



HOD Thursday September 9th at Ridge Motorsport Park

The glory that are fall days at Ridge Motorsports Park – the best part of the track season at one of our favorite tracks with a schedule for a glorious amount of quality track time.

Hopefully everyone is at least vaguely familiar with some of the elements of the [Ridge Motorsports Park](#) COVID-19 mitigation plans as we do need to adhere to these policies.

In a redundant effort and to emphasize the absolutely important new elements of this day:

- 1) **All participants, any guests and staff MUST complete the Ridge Motorsports Park online waiver for Thursday September 9th with HOD in order to enter the facility/paddock.**
link: <https://waiver.fr/p-ropGq>
Ignore the witness portion and just put your name in and sign. The 'minor' portion will possibly give issues. Put in your name, email, signature and phone number and date signed. Click “No” for bringing a minor (if indeed you are not) and then hit ‘Next’ button. On next page hit the red “REMOVE” button, then ‘Submit’.
Accessing the waiver you may be presented with a “[browser not supported](#)” message in anything but Chrome or Safari but if you look, the online waiver may still be available in another tab. Persist through it with the instructions above and it should succeed.
REMINDER: Please click “Submit” once you have entered your information. After a day or so you should get an email from the Ridge with a QR code, this QR code will be scanned at the gate for their check-in process.
Be prepared to show your driver’s license at the gate when you arrive and be respectfully masked up as you approach the gate.
- 2) **Participants and Staff SHOULD wear face coverings at all times in and around the paddock when out of the car and physical/social distancing cannot be maintained.** If you have an enclosed trailer or RV you are welcome to retreat to that space without a face mask but otherwise in the paddock we need to be VERY diligent about this rule. Certainly whenever you enter any Ridge Motorsports Park indoor facilities please mask up as a courtesy to Ridge Staff and others.
- 3) Social and spatial distancing within the paddock will be required – **park all cars, trailers, and place all pop ups, etc. so that social distancing can be comfortably maintained from those in other pit/parking stalls.** Please be especially diligent and respectful of this as possible. Refrain from any and all physical contact – handshakes, hugs, etc. **Six foot or more social distancing must be maintained.** This is one of the key components of our argument that we can still gather and participate safely in this activity, in this open space at this facility, at this time.
- 4) Lunch will be provided at this event. All participants should eat in their own areas in the paddock or at Ridge picnic tables with those in your bubble and with very generous distancing while we are unmasked.

5) We **will** have bottled water offered at this event provided by our partner **AR Motorsports**. We do recommend coming prepared with your personal choice of hydration solutions but we will have bottled water to supplement that effort.

Some additional details

There is a virtual meeting for all registered drivers that will be recorded if you cannot make the scheduled meeting.

Hooked on Driving PNW is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Drivers meeting for HOD at RMP Thurs Sept 9th

Time: **Sep 7, 2021 05:30 PM Pacific Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86707243374?pwd=R0JXU29WdE9VRE5KUExRd3JLUmICZz09>

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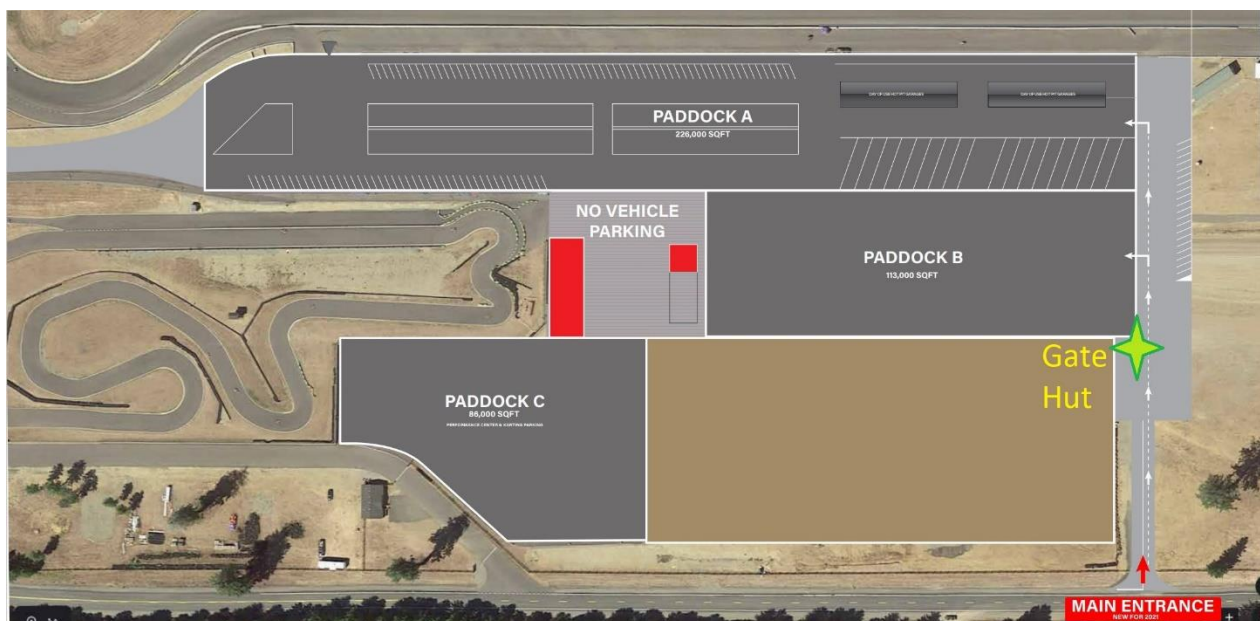
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Overnight “parking” otherwise known as **camping is allowed at the track**. Please limit gathering together while camping and remain socially distanced while also wearing face masks. The gate will be open for arrival at 6pm on Wednesday September 8th for overnight “parking” and remain open for us until 7pm after our days conclude on Thursday September 9th. **Please do NOT arrive earlier than 6pm to the track on Wednesday evening** – there is another event there that at the Ridge that day and please allow the track to manage their visitors and, of course, always be courteous and follow their instructions. Note that we do have overnight security so arrival Wednesday September 8th can be as late in the evening as you like or as early in the morning on Thursday September 9th as you like but please be respectful and mindful of those that are there camping overnight. And, again, watch for proper spacing when moving into a spot in the paddock.

We have limited participant numbers to create a safer, less stressful environment. Any gathering of participants during the event will be brief, outdoor meetings. A portable PA may be used for smaller groups or the facilities PA system used to insure all participants will hear any instructions or announcements during the day. Whenever we do gather always please strive for proper social distancing while, of course, wearing a mask when that spacing is not available.

As you know, HOD event registrations are done in advance and online. The HOD liability waiver is an eSignature document completed at time of registration as is vehicle technical inspection. There is no need to print any of that information to present to check-in the morning of the event you need only present yourself at check-in. Any day-of purchase such as helmet rental will be completed electronically with credit charges but cash can also be accommodated.

A list of authorized participants for the day will be made available to track Security/Gate staff so that no walk-in participants or unauthorized guests will be allowed into the event. It’s entirely possible that participants will be required to produce and don a face mask in order to be allowed into the facility/paddock not to mention it would be respectful of Ridge staff to arrive with that PPE in place. Please arrive prepared. And remember to have your Ridge waiver signed and that you have hopefully received the email containing the QR code resulting from that process for the most seamless and contact free entry to the track. That check-in process will happen at the gate ‘hut’.



No guests or passengers who are not already in a bubble with a participant, and are over 18 will be allowed. We are trying to keep overall headcount low and we are still trying to keep transmission vectors rare so if we could discourage either of these elements at this time it would be preferred. Right now at the Ridge and for our Sept 9th date specifically, our COVID-19 operational policy is in play:

Passengers or coaches in car can be allowed if they are members of the same household or have verified daily contact. The cheeky question we have grid ask if a person shows up in the right seat is if you are sleeping together. If the answer is yes than of course everything is fine.

Basically, by extension, the question serves to posit: if you haven't already broken down that wall of isolation between you and this person in your right seat, please don't come together to do it at a HOD event. There will be plenty of time in the future when we can resume the practice universally, but right now an over abundance of caution is called for.

We want to show some flexibility so the answer can't be no. But we also don't want to be the source of a new transmission vector so the answer can't be a universal yes. And we don't want our people and staff on grid having to ask 20 questions to legitimize who you have in the right seat has "verified daily contact" and/or is vaccinated and we don't want people creating elaborate lies to enable it.

We understand the desire, but if it doesn't need to happen right now especially if this bar is not met, let's not do it - let's be safe and operating sustainably so we can continue to enjoy the latitude we've been given to run again at this time. A long and storied description but hopefully enough information for you to make the thoughtful choice moving forward.

The track has added hand sanitizer stations in key areas of the facility. Please use these frequently especially after spending time in and touching surfaces in common areas like bathrooms. You are encouraged to bring your own personal supply of PPE (hand sanitizer, face mask, etc.) and practice safe personal procedures and responsibilities:

Do not attend the event if you are at higher risk for severe illness, feeling unwell, or have been in contact with anyone that is sick in the last two weeks.

Wear a face mask.

Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds regularly especially after using the restroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

Use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if hand washing facilities are not available.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Dogs and pets need to be on leashes when outside of their enclosed areas. There is a \$500 pet clean up fee which is only enacted when it is evident that a mess was caused by animals and left behind by the owner or the club. Keep your animals safe and clean up after them.

Scooters, bikes, skateboards and any other wheeled things are fine. You are reminded to please wear a helmet, especially when on a motorized vehicle, and keep speeds slow and safe.

The foot-bridge over the track to the upper spectator area is open so please take advantage of that and travel up there to watch the activity on a significant amount of the track previously observable.

The [schedule for the day can be found here.](#)

<https://www.hookedondriving.com/pdf/v3-9-9-21SchedW3.pdf>

Group drivers' meeting(s) will occur in the morning at 8:25 am.

Track will be hot at 9:00am.

Lunch and track will be cold from noon to 1:00PM.

Track goes hot at 1:00PM to the end of the day at 5:00PM.

You may find a [map of the Ridge track](#) helpful to orientate and illustrate such things as let-by zones.

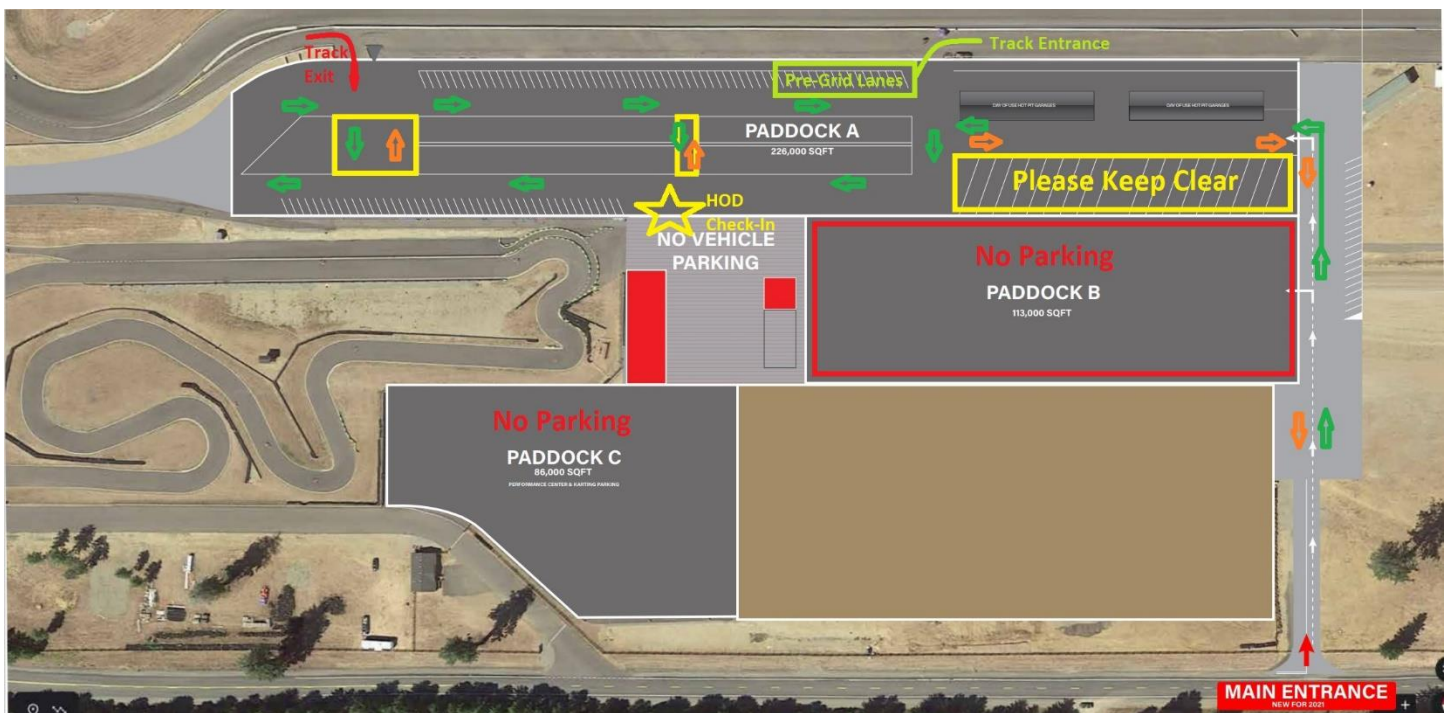
<https://www.hookedondriving.com/pdf/TheRidgeMotorsportsParkDrivingSchoolTrackGuide.pdf>

If you are renting a helmet, please spend some time to [determine sizing](#) in advance so that we can avoid trying on a number of different sized sterilized helmets to determine proper fit. And to emphasize the point: Snell certified "M" motorcycle helmets are not permitted. Please confirm your helmet is [Snell "SA" certified](#) for use in automotive sports.

<https://smf.org/stds>

Again, we MUST park/space ourselves apart in the paddock to maintain physical distancing - please let's all endeavor to do this well. We have all been adjusting to the realities of COVID-19 for awhile now so this shouldn't be a new exercise for anyone. When you park, check in with your neighbors and make sure everyone is comfortable with the spacing and that it achieves this comfortable separation by all parties' measure – let's all work together to be respectful and allow everyone to feel safe and comfortable.

We have the majority of Paddock A available to us to space appropriately. **You'll note that for the best flow through the paddock given staging lanes, track entrance and track exit, we'll be traveling around the lower paddock in a clockwise direction. While negotiating the paddock you should be driving very slowly and be very alert.**



If you are compelled to post images from the day to social media, please be careful not to post images depicting the violation of these policies and procedures. The Ridge Motorsports Park is managing public relations as well while they reopen and we want to help them as much as possible by not only stringently following these plans but also policing ourselves and not undermining their efforts. If you see something or experience something that strikes you as unsafe or less than ideal, please inform HOD staff so that we may work to correct the issue. We are all adjusting to new considerations in this activity and we are going to be constantly learning more to improve the execution of our operations.

And we would also ask that you conduct yourselves well while moving about the community surrounding the track. Mason County has historically suffered less COVID cases and was granted accelerated phased reopening. But many of us are traveling from areas still under more restrictive phases. We must be diligent to mitigate the risk of bringing any transmission risk into their community. The track currently enjoys a great relationship with the city of Shelton and greater Mason County and we don't want to sully that relationship by being bad actors. Which also would apply to the speed limits in town, in the proximity of the track and also the track entrance road. Please let's just behave ourselves – we want this track open and in operation now and well into the future as a venue where we can enjoy this activity. And the hope would be the good relationship that HOD has with the track is maintained as well – we would prefer to remain welcomed back.

Thank you in advance for your help and efforts to follow the guidelines outlined here. We cannot only, in large part, ensure that we all can have a safe event and a fun event but also impress upon officials and the greater public that is watching, that we can continue to safely do so.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to pacnw@hookedondriving.com

Or call 503.356.1764



We also will enjoy support from some of our partners which is welcome during this time.

[AR Auto Service / AR Motorsports](#)

[MC Motorsports Design](#)

Kyle from [AR Auto Service / AR Motorsports](#) offering support and advice in the paddock.



And also Kirk from [MC Motorsports Design](#) capturing your escapades on track.

