



A Novice day at Blackhawk Farms Raceway 2020

Your day actually starts a week or two before the event. You need to get your vehicle prepared for the day. Get a copy of the latest (2020) Chicago Region Tech Sheet along with the 2020 Blackhawk Handbook. These should be attached to your confirmation email or may be downloaded from our website at: www.pca-chicago.org.

We recommend that you have your car inspected by an auto mechanic at a Porsche dealership or an approved shop. After they inspected it and affixed their stamp or signature, use the tech sheet and go over the car yourself. Remember it's you out there on the track, not the mechanic!

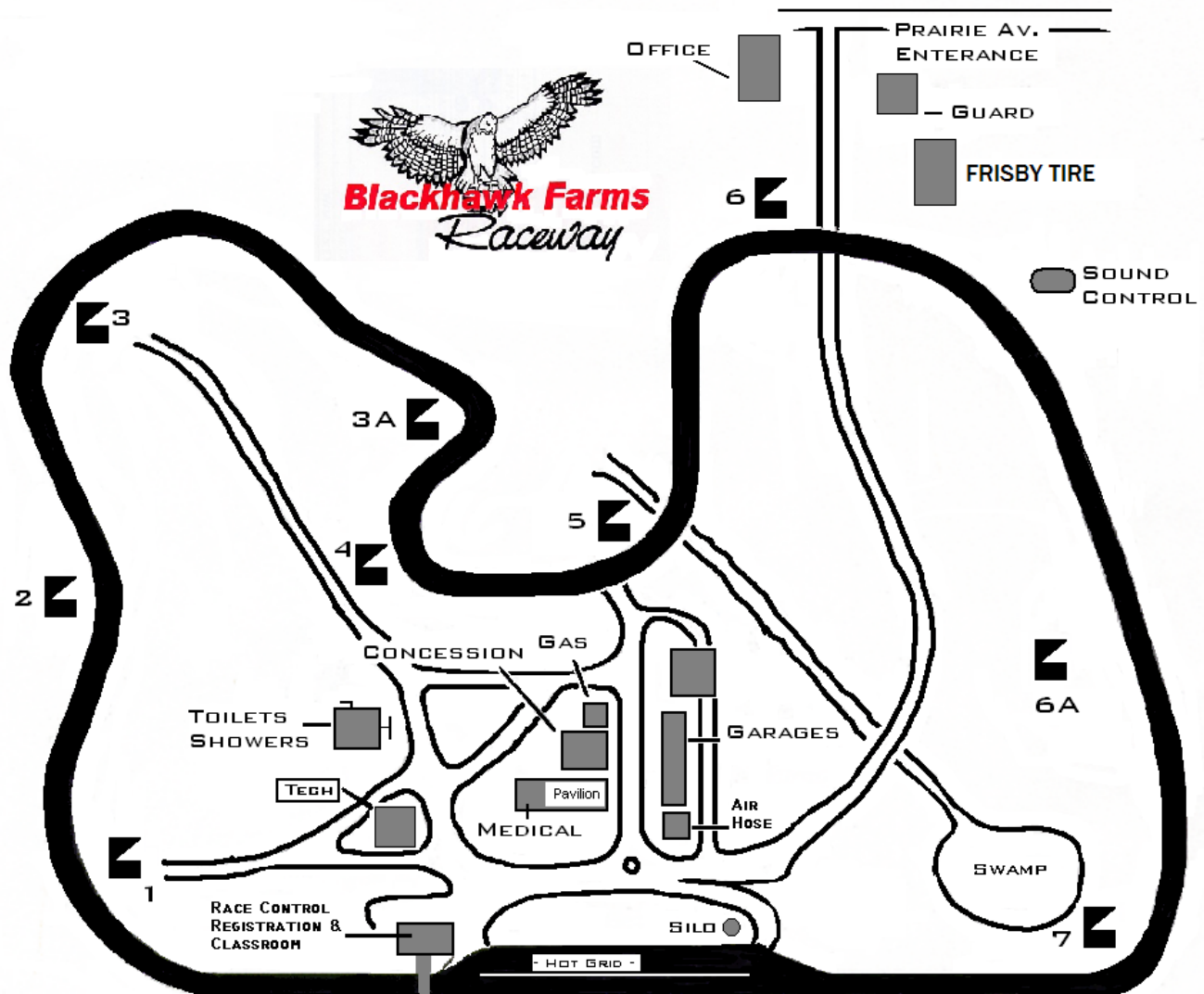
Next, prepare yourself for the day. Get plenty of rest the night before. Easy to say / hard to do.

Pack extra clothes, as weather is unpredictable especially in early spring from sunny warm to cold or rain. Make sure you pack an approved helmet, long sleeved shirt and pants, closed toe driving shoes. Bring a large garbage bag to hold the loose objects you'll need to remove from your car. Food is available at the concession stand Lunch is compliments for Drivers from The Porsche Exchange. Bring lots of water even though additional may be available.

Plan to get to the track before 7:00 AM or earlier as the Gate Opens at 6AM.

If needed, gas can be found on Blackhawk Blvd just south of Rockton road, or on 75 west of I-90, or on Shireland west of State Street.

When you enter the raceway you will come up to a guard shack and you will be greeted to by Blackhawk Farms security personal. You, along with your passengers are required to sign this first of two waivers – this one is for Blackhawk Farms, the second is the PCA waiver, which will be presented at Registration. EVERYONE will need to sign the PCA Waivers and obtain a wristband, as NO ONE will be allowed to attend without the Event's Wristband.



Proceed forward into the track. You will come to a stop sign with a flashing red light. This is turn 6 of the racetrack. Stop and look for any traffic on the racetrack. If the track is hot, a corner worker will stop you and tell you when to continue. If it is still early and the track not operating yet, using caution cross the track.

After crossing the track continue forward and enter the paddock area. **DO NOT** place your car into any lines at this time. Drive into the paddock and find a place to park your car. Do not park where you may be blocking any access roads.

Once parked, bring your Drivers License along with your PCA Membership Card if you are a PCA Member, and proceed to the registration building, (the brown building at the start-finish line). Register and sign the (PCA) waiver. If you have any guests/spectators/children with you they also need to sign this waiver. Everyone on the event grounds must receive and display a colored armband. All the above also applies to Second Drivers who must follow the same protocol.

Return to your car and prepare it for tech inspection. (We do want you to register first and then get you car Tech Inspected.) Clean everything loose out of the car including driver's floor mat. Look under your seats for loose objects like golf balls that may roll out and block your pedals. Also

remove any electronics not bolted down, cell phones, radar detectors, iPASS, etc. Use your garbage bag to keep things dry and in place.

Take your car, helmet and completed and signed tech sheet to the Tech Line. You will probably see two lines of cars by the tech building. If you have a pre-approved tech sheet look for a tech lane dedicated for pre-teched cars (if available for that event).

One or more inspectors will look over your car and your tech sheet. Your helmet will be inspected to make sure it complies with the latest requirements. Your battery, tires, belts, hoses and brake lights will be checked. If all checks out, a tech sticker will be applied to your windshield. You will not be allowed on the track without a tech sticker. This inspection is not an "Approval" but simply an assistance to review major items for your safety as; you and you alone are responsible for the safety of your car.

You will be given a **Drivers Logbook** at Tech. Make sure your Tech Inspector signs your new logbook. You can fill out the rest of the logbook later in the day. You will also want your driving instructor to sign the logbook at the conclusion of the event.

Finally, return to your parking space and relax for a few minutes. Review the run schedule and if you have time also review the **2020 Blackhawk Handbook** that you previously downloaded.

Listen for the call to the driver's meeting and get to it on time. At the meeting you will hear all the rules and regulations and will receive your instructor assignments. Let your instructor take it from there.

Your day will consist of on-track and classroom sessions. Your on-track session will start with your instructor driving your car several laps around the track at reduced speeds showing you the proper "line" around and pointing out "track observations" and the corner stations.

Your classroom sessions(s) are required and are held in the rear of the pavilion or announced at the Drivers Meeting. Please insure you arrive at the Class promptly at your scheduled time.

Have a safe and fun time!

