

# Welcome HPDE 1 & 2 Drivers!

Kyle Gill, Kelly Dedrickson, and Abe Mostafa will be your Group 1 & 2 Leaders. John Brandow, Chris Venturini, and Weston Pawlowski will be your Group 3 & 4 Leaders and look forward to what should be a great weekend. This message is long and very informative with information you will need to know prior to and during the event.

There are links throughout and at the bottom of the email to read over. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

## Weather

Check the weather before heading out! Pack appropriately and be sure to bring plenty of drinks and shade/cover.

## Passenger Rides

We know that you may want to give your friends a ride. However, only instructors are allowed to be passengers with our HPDE 1 & 2 drivers. Once you advance to HPDE 3, you will be able to drive with a passenger.

## Morning Meeting

Each morning, there will be a morning meeting where we will take roll and give out wristbands. The wristband is your key to getting on track. Drivers without a wristband will not be allowed on track, so make sure you plan on arriving early enough to get to this meeting.

## Session Downloads

After every session on track, there is a mandatory download/classroom session. In these sessions, we will discuss how the session went and review what may be changing for the next session.

## Car Technical Inspection

All HPDE 1-2 Drivers can self tech their cars. Please bring your completed tech form to the first session of the day. If you have any questions, ask your instructor or group leaders for help. Instructors may also send your car to be teched by NASA RM tech if they feel the need for further inspection.

Get the HPDE Tech Form online: [https://members.drivenasa.com/forms/form\\_hpde\\_tech.pdf](https://members.drivenasa.com/forms/form_hpde_tech.pdf)

## Before you go on Track

Before you go on track, you need to remove all loose items from your car. Here's a list of things you should remove:

- Floor mats
- Anything in your glove box, center console, or attached to your visor
- Anything not secured in your trunk
- Anything else that may be loose. You will be turning hard and we don't want anything to slide under your feet. So, make sure to check under your seats and in any cubbies.

## Car Numbers

All cars need to have a number on the side to help identify your car from others on track. These can be as simple as blue or green painters tape that you apply at the track or magnetic or vinyl numbers. If you do have magnetic numbers, we suggest you put some tape on the leading edge to keep them from flying off.

## HPDE Awards

As you progress through the HPDE program, you can earn prizes and awards. NASA has partnered with Toyo Tires, Track Day Tire, Hawk Brakes, and Summit Racing to offer you rewards for getting promoted through the HPDE program.

Full details of the program and your claim form can be found online at <https://drivenasa.com/contingency-programs/>.

## Track Review and Map

Before coming to the track, we suggest you review the track walk-through videos we've created. These will show you where we will grid up to go on track and help you to understand the areas of the track.

- [Pueblo Motorsports Park Review](#)
- Pueblo Motorsports Park Track Map
- [High Plains Raceway Review](#)
- High Plains Raceway Track Map

In addition, we suggest searching the internet for videos of various cars to see different cars driving the tracks we visit.

## Other Helpful Links

NASA specific articles about HPDE and general knowledge we expect each student to have or learn during these events:

- <https://www.nasaproring.com/forms>

- <https://nasaspeed.news/columns/must-read/hpde-essentials/>
- <https://nasaspeed.news/columns/must-read/hpde-driver-getting-your-car-ready/>
- <https://nasaspeed.news/columns/driver-instruction/proper-seat-placement/>
- <https://nasaspeed.news/columns/must-read/hpde-driver-getting-to-grid-on-time/>
- <https://nasaspeed.news/columns/must-read/passing-in-hpde-1-and-2/>
- <https://nasaspeed.news/columns/must-read/hpde-driver-in-slow-out-fast/>
- <https://nasaspeed.news/columns/must-read/hpde-driver-approaching-the-limit-safely/>
- <https://nasaspeed.news/columns/must-read/understanding-weight-transfer/>
- <https://nasaspeed.news/columns/must-read/time-out-with-dan-williams/>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to:

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Thanks for joining us for what should be a very exciting weekend with NASA Rocky Mountain.  
We look forward to seeing everyone!

Sincerely Your Group 1 and 2 Leaders

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