

# Lone Star Region PCA HPDE FAQ

## Food & Lodging

### **What food is available at the track?**

There is *no food available at MSR Houston*. Be sure to plan ahead.

### **Will I have time to get lunch off-site?**

Yes, but it's tight. Events run from **8 AM to 5 PM**, and you'll have on-track sessions and classroom instruction. If you leave, you risk missing your run group. Nearby restaurants in Angleton offer options, but bringing lunch is also a good option.

### **Should I bring food & water?**

Yes! Bring snacks! You might consider a small cooler and lunch. LSR PCA provides bottled water at multiple stations in the pits – this is included in your price of entry! Staying hydrated is *critical*. Avoid caffeine overload—it dehydrates fast.

## Pre-Event Prep

### **What is a tech inspection and why is it critical?**

A **technical inspection** ensures your car is track-worthy. It must be completed by an ASE-certified mechanic (e.g., Garagisti, Flat 6 Werks) within **120 days** of the event using the LSR form. This inspection checks tires, brakes, fluids, battery, and more. No tech = no track.

The form is available here: <https://lsrpca.com/downloads/HPDE/lsrpca-technical-inspection-form-2025.pdf>

### **Where do I get a tech inspection?**

Generally, any ASE certified mechanic. The following are some of the ones we recommend.

- Garagisti
- Flat 6 Werks
- Einar's Garage
- Eurocar-Werk
- ProAm Auto Accessories
- Porsche Dealership

### **What should I bring?**

Your tech inspection, your SA approved helmet, sunscreen, tire pressure gauge, and an open mind ready to learn.

### **Leave the crown jewels at home**

You'll need to empty everything from your car (interior and trunk). Don't risk placing expensive or sentimental items on the paddock pavement.

### **Should I get track insurance?**

This decision is up to you. Your standard auto insurance *likely doesn't* cover HPDE. Search "HPDE Track Insurance" or check PCA's partners like Lockton Motorsports or Hagerty.

### **What to expect when you arrive?**

Arrive early (gates usually open around **6:30 AM**). Be ready to unload and organize your gear. First stop: Unload your car, then when the car is track ready head to the **Tech Line**, then **Registration** for wristbands and run group assignment.

### **I haven't run with PCA – but I'm experienced – how can I be properly placed?**

We want everyone to have fun, and we understand that being placed in a run group that isn't on par with your pace can be tough. Please update all of your information in the profile for clubregistration.net and we'll do our best to place you in an appropriate run group. Keep an eye on your email after signing up for your first event!

## **Day-of Logistics**

### **Day-of Tech: What's checked?**

LSR conducts a brief on-site check of your car, helmet (Snell SA2020 or SA2015), and confirms your pre-event inspection form. No on-site mechanical work is available. We'll look at the following:

#### **Floor Mats & Loose Objects**

- Remove all loose gear, tools, paper, and supplies.
- Car phones, radar detectors, and non-permanent mounts **must be removed**.

- Data acquisition systems that are not permanently affixed must be **tethered**.
- Removable floor mats **must be removed**.

### **Brakes**

At least **one functioning brake light** is required.

### **Gas Cap & Battery**

- Gas cap must be **in place and secure**, with gasket intact.
- Battery must be **securely fastened**.

### **Wheels**

- **Lug nuts must be torqued** to manufacturer specs.
- **Center-lock wheels** must be properly torqued.
- **Center caps must be removed** to inspect locks.

### **Helmet & Driver Protective Equipment**

- Helmet must be **Snell SA2015 or newer**.
- Head-and-neck restraint system is **required when using a harness**.
- Driver must wear **proper clothing**
  - Wear natural fibers
  - Footwear must be enclosed (not open-toe), non-slip, with a relatively smooth sole. Hiking-type deep lugged soles are not acceptable.

### **Car**

- Car numbers must be **clearly visible** and at least **10" high**.
- A tow hook should be installed

### **Automatic Braking & Lane Drift Systems**

- These systems must be **fully disabled** while on track.
- Drivers must know if systems **re-enable upon ignition reset**.

### **Tire Pressure & Wheel Torque?**

Check tire pressures *cold* in the morning; your pressures will rise on track. Re-torque your wheels after every session, allowing adequate time for parts to cool. Consider bringing a torque wrench and a portable air compressor or gauge.

### **Where can I park?**

The paddock is first-come, first-served. Park near your run group or garage rental. Respect fire lanes and leave space for emergency access.

### **Where to put my crown jewels if I brought them?**

Bring a plastic bin or tarp for your stuff. Keep valuables in your locked car or leave them at home.

### **What to expect during the weekend?**

You'll have 4–5 on-track sessions per day, classroom instruction, a mandatory **driver meeting**, and personal coaching with your instructor.

### **Driver Meeting?**

It is held every morning before track activity. It's mandatory. Topics: rules, flag meanings, safety, and weekend updates.

### **Meeting your instructor?**

They may contact you in advance, or you'll meet at the track. They'll ride with you using a communicator system to give real-time coaching.

### **Communicators?**

Your instructor brings a two-way radio setup. Make sure your helmet can accommodate ear buds or speakers. These are generally made to slip under your helmet.

### **Periodic Visual Tech Check?**

Inspect your car between sessions: fluids, tire wear, brake pad thickness, loose items. Remember—you need to *drive home safely*.

## **Post-Event Considerations**

### **How to provide feedback?**

Look out for post-event surveys or email the LSR team. Feedback is encouraged and helps improve future events.

[https://clubregistration.net/club\\_admin/files/Lone%20Star%20Region%20PCA/HowToEvaluateInstructors.pdf](https://clubregistration.net/club_admin/files/Lone%20Star%20Region%20PCA/HowToEvaluateInstructors.pdf)

### **One more tech check?**

Before heading home, inspect your car: tire condition, fluid leaks, wheel torque. It's smart to do a last safety review.