

# SFR Driver Licensing School

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San Francisco Region's Driver's School Thunderhill Park MARCH 8-10, 2013 School Schedule SFR's annual, once-a-year competition licensing school

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. 2012 student, Jonah Rhodehamel won the STO Road Racing Championship and was named Rookie of the Year

Upon successful completion of the school, students receive an SCCA Novice Permit which allows them to enter SCCA Regional Road Racing events.

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.

2013 entry fee is \$625 before March 6 and \$655 afterwards.

You will provide your car and all driver's equipment. Keep reading to see the list of local race car providers.

A racer's view: Inside Scoop on Going to Licensing School or why you SHOULD wear your race suit and helmet around the house

A head and neck restraint device AND an SA 2005 or later helmet are required for 2012 Club Racing events (including the school)

To do list:

1. Schedule your physical and have doctor completely fill out Physical Form
2. Join SCCA if you are not already a member: you can join online at any time on the National SCCA web page
3. Fill out the Novice Permit Application
4. Email or send by overnight service or Priority Mail to National SCCA Licensing:

Physical form, novice application, copy of current state driver's license

licensing@scca.com

UPS/FedEx/ address: SCCA, 6700 SW Topeka Blvd., Bldg. 300, Topeka KS 66619

USPS address: SCCA, PO Box 19400, PO Box 299, Topeka KS 66601

5. Enter the school at <http://sfrscca.motorsportreg.com/>

You will need your SCCA member number; you will need to enter a car in your account to complete the registration. If you don't know the school car's info, enter a "fake" car with any number for the transponder. Write in the comments that you need to provide actual car info later - we will help you get that done.

Call or email the Region Office if you have any questions: 888-995-7222 or [office@sfrscca.org](mailto:office@sfrscca.org).

## Rental Race Cars

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.

San Bruno Ground School and Tech Day - Saturday, February 23

Skyline Community College, 3300 Collage Drive, San Bruno. To be held in Automotive Shop (follow signs to State Smog Referee). Park in Lot G.

Tech 9:30-12:30; Ground School 1 - 4 pm

Sacramento Ground School and Tech Day - Sunday, February 24

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 F.

Tech 9:30-12:30; Ground School 1 - 4 pm

You only need to attend ONE of the two Ground Schools. If you cannot get to the Ground School, we can send you a DVD that covers some of the information you will miss. Check the Ground School DVD option when you register.

You must obtain your Novice Permit (which requires a physical form, photos, and additional information) from the SCCA National Office. Links to forms are above. Call 800-770-2055 for more information on the Novice Permit.

If your car does not have a current SCCA Log Book you should have the car teched prior to school. Tech will be offered at the Ground School locations in the morning. 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.

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 Novice Permit, 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 school, paying special attention to the section on flags.

Entering the School

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Novice Permit issued by SCCA National Office: See instructions above

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Enter the school at: <http://sfrscca.motorsportreg.com/> - this will open in January 2013

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SCCA Membership - you can join online at any time on the National SCCA web page: [SCCA Membership](#)

If you have any additional questions, contact the San Francisco Region Office at (888) 995-SCCA.

Steps to a Successful School Experience!

- Apply for an SCCA membership, complete your school entry form, receive your Novice Permit from National SCCA Office.
- Attend one of the two Ground Schools before the school weekend. Learn about flags, track operations, driving the line, and much more.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Have the car prepared and ready to go by your first on-track session.
- Your instructor will be assigned before you go on track.

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 practice starts, and races for your group where you'll show your instructors everything you've learned: 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 and cut fast laps on the line, and take the checkered flag.

The final activity of the school will be the presentation of your certificate of completion and a short celebration ceremony.