



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

I've never been to the Toyota Festival before, what can I expect?

The Toyota Festival is the largest manufacturer track event of the year hosted by Toyota New Zealand. The purpose of the event is not only to provide a safe and enjoyable day on the track but to celebrate with Toyotas number one fans. You can expect to see a variety of on and off-track activities such as Track Sessions, Gymkhana and 4x4 activities (depending on the location) as well as a Show & Shine Competition depending on the venue. Or you can just come along for the day and enjoy for FREE.

What are the vehicle requirements and do I need to make any modifications to my car prior to the Track Sessions?

No, assuming your car is roadworthy (i.e. has a current WOF and is registered) or is a race car that has been scrutineered in a current race series no modifications are necessary. The brakes in particular will be worked harder than usual. We recommend visiting your local Toyota Store in your area for a check-up prior to the event.

How much do the Track Sessions usually cost and how much track time do I get?

In the past we have offered 4 x 15 minute Track sessions per driver for approx. Pricing ranges between \$150-200. This is subject to change each year depending on the venue and other activities on offer. The Festival gates usually opening around 8.00am followed by a compulsory drivers briefing at 8.30am. The first Track Session usually

begins around 9.00am and run throughout the day until around 5.00pm. Your Track Sessions are spread out during the day giving you plenty of time to rest and check out other things that are happening.

I only have my restricted driver's licence, can I enter the Track Sessions?

Yes, you are welcome to enter.

I have an international driver's licence, can I take my car on the track?

Unfortunately no, but you can still come along and spectate.

Do I need any special equipment e.g. a crash helmet or race suit?

You do need a crash helmet in good condition (most motorcycle helmets are sufficient). You also must wear a neck brace (foam doughnut). If have a 4 point harness or more, you must wear a FHR. (Hans or similar).

If you are unsure please check with us in advance we may have some available for hire (subject to availability). A race suit is required (minimum of a single layer fire retardant race suit) required for most track activities. Covered shoes must be worn (no sandals or jandals).

What happens after I register?

Once you register online you should you receive a confirmation email from us.

Can I get a refund if I can't make it anymore?

Yes we offer refunds until seven days prior to the event. Any refund requests after this time will be processed at our discretion.

Can I take a passenger during my Track Sessions?

If you have a vehicle with an approved safety roll cage, both the driver and passenger must be in full overalls and crash helmets (your passenger must sign an indemnity form). If you are in a normal road car then unfortunately no, you cannot have a passenger during your Track Sessions (this is a MotorSport NZ rule).

However there will be opportunities for you to take passengers on the controlled Parade and Cruise Laps. The Parade laps are FREE and open to all Toyota cars regardless of whether they are entered in the Track Sessions or Show & Shine or any other activity.

Vehicles will be led by a “lead car” around at a slow pace around the track then lined up down the main straight for a big epic Toyota Festival photo.

Can I use racing slicks on the track?

Yes racing slicks, and semi slicks can be used.

How fast can I drive during the Track Session?

Please make sure you drive to the speed you feel safe and comfortable with. We usually split cars up into 4 groups ranging from beginners, slow, medium, and fast. The Track Sessions are **non-competitive**, and it's your own pride and joy you are driving. Look after each other out there. We want everyone and their rides to return home in one piece. Please note: that there will be a lead car during the international cruise session that you cannot pass at any time.

Does my normal vehicle insurance policy cover me if I get into an accident during the Track Session?

Generally no, we advise that you check with your insurance providers as some will add track day cover to your policy for a small premium. Accidents rarely occur if you stay within your limits.

Is overtaking permitted during the Track Sessions?

Just like other track days, passing is permitted on straights under acceleration only, no passing under braking is allowed. If you're slower than the person behind you, let them pass. Remember everyone is out there to have fun so be a good sport and drive safely.

What happens if there is an accident?

Although accidents rarely occur, at times they can happen. In the event of an accident fully qualified marshals, medics and recovery staff will be quickly on hand to assess the situation and clear the incident as quickly and as safely as possible. The marshals may wave a yellow flag or turn on an orange light meaning a car may have stopped or be off the track. In this case, all vehicles are expected to slow down and be aware of the track conditions until the flag is removed or light turned off. If you have spun out, try and get back onto the track safely looking out for approaching cars. If a red flag is waved drivers will be expected to slow down and exit the track at the next opportunity and reform on pit lane. This may be due to a serious accident or there may be debris on the track that needs to be removed. You may be sent back onto the track if there is time remaining in your session if practical.

What happens if I cause an accident?

If you are unfortunate enough to cause an accident and either damage your vehicle or another vehicle you will be held accountable and all cars during the session may be called off the track while your incident is assessed. Depending on the severity of the incident you will be given a warning by the track officials. Should you re-offend you may be asked to leave the track and will be unable to re-enter the track for the rest of the day.

While the Track Sessions are an opportunity for you to test your car out on the track it is important you drive within your ability and abide by the rules for the safety of yourself and others.

I have never driven on a track before, is there anyone available to teach me a few things?

We would suggest that you enter the slow or medium groups and to drive within your own ability. There will be FREE classroom sessions throughout the day run by experienced circuit drivers who will show you the ropes and the correct way of driving to achieve a flowing lap. If you would like an instructor to join you in your first sessions then please ask and we will likely have experience circuit drivers available to help.

Can I participate in both Track Sessions and the Show & Shine?

Yes you can. Please notify the Festival staff at the gates who will direct you to the correct parking area.

I just want to come watch and check out all the fun stuff, how much does it cost?

Entry and parking to the event is FREE for everyone, and if you own a Toyota you can park your car up the public carpark for FREE walk in and still be in to win some cool spot prizes.

I don't own a Toyota, can I still come?

Although you won't be able take part in the activities e.g. Track Sessions and the Show & Shine, you are most welcome to attend and ponder why you don't already own a Toyota. Spectator entry is FREE and there will be public parking available for your non-Toyota vehicle outside of the venue.

I own a Lexus can I take part in the activities?

Yes, all Lexus vehicles are welcome in all activities ☺

Can I come and take photographs at the event?

Yes, you are welcome to however there will be areas that have restricted access. If you are interested in accessing these restricted areas please contact us. We have a professional photographer and film crew working throughout the day. All images will be posted on our [Toyota 86 New Zealand Facebook](#).

Will there be any merchandise or things to buy at the event?

Yes we typically have our Toyota Racing New Zealand and Toyota Festival merchandise available for purchase. EFTPOS is available.

Will there be any vendors to purchase food and drink from?

Yes, there will be a variety of food vendors and coffee available for purchase. If you have any special dietary requirements we recommend that you bring your own food.