



Miata Reunion Event Rules and Regulations

- 1. Passing** – For everyone’s safety, “point by” passing is MANDATORY in all groups. The “point by” is accomplished by pointing to the side you want another driver to pass you on. All passes must be initiated by the driver being passed by giving a clear and visible point by to the passing driver. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please make your point by as early as possible in your allowed passing zones. Track specific passing zones will be covered in the mandatory pre-event Driver’s Meeting.

If you see a driver behind you that wasn’t there 1 or 2 turns ago, you should consider giving him a point by at the next opportunity. If the driver has been behind you for longer than 1 or 2 turns, DEFINITELY give them a point by at the next opportunity. You should observe the other driver’s line as they fade into the distance and take note of anything they’re doing differently than you. If you find yourself stuck behind a slower driver or a long line of cars, please pull into the pit lane and continue back on to the track. This will usually give you a clear track.

If at any time you see a blue flag, you should assume it is for you and point the driver behind you by. As you point by, lift off the throttle slightly (DO NOT BRAKE) until the other car is clear of you. If the car behind you has lower horsepower, lift off the throttle *sufficiently to allow for a mutually safe pass* (AGAIN, DO NOT BRAKE).

Passing rules are defined by run group as follows:

Groups B, C, D, E – drivers may pass with a point by on designated straightaways.

Group A – drivers may pass anywhere on the track with a point by.

It is the responsibility of all drivers to know the rules pertinent to passing and to complete a safe pass. The passing driver may wave off a point by if they are not comfortable passing at that location on the track. If the driver behind you waves off your pass, give them a couple more opportunities to pass by pointing them by at the next opportunity within the passing zones for your group.

Aggressive driving or passing without a point by is prohibited and will result in penalty to the driver at the discretion of Miata Reunion Staff, up to and including being expelled from the event without refund.

- 2. Numbers** – Please place the number you registered with on both sides of your vehicle. Your numbers must be clearly legible from 50 feet away. If your numbers are not legible on the track, you will be black flagged and offered one opportunity to correct the issue. Drivers will not be permitted on the track if their numbers are not legible.
- 3. Helmets** – **ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST WEAR A MINIMUM OF A SNELL CERTIFIED CAR HELMET WITH A SNELL 2010 CERTIFICATION OR NEWER. NO MOTORCYCLE HELMETS ARE ALLOWED.** Rental helmets meeting this requirement will be available via Discovery Parts who will be at the track. See the Miata Reunion website for details.
- 4. Tech Inspection Form and Waivers** – Prior to participating in any Miata Reunion Event, all participants must complete, sign, and return (1) Miata Reunion Tech Inspection Form and Waiver and (2) the Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, Indemnity and Arbitration Agreement. You must print,

complete and bring your Tech Form (link at the Miata Reunion website) when checking in. Waivers will be signed at event check-in on Friday at Chateau Elan, or during the weekend in Event Central in the Pro Paddock.

5. **Safety** – Safety is our primary concern. Anyone driving in an unsafe manner will be expelled from the event without refund at the discretion of Miata Reunion Staff. **No participants under 18 years of age shall be allowed on-track for Hot Laps as drivers or passengers, with the following exceptions:**

- **Drivers with current SCCA or NASA Competition licenses, at least 16 years of age.**
- **Passengers over 16 whose parents have completed the written parental consent forms as required by Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta:** “(1) An executed Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, (2) An executed Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement and (3) A Minor’s Assumption of Risk Acknowledgement executed by each minor and such individual’s parent(s) or legal guardian(s). These documents must be signed in the presence of Track personnel and are required before said minor(s) entrance onto the Premises. There are no exceptions to this requirement.”

Minimum age for passengers in Parade Laps is 15 years.

6. **NO RACING ALLOWED** – This is a high-performance driving education event - **NOT** a racing event. There are no cash prizes, trophies or awards for your participation.
7. **MANDATORY Drivers Meeting** – A **MANDATORY** drivers meeting will be held each morning of the event. Attendance **EACH DAY** is required, even if you attended Saturday. Failure to attend will impact your amount of track time at the discretion of Miata Reunion Staff.
8. **Required Rollover Protection** – Driving/riding in any convertible or any open-top vehicle, even with safety equipment, could result in serious injury or death. Any open-top vehicle desiring to participate in any event must be equipped with an acceptable roll bar or roll cage. Specifically:

1990-05 cars in all run groups must have multi-point roll bars with fore-aft bracing such as the popular Hard Dog, Boss Frog, or Blackbird bars. Please contact us ahead of time to confirm if you’re not sure about the eligibility of your bar. Full cages are also welcome and encouraged.

2006-15 cars in groups A, B, C and D must meet the same multi-point roll bar requirement as above. The only bars on the market that are acceptable are the Blackbird bars, AWR bars with removable rear braces (the “Quick Change”) or Petty bars, the Hard Dog Sport with a Petty bar or the removable dual height Hard Dog Transformer bar. The PRHT version of the Hard Dog Sport bar is not tall enough to be acceptable.

2016-19 cars in groups A, B, C and D must meet the same multi-point roll bar requirement as above. The Blackbird and Hard Dog bars are accepted for the roadster. (Note: due to differences in design, the removable rear braces (“Quick Change”), and Petty bars mentioned above are not required on ND models). At the time of writing, there is no sufficient roll protection for the RF for these groups.

2006-19 cars in group E may use the factory bars behind the seats for protection. In this case, the power top must be closed for both PRHT and RF models.

The responsibility to install and maintain a suitable roll bar or cage rests solely with the driver. Miata Reunion makes no guarantees or warranties, express or implied, about the safety or suitability of roll bars, cages, or any other safety equipment, and does not undertake to inspect such equipment. Miata Reunion recommends that the driver and vehicle owner consult with appropriate experts in the construction and maintenance of these devices in making decisions regarding them. Miata Reunion reserves the right to not allow certain convertible or open-top vehicles on the track.

9. **Pit Signals** – When entering the pit lane from the track, drivers must raise their arm out of their window with a closed fist. This signals that that you are entering the pits. **USE THIS HAND SIGNAL ANYTIME YOU ARE LEAVING THE TRACK, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT THE SESSION IS OVER.** A driver entering the pit lane may be passed by cars continuing on the track.

10. Tire Requirements – All vehicles are required to have tires less than 48 months old, with no cracks and with sufficient tread.

11. Attire – All drivers and passengers are required to wear long pants, closed toed and closed heeled shoes, and (at a minimum) a short-sleeved shirt. Long sleeved shirts are highly recommended and are required if driving or riding in a non-production or purpose-built racing vehicle. In that instance, full Nomex driver gear is strongly recommended. Tank tops are absolutely prohibited.

12. Flags – Failure to obey flags, track officials, or Miata Reunion Staff instructions at any time will result in penalty to the participant at Miata Reunion Staff's discretion, including but not limited to loss of track time or being expelled from the event without refund. If you are uncertain whether a flag is directed at you, you should assume that it is.

- A.  **GREEN** – Session has begun/passing allowed.
- B.  **YELLOW, STANDING** – Something has happened ahead of you, but the incident is off the track surface or off the racing line. Absolutely no passing until you reach the next clear manned flag station. A yellow flag may be displayed for the first two laps of a session to allow all cars (and drivers) to warm up and note the location of manned flag stations.
- C.  **YELLOW, WAVING** – Something has happened ahead of you and is on the track surface or on the racing line. Slow down and be prepared to take evasive action or stop. Absolutely no passing until the next clear manned flag station.
- D.  **RED & YELLOW, STRIPED** – Surface condition flag, information only. Passing is allowed. There is debris on the track ahead, possibly oil, coolant, dirt, an errant animal, and/or parts of a fellow driver's car. Use caution and be prepared to respond accordingly. This flag will be displayed for two laps and then removed. Removal of the flag does not mean the surface condition is resolved.
- E.  **RED** – Stop as quickly and safely as possible within sight of a manned corner station, and pull to the right side of the track unless you are in the immediate vicinity of the incident, in which case pull to the opposite side of the track to allow maximum room for emergency vehicles. Stay belted into your car and await instructions/signals from a corner worker. Upon waving black or yellow flags, proceed carefully to the pit lane.
- F.  **BLUE / YELLOW STRIPE** – Traffic flag. A faster car is behind you, so give a point-by at the next passing zone. Acknowledge the blue flag with a small wave to both the worker and the following car. This courtesy prevents tailgating, mirror driving, and promotes safety.
- G.  **BLACK** – This flag will be displayed at designated turn stations. If this flag is displayed, enter the pits at the next opportunity to consult with the Black Flag staff member on pit lane. If you ignore this flag you will be assessed a penalty, including but not limited to loss of track time. If you ignore this flag twice the entire session will be black flagged, and you will have the opportunity to explain to your fellow participants why they have lost track time.
- i. **BLACK FLAG ALL** – The black flag may be waved at all stations. All vehicles must enter the pit lane at the first opportunity. Failure to follow this instruction will result in loss of track time.
- H.  **BLACK WITH ORANGE CENTER ("MEATBALL")** – There is something mechanically wrong with your car. Proceed carefully to the pits, avoiding the racing line whenever possible.

- I.  **CHECKERED** - The session is over. Do not immediately lift or brake. There may be a car immediately behind you who has not seen the flag and will not be expecting you to decelerate on a straight. Begin a cool-down lap by gradually slowing to approximately 60-70% speed, using higher than normal gears/lower revs. and using the brakes as little as is safe. Allow your car and self to cool down and relax. Proceed carefully to the pits.
- 13. Windows** – Both the passenger and driver side windows must be completely lowered. If your vehicle has fixed windows or non-functional window regulators, please contact Miata Reunion Staff for approval.
- 14. Off Track Incidents** – If you put four wheels off track, proceed immediately to the head of pit lane to speak with staff and have your car inspected. Drivers that do not proceed immediately to the pit lane will be black flagged and could possibly forfeit track time at the discretion of Miata Reunion Staff.
- 15. Damage to Track Property** –Drivers are solely responsible for any damage caused to the facility. This includes, but is not limited to, walls, Armco and landscaping
- 16. Passengers & Ride-Alongs** – Only drivers in A through D Groups may have passengers. E group drivers will only be allowed to take passengers in afternoon sessions after Instructor approval. All passengers must adhere to the same attire and helmet rules as drivers and must obtain an event wristband before being allowed to ride. Passengers are also required to sign a Miata Reunion Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, Indemnity and Arbitration Agreement. **No passengers under 18 years of age shall be permitted on-track (see Item 5 above for specifics/exceptions).**
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Vehicles and Driver Safety Gear Rules and Recommendations

ALL DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS are required to adhere to Miata Reunion's Rules and Regulations with respect to helmets and attire as set forth above. Additionally, we strongly encourage all drivers and their vehicles to conform to the safety guidelines described below. Regardless of what safety modifications that you perform on your vehicle and what equipment you choose to use, Miata Reunion emphasizes every component in a properly designed vehicular safety system is designed to work in conjunction with one another and that modification or replacement of those individual components can lead to a potentially dangerous situation. Miata Reunion reserves the right to prohibit a vehicle from going on track if any Miata Reunion staff member believes that the vehicle may be unsafe in any way.

- 1. Production vehicles** - This section is for vehicles that have a normally obtained VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) from the factory and are not extensively modified from stock form or configuration (i.e. addition or replacement of some or all chassis components with a tube frame or other significant modification).
 - a. All drivers and passengers are REQUIRED to adhere to Miata Reunion's Rules and Regulations with respect to helmets and attire as set forth above.
 - b. Drivers and passengers are not required, but are very strongly encouraged, to wear a head and neck restraint appropriate to the seat belts or harnesses in their vehicles.
 - c. Vehicle seats should either use the factory seats and mounts or conform to the seat mounting recommendation listed in the non-production section below.
- 2. Non-production or purpose-built racing vehicles** - This set of guidelines is for vehicles that either do not have a VIN obtained in the normal fashion by the factory or are extensively modified from stock form or configuration (e.g. Exocet or Catfish).
 - a. All drivers and passengers are REQUIRED to adhere to Miata Reunion's Rules and Regulations with respect to helmets and attire as set forth above.

- b. Drivers and passengers are *very strongly encouraged* to wear an SFI or FIA certified head/neck restraint device.
- c. DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS SHOULD UTILIZE ARM RESTRAINTS.
- d. Miata Reunion ADAMANTLY recommends that vehicles come equipped with valid SFI or FIA certified 5 or 6 point racing harnesses. The Schroth ASM 4-point Anti-Submarine Harness is the only viable 4 point substitute.
- e. Participants are strongly encouraged to equip their vehicles with a current FIA approved head containment seat or FIA equivalent (i.e. right side and left side containment nets).
- f. With regard to seats, Miata Reunion highly encourages participants to conform to the certification levels and mounting provisions in accordance with one of the two rule sets listed below:
 - i. SCCA Club Racing General Competition Rules (GCR) section 9.3.19 subsection C
 - ii. National Auto Sports Association (NASA) General Rules and Regulations section 15.17

**If you have any further questions, please email us at:
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