Houston SCCA Solo Novice Class Rules

The Novice Class is intended for beginner and novice autocrossers with less than a year's experience.

You have advanced beyond the Houston Region Rookie Class and are NOT eligible for this class if you have:

- Competed in 3 or more events *

- Have won the Houston Region Novice class more than twice or won a novice class with more than 3 entrants or earned regular season trophies

- Have more than 3 events of autocross experience from another region or sanction. (Let's give the real newcomers a chance.)

*Some exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Novice Chief and/or an instructor.

Class Rules:

- These rules are in addition to any normal class rules

- Register in N (Novice Class on DLB Racing). There is no separate Ladies Novice class. Sorry Ladies 🙂

- Street tires only (By SCCA definition: DOT with a tread wear rating of 200+)

- Your car identification is class "N", along with your base class and the number you registered under. For example, if you registered as number 5 CS, you would have "5 CS N" legibly on both sides of your car. This helps ensure that timing and scoring can correctly associate your times with you.

- You are still responsible for knowing what base class your car would be in for registration purposes. (Please see the class rules to determine this or ask the Novice coordinator to help you.)

- Trophies will be awarded at each event, however there is no year-end trophy for this class.

- Points do not transfer to any non-novice class.

- This class does not correlate with the "Rookie of the Year" award, but it may help you get recognized as a newcomer!

- The Rookie Chief and Solo Committee may make appropriate adjustments to the class rules if necessary to ensure fairness to all competitors.

What you should expect to gain from this class:

The Novice Class was created to help people new to autocross have fun and learn from the very first event. This is a new sport for you, and we want to ensure that you are comfortable at all times. This class will help you to learn from an instructor, to show you some of the basic skills to get you started, and help you get all of your questions answered.

The Novice Class is designed to let all newcomers compete against each other, regardless of their car or preparation level. The PAX index is used to handicap the different classes and categories. Novice class drivers compete only against each other, scored by PAX indexing. Trophies are awarded for the Novice Class by the same system used for the open classes.

Most importantly, remember this is a Novice *Program*, a whole package for instruction and fun. It includes instructors, a guided course-walk, and rides with experienced drivers. We want to answer all of your questions and help you have fun.