

## **How to Apply**

Here is the link to begin the 2026 driver application - [2026 Driver Annual Membership and Credential Application](#).

**New Drivers** will need to create an account in MERG to complete the Driver Application process. On the MERG Portal homepage, click on the Register link to create an account. Please ensure you are using a unique email address that has not been used for another MERG account. Shared email addresses **CANNOT** be used.

**Existing Drivers** log into your MERG account with the same email and password you previously created.

Once you log into your MERG account, please select Drivers, then IMSA Driver Application. After that, please select the 2026 season.

## **Minor Drivers Email Addresses**

Please ensure you are using a unique email address for a minor driver that has not been used for another MERG account. Shared email addresses **CANNOT** be used; if a parent is going to be setting up a MERG account for themselves, they cannot use the same email address that was used for their minor driver.

## **Verification Email Trouble**

Verify email address and spelling is entered correctly. If you have an existing account, you cannot verify your email again, please click Reset Password to create a new one and log in.

## **Can't Remember Password**

If you can't remember your password, use the Reset Password link on the MERG Portal homepage to reset it. The reset password email comes automatically so if you don't see it in your inbox, please check your spam folder.

## **Physical**

**All Applicants must submit a fully completed Driver Physical Form (either the IMSA Physical Form including physician's signature and license information, or a copy of the physical submitted with the FIA license application that includes baseline vital medial information not limited to height, weight, temperature, pulse, blood pressure, etc.). You will be able to download your unique IMSA physical form to take to your physician once you complete the 2026 IMSA Driver Application. You cannot use a previous year's physical form or another driver's physical form. Also, a copy of your FIA license will NOT be accepted in place of the Driver Physical Form.**

**The Driver Physical Form MUST be completed by a licensed physician. Physicals completed by a Nurse Practitioner, or a Physician Assistant will NOT be accepted. In addition, Doctor of Chiropractic and Pain Management Physicians are not recognized by IMSA and cannot be used. IMSA will no longer accept physicals completed by the applicants family members.**

**If a driver plans to get their FIA license through IMSA, the IMSA Driver Physical Form MUST be completed in order to do so. The physical also must have been performed within the last 3 months of applying per the FIA.**

## **ImPACT Tests**

ImPACT (immediate post-concussion assessment and cognitive testing) is a computer-based assessment tool. It's the most effective tool for comparing a person's neurocognitive state before a concussion occurs. IMSA requires an ImPACT Test be performed every two seasons. Any ImPACT Test performed before June 30<sup>th</sup> of the year it expires will need to be retaken to be cleared for the season. Please contact Cori Watkins at [cwatkins@imsa.com](mailto:cwatkins@imsa.com) to obtain the ImPACT Test instructions.

## **Driver Resume Requirements**

All drivers who did not compete in the series they are applying for during the previous season or who are applying for a different series than they normally participate in, will need to provide a current racing resume for our race directors to review. The resume requirements are as follows:

- Date of Race
- Track Name
- Series Name
- Please also provide a hyperlink or scanned copy of the last 5 races entered

You may also provide:

- The name of any schools you may have participated in
- Any racing certifications you may have earned
- Any motorsports licenses or memberships you have held

## **FIA Requirements for IMSA Series**

An FIA Grade C (or above) is only required for the IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship. No other IMSA series requires an FIA License. IMSA requires a copy of the FRONT and BACK of your FIA license to race in our IWSC series if you are not getting your FIA license through us.

If a driver plans to race overseas at the World Finale for either the IMSA Lamborghini Super Trofeo or Ferrari Challenge series, they will need a current season FIA license Grade C (or above) along with the International Letter.

## **FIA Grade Requirements**

Under the 2026 Driver Portal is a document outlining the requirements for a new FIA C license. Any driver applying for a new FIA C must meet these requirements set by the FIA to be approved for an FIA C license. Once you have reviewed these requirements, an updated racing resume will need to be provided with the supporting documentation so our race director can review your FIA C request.

If a driver is wanting to upgrade from an FIA C to an A or B, the requirements to be approved for an upgrade can also be found under the 2026 Driver Portal. Once you have reviewed these requirements, an updated racing resume will need to be provided with the supporting documentation so our race director can review your FIA upgrade request.

Please note, if you've already received your FIA license for the year but are wanting to upgrade, ACCUS requires a \$75.00 upgrade fee in the form of a check and your existing FIA license mailed back to them before they will process your FIA upgrade.

## **Recent FIA Appendix L regulation change**

This now requires all drivers to provide a signed medical form from the country the FIA license is being issued. Therefore, your 2026 physical must be done here in the U.S. before we can approve an FIA license for the 2026 season.

## **[Chapter II "Regulations for the Medical Examination of Drivers" of Appendix L to the International Sporting Code – Last update 20.06.2023](#)**

- *Article 1 Annual medical visit for aptitude*

The medical visit can no longer be carried out in a country other than the one issuing the license.



## **FIA Driver Rating Requirements for IMSA Series**

An FIA Driver Rating is required for the IMSA WeatherTech Sportscar Championship and the VP Racing Sportscar Challenge series. Please reach out to Cori Watkins at [cwatkins@imsa.com](mailto:cwatkins@imsa.com) for information on how to apply for your FIA Driver Rating.

As you are completing the application, if your FIA Driver Rating is not automatically pulling up, you can still complete the driver application with no issues. IMSA verifies all FIA driver ratings and will manually input your rating if it isn't showing.

## **Minor Drivers**

IMSA considers all drivers 18 years of age and younger as minor drivers. All minor drivers are required to have the four original minor waivers completed and signed by both parents or legal guardians and notarized. The four original minor waivers are then to be mailed to the IMSA offices as they are kept on file for 10 years. Failure to turn in the completed minor waivers in a timely manner may result in the driver not being able to get on track during practice or qualifying.

## **Uploading / Downloading Documents**

After you apply, you can find all 2026 documents, including the physical form, by logging into your MERG account. Once you are logged into your MERG account, you can click the "View Documents" tab and can download and print any documents you may need.

All documents can be uploaded through your MERG Account. Once you are logged into your MERG account, scroll to the bottom to the "Upload Documents" section.

You MUST upload everything to your driver application, please do not email documents as they might not be received.

## **Driver Deadlines / Expediting Fees**

All driver deadlines are included in each event's Schedule & SR, please ensure you are familiar with the deadlines, so an expediting fee is not incurred. Your entire driver application must be completed and approved by each driver deadline to avoid an expediting fee this includes but is not limited to correct physical, ImPACT Test, payment, racing resume for series approval, photo, and FIA driver rating. If all that is missing is your FIA license, an expediting fee will not apply. Please reach out to Cori Watkins at [cwatkins@imsa.com](mailto:cwatkins@imsa.com) with any questions.

## **Driver Application Approval**

Your driver application will not be considered completed until IMSA has received all required documents and information. No applicant will be an IMSA Member until the applicant receives an email from IMSA expressly stating the applicant is approved for a 2026 IMSA Driver Membership & Annual Credential. IMSA's receipt of any portion of the application, agreements, documents and/or payments, does not constitute approval of the application. Please contact Cori Watkins at [cwatkins@imsa.com](mailto:cwatkins@imsa.com) if you have any questions regarding the status of your driver application.

## **Mailing of Driver Credentials**

Credentials will be mailed out via FedEx Ground once your application is complete and approved. We do not mail credentials outside of the United States. If you do not have a U.S. address, you can pick up your driver credential at your first race of the season.

