

2007 Michelin San Diego Parade Autocross

The Site

The 2007 Michelin San Diego Parade Autocross will be held in the West Lot of San Diego QUALCOMM Stadium. Qualcomm is located within 5 miles of the Parade Headquarters. From the host hotel, take Friars Road East and turn into the main entrance of QUALCOMM Stadium. Once on the stadium property, there will be signs and workers to direct you. ***When in the Stadium facility, please drive slowly and with caution.***

Course Walk

The scheduled times for the course walk are, Tuesday, July 3 from 1:00-2:30 pm, and Wednesday July 4 from 6:30-7:30 am. This is for all entrants. **DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY AS THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER ONE.** There are approximately 400 autocross entries this year, therefore the course will be in continuous use the entire day of the autocross.

Sound limit

There is a strict 92db sound limit imposed by the City of San Diego for all participants in the Parade Autocross. This will be enforced by a db meter on the track. Because of the large number of entrants, we will not be able to allow time to adjust your car after your class begins running. If you violate the sound limit you will immediately be disqualified. Please make sure your car meets the sound requirement prior to the event.

What to Wear

In July, we generally see daytime temperatures in the upper 70's to mid 80's with cool temperatures in the early morning, and generally warming in the afternoon. Sunscreen, hat/visor and water are strongly suggested.

Full-length pants, long sleeved shirts, socks and full shoes are recommended for all drivers. Bare feet, sandals and open-toed shoes are not permitted. Please consult the PCR's for clothing requirement specific to your class.

The Course

The West Lot of QUALCOMM Stadium is one of the largest pieces of asphalt in the Western U.S.. This allows us to design an exciting and safe track. The track will feature elevation changes, on/off camber corners, a variety of corner shapes, and some exciting straights. It will feel like a small road course. Stock cars should expect to use 3rd gear twice when running the course. The track will be marked with both cones and chalk to make course visibility easy. When you arrive at the stadium you will be directed to the cold pits, where you will prepare your

car for the event. Only participant cars and support vehicles such as tow cars, and trailers will be allowed in the cold pits. When your class is called to run, you will be guided by the autocross staff through the grids and onto the track.

Spectator Parking & Grandstands

Spectator parking will be on the west side of the stadium outside the actual Autocross area. Signage will direct spectators to the designated parking area.

Parking Tow Rigs/Trailers/Support Vehicles

Parking for these vehicles will be located south of the trolley tracks and marked with signage. Volunteers will be available to assist you. This area allows support vehicles to leave at any time and can be used to establish a “base camp” for your Porsche, allowing you to unload all non-essential items prior to proceeding to the pre-grid. After your run group has been released from impound, you will return to the cold pit area.

Remember, there is a strict 5 MPH speed limit in all areas of the West Lot!

Event Time

Participate parking will open at 6:00 am, the morning run groups should be on site by 7:00 am, the first hot laps will begin promptly at 8:00 am. The afternoon run groups should be on site at 11:30 am.

Arrival Time

Due to the large number of participants, we will need to hold to our time schedule. We will call the first class to grid at 7:30 am, and start the first car on track promptly at 8:00 am, all run groups must be completed by 3:30 pm. Please consult the tentative schedule for the arrival time for your class. A final schedule will be provided when you arrive at the Parade. If you are not present when your class is called to grid you will not be allowed to run. Sorry, no exceptions.

Tentative Run Group Schedule

Morning Session (7:00 am check in) - Classes S01 through S12 and Classes I01 through I06

Afternoon Session (11:00 am Check in) – Classes P01 through P17 and Classes M01 through M06

First Car Out

First car out on the course is at 8:00 am

Classification

The PCR's define your class in great detail. You have already declared your class in your registration. If a class change needs to be made, it must be done 24-hours prior to the start of the event.

Pre-Grid

All Porsches must be "course ready" prior to entering pre-grid. Pre-grid will be closed prior to the drivers meeting. Any Porsche not in pre-grid prior to the drivers meeting will not be allowed to compete.

Safety Inspection

Your car must have had a safety inspection by the designated Parade officials prior to the event, and you must supply proof. This inspection will include each driver's helmet, which must be Snell approved and not older than Snell 2000. See the PCR's for additional information. There will be a final, abbreviated safety check done in the grid prior to the start.

Required Prior To Grid

The following items must be presented before the driver can precede to the hot grid.

- A completed safety inspection form
- Parade furnished, legible numbers affixed where they can be seen by the autocross officials.
- Approved helmet that the driver will be using for the autocross, and clothing suitable and safe for the event. See PCR's

Flags

Three flags will be used in the autocross event.

- Green flag used at the start
- Red flag used when a course related incident makes it necessary to stop on the course. If a red flag is waved while you are on course, check your mirrors to make sure it is safe to stop, and pull to the side of the track and stop. Wait for instruction from course worker.
- Checkered flag will be used to indicate the end of the timed run.

Penalties

If one or more cones are hit, moved out of its box, or tipped over, a two second penalty will be assessed. Any cone in the start (after the green flag line), finish (this may be after the timing clocks) will count towards the penalty. The cone penalty does not apply to the staging grids.

Start Grid

You will be directed to drive to the start grid by class. Once in the start grid, do not leave your Porsche, as your timed run will start shortly. Failure to be ready when called to the grid will result in disqualification for the run.

The Start

A green flag will be used to indicate that you have permission to start/enter the course. Timing lights will not start until light beam is interrupted by your vehicle.

Runs

Each driver will get three (3) timed runs. The first run is NOT a warm-up run. All runs will be timed. Regardless of size of the run group, no Porsche will be allowed on course without a minimum of a five (5) minute cool down period between laps.

The Finish

The finish lights will be located at the end of the course and marked by large orange candlestick markers. Slow down significantly (5 mph) after passing through finish lights. Return to starting grid for your next run. The hot grid will be marked with numbers:

Lanes #1, #2, and #3 indicate which timed run you are on

Lane #4 will be for those who qualify for reruns

There will be separate numbered grid lanes for two driver cars.

You will be directed into the impound area after you have completed your last official timed run.

Reruns

A rerun will be allowed if a driver did not get a fair run. Reruns will not be granted for mechanical failure. If you are stopped during a run for a condition you did not create, you will get a rerun. If you observe a condition that interferes with your run while on course, such as a corner worker, another car in your way, or a cone (not a directional cone) on its side or outside of its position due to a previous competitor, stop immediately point out the problem to the corner worker. Do not complete your run. Follow the course workers instructions, and then follow the course back to staging at a reduced speed. You will be given instructions for an official rerun when you return to staging. Failure to stop for a condition that would entitle you to a rerun means that you have forfeited your chance for a rerun. Stopping for a perceived condition that did not in fact exist will not entitle you to a rerun.

Reruns must be separated by at least five (5) minutes.

Results

Each driver will be given a timing slip upon exiting the course. The slip will indicate run time, any applicable penalties, and the end time of your 5 minute waiting period. Times will be posted as soon as possible in impound and near the grid area.

Multiple Driver Porsches

Multiple driver Porsches will be assigned their own specific lanes in the start grid area. The drivers will alternate laps, and be guided through the grid in such a way that all drivers in a class will be kept in lap synchronization as much as possible. This will take your co-operation so please pay attention to the autocross staff's instructions.

Impound

Upon exiting the course after your last official timed run, you will be directed to the impound area. You will need to open your Porsche's compartments for inspection. Only personal items such as helmet, keys, and gloves may be removed at this time. Failure to report to the impound area immediately after your last run, or stay the required time, will result in disqualification. Impound affords you the opportunity to inspect your competitors Porsche, and to verify that the official results are correct. The protest committee will be located in the impound area.

Awards

First place and major awards such as top time of day ladies and men's stock, prepared, improved, and modified classes will be given out at the evening Banquet at Sea World. All other awards place awards will be available for pickup at the host hotel after the event.

Driver Departure After Runs

Drivers may exit the south parking area upon release from impound and determination of class standings. If you have won an award, please go to designated area to receive your award and have your picture taken. You are then free to leave the area and the track, or stay and be a spectator. Should you choose to stay, please remove your Porsche and possessions from the south parking area so other competitors who have not yet run have adequate room.

Showroom Stock Caution

By Michael Lommatzsch, PCR Committee Chairman

The Showroom Stock autocross classes were first introduced at the 2003 Parade in Florida. These came about after many years conversations with members looking for a place to compete in their every day automobile. These new Showroom Stock classes have been a very popular place for many entrants with almost one-third of the Parade autocross entrants competing in Showroom Stock.

During the Parade in Florida, it was noticed that many of the entrants had not taken the limits of the Showroom Stock class seriously. There were many violations of what was allowed in Showroom Stock. At the end of each run group, after the protest period had expired, the Showroom Stock entrants were all told that the rules would be strictly adhered to and that further rules violations would be enforced.

At the 2004 Fort Worth Parade, the Showroom Stock classes were very clean. Most, if not all entrants had complied with the rules. In 2005's Hershey Parade as well, most of the entrants competed with automobiles as delivered by Porsche to their dealership, again complying with the intent of the Showroom Stock classes.

However, at the 2006 Portland Parade, we started to see changes to the automobiles that are beyond the allowances in Showroom Stock. These include, but are not limited to, R-tires, alternate exhaust systems, drilled rotors, altered/modified springs, altered/modified body panels, wheels not delivered on that year automobile, etc.

The intent of the Showroom Stock class is to create a class for automobiles as normally delivered and specified for use in the United States and Canada. Factory options as normally delivered for a specific model year are permitted. However, anything beyond this, especially anything that could be reasonably perceived as being performance affecting would not be allowed in Showroom Stock.

It is the PCR Committee's intent to keep Showroom Stock as originally designed. Therefore, at the 2007 Parade in San Diego, we will take the liberty to file a protest on any automobile we believe to be ineligible for this group. It won't matter if it is the last place or first place automobile. Our goal is to keep this class as pure and clean as possible and let the entrants compete on a level playing field.

PCR UPDATE – January 01, 2007

By Michael Lommatzsch, PCR Committee Chairman

The PCR Committee is aware that some of the new Porsche models are arriving with R-rated tires already mounted on the automobile. The PCR's do not allow R-rated tires in the Showroom Stock category/classes.

Therefore, the owners of automobiles with manufactured installed R-rated tires will have two options. You can run the automobile as delivered in the respective Production category class or you can install non R-rated tires, of the same size and diameter as allowed in Showroom Stock category, and compete in the respective Showroom Stock category classes. R-rated tires by definition in the PCR's are tires with a tread wear rating of less than 140.