

2026 VSCDA DRIVERS' SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Gingerman Raceway – May 14 & 15, 2026

THURSDAY – MAY 14

Time & Participants	What to Expect	Instructions
12:00 PM	Arrive at the track at Noon – Do not enter the track before 12pm	Register & find a paddock space to unload your car
12:00 pm – 1:00pm	Unload your car and prepare for roving tech Instructors arrange to meet your student on Thursday	Tech will be roaming the paddock to come to you. Unload your car, lay out your driver gear and helmet, and have your tech form ready.
1:00 pm – 3:00pm	Classroom Session Part 1	If you did not get tech-ed before classroom, have your crew be at your car to get it tech-ed while you're in the classroom
3:00pm -5:00pm	Students will be grouped in waves to complete: Track Walk* Safety Gear Check	Bring your track map and a pencil. Walk the track with an instructor group orient yourself and learn the racing line. Get fully geared up and strapped into your car for a safety gear check.
5:00pm – ~7:30pm	Classroom Session Part 2 – Dinner will be provided	If you have crew, have them tech your car while you're in the classroom

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Drivers debrief with instructors/group instructors in pavilion after every session.

Group A OW = Open Wheel Cars – (Groups 4 & 7)
Group B CW = Closed Wheel Cars – (Group 1,2,3, 8B)
Group C CW = Closed Wheel Cars – (Group 8M, 8C,3,5,6)

For all Driving sessions: Arrive on the grid in your car and ready to go **10 minutes before your session begins.**

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7:00 am - 7:25 am - Instructors	Instructors meet at the Pavilion Park vehicles on grid to prepare for station wagon runs. Park like gridded for a race.	Prepare for the on-track sessions.
7:30 am – 7:45 am - All	Drivers Meeting at the Bridge Students review the plan for the day with instructor	Review expectations
7:45 am – 8:00 am – All	Station Wagon Runs at grid – Students meet at the grid to ride along with an instructor	How to get on track. What the blend line is. Where the corners are. Get a sense for ‘the line’
8:15am - 8:35am – Grp A OW 8:40am - 9:00am – Grp B CW 9:05am - 9:25am – Grp C CW	Session #1 – Learn the Line – Students learn the line following lead/follow drivers. Point at every corner station on the first lap out. Look for landmarks (i.e. break markers at corners). Increase speeds throughout the session. Instructors in street cars for first half.	Learn the line, build familiarization with the track and your car 40% of max speed. No Passing.
9:30am - 9:50am – Grp A OW 9:55am - 10:15am – Grp B CW 10:20am -10:40am – Grp C CW	Session #2 – Point-By’s and Track Familiarization For the first two laps: At every corner: scanning mirrors before braking & at the exit Practice point by at the exit (even if there are no cars behind you) Remainder of the session: increase speed, scan mirrors, drive the line, give point-bys to passing cars.	Track familiarization, mirrors, point-bys & hand signals 50% of max speed. Passing on front and back straights only
10:45am - 11:05am – Grp A OW 11:10am - 11:30am – Grp B CW 11:35am - 11:55am – Grp C CW	Session #3 – Corners On the entire first two laps take an intentionally exaggerated early apex on every corner On the second lap , take an intentionally exaggerated late apex on every corner. Observe the difference in corner exit with early vs. late apexes Remainder of the session – observe corner brake markers and focus on driving a clean line.	Car control, apexes & handling, increased speed. Observe brake markers at corners. 75% of max speed. Passing only on a straight.

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12:00- 1:00pm	LUNCH is provided for students and instructors at the Pavilion after completion of their Session #3 Group 3 will meet at a pre-designated spot for debrief.	Station wagon runs available during lunch break (highly encouraged)
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1:10pm – 1:25pm	Drivers' Meeting at Bridge	Prepare for afternoon sessions, understand what is shared at a drivers meeting
1:30pm - 1:50pm – Grp A OW 1:55pm - 2:15pm – Grp B CW 2:20pm - 2:40pm – Grp C CW	Session #4 – Vehicle Awareness For the first lap, drive around the entire track side by side with another vehicle. Maintain consistent speed and separation. Switch sides with the driver after the first lap For the remainder of the session connect the line of the individual corners into a race lap. Watch for “unusual” flags.	Build awareness of vehicle placement with other cars. Learn awareness of passing cars at higher speeds. Build speed on the line at 90 % max speed Pass with point by on corner exit or straight if you are faster
2:45pm - 3:05pm – Grp A OW 3:10pm - 3:30pm – Grp B CW 3:35pm - 3:55pm – Grp C CW	Session #5 - Practice Starts, Cars gridded by the instructors for the first start only. Start behind a pace car for the first start under the bridge. Race to corner 5. Reform 2x2 in your new position, with the yellow flag for a second and third race start.	Practice starts, then practice laps Pass if you are faster
4:00pm – 4:20pm – Grp A OW 4:25pm – 4:45pm – Grp B CW 4:50pm - 5:10pm – Grp C CW	Session #6 - Putting it all together. A four lap Novice Race. Gridded by the instructors	Finish a safe Race
4:15pm – 5:30pm. Instructors w/ Group Leads	All instructors meet in pavilion with group leads immediately following #6 session to complete and turn in student evaluations.	Turning in all Evaluations
5:30pm – 6:15pm Group Leads w/ Chief Instructors	All Group Leads meet with Chief Instructor in the Pavilion.	Complete Student Review
6:30pm	Dinner and Awards	

6:30 PM- Turn in instructor evaluations/Awarding of Certificates to students in Pavilion

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