



FF50th PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

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Here's what everyone needs to know regarding registration, competition licenses, safety preparation, car and engine eligibility, race groups, tires, and so forth for the 50th Anniversary of Formula Ford celebration September 11-15, 2019 at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin's Road America circuit.

Registration. Registration for the FF50th is open! Many thanks to everyone who pre-registered...it was hugely helpful in planning such a large event. Please use the on-line registration to confirm your entry and complete your registration. Missed pre-registration? No worries. With the addition of a third Formula Ford only race group, more entries can be accepted. Here's the link to on-line registration:

<https://vscda.org/vscdaos/content/p/id/14/>

Licensing. As this event is being held in conjunction with the Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association's Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival, all drivers must be VSCDA members. Temporary weekend memberships for drivers will be available for purchase through on-line registration. Additionally, drivers must meet the following requirements:

- be at least 18 years old by October of the current year
- have a Medical on file with VSCDA OR hold a competition racing license
- have a Car Preparation Sheet on file with VSCDA
- have wheel-to-wheel competition racing experience within the past 2 years **OR**
- have completed a competition racing school within the past 2 years

Competition licenses issued by the VMC (and its affiliated clubs), SCCA, CASC, and ASN are routinely accepted at VSCDA events. As of May 31, here is a list of licenses that will be recognized at the FF50th:

- ASN Canada FIA (ASN)
- Canadian Automobile Sports Clubs (CASC)
- Classic Sports Racing Group (CSR)
- Confederation of Australian Motorsport (CAMS)
- Confederation of Autosport Car Clubs (CACC)
- Continental Historic Racing Association (CHRA)
- Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR)
- Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA)
- Heartland Vintage Racing (HVR)
- Historic Motor Sports Association (HMSA)
- Historic Sportscar Racing (HSR)
- International Conference of Sports Car Clubs (ICSCC)
- Midwestern Council of Sports Car Clubs (MCSCC)
- ProAutoSports (PAS)
- Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing (RMVR)

- Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN)
- Sports Car Club of America (SCCA)
- Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA)
- United States Auto Club (USAC)
- Vintage Auto Racing Association (VARA)
- Vintage Automobile Racing Association of Canada (VARAC)
- Vintage Drivers Club of America (VDCA)
- Vintage Motorsports Council (VMC)
- Vintage Racer Group (VRG)
- Vintage Racing Club of British Columbia (VRCBC)
- Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA)
- Western Canada Motorsport Association (WCMA)

A recognized license is the first step towards entry confirmation. The date of your last medical, driving record, and recent wheel-to-wheel experience will also be checked. You may be asked for an image of your license. Stacey Donato is your contact in the VSCDA business office for any questions about licensing and entry confirmation: vscda@vscda.org or (616)916-2650.

Driver Responsibility. Unsafe and dangerous driving will not be tolerated. Any driving incident or example of overdriving may result in immediate probation or suspension of driving privileges for the remainder of the event. A team of experienced Formula Ford drivers will be assisting the VSCDA Drivers Committee in investigating contact, near misses, and rough driving:

- Jim Harrell – 1971 SCCA National Champion
- Tim Evans – 1975 SCCA Central Division Champion
- Bruce MacInnes – 1975 AFFA Pro Ford Champion and Senior Instructor Skip Barber Driving School
- Tony Kester – 1990 SCCA National Champion and Chief Instructor and Manager of Driver Development at Autobahn Country Club

Safety Preparation, Logbooks, and Annual Techs. The VSCDA Technical Requirements for Race Cars defines safety preparation, logbook, and annual tech requirements for the FF50th. The document outlines straightforward guidelines for basic vehicle and driver safety: on-board fire extinguishers, master switches, fuel cells, roll hoops, driver restraints, helmets, protective garments, throttle springs, rain lights, catch tanks, etc. Here is the link:

<https://www.vscda.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/TECHNICAL-REQUIREMENTS-FOR-RACE-CARS-1.pdf>

Annual techs (listed in logbooks) from other racing organizations (VMC member clubs, SCCA, ASN, CASC, etc) will be honored. If you have an annual tech, please submit scans of the log book cover and the page with the date of your 2019 annual to the VSCDA business office: vscda@vscda.org There will be an "Express Tech" adjacent to registration in the new Shipping & Receiving Building. Those who have submitted their annual techs can proceed directly to Express Tech. All others must present their cars, logbooks, and gear at the CTech building at the south end of the paddock for inspection. All cars are subject to safety and compliance inspection at any time.

A possible surprise is the requirement for a Car Preparation Sheet. Before an entry will be accepted for a VSCDA events, a car must have an up-to-date CPS on file with the VSCDA office. Here is the link to the one-page form:

<https://www.vscda.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2017genericcarprepform.pdf>

Scott Reif, the VSCDA's Chief of Tech, is your contact for all safety preparation, log book, and annual tech questions: scott@reifsauto.com

Car and Engine Eligibility. The FF50th is open to Kent and Cortina powered Formula Fords from all eras (vintage, club, and modern) on both treads and slicks. The VSCDA Technical Requirements for Race Cars follows Monoposto Racing rules which list eligible Vintage (pre 1973) and Club (1973 – 1982) commercially constructed cars. To define chassis eligibility for the rest of the Formula Ford universe and engine rules for all cars, the 2015 SCCA GCR will be referenced.

Race Groups. Cars will be placed into five categories and assigned to three race groups as follows:
Group 11: Walter Hayes Vintage Formula Fords (VFF on treaded tires)
Group 12: Henry Taylor Club Formula Fords (CFF on treaded tires)
Group 13: Len Pounds Formula Fords (FF on treads and slicks plus CFF on slicks)

Tires. Tire rules at the FF50th will be minimal. All cars in Groups 11 and 12 must be on treaded tires. In Group 13, there will be separate categories for FF's on treads and slicks as well as a third category for CFF's on slicks. In the spirit of the event, it will be best for all involved to run the same tires (type and compound) at the FF50th that you race on at your home track.

Shocks. Continuing the philosophy of maximum inclusivity, shocks will be unrestricted. Again, it will be best for all involved to run the same shocks at the FF50th that you race with at your home track.

Minimum Weights. Minimum weights at the FF50th for all cars in all groups will be as follows. Cars are subject to weight inspection after each on-track session. Scales will be located in the CTech building at the south end of the paddock.

- 1110 lbs as raced with driver (Kent)
- 1060 lbs as raced with driver (Cortina)

Engine Inspections. Test equipment and gaging will be on-site to perform minimally invasive engine inspections. Cars will be subject to engine inspection after each on-track session.

Fuel Testing. Sunoco racing fuels (110 octane leaded and 98 octane unleaded) will be available at Road America for purchase with a credit card. Exotic fuels are not in the spirit of the event. Cars will be subject to fuel sampling after each on-track session.

Transponders. Approved transponders are the AMB / MyLaps TranX260 (original design) and the MyLaps X2 (new design).

Cross-over Entries. With the third race group, it is now quite likely that second entries on a cross-over (one driver, one car, two race groups) will be confirmed. The priority remains maximizing the number of drivers experiencing the FF50th. Cross-overs will be confirmed starting August 1 and will not be bumped by a late entry.

Second entries on cross-overs will be assigned "up" into the next race group: 11 to 12, 12 to 13, and 13 to ELVF Group 4. In the unlikely event any of the three FF50th race groups are oversubscribed, overflow entries will be assigned to ELVF Group 4.

Assigned Paddock Locations. Paddock locations are being assigned in advance. No land rush, racers will be escorted to their paddock locations. Kathy Newton is your contact for paddock assignments: kbnewton@comcast.net

Street Car Parking. The paddock will be extremely full and will be restricted to tow vehicles and trailers. Parking for street cars will be near the tunnel at Gate 6. Color coded paddock parking hang tags will be issued at registration. Street car parking restrictions apply to arrive & drive racers, crews, spectators, everyone.

Group Photo. There will be a group photo opportunity on Road America's front straight during Friday's lunch break. Details on where and when to stage your car for the group photo will be included in the event registration packet.

Rookie Orientation. About a third of the drivers at the FF50th will be new to Road America. Rookie orientation activities are being built into the weekend schedule. Additional track time Thursday morning can be purchased, an opportunity for familiarization laps before untimed practice that afternoon. Van rides, chalk talks, and in-car videos will be available. Details to be published prior to the event and will also be included in the event registration packet.

Social Events. On Thursday evening, Formula Ford's 50th birthday party will be presented by Ford Motor Company. Open to Formula Ford drivers and crews, each entrant can request up to three tickets through on-line registration until August 31. Please plan ahead...additional tickets will not be available at the event.

The VSCDA will host all ELFV drivers and crews at their Friday evening Welcome party. Each entrant can request up to three tickets through on-line registration until August 31. Please plan ahead...additional tickets will not be available at the event.

On Saturday, there will be three events off-track in the Village of Elkhart Lake. The Road Course Reenactment drives the original public roads from the 1950s. Classic cars, race cars, and motorcycles will be displayed at the Gather on the Green Concours d'Elegance on the Osthoff Resort lawn later in the afternoon. On Saturday evening, the ELVF banquet will be held at the Osthoff. Paul Page, the Voice of the Indy 500, will deliver the keynote.

Attendance at the reenactment and concours is open to the public. Banquet tickets can be purchased through on-line registration until August 31. Please plan ahead...additional tickets will not be available at the event.

East vs West Challenge Invitational. A Formula Ford only invitational race will close out the weekend. Drivers from all three race groups will receive invitations. The primary criteria will be distance traveled to the event with those from afar favored. Invitations will go out in early August.

Program. In partnership with RACER magazine, all drivers will receive a commemorative FF50th program. Additional copies will be available for purchase at the event. To make the program, complete the registration process by July 15.

Road America Amenities. The ELVF / FF50th is a spectator event. Food and beverage concessions will be open, including Perl's on the hill looking down on Hurry Downs. Golf carts are available for rent. For more information, here is the link to Road America's ELVF page:

<https://www.roadamerica.com/buy-tickets/vscda-elkhart-lake-vintage-festival.html>

Camping in motorhome or tent requires a \$50 hang tag. Electrical hookups are \$25 additional. Pit vehicles require a \$25 registration sticker. These items will be available at event registration through Road America.

Daily Timeline. An hour-to-hour schedule will be published before the event. For planning purposes, here is the daily timeline of key F50th events:

- Wednesday September 11
 - Registration
 - Paddock Load
 - Tech
- Thursday September 12
 - Registration and Tech
 - Driver's Meeting
 - Test & Tune (extra fee)
 - Rookie Orientation Activities
 - Untimed Practice (included in entry fee)
 - Formula Ford's 50th Birthday Party
- Friday September 13
 - Qualifications
 - Group Photo
 - VSCDA Welcome Party
- Saturday September 14
 - Sprint and Feature Races
 - Road Course Reenactment
 - Gather on the Green Concours d'Elegance
 - ELVF Banquet
- Sunday September 15
 - Sprint and Feature Races
 - EWC Invitational

For More Information:

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| Stacey Donato | Registration | vscda@vscda.org | (616)916-2650 |
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| Kathy Newton | Paddock | knewton@comcast.net | (269)624-1800 until Sep 1 (269)806-6764 on-site |

Official FF50th / ELVF News Sources:

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| VSCDA | https://www.vscda.org/events/elkhart-lake-vintage-festival/ |
| Steve Beeler | https://www.stevebeeler.com/ |
| RACER Magazine | https://www.facebook.com/formulafordracer/ |

