



TOUR DIRECTIVES

The purpose of these directives is to ensure that Underground Miata Network (UMN) tours are conducted in a safe and organized manner for the enjoyment of all participants.

These directives are mandatory and apply on all UMN tours approved by the Tour Director and posted on the club's calendar as UMN events.

1. All UMN tours shall be conducted with due regard for the safety of all tour participants and the road-using public.
2. Whenever official, approved guests participate as drivers on a UMN tour, they shall be briefed on the Tour Directives.
3. All tour drivers on UMN tours shall hold a valid driver's licence, be a UMN member in good standing, or an approved non-member under the supervision of a UMN member in the same Miata or an official guest of the club.
4. Every driver in a UMN convoy shall be solely responsible for the safe operation of their vehicle. Drivers shall rely on their own judgement as to the safety and lawfulness of any driving manoeuvre before executing that manoeuvre.
5. No driver shall operate a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. All tour drivers on UMN tours agree to insure their vehicles and property against loss, damage and liability. All drivers participating in a UMN tour do so at their own risk and must sign a waiver to that effect at the start of every tour.
7. No UMN driver shall attempt to block or otherwise impede a non-UMN vehicle from moving into a UMN convoy or passing between cars within a convoy.
8. No tour participant shall encourage a tour driver to overtake by indicating that the road ahead is clear.
9. It is the responsibility of each tour driver to assure the safe and reliable mechanical condition and licensing of their vehicle before the start of each tour. Participants shall report to the Tour Leader, at the earliest opportunity, any mechanical or electrical problems, on their own vehicle or any other tour vehicle, that could give rise to safety concerns while travelling in a convoy.
10. In any situation when a tour car has been excluded from a tour convoy for serviceability problems, the Tour Leader shall, at the earliest opportunity, report the incident to the Tour Director.
11. Tour Leaders shall conduct a drivers' briefing before starting a tour and at the start of each subsequent day of touring, as applicable. In addition to tour-related points, the following safety points shall be announced:
 - a. Any tour driver who intends to leave the convoy at any point before the official end of the tour, shall inform the Tour Leader or Sweeper as far in advance as possible and, if the convoy is on the move, again by CB radio immediately before leaving the convoy. The rest of the tour drivers shall be alerted about the departing vehicle to avoid an unannounced separation from a convoy being

mistaken as an emergency or other drivers unwittingly following the departing vehicle.

- b.** Any tour participant who observes a potentially unsafe situation or practice during a tour shall bring the matter to the attention of the Tour Leader or Sweeper either by CB radio or at the next stop.
- c.** Any tour participant who observes an imminent safety hazard, an accident or other emergency involving a participant or vehicle in a UMN convoy, shall immediately give the emergency signal:
 - i. By CB radio - "*Stop, stop, stop!*";
 - ii. By horn - 3 horn blasts; and
 - iii. By headlights - flashing high beams 3 times.

Note: in the case of horn or headlight emergency signals, other cars in the convoy should repeat the signal until it is clear that all cars are stopping.

- d.** Whenever the emergency signal is given, all tour drivers shall safely pull off the roadway and stop. The CB channel shall be left clear of chatter to allow the Tour Leader and Sweeper to ascertain who gave the signal and the nature of the emergency.
- e.** The safety equipment shall be carried in the Sweeper's car.

12. In any case where a UMN member or official guest:

- a.** Abandons a UMN tour due to an irresolvable concern or complaint with the Tour Leader, Sweeper or any tour participant; or
 - b.** Is requested to leave the convoy,
- the Tour Leader shall, at the earliest opportunity, report the incident to the Tour Director.

13. No tour driver shall reduce speed during a tour solely for the purpose of charging forward at high speed until he or she has caught up to the next car ahead.

For additional information or clarification, please contact the tour director at:
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