

Rocky Mountain Mustang Roundup 2023 Autocross

Thanks for signing up for this year's autocross. Your receipt of this letter is a confirmation that you are entered in this year's autocross. You will receive another mailing before the event giving you additional information such as your car number, grid time, and grid number. Please be sure to bring this information with you to the event Friday. There are a number of changes over the past couple of years to the autocross. The following will highlight the changes and how the event will be run in 2023.

The event is being run by the RMMR Committee and we are following SCCA and insurance rules which will apply to all spectators and competitors. Eligible drivers must be at least **18 years of age with a valid driver's license. Passenger rides may be given providing the passenger is at least 18 years of age.** All drivers and passengers must wear a Snell 2000 or newer model helmet. **It is strongly suggested that your helmet be brought to the event as only a very small number of loaner helmets will be available.** All competitors and passengers must sign the event waiver to participate in the autocross. An arm band will be issued at the time the waiver is signed must be visibly worn during all functions of the RMMR. Drivers are allowed to drive only the car they registered for competition runs. Only one car is allowed to be registered by any one driver. If a driver is found to be competing in more than one car in the event, the steward reserves the right to void the results of some or all of the driver's competitive runs. Any variation to the above rules must be approved by the RMMR Event Steward.

The autocross will be held at the west parking lot at Pikes Peak International Raceway, PPIR, on Thursday, June 15th. Your car must pass a tech inspection prior to competing. **It is required that participants attend the early tech inspection held Wednesday afternoon, June 14th from 1pm to 4pm at PPIR, the infield garage.** For those that did NOT get tech inspected, limited tech will be available in grid. Bring your confirmation email which will have your car number, run group and grid number.

In order to be more equitable and due to the number of drivers competing, cars will be run by class. There will not be an option to run in the morning session versus the midday versus the afternoon session.

On the day of the event you should have your car ready to go in grid at the time your class is running. **The grid will be located in the west parking lot at PPIR.** Enter the grid from the south service road at the entrance to PPIR. An Autocross worker will be there to ensure you have signed the waiver and gotten your arm band and direct you to your grid position. You should then park your car and remove any loose items from the trunk and interior. Space in grid this year will be limited and be aware that we have had some items disappear during the event, so the best plan is to have an empty car when you come to the Autocross. **Make sure you put your car number on your car prior to arriving at grid. The number needs to be on both sides of the vehicle so that it can be seen by the starter and the course workers.** This will make vehicle identification easier for staff, help avoid scoring errors and provide a smoother running event. Any deviation will require permission from the Autocross committee prior to the event. **The Event Steward reserves the right to disallow the car from competing if numbers are not legible.**

After parking your car in grid proceed to the course for a course walk, workers meeting, a driver's instruction, and a demonstration run. **It is highly recommended that you do a course walk to ensure that you know your way around the course and do not get lost. FOUR runs are planned for this year's event so you need to make them count. Additional fun runs may be given at the discretion of the event steward based on how quickly the event is run.** Fun runs if given, will be held at the end of the day after all competitive runs have been taken.

New for this year, all Autocross participants will not be required to work as volunteers during the Autocross. In the past those who drove in the Autocross would need to volunteer their time to help as corner workers, time keepers, grid handlers, etc. That will not be the case for the 2023 Autocross Participants. Everyone who signs up for the Autocross can just drive the course during their scheduled session and then sit back and watch cars go through the course before your next run so you might have a better idea of the flow of the course and the best driving line. The PPIR staff will be taking care of all required duties that the volunteers did before.

After the driver's instruction, please return **immediately** to your car. When you are called out, pull out from your assigned grid space into line for the start. After completing your run, please return to your assigned grid spot, remain in your car ready to go and wait to be called back into line for each consecutive run. The only exception will be for two driver cars. Two driver cars will stage initially in their assigned grid space. Once called into line, two driver cars will make their first run then pull directly back into line and proceed until they have completed all their runs. Once done, the first driver will return to the assigned grid space and the second driver will get in the car and wait to be called into the line. After the second driver completes their first run, they will return to the line as the first driver did. Two driver cars need to identify themselves to the grid chief as soon as they are prestaged. After you are done with your runs and your work assignment please pack up your car and leave the grid area. You can park before or after your runs are completed along the service road leading up to the west parking lot.

The following are some last minute checks before you arrive at Colorado Springs and before competing:

- Do a good check of your car's fluid levels and general condition. Is the brake fluid level Ok? how about oil level? Transmission fluid? Power steering fluid? Radiator Coolant?
- Make sure **your battery is secure (no movement)**.
- Also how about a good check of your Mustang's operation. Do the brakes need bleeding, alignment checked, engine tuned up, carb adjusted?
- A good item to check prior to the autocross is your exhaust system. Do you have a street legal system? No open exhaust systems will be allowed due to noise restrictions at the autocross.
- Another item to be checked at this time are your seat belts. Do you have them? Some older cars do not. You must have at least a good lap belt on the driver's seat in order to run the event.
- Before putting your car in grid check that your gas tank is at least half full, you don't want to starve your engine on a hard corner or run out of gas on the course.
- **Clean out the inside of your car and trunk.**
- Make sure your tires are properly inflated. Pressures I would suggest for most Mustangs running street tires are 38 psig for the fronts and 29 psig for the rears. Remember to reset your tire pressure after the event.
- **REMEMBER TO INSTALL YOUR CAR NUMBERS PRIOR TO COMING TO THE LOT.**
- **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR HELMET.**

Since this is a new venue with many new aspects we strongly suggest everyone that is competing as a driver attend the AX driver's meeting held Wednesday at PPIR West Parking Lot in the Welcome Building from 4:30pm – 5:30pm. This will be open to all RMMR participants.

Hope you enjoy the course and set some fast times. Remember that smooth is fast. Thanks again for participating.

2023 Autocross Committee