

EVENT INFORMATION

Preparation

Drivers should typically make sure that oil is fresh and full, and all other fluids are at the appropriate level. For street tires, it is usually advisable to add 5-10 pounds of air to each tire (particularly fronts) to limit sidewall rollover. Stop by a nearby gas station for air. Other than that, autocross really does not add excessive stress or wear and tear to the car.

Cars must be marked with number and class. Cars may be marked ahead of time (if driver is preregistered and the number is available) or at the event. BMC typically has painter's tape available for this purpose.

To prepare for the onsite tech inspection, drivers must remove all loose items from the trunk and cabin (including floor mats). Anything bolted down can remain if desired. The paddock area is available for items removed at the event. While BMC does not anticipate any issues, drivers must use caution and care with valuables.

Novices are welcome to participate, and BMC will do their best to provide a guided Novice Walk. However, novices should feel free to approach any experienced person and ask for advice -- most will be friendly and helpful, but drivers are encouraged to keep in mind they may be very busy preparing themselves for the race.

Registration and Check-In

During check-in, drivers will complete a registration form or confirm their preregistration, get their car tech inspected, pay the entry fee, and receive a work assignment to complete their registration.

[Preregistration](#) is strongly encouraged as it speeds check-in on the day of the event.

Inspection

Staff tech inspectors will check each car for loose items in the cabin and trunk. Under the hood, they will check to see that the battery is secure. They will check for excessive wheel play, make sure the brake pedal is firm, and look at tire condition.

Race

Each driver typically gets three passes through the course with their run group in each heat, for six competition runs by the end of the day. Each pass will be 40-60 seconds long.

Cars will line up (stage) for release one at a time by the Starter. Once released, the driver makes one pass through the course from start to finish, then exits and returns slowly to the end of the staging line for another go. After the driver makes the allotted number of passes for that heat, he/she returns to the paddock and parks in preparation for their work assignment or time as a spectator.

BMC will time each competition run and will use the competitor's lowest individual time to score their rank within each class. Each cone hit during a run accrues a 2-second penalty added to the final time. There will be no scoring of off-course runs.

BMC will have volunteer instructors available to ride along and point novices through the course and offer tips. BMC finds it is best for novices to do their first few runs with an instructor before going out on their own.

Awards

At the end of the day after the course is cleared of cones and equipment, there is a small wrap-up / awards ceremony during which time BMC will highlight and give trophies to the top 2-3 drivers of each class. Additionally, an autocross participant also registered as an entrant in Mini Meet East 2015 is eligible for an award for the top three classic Minis and Mokes, the top three new MINIs, and the top three modified classic Minis. Distribution of these awards will be at the meet banquet.

Facilities

BMC will not provide lunch, and there is not a lunch break in the schedule. Attendees must bring their own food or use one of their free periods to go get something. There are several fast food options nearby. There will be bottled water available as well as a portable sanitary facility.