



**2024 RALLYCROSS FEST
COMPETITOR GUIDE
July 26-28, 2024**

WELCOME

Dear Competitors,

It's hard to believe that this is our 9th year hosting Rallycross Fest. This event is the embodiment of what we set out to create with Northwest Rally - building community, helping drivers develop and putting on the best races. We feel fortunate every year that we get to do it again.

Our organization has grown so much in the last near decade and in 2024, we added TWO new team members - Selena Tapia joined our grid team and Drew Brownfield is now our assistant race director. Both have a ton of experience in the sport and are already having a great impact at events. As we look forward to our tenth year, having an incredible team is what makes a series of this scale sustainable and fun for everyone.

Speaking of growth, there will be 30+ new drivers at this year's event. If that's you, we are SO glad you're here! If you need anything, just ask. Whether it's someone on the NWRA team or another competitor, you have a whole lot of people who are happy to help out.

Congratulations to all of you for getting to this point. It takes courage to put yourself out there, set big goals and be willing to try something new. We are proud of you!

Please take some time to read through this entire guide and watch the virtual driver meeting video. Yes, it's a small time commitment but it will make the event run smoother for everyone if we all are prepared.

As always, we're here for you if you have questions. Thanks for being here,

Katie Lobkovich, Kito Brielmaier & the Northwest Rally team

PARTNERS



DirtFish Rally School

North American performance driving school specializing in rally, advanced car control, performance and teen driving.

www.dirtfish.com



WaveSpec Performance Rotors

Innovative brake rotors for rally, off-road and daily driven cars.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

Day 1: Friday, July 26th

The Novice & Advanced Workshops have different schedules. Please read the schedule carefully and show up at the correct time for your workshop.

Novice Schedule

7:15am: Gates open
7:30 - 8:30am: Tech inspection & check in
8:45 - 9:45am: Classroom session
10 - 10:45am: In-Car instruction - 1st Session
11 - 11:45mm: In-Car instruction - 2nd Session
11:45 - 12:30pm: Lunch
12:45 - 1:30pm: In-car instruction - 3rd Session
2 - 3pm: Practice RX course/combined elements
3:15pm: Regroup and send off

Advanced Schedule

8:15am: Gates open
8:30 - 9:30am: Tech inspection & check in
10 - 10:30am: Driver meeting/instruction session
10:45 - 11:45am: In-Car instruction - 1st Session
12 - 1pm: In-Car instruction - 2nd Session
1 - 1: 45pm: Lunch
2 - 3pm: In-car instruction - 3rd Session
3:30-4:30pm: Practice RX course/combined elements
4:45pm: Regroup and send off

Friday Tech Inspection*

3-5:30pm: Tech inspection & check in

*optional - available for anyone who wants to complete tech inspection before race day.

Day 2: Saturday, July 27th

Race Day #1

7am: Gates open
7:30 - 9:30am: Tech inspection, check in, course walking
8 - 10am: Course open for walking
10:15am: Mandatory driver meeting (at your course for that day)
10:45am - 12:45pm: Race Session 1
1:15 - 3:15pm: Race Session 2
3:45 - 5:45pm: Race Session 3

Day 3 : Sunday, July 28th

Race Day #2

7:30am: Gates open
7:30 - 9am: Course open for walking
9:10am: Mandatory driver meeting (at your course for that day)
9:45 - 11:45am: Race Session 1
12:15 - 2:15pm: Race Session 2
2:45 - 4:45pm: Race Session 3
5pm: Awards

SCHEDULE NOTE: Once racing starts, the schedule is tentative as each run group can take more or less time than allotted. During your rest session, be sure you're near your course early so that you can hear instructions and know when to be in your car to line up. You will line up about 15-30 minutes before your scheduled start.

PRE-RACE DETAILS

Location

7001 396th Dr SE, Snoqualmie, WA 98065

Pre-Race Vehicle Drop Off

You may drop your vehicle at DirtFish on Friday anytime between 3 – 5:30pm. You will be able to set up your paddock and go through tech inspection at that time.

If you want to drop it off on Friday before 3pm, you will have to leave it in the upper overflow lot at DirtFish. Please do NOT park in the front of the school. Instead, turn right when you reach the upper parking lot and be sure your vehicle is off to the side.

Early Tech Inspection (Optional)

Friday, July 26th

3-5:30pm

Save time and stress on race morning by getting through tech inspection and check in on Friday, July 26th. You can come to Dirtfish between 3-5:30pm, pass tech, get checked in and even leave your car so that you can show up and race on Saturday!

Lodging

DirtFish does not allow camping or staying overnight on their property. There are hotels in Issaquah and Snoqualmie Pass. Vacation rentals can also be found in the surrounding areas. Given the popularity of this area in the summer, vacancies are limited and costs can be high so we recommend sharing accommodations with friends, if you haven't already made arrangements.

NOVICE CLASS DETAILS

Novice Workshop – Friday, July 26th

The Novice workshop consists of a classroom session where we will cover Rallycross basics, car control and driving techniques. After the classroom session, you will practice different elements on course in your own car. The day will culminate in a small rallycross course for you to put your new skills into practice.

Lunch will be provided. We do our best to meet different dietary restrictions – if you have food allergies, please contact us in advance to confirm what options will be available for you.

When you arrive for the novice class, you will sign a waiver and follow instructions where to park for tech inspection. If you already completed tech inspection during the advanced school, you do not need to do it again. You will only need to pass tech inspection one time during the entire weekend and you may leave your vehicle/trailer in the paddock area overnight.

**Please note that guests are not permitted during the class and must remain offsite during the day. This includes spouses, co-drivers, family and friends. We recommend that they enjoy a local hike, a walk on Snoqualmie Valley Trail (which can be accessed down the road from DirtFish) or check out the Snoqualmie Falls.*

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2 - 3pm: Practice RX course/combined elements
3:15pm: Regroup and send off

What to Bring

- Your race-ready vehicle (your car must pass tech inspection in order to participate in the in-car portion of the class).
- Helmet
- Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothes.
- Snacks & drinks (lunch and water will be provided but be prepared for a long day with whatever snacks and drinks you will need)

ADVANCED CLASS DETAILS

Advanced Workshop – Friday, July 26th

This year, we are changing up the Advanced workshop to give you more time in your car. The classroom portion will be replaced with a driver meeting where we talk about the specific skills you will be working on during the day. Then you will break into groups and practice three different elements on course in your own car. The day will culminate in a small rallycross course to put the skills together and practice in a race-like setting.

Lunch will be provided. We do our best to meet different dietary restrictions – if you have food allergies, please contact us in advance to confirm what options will be available for you.

When you arrive for the advanced class, you will sign a waiver and follow instructions where to park for tech inspection. You will not have to pass tech inspection again on Race Day and you may leave your vehicle/trailer in the paddock area overnight.

**Please note that guests are not permitted during the class and must remain offsite during the day. This includes spouses, co-drivers, family and friends. We recommend that they enjoy a local hike, a walk on Snoqualmie Valley Trail (which can be accessed down the road from DirtFish) or check out the Snoqualmie Falls.*

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10:45 - 11:45am: In-Car instruction - 1st Session
12 - 1pm: In-Car instruction - 2nd Session
1 - 1:45pm: Lunch
2 - 3pm: In-car instruction - 3rd Session
3:30-4:30pm: Practice RX course/combined elements
4:45pm: Regroup and send off

What to Bring

- Your race-ready vehicle (your car must pass tech inspection in order to participate in the in-car portion of the class).
- Helmet
- Comfortable, weather-appropriate clothes.
- Snacks & drinks (lunch and water will be provided but be prepared for a long day with whatever snacks and drinks you will need)

RACE WEEKEND DETAILS

Race Weekend – Saturday & Sunday, July 27-28th

Saturday Schedule

7am: Gates open
7:30 - 9:30am: Tech inspection, check in, course walking
8 - 10am: Course open for walking
10:15am: Mandatory driver meeting (at your course for that day)
10:45am - 12:45pm: Race Session 1
1:15 - 3:15pm: Race Session 2
3:45 - 5:45pm: Race Session 3

Sunday Schedule

7:30am: Gates open
7:30 - 9am: Course open for walking
9:10am: Mandatory driver meeting (at your course for that day)
9:45 - 11:45am: Race Session 1
12:15 - 2:15pm: Race Session 2
2:45 - 4:45pm: Race Session 3
5pm: Awards

What to Expect

Arrival: When you arrive, we will have you sign a waiver and direct you to the paddock. Please arrive with enough time to prep your car, pass tech inspection and complete a course walk. **Tech inspection will close at 9:30am. No late inspections will be permitted.** It is your responsibility to ensure that you are ready to race on time.

Tech Inspection & Check In: Once parked, set up your paddock area and get your car ready for tech inspection. Drive to tech inspection with your helmet and drivers license. Your car will be evaluated for safety. Some example checkpoints are:

- no loose items in car
- number & class are on vehicle in contrasting color
- battery is secure
- positive battery terminal is covered
- brake pedal is functioning
- gas pedal returns
- wheel bearings are not loose
- seatbelts
- helmet meets requirements (drivers must bring their own helmet)

When you pass, you will be directed to registration to get checked in. We will verify your drivers license and competition number.

Competition Numbers: You must race with your number visible and clear on both sides of your car. This is how your times will be assigned to you. If you are sharing a car with another person, you must compete with a different number than them. Please be prepared to change your numbers between each run. You may use magnetic numbers or use a piece of tape that is sufficient to make it clear who is racing.

You can check your race numbers here: msreg.com/2024-rxfest If you need to make changes, please email us **before race week**.

Course Walking: Before racing, take time to walk the course. The course is marked with cones that direct you where to go. It's important to take time and get a feel for the course before getting behind the wheel. You will get one slow speed lap in your car before racing (parade lap).

Video Driver Meeting (REQUIRED): Our driver meeting is virtual but it's still required! Please take the time to watch the full video prior to attending any part of Rallycross Fest, including the workshops. It will tell you what you need to know and what to expect for the event. You can find the video on youtube here: <https://youtu.be/zIMqryAj1dc>

Competition Rules: It is your responsibility to know the rules in advance of the event. Please take some time to review them! They can be found on our website here: <https://www.nwrallyassociation.com/rallycross-rules>

Friends, Family & Pets:

- Pets must be on a leash and you are required to pick up after them (they are not allowed on course with you during your work assignment). You **MUST** have someone with you to watch your pet when you are competing or working. No pets may be left unattended in cars or tied up outside.
- Family members and spectators are encouraged!
- Guests may ride along with you as long as they have a helmet with a SA/M rating of 2010 or newer.

Packing List: It is looking like the weekend will be a warm and sunny one so this packing list is drafted with that in mind. Please keep an eye on the forecast – it can change quickly in these parts.

Clothing

- Layers! Even though the high temperature may be over 80 degrees, the mornings will still be very chilly. Wear/bring layers so that you are warm in the morning and cool in the afternoon.
- Rain shell – It's the northwest so there is ALWAYS a chance of rain.
- Hat – sun/rain protection
- Comfortable shoes for driving and your work assignment

Personal Gear

- Tent/EZ-UP
- Chair
- Cooler with drinks/food
- Sunscreen, chapstick, etc.

For a full rallycross packing list, check out this page on our website: <https://www.nwrallyassociation.com/the-dirt-blog/rallycross-packing-list>

Two Courses: You will compete on two different courses, one course per day. Course 1 will be in the skid pad area to the north of the planer building. Course 2 will be on the back half of the property.

Run/Work/Rest: Drivers will be broken into two main groups - Group 1 and Group 2. Those groups will be further broken down by class. Each day, drivers will have a run, work and rest session. You will be given a work assignment for your work session that you are required to perform. Your rest session should be used to eat & drink, take care of any repairs/maintenance and watch some racing!

These are the Run Groups based on class. You will remain in these groups for the entire weekend.

Run Group 1

Group 1A	Stock FWD
	Mod FWD
Group 1B	Stock RWD
	Prepared AWD
Group 1C	Stock AWD
	Open 4

Run Group 2

Group 2A	Prepared RWD
	MA-TS
Group 2B	Prepared FWD
	MA-NA
Group 2C	Mod RWD

Below is the breakdown of where each group will be for each session throughout the weekend. Pay attention to your specific run group so that you know A) which course you race on each day and B) which session you will race, work or rest.

Saturday | Course 1

Group	Session 1 Morning	Session 2 Midday	Session 3 Afternoon
1A	Race	Work	Rest
1B	Rest	Race	Work
1C	Work	Rest	Race

Saturday | Course 2

Group	Session 1 Morning	Session 2 Midday	Session 3 Afternoon
2A	Race	Work	Rest
2B	Rest	Race	Work
2C	Work	Rest	Race

Sunday | Course 1

Group	Session 1 Morning	Session 2 Midday	Session 3 Afternoon
2A	Work	Rest	Race
2B	Race	Work	Rest
2C	Rest	Race	Work

Sunday | Course 2

Group	Session 1 Morning	Session 2 Midday	Session 3 Afternoon
1A	Work	Rest	Race
1B	Race	Work	Rest
1C	Rest	Race	Work

Work Assignments: All competitors will be assigned a work position. We will send work assignments out before the race. Please jot it down so that you know your work assignment on race day. Note: It is required that you perform your work assignment. Failing to do so will make you ineligible to race at current and future NWRA events. [Click here to learn about course working.](#)

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to join us on Saturday-Sunday, July 27-28th for the race weekend! There is no charge to enter – simply sign a waiver then come hang out. Please follow any instructions or requests from staff, volunteers and other workers – their job is to keep you safe!

DirtFish will have helmets to rent for the weekend at their booth (located near the food trucks), for spectators to ride along with competitors.

Note: No guests or spectators permitted during the workshops. This includes spouses, kids and co-drivers. Only registered drivers may attend the workshops.

Questions? Please don't hesitate to email us: info@nwrallyassociation.com. During the race weekend, we will be slow to respond.

QUESTIONS & MORE INFO

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@nwrallyassociation.com or visit www.nwrallyassociation.com for more information, rules and FAQs.

Thank you for being a part of the 2024 Rallycross Fest!