

## **UNDERGROUND MIATA NETWORK TOURING GUIDELINES**

These are the official UMN Touring Guidelines that apply on all UMN tours and are approved by the UMN Board of Directors.

### ***Driver's Responsibilities***

It is the responsibility of every driver to:

- a) Hold a valid driver's licence and be:
  - i) a UMN member in good standing;
  - ii) a guest of a member approved in advance to drive by the Tour Director; or
  - iii) an official guest of the club approved in advance to drive by the Tour Director.
- b) Attend the pre-tour drivers' meeting, having ensured that they and their passenger have attended to their personal needs (food, drinks, bathroom, etc.) and that their car's fuel tank is full.
- c) Be solely responsible for the safe operation of their vehicle. Drivers shall rely on their own judgement as to the safety and legality of any driving manoeuvre before executing that manoeuvre. If a tour leader is informed that a member of a convoy is driving in an unsafe manner, they have the authority, under these Touring Guidelines, to ask that member to leave the tour.
- d) Not operate a vehicle while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- e) Have, in effect, automobile insurance as required under applicable provincial law. All drivers and passengers participating in a UMN tour do so at their own risk and must sign a waiver of liability to that effect at the start of every tour, including any guests on the tour. If a guest refuses to sign the waiver, they will not be allowed on the tour. Anyone less than 18 years of age must have the written consent of a parent or legal guardian in order to participate in a tour.
- f) Not try to block or otherwise impede a non-UMN vehicle from moving into a UMN convoy or overtaking Miatas in a convoy.
- g) Not encourage another convoy driver to overtake by indicating that the road ahead is clear, or it is "safe to pass".

h) Ensure the safe and reliable mechanical condition, and proper registration and licensing of their vehicle before the start of the tour. Drivers shall report to the tour leader, at the earliest opportunity, any mechanical or electrical problems with their own vehicle, or any other tour vehicle, which could give rise to safety concerns while travelling in a convoy (e.g., brake lights not working). If the tour leader decides that a car is not safe to be driven in the convoy, they have the authority to exclude the vehicle from the convoy for the duration of the tour.

i) Obey all laws related to distracted driving in the jurisdiction of operation.

j) Advise the tour leader or the sweep of any potentially unsafe situation or practice, by a convoy driver or anyone else, including other road-users, observed during a tour, either by CB radio or at the next stop.

k) If they observe an imminent safety hazard, accident or other emergency involving a participant or vehicle in a UMN convoy, immediately give the EMERGENCY SIGNAL:

i) by CB radio - "*Stop, stop, stop!*";

ii) by horn - 3 horn blasts; or

iii) by headlights - flashing high beams 3 times;

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

l) Not reduce speed while driving in a convoy solely for the purpose of dropping back and then charging forward at higher speeds than the convoy is traveling.

m) Maintain a reasonable distance from the car in front to provide a safe stopping distance while not allowing excessive gaps between Miatas.

n) Make more space between Miatas anytime the sweep warns that a vehicle is overtaking the convoy from the rear. Do not impede the overtaking vehicle from merging into the convoy.

o) Make any CB transmissions as short as possible so that the tour leader and sweep can maintain effective communication.

p) Drive with headlights on (low beams) whenever in a convoy.

### ***Guest Drivers and the Touring Guidelines***

Whenever official UMN guests are approved by the Tour Director to take part as drivers on a UMN tour, they shall be required to adhere to these Touring Guidelines.

Guests invited to accompany members on a UMN tour are always welcome (many UMN members start out as guests of another member). Guests who wish to drive during a UMN tour, whether in the member's Miata or their own Miata, require the approval of the Tour Director, shall be briefed on the Touring Information and Guidelines by the UMN member who is hosting them and shall attend the drivers' meeting. In the absence of the Tour Director, the member may obtain permission for a guest to drive on a tour from the President or Vice-President of the club.

The UMN reserves the right to deny driving privileges to any guest who is not sufficiently experienced or proficient to take part in convoy driving, in the opinion of the Tour Director, President or Vice-President.

### ***Contacts Concerning Tours and Touring***

Any concerns or questions regarding specific tours should be directed to the tour leader responsible for that tour. Any concerns or questions regarding a tour leader or these Touring Guidelines should be directed to the UMN Tour Director in person or by email to: [tours@ottawamiata.net](mailto:tours@ottawamiata.net).

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