

How to Get An SCCA Competition License

An SCCA Competition License will open an exciting world for you. Because licensing procedures can sometimes be confusing to the novice driver, we've put together the following step-by-step guide to make the process clear and trouble-free. If you have additional questions or special requests, the licensing staff at the SCCA National Office will be happy to help you. After reading the step-by-step guide, it may be helpful to read the complete licensing regulations in the SCCA's General Competition Rule Book (GCR).

IF YOU HAVE NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE...

STEP ONE:

Join the SCCA. Send \$70 to the SCCA Membership Department, PO Box 299, Topeka, KS 66601-0299. At the same time, ask for a medical form - then, make an appointment with your doctor! If you are 16-17 years old, ask for a Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement form and a Minor's Assumption of Risk Acknowledgement form. If you are under 21 and live in Alabama, Nebraska, or Wyoming, ask for a Minor Waiver Release form too.

STEP TWO:

Get A Novice Permit. This permit, often called a logbook, allows you to enter an SCCA Driver's School and later, SCCA Regional Club Races. Nearly anyone 16 years and older who has a state issued driver's license is eligible for a Novice Permit.

To apply for this permit, send the following information to the SCCA Central Licensing Department, P.O. Box 299, Topeka, KS, 66601-0299 or to your local Region's licensing representative. (If you are 16-17 years of age, all licensing must be processed through SCCA Central Licensing):

- a. Your completed Novice Permit Application
- b. Your completed medical form (keep photocopy)
- c. Two passport size photographs
- d. A photocopy of both sides of your state issued driver's license
- e. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, the following must be submitted:
 - * A completed Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (original only, no copies)
 - * A completed Minor's Assumption of Risk Acknowledgement (original only)
- f. If you are 18-21 years of age, and live in Alabama, Nebraska, or Wyoming, a notarized Minor Waiver Release form
- g. \$110.00 Novice Permit fee (Valid for two years).

Note: If you have health problems, you must get the approval of the National Medical Director. Call the Central Licensing Department for details at (800) 770-2055.

STEP THREE:

Prepare to enter an SCCA Driver's School. Check the "Calendar" section of SportsCar magazine or your Region's publication for the next Driver's School. Request an entry form from the event's registrar, whose phone number is listed in the Calendar next to the event date. Some regions hold Drivers Schools only in the spring, other conduct them year round, but you can attend an SCCA Driver's School anywhere in the country. The entry fee is usually around \$100.

To attend an SCCA Drivers School, you must arrange for your own properly prepared race car. You'll also need driving gear, including an SCCA approved helmet.

If you do not have a race car, experienced drivers recommend you rent one for your Drivers School. Renting allows you to concentrate on driving and also permits you to consider which class best fits your goals before you buy a car. Rental prices generally range from \$500 to \$2,000 depending on the car type. (Crash damage is extra and usually uninsurable). Contact your local competition chairman for the names of people who have cars for rent.

Finally, read the entire GCR before your first school, paying special attention to the section on flags.

STEP FOUR:

Enter your first SCCA Drivers School. To do so, follow the instructions on the entry form. Naturally you will want to be sure your personal driving equipment is in good order, that your car is ready to run before the first on-track session and that you are punctual for the classroom sessions.

Because you must successfully complete the on-track sessions to get credit for the school, it is wise to have a qualified mechanic on hand to ensure that your car runs properly.

STEP FIVE:

Complete the Novice Permit requirements of a second SCCA Drivers School and two regional races.

Now you are eligible to receive SCCA Regional Competition License. Send your completed Novice Permit signed on the inside back cover by the Chief Steward of your second Regional (keep copy); a copy of your current medical form and \$75 to the SCCA Central Licensing Department in Topeka, KS, and you'll soon be the proud owner of an SCCA Regional Competition License! (Novice Permits are automatically valid for two years.) After running four additional Regional races, you are eligible for a National Competition License (\$75.00).

IF YOUR HAVE ATTENDED-OR PLAN TO ATTEND-A PROFESSIONAL RACING SCHOOL...

If it's road racing you are interested in, you are required to attend at least two SCCA approved racing schools before your can race. However, if you attend an accredited private professional racing school, it may count as one of your required SCCA Driver's Schools.

There are two kinds of professional racing schools that will count toward your SCCA racing license. The first is the accredited professional racing school. You may attend one of these with your Novice Permit. After attending one of these schools, keep your graduation certificate with your Novice Permit. Then, when you attend your SCCA Driver's School, present your certificate to the Chief Steward and he/she may sign your schools as completed. Your may also contact your Divisional Licensing Chairperson to be signed off for your schools.

The second kind of professional racing school is the license issuing school. These are in depth, comprehensive schools that cover all the requirements of a Novice Permit. If you attend one of these, you may pay an additional fee for a Letter of SCCA Compliance. This letter will qualify you to apply directly for a Regional (\$75.00) or National (\$75.00) Competition License without completing the Novice Permit requirements.

Please contact the SCCA Club Racing department or check FastTrack for a list of the accredited and license issuing schools P.O. Box 299, Topeka, KS 66601-0299 or telephone (800) 770-2055.

NOTE: While the SCCA Drivers Schools and private professional schools have similar names, they are somewhat different in scope. A primary goal of SCCA Drivers Schools is to teach novice drivers how to compete safely and expose them to racing in the SCCA.

IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUS RACING EXPERIENCE...

Depending on your previous experience, some or all of your licensing requirements may be waived by your Divisional Licensing Chairperson. Send a racing resume to your Divisional Licensing Chairperson. He/she will decide whether to waive you to a Regional or National Competition License. It is also possible that he/she will require you to get a Novice Permit. In that case, if you complete your first SCCA driver school successfully, the Chief Steward at that school may waiver your second driver school requirement.

If you have previous racing experience, and would like to apply for a waiver, document your experience and present your request to your Divisional Licensing Chairperson. You can obtain the address of your Chairperson from the SCCA Central Licensing Department P.O. Box 19400, Topeka, Ks 66619-0400, (800) 770-2055.

Prices and requirements listed here are subject to change.