



CONVOY RUNS GUIDELINES

THE MX-5 CLUB OF NSW ENCOURAGES SAFE DRIVING ON OUR RUNS

The Club's *Runs Code of Conduct* applies to all Club runs. The *Convoy Run Guidelines* supplement the Code. Together, they promote a safe and enjoyable motoring experience on Club convoy runs, recognising that travelling in a group creates unique challenges for all participants and other road users. When we are in a run group, we represent our Club. Each participant must behave in a way that upholds the Club's values, integrity, and good reputation.

Convoy Runs

On a Convoy Run, participants follow a Run Leader on a planned route that includes designated stops, regrouping points, and a destination. Participants travel together to the extent that it is practicable and safe.

While on the run, you, the participant, should:

- maintain a safe and constant gap and braking distance between vehicles (3 – 4 seconds)
- drive at a speed you're comfortable with
- stay in sight of the vehicle in front and behind
- be aware of other traffic
 - if vehicles are building up behind you, provide a safe opportunity for them to pass
 - at traffic lights, use more than one lane, if available
 - if it's safe to do so, wait at intersections or where the direction taken by the run group may be unclear to the car behind you
- **not** overtake the Run Leader or others unless invited to do so
 - **do not** pass other run group members unless the road rules and conditions allow
 - if you are holding up the car behind, wave them through when it is safe and legal
 - flash your lights if you wish to overtake and leave them on while passing
- **not** push a slower driver in front of you beyond their comfort or skill levels
- **not** get concerned if you fall back; there'll be an opportunity to regroup at the next break.

If you plan to leave the run group early or along the route, please inform the Run Leader via UHF radio or the mobile phone number provided, as soon as possible.

The Run Leader of a Convoy Run may provide:

- an appropriate 'run sheet' providing guidance and directions for run participants, including the proposed route for the run and details of planned stops along the way
- an oral and/or written briefing for the proposed route an overview of the route, including confirming run style and highlighting key turns, regrouping points, stops, and known hazards
- instructions regarding the use of two-way radios on the run
- mobile phone contact for participants.

The Run Leader may nominate a participant to act as 'Tail-end Charlie' (or 'Sweep'), who will be 'last in line' on the run, and will communicate with the Run Leader to confirm that all cars in the group have arrived / departed regrouping points and advise any concerns (such as missed turns, breakdowns, accidents, etc).

The Run Leader may provide further instructions or directions during the run.