

VSCDA 2020 COVID-19 TRACK PROCEDURES

The health and safety of the VSCDA family--our racers, workers, and volunteers--is VSCDA's top priority. We are hopeful that it will be possible to race this year, perhaps starting at the Blackhawk Classic in June. We have been working with our tracks and public health experts (including VSCDA's racing epidemiologist) to prepare a comprehensive operating plan that addresses COVID-19 and meets or exceeds the health and safety standards and directives put forth by the CDC and regulatory authorities where we race. We have also incorporated best practices ideas from the Vintage Motorsports Council and other racing groups like SCCA and SVRA into our approach.

To cope with our new environment, there are many different steps to be followed to create a safe event. Below is an outline of them, built around staging the Blackhawk Classic.

- 1) **Pre-Event:** Information will be sent to participants that outline the safety changes to procedures and processes
- 2) **Driver Online Pre-Registration MUST be completed 24 hours before track registration opening**
(Wednesday noon)
 - a) All race weekends will need to be paid for with credit card or check before Pre-Registration closes (checks will need to arrive at the VSCDA office one week prior to registration opening)
 - b) A finalized count of the crew needs to be decided before pre-registration closes, and paid for in the pre-registration process
 - c) Specialty races need to be selected before pre-registration closes
 - d) If there is a dinner, additional dinner tickets must be purchased before pre-registration closes
 - e) **No** cash transactions will be accepted at the track
 - f) Adult & Minor Track Waivers will need to be printed and signed by everyone in your team prior to registration. Please scan or take a picture of the signed waiver and email (vscda@vscda.org) or text (574-721-1109) before Wednesday at noon (June 17, 2020). They MUST reach the VSCDA office before Pre-Registration closing.
- 3) **Drive-Thru Registration for Blackhawk** will be inside the track with A-L (notated with signs along the drive-in route) to the drivers Left entering the paddock area. Letter M-Z will be on the Right Side of the Track. The start of registration will be 300 feet inside of the track on the grassy area for vehicles pulled off
 - a) The Driver & crew will pull up to the letter zone and remain inside the vehicle, OFF, in the lane outside of the marked road area. There will be signs merging them out of the traffic lane. (After the 1st night of Drive-Thru Registration they will all filter to the Right Side of drive lane). Driver's FOLDER will be pulled that contains a driver's packet filled with Driver wrist bands stapled to the exterior of the Driver's packet. Crew wrist bands will be stapled to the Driver's folder. (Colored dots will be attached to the Drivers wrist band for specialty races that are purchased in pre-registration). A label will also be attached to the Driver's packets with instructions for any number changes, race changes, or crew changes to be called or texted to Stacey directly. She will get info from the tower. Changes will NOT be handled at the drive-thru process. They will be done after the line is complete via text or phone call/message

4) **Mandate:** People participating in or working at the event must be healthy, with no fever, flu symptoms, or other illnesses. Temps will be checked upon arrival. Masks will be required when in the bathroom, tower, tech, and Driver's committee room. They are not necessary for your paddock area but asked that they remain with you and used when you are in a group discussion.

5) We are working on live-streaming races on FaceBook in the near future. Fans around the globe will be able to enjoy the competition through free streaming media to their phones, tablets, and computers.

6) **PREPARATION—GENERAL**

- a) Regular handwashing with soap & water or hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol—supplies readily available
- b) Staff temps checked before starting the event
- c) Working areas sanitized regularly
- d) All staff/participants/crew to wear gloves and masks when interacting at the track
- e) Registrars to wear shields and masks
- f) Social distancing – 6 feet
- g) Limit number of folks in restrooms at any time

7) **Preparation—Tech**

- a) Tech to wear masks, gloves, and shields
- b) Only one crew member per car while going through the tech line. Whenever possible crew or Driver may be asked to perform tech functions (self tech with oversight) to verify equipment and car compliance.
- c) Limited vehicles and team members allowed in tech. Tech inspections will be completed outside of the tech building when possible.
- d) Tech tools sanitized several times a day
- e) Annual inspection expirations will temporarily be extended for 3 months beyond their normal 1 year term. Those entrants with annuals should have the inspection forms filled out completely before coming to tech. Event should be filled out in log book in advance of inspection.
- f) Radios wiped down each evening
- g) After completion of a tech inspection or proof of an annual. Tech will supply a sticker that can be put in the logbook for this event.
- h) Annual inspections will only be done if enough tech volunteers are available. You may be asked to schedule an annual during the weekend if tech is busy.

8) **DRIVERS MEETING**

- a) The drivers' meeting will be over the PA and on FM frequencies. Most info will be provided in the Driver's packet received when you register. PLEASE READ YOUR DRIVER'S PACKET.
- b) Helmet stickers no longer used

9) GRID

- a) Driver bands to be made visible to grid personnel to maintain Social Distancing
- b) Generous space between cars to keep Crew's Social Distancing

11) TIMING AND SCORING

- a) Area to be sanitized each day
- b) Practice Social Distancing and wear masks when in Timing and Scoring room
- c) Post results to RACE MONITOR App and website to reduce the need for hard copies

12) RACE CONTROL

- a) Area to be sanitized each day
- b) Practice Social Distancing when in Race Control
- c) Masks to be worn

13) DRIVERS COMMITTEE (DC)

- a) Each Driver shall provide registration an "at track" cell phone number to be contacted by Driver's Committee. Any Driver involved in an incident shall be expected to monitor the cell for DC contact.
- b) In the event of an incident, Driver's Committee will notify the involved Driver to come to DC location
- c) Involved Driver will wear a face mask and maintain 6 ft. social distancing when reporting to and interacting with DC
- d) d)DC will complete its review and report findings to Involved Driver and Race Control by cell phone, text or email

14) BANQUET - No Banquets or large gatherings until Social Distancing rules are lifted

15) CORNER WORKER/EMERGENCY SERVICES

- a) Chief Steward to meet with corner workers and emergency services staff to ensure they understand and follow Social Distancing and safety processes and procedures. All workers need to wear masks.

16) IN CASE of ILLNESS DURING the EVENT

- a) Isolate the person
- b) Work with Track Medical or Ambulance personnel to obtain medical assistance
- c) Work with VSCDA team to sanitize the area the person was in
- d) Sanitize area person was isolated to
- e) VSCDA team to notify Race Director and President of the situation

All the procedures mentioned above will evolve as we learn more about how to function in this new and challenging environment. Please double check this site for updates. Racing this year will require extra effort from all participants. *If all governmental agencies allow us to race at Blackhawk in June, given the steps outlined above, are you likely to race with us that weekend?* Let us know at VSCDA@VSDCA.org. In addition to informing us about your racing plans for Blackhawk in particular, your thoughts and questions are welcomed.

On behalf of the members, officers, board, and staff of VSCDA, please stay safe. We hope to be on track with you soon.

Thank You,

Alex Rorke

President, VSCDA