

# Driver Education and Run Groups

Pineview Run is conservative when placing drivers into run groups. We have high expectations of driver ability, and will advance drivers only when they've proven to have the skills and, more importantly, the *attitude*, to advance to the next group. Drivers must be approved by a Pineview official for each run group. Pineview Run uses the following colors and symbols for run groups.

Symbol	Name	Driver Characteristics
	Novice	Is at the track to discover the joys of high performance driving and experience the full performance of their vehicle. #fun
	Intermediate	Wants to learn advanced driving techniques in order to drive faster on track. #improvement.
	Expert	Track days are used to refine established techniques, address weaknesses, and explore setup changes. #refinement
	Drift	Drives sideways whenever possible, for as long as possible. #hoon
	Motos/Karts	Motorcycles and go-karts may have their own session depending on the number of participants. #howlowcanyougo

## Safety Class Completion

Novice drivers with two or fewer HPDE days must complete the safety class. Drivers with nationally-recognized racing licenses, and advanced HPDE drivers (open passing group) do not have to take the mandatory safety class. For people somewhere in between, it will be on a case-by-case basis. Know your flags, and be able to answer some questions about track etiquette and safety.

Drivers completing the safety class, and all drivers given a pass on the safety class, are expected to know the following.

- To be familiar with Pineview's procedures, staging, and expectations.
- Know the location of all flagging stations, and the meaning of all flags used.
- Demonstrate off-track etiquette, and courtesy to all guests.
- Use proper seating positioning, mirror adjustment, and safety equipment.
- Agree to drive within their limits, and not damage the property.

## Novice Run Group Expectations

This group is all about being safe and courteous. The goal is to increase skills and awareness. There are no point bys in the beginner group.

- Learn the proper line around the track: where to brake, turn in, apex, and track out.
- Look through corners, and don't fixate on targets.
- Don't tailgate other drivers, and show patience with slower drivers.
- Demonstrate smooth inputs to steering, braking, and acceleration.
- Accept instruction, and have a willingness to learn.
- Request frequent instruction, and seek improvement.

## Advancement to Intermediate Run Group

The intermediate group allows passing with point-by in designated areas. To advance to the intermediate run group, drivers must show the following.

- Understand the racing line, and utilize the full track in doing so.
- Be able to articulate the braking, turn in, apex, and track out locations for every corner.
- Experiment with different lines.
- Be able to remember and discuss specific areas for improvement after a run session.
- Appear comfortable and confident when driving.
- Use proper passing signals, and know the passing zones and sides.
- Understand the benefits of heel-toe downshifting, and begin to use this technique.
- Understand the benefits of trailbraking, and begin to use this technique.
- Ability to deviate from the standard line when necessary (rain, debris, etc).
- Understand basic problems such as over/understeer, and how to correct them.
- Able to develop, discuss and implement a plan for further self-education.

## Advancement to Expert Run Group

The advanced group allows passing with point-by in designated areas, at a faster pace, and with more cars on track. To advance to the expert run group, drivers must show the following.

- Quickly recognize errors and why they occurred.
- Has the ability to handle off track situations properly.
- Exhibit smoothness, and carry reasonable momentum into a corner.
- Exhibit patience, courtesy, and maturity when following slower vehicles.
- Show good judgment when encountering unexpected events (i.e. debris, incidents, etc.)
- Has turned aggression into finesse.

## Expert Run Group Expectations

Once you're in the expert run group, you are expected to be the example for all other drivers.

- Consistently and smoothly drive the line, flawlessly and effortlessly.
- Use the tires to their potential everywhere on track.
- Effectively use heel-toe, throttle steering, LFB, and other advanced control techniques.
- Carry considerable momentum through corners.
- Can safely vary the line in any corner as situations dictate.
- Calmly deals with cars in close proximity.
- Displays a courteous, respectful attitude, on and off track.