

# SFR Driver Licensing School

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San Francisco Region's 2010 Driver's School Thunderhill Park on March 5-7

Hurry, Hurry, Hurry!

Only a few days left to get into the ONLY competition licensing school this year in Northern California!!  
2010 Driver Licensing School Information

This school fully satisfies the SCCA driver's school requirements to obtain an SCCA Novice permit, the first step in qualifying for a competition license for Regional club racing and SCCA Vintage racing.

Basic Info                      Required Driver Gear

Application Forms              Physical Form

This school offers the opportunity to complete your SCCA license requirements early in the year before racing starts. All students completing the course are eligible for the SFR Rookie Driver of the Year award presented in November.

The three-day school consists of ground school and rules-of-the-road education, on-track training with instruction by nationally licensed drivers, and practice starts and races.

Ground School participation will be required before the School weekend. You only need to attend ONE of the two Ground Schools.

Locations will be: February 27 - Redwood City - 1 to 4 pm DPR Construction, 1450 Veterans Blvd. in Redwood City, Ca. 94063  
February 28 - Sacramento - 1 to 4 pm Automotive Shop, AT101 at Cosumnes River College, 8401 Center Parkway, in Sacramento CA 95823. It is best to use the Bruceville entrance into the College and park in lot F1f students cannot attend the Ground School, they can request a CD be sent to them. The CD is an additional \$30 fee. Prior to Ground School at both locations Tech will be open from 9:30-12:30.

If your car does not have a current SCCA Log Book you should have the car teched prior to school. Tech prior to Ground School at both locations will be open from 9:30-12:30. This is a great time to get your car and gear teched. If you are renting a car for school bring your drivers gear and get it teched.

If your car does not have a current SCCA Log Book you should have the car teched prior to school. Each year we have drivers who come to school with a car that has been raced in another series or has not been recently raced in SCCA and assume the car will be legal for competition. Do not assume, have the car preteched. That way if any problems are found they can be rectified prior to school.

If you can't have your car teched at the Ground School, see the SFR Travel Tech page.

As part of the tuition, students receive a General Competition Rule book (GCR) that provides information on specific vehicles, car classification, and equipment and safety requirements. Students should familiarize themselves with the rules and requirements before the first session, paying special attention to the section on flags.

Entering the School

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School tuition fee includes: entry fee, General Competition Rulebook and SCCA Novice Permit good for two years

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SCCA Membership is required - you can join online at any time on the National SCCA web page: [www.scca.org](http://www.scca.org) [look for Join Now button at top of each page]

To receive an SCCA Novice Permit for Club Racing, you must satisfactorily complete all school sessions. Graduates from an SCCA-approved commercial school should inquire in advance about their school requirements.

If you have any additional questions after reading through the Student Information Packet, contact the San Francisco Region Office at (888) 995-SCCA.

## Steps to a Successful School Experience!

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- Apply for an SCCA membership, complete your school entry form, Novice Permit application, and additional forms in the school packet, and send to the Region Office.
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- Receive your Novice Permit and General Competition Regulations (GCR) Read the GCR sections Rules of the Road and memorize the FLAGS!
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- Attend one of the two Ground Schools before the school weekend. Learn about flags, track operations, driving the line, and much more.
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- Have your car and driver's gear teched before the school. Either bring it to a Ground School Day, or check the Travel Tech page to find a tech who will come to your car's location.
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- When you arrive at the track on the first school day, take your SCCA Membership card(s) and Novice Permit. Go to Registration on the first floor of the main building.
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- After Registration, take your race car's log book, your helmet, driving gear, and Novice Permit to Tech Inspection to get a weekend tech sticker for your car.
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- Have the car prepared and ready to go by your first on-track session.
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- Your instructor will be assigned before you go on the track in your car.
- The day will be fast paced and if you are not prepared, it will be more difficult for us to help you achieve your goals.
- Most of you will pass the school. We are not interested in how fast you can go; we are interested in your skill and how safe you are. The ultimate question for getting a license is "are we willing to go on the track with you";, if the answer is yes you get the license!
- How will the day go? Typically, you will do a ride and drive with your instructor in a street car for a general orientation and instruction. Then you will begin the 30-minute lapping sessions in your cars followed by a critique of performance, and then do it all again. The lapping sessions are for learning the line.
- As the weekend progresses, there will be more lead and follow activities, the pace will quicken, and there will be more learning "the line", practice yellow flags, red flags, and black flags.
- On the final day, there will be a couple of practice starts, and races for your group near the end of the school where you'll show your instructors everything you've learned from how to be on time, how to leave grid safely, take a pace lap, take the flying start in a pack of cars, make it through the first turn, settle down quickly and cut fast laps on the line, and take the checker flag.
- The final activity of the school will be the presentation of your certificate of completion and a short celebration ceremony.