



Dear 2021 PPIHC Rookie Competitors,

Welcome to the 99<sup>th</sup> running of the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, brought to you by Gran Turismo, and the sixth year of the Special Mentor Assisted Race Training Program (SMART).

The SMART Program was originated by former competitors getting together to create something that could be useful for rookie competitors.

This year's program will focus on communication and exchange of knowledge, and is constructed as a more organized way to share information between veteran and rookie PPIHC competitors.

Included on the PPIHC website ([ppihc.org](http://ppihc.org)) is a resource page with a collection of information the SMART Program team has used in the past to better prepare for all aspects of the PPIHC race. These pages include team checklists, a team modified course map, information from team sponsors about things like tire warmers, the effects of altitude, etc. Make sure to check this resource page often. We will be adding more items to it as we get closer to race week. (Please note, these resources are suggested by the SMART Program managers, coaches, other race teams and their sponsors; these products and suggestions should not be taken as an official endorsement by the PPIHC organization.)

The SMART Program team will be looking for input from all competitors, rookie to expert, on how to improve the program for the future. Contact the SMART Program with your questions and suggestions at: [paul@ppihc.org](mailto:paul@ppihc.org).