



## Hooked On Driving Passenger Ride Policy: 9/7/09

HOD recognizes that sharing our experience is part of the fun. With our primary concern being safety and the smooth operation of our events, we have instituted this policy to accommodate passenger ride requests:

1. A driver, who has been solo-signed off by HOD, may have a passenger who is 18 or older (and be able to prove it) ride with him/her in the car.
2. In all situations, passengers are to be provided and use the same level of restraint system as the driver.
3. Passengers who are 16-17 years old must have a notarized waiver and release form – signed by both parents or guardians, with originals delivered to HOD at the track. This form is NOT available on the web – this form is only available as an original by request from HOD staff in advance of the event. HOD will NOT attempt to process or notarize any of this paperwork at the event. This process must be done in advance, with executed documents provided in original form prior to or at the event. (This is the same process requirement that is in place to allow a 16-17 year old to be a driver.)
4. D, Race Prepped Group: Some HOD regions occasionally run a group of race-prepped cars in a “gentlemen’s testing” format with more liberal passing protocols based on having more experienced drivers in cars with thorough safety equipment. If a driver in this group wants to allow a passenger, the car must be built with a full roll cage that meets either SCCA, NASA, BMWCCA, PCA, FIA, or other recognized sanctioning organizations, and include side impact bars on the passenger side. If the D Group car does not meet this standard, upon approval of the D and C Group leaders, this D group car can be allowed to drop down a group, carry a passenger, and follow all on-track protocols of the lower group. An exception to this rule is in the case of an actual race licensing program, where coaches may ride during a passing exercise – but this is only during a coach supervised exercise.
5. In all cases – **THIS IS A REVOCABLE PRIVILEGE**. If the Safety Steward, Group Leader, or Event Manager observes any behavior while driving with a passenger that shows **evidence of “showing off” or lack of concentration by the driver, or attentiveness to traffic, the car will be immediately black flagged** and the passenger will be required to exit the car – there will be no second chance on this decision.