

IMSA / WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca Photo Meeting

May 9-11, 2025



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Registration / Will Call

IMSA Registration / WRLS Will Call:
South Boundary Road Entrance prior to admissions

IMSA Registration Hours:

Thursday, May 8	8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday, May 9	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, May 10	7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, May 11	7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WRLS Will Call Hours:

Thursday, May 8	7 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 9	7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 10	7 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 11	7 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Photo Vest Distribution

Location: Media Center (Newman Bldg.)

- Friday, May 9
 - 8-8:30 a.m. | 1:30-1:45 p.m.
- Saturday, May 10
 - 9-9:15 a.m. | 11:45 a.m.-Noon
- Sunday, May 11
 - 10-10:15 a.m.



High Voltage Safety

Robert Bosworth

Risks



GTP cars feature electrical systems operating at 800 V
These voltages can create life threatening electric shocks



Indicators

At all times, when the car is in the paddock/on track, the lights will be functional and must be obeyed

HV Safety Light Status	INDICATION	DESCRIPTION	SITUATION
GREEN		High Voltage System OK	CAR SAFE
RED		High Voltage potentially present on the surface of the car	UNSAFE TO TOUCH
OFF		High Voltage System Status Unknown	UNSAFE TO TOUCH <small>* Unless green cone present</small>



OR



There are two locations when a "green" HV condition cone can be used in place of using HV condition lights:

- During GTP Pre-Event Inspection
- During off-site Fan Appreciation events with stanchions used for a perimeter.



**Non-hybrid GTP: No. 23
Aston Martin Valkyrie

High Voltage Safety

CAR UNSAFE PROTOCOLS: When a GTP is recognized in an unsafe condition . . .

1. Do not touch car
2. Alert people in vicinity of the danger by shouting to stay away
3. Ask for HV emergency to be communicated to HV Safety Officers (identified by armbands as seen to right)
4. Establish protective barrier around car using either stanchions or personnel to form a safety perimeter around car until stanchions can be erected



High Voltage Safety

Driver exit

In case of need to exit a car in an UNSAFE condition:

- Do not touch ground and Car at the same time
- No assistance to be given
- Exit via door onto sidepod
- Stand on sidepod
- Jump away from Car and onto ground with one clear motion
- Do not touch Car

Should this not be possible, track services will lead extrication.



HV Safety Equipment (PPE)

At all times, when the car is in the paddock/on-track, the following equipment will be in the near vicinity of the car:



Gloves



Rubber Matting



Signage



Rescue Hook



Barriers



High Voltage Safety

USE OF HV RESCUE HOOK

When a person is receiving an electric shock (e.g. they are touching an UNSAFE GTP car that has become energized) they may be unable to release contact due to muscle contraction. In this case, DO NOT TOUCH THEM DIRECTLY. Use the rescue hook to pull them off the car.

If this happens:

- activate EMS for immediate medical intervention (make sure you are aware of how to activate EMS)
- Establish a safety zone around the incident
- When the patient is removed from the energized car, initiate CPR and first aid until EMS arrives



Key IMSA HV Safety Contacts

IMSA HV Safety Officer
IMSA On Track HV Safety Officer

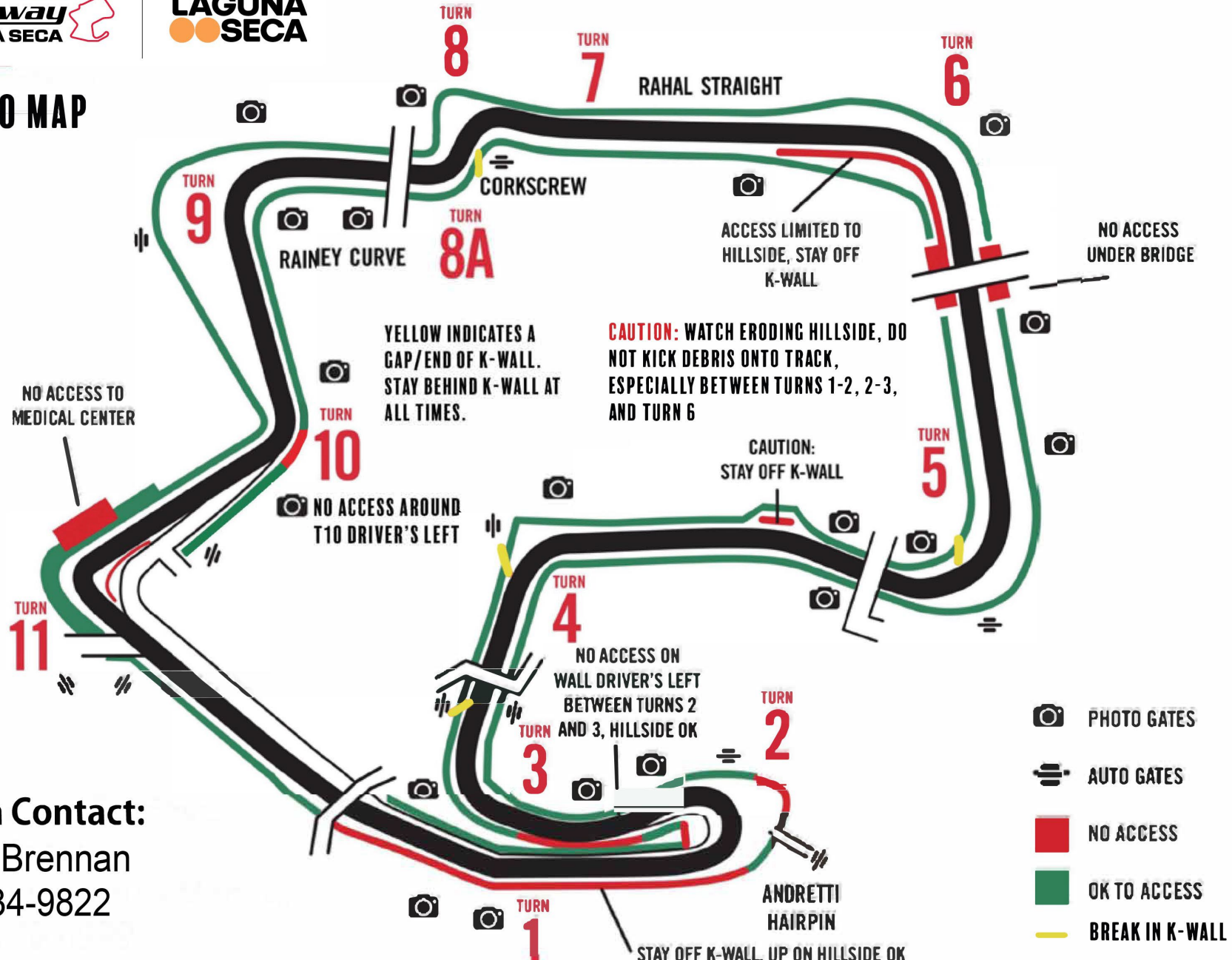
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PHOTO MAP



YELLOW INDICATES A GAP/END OF K-WALL. STAY BEHIND K-WALL AT ALL TIMES.

CAUTION: WATCH ERODING HILLSIDE, DO NOT KICK DEBRIS ONTO TRACK, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN TURNS 1-2, 2-3, AND TURN 6

CAUTION: STAY OFF K-WALL

NO ACCESS ON WALL DRIVER'S LEFT BETWEEN TURNS 2 AND 3, HILLSIDE OK

NO ACCESS TO MEDICAL CENTER

NO ACCESS AROUND T10 DRIVER'S LEFT

📷 PHOTO GATES

🚦 AUTO GATES

🔴 NO ACCESS

🟢 OK TO ACCESS

🟡 BREAK IN K-WALL

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WRLS Photo-Video Rules

GENERAL

Possessing a WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca photo credential is a privilege, not a right. Our ultimate goal is to have you enjoy yourself in a professional environment. You will be treated as a professional and your professionalism is appreciated in return. WRLS has the right to revoke media credentials and photo vest privileges at any time. Please be respectful of and courteous to other photographers. Closed-toe shoes are required. Using tripods in photo holes or on pit lane. Flying drones anywhere on the facility is prohibited. No person may photograph any person or persons whose medical status is known or unknown due to an incident on or off the track or during the transition between emergency medical vehicles and the turn 11 medical facility.

PHOTOGRAPHER VESTS / WRISTBANDS

Trackside shooting requires a media credential and a series-issued photo vest. Sharing your vest is prohibited. Not returning your vest could result in the denial of future credential requests.

HAVE A PLAN

Create an escape plan for each location you choose BEFORE you start shooting. Duck and move to the left or right (not backward) if you see a crash coming your way. Do not ever turn your back to the track while it's green/hot.

Do not stand, sit, lean or put your gear on the K wall.

Do not lean on or have your hands/arms through the photo holes in the fences.

Move well away from the track if you're not watching the track. Do not update social media near K wall or photo holes.

There **MUST** be a K-wall between you and the hot track at all times. If there is a gap in the K-wall, you must not cross the imaginary line connecting the two points.

GATES / LOCKS

You are responsible to close all gates and locks behind you, do not dummy lock a gate. Failure to do so could result in your vest privilege being revoked. Do not share lock codes with anyone other than credentialed photographers.

NO-GO ZONES

Campsites: Do not enter campsites for any reason. For Turn 6, do not park any vehicles, even golf carts and scooters, in the camping circle. To reach Turn 6 on cart or scooter, use the access road next to Campsite 120. Shooting in the Race Control Tower, flag stand, and the island at the entrance to pit lane is prohibited unless specifically authorized. Do not transition from Turn 2 entrance to Turn 2 exit while the track is green/hot. **Ask permission before entering garages, pit or paddock areas.**

WRLS Photo-Video Rules

EROSION

Erosion has created limited K wall protection in some areas. You need at least two vertical feet of K wall to duck behind for protection. Stay on the bluff and away from the erosion at the Turn 1 gate access to the hospitality pavilion. There is no K wall protection at Turn 6. Watch your footing, especially for ground squirrel holes.

CORNER MARSHALS / SAFETY PERSONNEL

Do not interfere or distract corner marshals and/or safety personnel. Never argue with corner marshals and/or safety personnel just do as they say. Do not walk or stand in front of safety vehicles.

TURN 11 MEDICAL CENTER

Access to the photo areas near the medical center at Turn 11 will be prohibited for specific brief periods during emergency situations. Please follow the requests of security officials in the area.

IMSA Photo-Video Rules

- Photo vests must be worn, with the vest number clearly visible, when shooting trackside.
- Shorts are allowed on the cold side of pit lane. Shirts with sleeves and closed-toe shoes will be required to access any portion of pit lane.
- Photographers are allowed on pit lane before an on-track session begins but must move to the cold side of pit lane three minutes before the session begins.
- Only IMSA gray vest photographers are allowed over the pit wall when the track is hot.
- Do not stand on the pit wall – sitting on the pit wall is OK if your feet are on the cold side of the wall.
- Photographers may shoot from open pit boxes.
- Please get prior approval from a team before entering their paddock area, garage or pit.
- Photographers are not allowed over the wall during red flag stoppages.
- Monopods may be used on the ground to provide stability to a camera, but not to extend the reach of the camera and may not be held out over the racing surface (including pit lane) at any time.
- Tripods should be kept at least 3 feet away from trackside walls and barriers.
- Never place any objects on the walls and do not lean on or come in contact with the walls, including under yellow flag conditions.
- Never cross any portion of the track.
- If an IMSA official, track employee or security asks you to do something, please follow the direction of the official and then contact Dawn Zinsmaster (IMSA PR) or Diana Brennan (WRLS PR) for assistance, if needed.
- Victory Lane: All vested photographers/videographers are welcome, but gray vest photographers have priority.
- Photo/Video during the Driver & Team Manager Briefings are prohibited without prior approval by IMSA.

IMSA Gray Vest Photographers

- On the hot side of the wall, firesuits, closed-toe shoes, a helmet and your IMSA gray vest are required.
- During practice and qualifying, gray vest photographers are allowed over the pit lane wall but must stay out of the pit box of any car being refueled.
- During the race, a photographer with a gray vest, helmet and firesuit may cross the pit lane and shoot from the island but may not shoot in the pit lane itself. Crossing is only allowed when the pit lane is empty. If a car is in the pits, or equipment is laid out for an arriving car, do not cross until the pit lane is empty.
- IMSA series photographers wearing IMSA series firesuits are the only photographers allowed to work in pit lane during the race.



Misc.

- **Motul Pole Award**
 - Penalty Box/Pit Out
- **Fans at podium**
- **Mother's Day Photo**
 - All moms invited to the GTP podium (while wearing WRLS hat)



Questions?

