

## **HOD Policy on Convertibles: 2011**

HOD does not allow cars without rollover protection to drive in our High Performance Driving Events. This would include Porsche Cabriolet, pre-996 (air-cooled), Mustang, Corvette, Camaro, Firebird, Miata (1990-2006), Solstice, GXP, Solaris, first gen Z3's, most British and Italian sports cars from the 40's through the 80's. T Top versions of these cars are allowed, as are all Corvette Coupes. Fiberglass hardtops do not provide structural protection thus they do not qualify the car.

In order for these cars to be eligible, they must have four-point, structural roll hoops installed to an SCCA Solo 1 Time Trial rules standard. They can be bolt in or welded, but must provide a full hoop with down bars from the corners of the hoop triangulating toward the rear of the car. We highly recommend that cars with this kind of protection installed, also utilize a five point safety belt system for both driver and passenger.

The following convertibles with factory rollover protection, are allowed, but LIMITED to A and B run groups, and are restricted from running R compound tires: Porsche Cabriolet (996, 997), Boxster, BMW Z4, Audi TT, Nissan 350/370Z roadster, BMW M3 and 3 series (1999-present), Audi Convertible, Honda S2000, Mazda Miata 2007-present, Mercedes S, SLK and CLK, and other cars with stated production "factory rollover" protection.

NOTE: it is also required that drivers of cars with their tops down, have eye protection, with a minimum of glasses/sunglasses, but HOD recommends a full-faced helmet with shield down.