

How to Become a Race Car Driver?

Are you interested in getting into dirt racing and don't know how to start?

Use this guide as a reference for racing at Tri-City Motor Speedway.

Find the online version with access to quick links at: www.tricityracetrack.com/im-a-driver

- Learn:** Before you purchase a car, learn what it's like to race and work on a car. Call Steve at (989) 316-6804 and let him know you are interested in racing and learning from current race car drivers. He will connect you with drivers who can answer your questions and how to work on a car. Ask lots of questions and work on a pit crew for several weeks to learn the sport and time requirements.
- Selecting a Car Class:** First you have to decide which car class to race. They are listed from least to most expensive to race and maintain: Bomber Stock, Street Stock, Pro Stock, IMCA Modified and Late Model. We suggest starting off with a beginner class and then moving up. www.tricityracetrack.com/racing101
- Purchasing a Race Car:** Many cars are for sale in the beginning and end of a race season when drivers are switching car classes. Look for cars with a for sale sign on them at the track, at Racer Swap Meets and online in racing Facebook pages or groups. Ask current drivers for purchasing advice.
- Cost of Racing:** There is a [one time registration fee](#) to race in a car class. BS \$15, PS & SS \$25, LM \$35, IMCA \$115 paid to the IMCA sanctioning body. Each driver and pit crew member must purchase a pit pass to enter the pits. [Adult pit passes are \\$28; 3-14 year olds are \\$14.](#)
- Cost of Equipment:** The proper safety equipment must be used/worn to race. Raceceiver \$100 and Westhold Transponders \$150 are available to purchase at TCMS. You must also purchase a helmet (recommend SA 2010 or SA 2015, no DOT allowed), fire suit, racing gloves, racing shoes and a neck brace or head and neck restraint. TCMS does not stock clothing but we have access to ordering it for you.
- Rules:** Cars must be built to the specification listed in the rules. www.tricityracetrack.com/rules
- Learn to Race:** Attend several Test & Tune practice sessions (\$15 each) and let the line up person know it's your first time in a car and he will send you on the track by yourself until you are comfortable.
- Race Day:** Let the line up person know you want to start in the back of the field of cars. Continue to do this until you are comfortable driving your car and being next to other cars on the track.
- Learn More:** Hear what other drivers say about their race experience with the [Meet the Driver profiles](#) located on our Facebook page in the photo albums. Also, download the two-sided sheet [The Ultimate Guide to Racing](#) to opt into our messaging and learn about the Tri-City Motor Speedway racing experience.