loose Objects:**

All loose objects must be removed from the car. Floor mats, loose tools, and anything else that might be a risk must be removed.

### **Mirrors:**

If the factory mirrors have been altered or removed, the configuration must be approved ahead of time.

### **Camera Mounts:**

Camera mounts are allowed but must be approved by the instructors or organizers. A bar that mounts at the rear shoulder harness attachment points is ideal. A camera mount should not be close to either the driver or passenger, and it must hold the camera so securely that it will not come loose during adverse conditions.

### **Lights:**

Non-factory lights that will be used on the track should be approved ahead of time. Headlights and brake lights must work correctly.

## Basic Flags:

- Green: Session has begun
- Yellow – Standing: Slow down. Danger ahead. No passing until the next manned flag station that does not display the yellow flag.
- Yellow – Waving: Slow down. Great danger. No passing until the next manned flag station that does not display the yellow flag. A pace car may enter the track.
- Black – Furled/Pointed: You have transgressed in some fashion. Come into the pit for a discussion of the infraction or issue. A furled/pointed black flag is used in an attempt to single out a car so that many cars don't come in by mistake.
- Black – Standing: If you see it, it's for you. Come into the pit for a discussion. This might be used if a furled/pointed flag has not done the trick. A standing black flag at all stations calls the entire field into the pits.
- Checkered: Checkered flag means the session is finished. Complete your lap, gradually slowing down to cool the car off, and come into the pits.
- Red Flag: There is an emergency on the track. Come to a quick, safe stop immediately, on the side of the track but on the pavement. Stop in view of a flag station so you know what's going on. Once the emergency is resolved, a standing black flag will be displayed to signal the field to traverse the track to the pits.
- Blue Flag with Diagonal Stripe: There is a faster car behind you. You need to signal him to pass when it's safe. If you keep ignoring blue flags, you will be black flagged.
- Yellow and Red Striped Flag: There is debris or fluid on the track. Slow down and watch out.
- White Flag: Although this flag has another meaning in racing circumstances, in an HPDE it means that a slow moving vehicle has entered the track and you need to be aware of it and keep your eyes open for it. The slow moving vehicle will usually be a tow vehicle on the way to an extraction, but it could also be a lighted emergency vehicle.

## Passing Signals:

- We will have different passing zones for the different experience levels, and this will be explained at the event. The methods for signaling a pass that will be used will also be explained at the event.
- Once the faster car has moved offline to pass and is no longer behind the slower car, the slower car should facilitate the pass by lifting slightly, provided it is safe to do so.
- To signal that you are entering the pits, a driver should extend his left arm out at a 90-degree angle upwards, with a clenched fist.
- You should clearly indicate a separate signal for each car you are allowing to pass. Although it is of the discretion of the car being passed to offer a passing signal it is of the discretion of the passing car to accept the "point by." Always be aware the passing car has the right to refuse the point by and will usually indicate that to you so watch your rear view mirror.

## Passing Rules:

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ALL passing must be done only with a point-by from the lead car!! ALL passing must be initiated and completed when both cars traveling in a straight line and both drivers' steering wheels are straight. Drivers unhappy with the point-bys that they are or are not getting from slower cars always have the option to pit and ask for space. Students should not feel pressured by faster drivers – everyone is learning. Drivers must monitor and obey flags/ track conditions. Perception of unsafe behavior will result in loss of pass-anywhere privileges (at sole discretion of control/event organizers).

Subject to the rules above, advanced and instructor groups may pass anywhere.

Subject to the rules above, driver may pass in the designated passing zones (drivers will be informed of the passing zones in the Driver's Meetings and Classroom Sessions)

GENERAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY Event: WMHM 11 Gingerman Raceway July 23-24 2011

I, the undersigned Participant, hereby release "Releasees," which include WMHM the Event organizers, officials, officers, employees, agents, driving instructors, assigns, sponsors, participants, car owners, spectators, and all other persons from any and all liability to me or to my personal representatives, heirs, next of kin and assigns, for any and all loss or damage on account of any injury to my person or property or resulting in death arising out of or in any way related to my presence at the Event. Notwithstanding the limitation of liability hereunder, it is expressly understood under no circumstances shall Releasees be liable for more than the entry fee paid by Participant for this event.

This Release expressly releases Releasees from injuries and damages which are caused by Releasees' negligence, whether active, passive, ordinary or gross, or otherwise. I acknowledge that the driving instructors of the Event are independent contractors, and not agents of WMHM. In the event I permit any other person to drive my vehicle during the Event, I hereby release Releasees from any and all injuries and damages which are caused by negligence, whether active, passive, ordinary or gross, or otherwise of said driver. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees from any and all claims, demands or liability in breach or violation of the terms of this Release.

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I acknowledge that the inspection of my helmet by the Event organizers is for the sole purpose of determining whether my helmet has a label indicating that it has met the minimum, 2000, or 2005 standards of the Snell Memorial Foundation for motorcycle or special application helmets, and that it appears from a visual inspection to contain the appropriate Snell rating sticker or label and to be capable of meeting those standards at the present time. I acknowledge that the Event organizers make no guarantee of fitness for use in "passing" my helmet, and that I am relying solely on my own judgment in using the helmet in the Event. I release, acquit and forever discharge Releasees from any and all liability, claims, demands, or causes of action that may arise from my wearing the inspected helmet, from my attendance at the Event, or from any injury sustained by me, regardless of their negligence.

I represent that I am over the age of 18 years, that I understand that I am participating in a dangerous activity, and that my helmet has not previously been worn in a collision, dropped, or struck by a hard object. I further acknowledge that the above conditions also apply to any helmet that I may borrow from a Releasee, and that I alone am responsible for my decision to wear a borrowed helmet.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

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# WEST MICHIGAN HONDA MEET TECH INSPECTION FORM

Prior to bringing the car to Gingerman, inspect each item on the car as noted by this sheet. Have the form completed before going to registration. Making sure that your car is track ready is your responsibility. Consult a tech inspector if you have any questions concerning these items. Your car will be inspected by an official tech inspector at Gingerman before you will be allowed on the course.

	DRIVER CHECKED	INSPECTOR CHECKED
Wheels/Tires	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
tire condition good	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
all lug nuts present and tight	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
no centercaps/beauty rings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Engine Bay		
no leaks (oil, coolant, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
battery secured	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
engine, trans secure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Suspension		
wheel bearings ok	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ball joints, tie rods ok	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Brakes		
pedal pressure firm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
fluid level ok	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
usable pads/rotors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
brake lights working	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Miscellaneous		
helmet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
no loose items in vehicle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
seat belts securely fastened	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
harnesses mounted properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Metal to metal seat belts securely mounted (driver and passenger) 4-POINT harnesses not meeting DOT FMVSS 209 ARE NOT PERMITTED. 5-POINT OR 6-POINT SAFETY HARNESS MAY NOT BE USED WITH STOCK SEAT UNLESS PASSED BY TECH INSPECTION. The installation of non-factory restraint systems must meet Manufacturers Safety Specifications.

I understand that I am responsible for the suitability, condition, and safe operation of my vehicle at WMHM. I am fully liable for this vehicle's condition and operation, and hereby release, defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Technical Inspector, WMHM and any and all of its Officers, Directors, Event Chairs, driving event volunteers, driving event entrants, members, and Gingerman Raceway from any liability. I further agree to release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue any of the aforementioned parties.

Signature of owner/driver \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## WMHM Medical Emergency Form

Please complete all information on this form and use the reverse side for any additional personal medical information that you feel may be important. This information is voluntary, but could be in your best interest if needed. Please hand to the registration staff. You may pick up your medical information form at the end of the event, otherwise, this information will be destroyed after the event.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Blood Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Check any of the following that are pertinent (use extra space for further description)

contact lenses: \_\_\_\_\_ asthmatic: \_\_\_\_\_ epileptic: \_\_\_\_\_

dentures: \_\_\_\_\_ diabetic: \_\_\_\_\_ cardiac: \_\_\_\_\_

List other pertinent health conditions or information: \_\_\_\_\_

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In case of emergency, notify: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this person at the event: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Family doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_