

# North Texas S2000 Owners Club

## Autocross Rules & Procedures

Welcome to the North Texas S2000 Owners Club (NTS2KOC) autocross. Our number one goal is for everyone to have a great time exploring the limits of their car safely. We ask that you read this document carefully.

### A. REGISTRATION:

1. Pre-Registration for NTS2KOC Autocrosses is required and can be accessed on-line at [www.dlbracing.com/clubs/s2000](http://www.dlbracing.com/clubs/s2000). Registration will be capped at 55 drivers. Drivers who register in the competition class S2000 or S2000 R will not be subject to the cap. On-line registration for each event will commence at 12 AM on the Friday two weeks prior to the event and will subsequently close at 11 PM on the Thursday prior to the event. **Registration for the event will not be available on site.**
2. Membership in the NTS2KOC is required and can be purchased at the timing tent. The cost of an annual Associate Membership is \$10 -or- Regular Membership is \$35. Membership is required for insurance purposes.
3. The cost for each event is \$30. There is a \$5 discount for NTS2KOC club "Regular Membership". A discounted season pass will also be available to "Regular Members" during the first two events of the season. Membership applications will be available at the registration desk.
4. Licensed minors 16 years and older may participate in the event only with written parental consent. If the parent will not be on site, confirmation of permission must be made prior to participation by contacting the track events coordinator. Minors under 16 may only ride in a vehicle owned and driven by their parent during fun runs (if conducted).
5. All persons present at the event must sign a release waiver. Minors (under 18) must have waiver signed by parent or guardian.

### B. GENERAL RULES:

1. Unsafe behavior will not be tolerated. Anyone violating these rules will be asked to immediately leave the premises and will forfeit registration fees.
2. No alcohol or drugs are permitted on the premises, including during course setup and registration, run sessions, fun runs, and course breakdown.
3. No pets are allowed under any circumstances - No exceptions.
4. NTS2KOC autocross events run RAIN OR SHINE. In the event that severe weather causes the cancellation of an event (ice, tornado, etc), every effort will be made to notify attendees, generally via a posting to the North Texas forum of [www.s2ki.com](http://www.s2ki.com) and our e-mail list. In the event that lightning occurs in the area during an event, all participants will be encouraged to take shelter for 15-30 minutes.
5. The fences are not covered by our insurance...you damage them...you pay for the damage.
6. If you are late for the Drivers' Meeting, you forfeit your first run sessions.

### C. SAFETY & TECHNICAL INSPECTION:

1. All participants are ultimately responsible for their car being in safe operating condition. All participants must also submit their vehicle and completed inspection form, provided at the registration desk, for Technical Inspection prior to the drivers meeting.
2. ALL loose/non-permanent objects must be removed from car's interior, glove box, and trunk for the vehicle to pass tech inspection. Please check under seats. Hubcaps must be removed.

3. Each car is required to display a unique number placed on the driver and passenger door to complete tech inspection. This should be the same number selected during the on-line registration process.
4. Each car must have a tech inspection sticker affixed to upper driver side corner of the windshield by the tech inspector. If your car has not been inspected, please report to the registration desk after the drivers meeting.
5. A Snell M-95/SA-95 or newer helmet must be worn by any driver or passengers. There are three to four loaner helmets that are available to be used by participants.
6. There is a 5 MPH speed limit in the grid area. No tolerance, no warnings.
7. Seat belts for drivers and passengers must be worn at all times on the course.
8. OTEs (off track excursions) off the tarmac, striking the timer lights, or any other actions considered reckless will result in a mandatory meeting between the driver and the Event Chairperson before the driver is allowed back on course. Complete destruction of a timer light generally results in a \$200 fee for the responsible driver (our cost).

#### **D. COMPETITION FORMAT**

1. The schedule is as follows:
  - 6:30am – Course Setup
  - 7:30-9:30am – Registration & Car Prep/Tech
  - 9:30am – Driver’s Meeting
  - 9:45am – Parade Lap
  - 10:00am – Session Begins
  - Noon-1:00pm – Break for Lunch
  - 1:00pm – Session Begins
  - TBD – Fun Runs (Time Permitting)
2. The day will be divided into four sessions, drive two and work two, with each driver completing 4 timed runs per session totaling 8 runs per event.
3. Drivers and passengers must wear seat belts and helmets while on the autocross course.
4. Instructors are available. Please request an instructor at the registration desk.
5. If you are not driving a particular session, you will be working. Work categories include timing/scoring, grid, instructing, and corner working.
6. An entrant may only compete and earn points in one class per event.
7. Time penalties:
  - 1 second per each cone knocked “down and out” of square. This includes directional cones or cones that form a wall or a stop box. There is no maximum number of cone penalties per run.
  - A car is disqualified for a given run for a DNF (did not finish) if it leaves the course and does not re-enter the course at the same location where it left. All cars that DNF should continue to follow the course to the finish line.

#### **E. EVENT SCORING SYSTEM & CAR CLASSIFICATION:**

1. Every car whose driver completes all required corner work duties is eligible to receive scoring points according to the time standing in the driver’s class. A driver is allowed to receive points in only one class and one position per event. Points will be scored as follows:

##### **Position Points per Class:**

- 9 points- First place
- 6 points- Second place
- 4 points- Third place
- 3 points- Fourth place
- 2 points- Fifth place
- 1 point – Sixth place and all other participants in class

2. The club will award points during each of the seven autocross with a final championship trophy being awarded at the end of the season. Awards will be presented at the NTS2KOC December Holiday party. Trophies will be presented to competitors who have attended at least five events in the same class. Only the best five finishes for each driver will count towards the points total. If a driver changes classes during the season, any points accumulated in a given class will remain with that class and cannot be combined with points in any other class. In the event of a position points tie at the end of the year in a particular class, each driver's best times from all events in which the tying competitors both competed will be added up and the lowest aggregate time will determine the winner of that position.
3. Cars will be divided into several classes to provide reasonable competition. The default classes are S2000, S2000 R, Open, and Open R (with the differentiation being R-compound tire choice). Miata and Miata R will be offered based on proven attendance. Classification of other models will be based on attendance. A quota of at least four of a particular model is required for points to be awarded at an event. In order for a championship to be awarded, at least five of the events need to meet the quota. All models that do not form a class may compete for the championship in the Open classes.

## F. PROCEDURES

1. Radio Operation:
  - Radio should be on at all times.
  - Push button on the side to talk, release to listen.
2. Radio Procedures:
  - Use the radio to contact timing/control with only the necessary information...
  - When a car hits a pylon, transmit, "Timing, this is corner X. Car #N hit one cone." Wait for acknowledgment from timing (may take a few seconds...they get busy at times). If no acknowledgment is received, call timing again.
  - When a car is impeded, transmit, "Timing, this is corner X. Car #N was impeded by Car#M." Again, wait for and insist on an acknowledgment.
  - When you notice something (car smoking, loose parts, car not running, etc), transmit, "Timing, this is corner X, Car #N \_\_\_\_\_."
3. Corner Worker/Driver Instructions:
  - The first set of workers takes flag, radio, and fire extinguisher to work area.
  - Red Flag – Corner workers should use the red flag to warn a driver of a problem with their car, or if there is danger of two cars coming too close to each other. As a driver, if you see the red flag please bring the car to an immediate, controlled stop. The driver will get a re-run.
  - When you first arrive at your work area, check in with timing on the radio.
  - The worker operating the radio must hold the red flag.
  - Be alert! Always watch the cars.
  - Do not sit down.
  - No worker cars are allowed at workstations.
  - If a car stops running, get it off the course, if possible.
  - Safety Order:
    1. Protect yourself, 2. Protect your partner(s), 3. Protect the driver(s), 4. Protect the car, 5. Protect the equipment
4. Grid Operation:
  - Run groups will be posted at the timing tent.
  - Please watch for your session and grid quickly.
  - When the grid is empty, it is closed.