

Central Division Announces Two 2026 Driver's Schools

April 17-18, 2026 | Blackhawk Farms Raceway
May 20-21, 2026 | Brainerd International Raceway

The Sports Car Club of America's Central Division (CENDIV) is excited to welcome new and returning drivers to the 2026 Driver's Schools and Double Regional weekends—now featuring an expanded option designed to make it easier than ever to get on track, with or without an SCCA Novice permit.

These events offer multiple pathways into SCCA Road Racing, whether you're beginning your licensing journey or simply eager to experience wheel-to-wheel road racing in a safe, structured environment.

A Flexible Start to Your SCCA Racing Journey

SCCA is a large and diverse club, offering several levels of racing—some requiring a competition license and others that do not. The 2026 Driver's School weekends give participants the freedom to choose the path that best fits their goals:

- **Drivers WITH a Novice Permit**
- **Drivers WITHOUT a Novice Permit**

If you plan to advance into Regional or Majors-level racing, beginning your Novice Permit process is the recommended first step. However, drivers may also attend the school with only a valid driver's license and choose to obtain their Novice Permit afterward. The event is structured to support both approaches, allowing participants to explore the sport at their own pace.

Introducing the Race Experience Program

New for 2026, the SCCA welcomes drivers – whether as a Time Trails, Track Day, or Race Experience driver – who want to participate in road racing without committing to a specific SCCA class or competition license. This pathway is ideal for drivers who:

- Have a properly prepared production-based car
- Want to experience real SCCA racing without class-specific requirements
- Are exploring whether to pursue full licensing

Cars that meet all required safety standards but do not conform to a defined SCCA class will be issued a logbook identifying them as **Race Experience Cars**. These vehicles must originate as production cars and fall within performance limits—roughly capped at the pace of a Corvette. Faster or purpose-built cars (Formula, GT, tube-frame, etc.) must meet their respective SCCA class rules.

If you don't have an eligible **Race Experience** car, you can rent one from a Midwest race shop or use an SCCA-prepared car if you have access to one. Our Spec Racer Ford, Spec Miata or small-bore formula cars are excellent choices.

Safety & Vehicle Requirements

All cars participating in the Driver's School must be equipped with:

- A compliant roll cage
- Racing seat
- Harnesses
- Additional safety equipment meeting SCCA specifications

SCCA tech inspectors will verify all safety components. Cars without an existing logbook will receive one upon passing inspection, establishing their documentation for future SCCA events.

Join Us at Blackhawk Farms Raceway or Brainerd International Raceway

Whether you're taking your first step toward competition licensing or simply eager to experience the thrill of SCCA racing, this event is designed to welcome you. The Central Division team is ready to help you choose the right path and answer any questions.

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