



Sample outline, and tips for planning, your Novice Track Orientation.

Reminder: For the purposes of this orientation, a “Novice” is considered to be any driver/rider with no experience at ORP in the direction(s) of the day regardless of experience elsewhere.

1). Schedule and Notify: Prior to the event all novice drivers (and any others that you deem are eligible to attend) should be informed well in advance when and where the orientation tour will commence. Typically that is in the pre-grid area directly following the drivers/riders meeting and before the track goes hot.

2). Arrange for transportation: Any vehicle or combination of vehicles that can safely carry the number of people attending the track tour may be used. (Tip) To avoid lost time tour vehicles should be available on the pre-grid and ready for immediate departure. You may allow novices to drive their own vehicles and carry a passenger or fellow driver(s) if they choose. (Tip) Fewer cars doing tour duties take less time.

3). Track Orientation Tour: Orientation laps are done at low speed and often include stopping on course to explain critical areas. If your orientation plan does not include stopping on course for a group presentation a knowledgeable instructor grade driver must be assigned to drive each car. After a lap or two of explanation it is recommended that at least two lead/follow or instructor driven low speed laps be conducted to let novices familiarize themselves with the many blind crests, off camber corners and control tower placements. Please plan a minimum of 20 minutes in your morning schedule for a single carload of novices (including an instructor). A large group may require up to 50 minutes).

4). Identify your audience: When conducting a tour for inexperienced drivers, much of the sports vocabulary and the terms that the more experienced take for granted may not be understood. (Tip) It is found to be beneficial for Orientation instructors to restate the appropriate talking points and safety protocols that were discussed during the driver meeting to help beginners fully comprehend the lesson.

5). Concluding Orientation: Instructor(s) should remain available for a few minutes to answer any questions that an individual may have that were not clarified during the tour.

We understand that the abilities of different individuals within any given group of riders/drivers can vary as widely as do the techniques for communicating the desired information to them. We are always open to other methods/formats to accomplish the Novice orientation. If you plan to provide your own orientation, please remember to submit your Novice Orientation outline with the balance of your paperwork, 45 days prior to your event. If not, or if we can be of help please let us know.