



Club Practice Day - Sydney Motorsport Park
Saturday 4th February 2017
CAMS Permit No. TBA

Please read before the day

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY:

Arrival at the Track

Gates open by **7:00am**.

Please arrive in plenty of time to register, prepare your car and yourself and go through scrutineering before the drivers' briefing. This particularly applies to First Timers.

Registrations	(In the Control Tower)	7:10 – 8:40am
Scrutineering	(Scrutineering Bays)	7:15 – 8:45am
Officials Briefing	(In the Control Tower)	8:00 – 8:15am
Drivers Briefing-All (incl Driver Trainers)	(Outside the Control Tower)	8:30 – 8:45am
Lunch Break (time is approximate)		12:30 – 1:15pm
Timed Laps		9:30 – 4:00pm

What You Need:

- Helmet (must be appropriate Car/Motorbike Crash Helmet with stickers certifying it meets Australian Standard:- Helmet- AS1698, Goggles/Visor- AS1609).
- Non-synthetic clothing – neck-wrist-ankle
- Non-synthetic footwear
- Sunscreen
- CAMS Level 2 Speed license or above.

Your Car:

Cars are to be completely emptied, this includes the spare tyre. Remove all items from the cabin, glove box, console, boot. This is a safety precaution.

Cars must obvious and accessible towhooks, and a blue triangle on the bodywork marking the approximate location of the battery, and a fire extinguisher within reach of the driver. Standard MX-5 tow hooks are sufficient, and suitable blue triangles can easily be made from blue contact, or even from blue electrical tape.

More information on car preparation and requirements is available on the MX-5 Club website:

nsw.mx5.com.au/motorsport/getting-started

We suggest allowing half a tank of fuel per driver. The closest petrol station is on the Great Western Highway..

Familiarisation (First-Timers)

Experienced driver to take First-Timer driver out on the track for 3 laps in the first-timer's car, followed by 3 laps with the first-timer driving and the experienced providing tution. These laps will be un-timed.

Flags/Lights

Yellow Flag

If a yellow flag is shown this means that a car has come off at some point on the track. Slow down and proceed with caution. Once past the effected area you may resume race speed.

Red Flag

If a red flag is shown there is an accident somewhere on the track. Slow right down and exit the track at the usual exit point.

Chequered Flag

Your timed laps have been completed. Proceed at race speed until you pass the timing marker. The position of the timing marker will be clearly outlined in the drivers briefing.

Black Flag

If the black is shown there is a serious problem with your car or you have disobeyed the rules of the course. You must immediately proceed to the track exit and exit straight away and contact the Clerk of the Course.

Drivers Briefing

There will be a compulsory Drivers Briefing prior to the event. All drivers, passengers, volunteers, guests (that's everyone) to attend the Drivers' Briefing, after which you will be required to sign an acknowledgment of attendance to the effect: "I have attended and understood the briefing and agree to abide by the MX-5 Club's rules".

Overtaking

If someone should catch up to you on the track and you can see that they are clearly faster than you, signal them by pointing your finger in the direction that you wish them to overtake.

Unintentionally Leaving the Track

If at any time you feel that you are about to lose control of your car and are heading towards the grass, try to avoid coming off the track sideways as this is the easiest way to roll your car. Once on the grass, let the car settle itself and gently apply the brakes. Remember that the grass may be wet so there will be a greater chance of the car digging in. If you are able to resume racing proceed back on to the track when safe. Should you not be able to resume racing stay inside the vehicle with seatbelt still fastened and all safety gear still on (ie helmet) as this is the safest place. If you are in a dangerous position the race will be red flagged and you will be recovered straight away. Should you be in a safe place you will be recovered on the completion of the timed session.

Getting back on the Track

Once you are ready to come back on to the track and you have made sure that it is safe to do so please take as much care as possible to ensure that no loose dirt is brought back on to the track. The rule is the person who puts the debris on the track sweeps the track. However, this takes some time and can hold up the day's proceedings.

Accidents/Incidents

If anyone is involved in a major accident/incident turn the car off. Get out of the car and move away when safe to do so. Leave your helmet on and wait for the medical/recovery crew to arrive. Should the car catch on fire and another driver wishes to help, the other driver should ensure that they exit the track on the same side as the stranded vehicle. Do not park on the racing line and do not run on/across the track at any time.

General

On completion of your timed session you are given a half lap cool down. If your car is still hot you are permitted to drive around the pit area at a safe speed (10kmh). When parking your car after your timed session DO NOT apply the handbrake as this may warp your brakes. Leave your car in first gear and turn off the engine.

Speed in pit area

The maximum speed in pit area and pit lane is 10kmh and no burnouts or reckless driving is allowed. Only one warning will be given which will come from the Clerk of the Course. Should you re-offend then you will be asked to leave.

Groups

Drivers are grouped with drivers of similar times, with a maximum of 12 cars in any one group, fastest first. If you feel uncomfortable in your group, please check with the Clerk of the Course to be moved to another group for your next run.

Laps

Each group is on the track for 6 minutes plus a 1 lap warm-up and a 1 lap cool-down. Cars are sent out at 5 second intervals to avoid overtaking.

Lap Timing

Timing services are provided by Eldee Timing, using small timing transponders on the all cars. These transponders are provided to drivers during the registration process, along with a cable tie. The transponder should be attached to the exterior of the car, below knee height. The front grill or number plate area is recommended. Drivers of dual-enterd cars will be provided with a push they can attach to their car, allowing the transponder to be switched. Only the transponder allocated to the driver should be on the car when that driver is on track.

Timing results will be shown live on two TV screens in the cafe area, and also uploaded live to www.natsoft.com.au

At the end of each group your times will be printed and posted on the glass wall of the cafe so they can be viewed from the scrutineering bay. Full meeting results will posted on the club's website.

Optional "Raceceivers" are available for hire from Eldee Timing for \$20. These devices can be mounted in the car, subject to scrutineering approval, and will display live timing data for their matching transponder.

Driver Categories

First Timer - First Timers, never driven on a track before.

Experienced - Attended previous Club track day or other competitive track event.

Club Trophies

The Club Competition Year runs from July to June. Only MX-5 Club members are eligible for trophies. Class Trophies will be awarded for fastest time recorded during the year and a point score for the total year. See Supp. Regs. for details.

A driver can only be eligible for one category, i.e. Experienced or Novice and must compete at least twice to be eligible for the fastest time award.

A minimum of 3 drivers must compete in a class. If there are insufficient starters in a class then the competitors will be elevated to the next class.

Refuelling

All refueling must be done in the mandated area. Please consult the Supplementary Regulations for details.