



Welcome to The Buckeye Miata Club (BMC) Autocross event. Our purpose is to allow drivers of ALL capabilities to gain a better understanding of the capabilities of their cars (and to have some safe FUN!!!). Our events are open to non members, and to all cars. Feel free to invite others to come out and have some fun!



Please plan to arrive at the site by 8:00am in order to assist with course setup and to stay until 4:30-5pm for tear down and loading the trailer. **It is expected that each driver (members and non-members) help in these activities as well as their work assignments.**

We recommend that you wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes; be prepared for any kind of weather (yes we race in the rain) and bring water to drink. You may want to bring some light gloves (Mechanix, Jersey, or the like) to protect your hands during setup and tear down. We normally continue racing through the lunch time, so best if you pack a lunch. Please note that alcohol is not permitted on site for both safety and insurance reasons. Feel free to bring guests that wish to watch or even jump in the passenger seat for a ride.

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## **Schedule:**

7am-9:15am: Course setup, registration, technical inspection and course walking

9:30am: **MANDATORY** Drivers meeting

10am~4:30pm: Racing! When not racing, each driver will be given a work assignment

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## **Registration: (8am-9:15)**

Registration starts at 8:00 and ends at 9:15. Two driver cars are OK. **All drivers must have a valid driver's license.** You will be required to sign a liability waiver. Passengers are permitted, but must be at least 12 years of age. Spectators are permitted, but are asked to stay behind the safety line. All spectators and passengers must also sign a waiver. Anyone under the age of 18 must also have legal guardian sign a minor waiver before they can enter.

**The entry fee is –  
BMC members - \$30 per driver  
Non members - \$35 per driver  
Passengers/Spectators - FREE (but need a wristband)**

## **Classes**

When registering, you will be asked to supply your car class. Below is a brief description of the classes used for our events (these differ from other clubs and sanctioning bodies):

### **Miatas**

Miata classes will stay the same for 2017. The worksheet to determine your class can be found on our [website](#).

### **Non Miatas**

New for 2017, Non Miatas will be split into 3 classes based on a points system. The worksheet to determine your class can be found in Excel and PDF form on our [website](#).

## **Technical Inspection**

We only have a few basic requirements, but they are very important. During the registration period, please have your car ready for tech inspection. While no special equipment is required (other than helmet), it's up to you to ensure your car is in good working order. **A roll bar or additional restraints are not required.** If Tech declares a car unsafe, it will not be able to run and the driver's entry fee will be refunded. Tech will put a sticker on your car and your helmet. It is the driver's responsibility to make sure they have their car ready. You must have a sticker on both your helmet and car before your first run.

We'll check the following:

- Seat belts
- Wheel bearings
- Tires
- Brake fluid
- Throttle return spring
- Battery tie downs
- Loose items in the car (**remove floor mats, coffee cups, loose change, etc**)
- Helmet
  - If you brought a helmet (loaner helmets are available), make sure helmet meets the current or two immediate preceding Snell Foundation standards (SA, K or M), or SFI standards 31.1A, 31.2A, 41.1A, or 41.2A.

The best way to pass tech inspection is to clean out your interior and trunk the night before and check for loose lug nuts after changing wheels.

## **Course Walking (8am - 9:25am):**

The course is different from event to event. It is very important that you know where you are going so you should walk the course several times. This is one of the most important parts of your day. During this time, you develop your plan of attack and then adjust it after your first run. Look for the laydown or pointer cones that mark important points along the course. If you knock down a standing cone, you get a 2 second penalty.

While it may look like a miniature road course most Stock class cars will never go over 35 mph and we rarely use 3rd gear (some drivers simply put it in 2nd at the start and then leave it there). Unsure of what to do???? There are plenty of experienced drivers who would be more than happy to walk along the course with you and answer questions - or ride with you during your runs if you would like.

## **Drivers Meeting (9:45am):**

The course will be closed for walking at 9:25. We will then start the drivers meeting. At the drivers meeting, we will discuss the rules of the day. The standard rules are: no alcohol or illegal drugs; drivers are responsible for their guests; and no tire warm-ups or brake tests allowed on or around the premises including any of the city roads or area parking lots. We will get the cars started as soon as the drivers' meeting is over. Please have yourself and car ready to go before the drivers meeting.

## **Work Assignments:**

All are expected to assist with course setup and tear down. During the event, if you are not driving you will be given a worker assignment. There are a variety of assignments to choose from such as corner working, grid, and timing and scoring.

**Other useful Autocross Information:**

Buckeye Miata Club: [www.buckeyemiataclub.com](http://www.buckeyemiataclub.com) or Facebook Group: "Buckeye Miata Club Autocross"

Solo II Novice Handbook- Excellent read: [www.miata.net/sport/autox.html](http://www.miata.net/sport/autox.html)

Miata performance driving tips: [www.miata.net/sport/autox2.html](http://www.miata.net/sport/autox2.html)

General Autocross racing information: [www.autocross.com](http://www.autocross.com)