



## How Do I Get Into Racing?

Are you interested in getting into dirt racing and don't know how to start?  
Use this guide as a reference for racing at Heart O' Texas Speedway.

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**Learn:** Before you purchase a car, learn what it's like to race and work on a car. Call Selby at (254) 715-5742 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: Factory Stock, Hobby Stock, Southern Sport Mod, Stock Car, Modified, Sprint Car. We suggest starting off with a beginner class and then moving up.

**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 a car class. Some divisions such as IMCA also require a license fee for each division. Each driver and pit crew must purchase a pit pass to enter the pits each night. Pit passes are \$30.00 per person.

**Cost of Equipment:** The proper safety equipment must be used/worn. Raceceiver \$100 and Westhold Transponder \$175 are available to purchase at HOT speedway. You must also purchase a helmet (required SA2010 or SA2015, no DOT allowed), fire suit, racing gloves, racing shoes and a neck brace or head and neck restraint system. HOT does not stock clothing but can provide you with vendors that do.

**Rules:** Cars must be built to the specification listed in the rules. These may be found in the rules section of the website.

**Learn to Race:** Attend several Test-N-Tune practice sessions (\$15each) 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 have to say about their racing experiences. Talk with other drivers about your racing questions. It never hurts to ask questions.