

BAJA SAE Ohio 2026 – Team Welcome Letter

Dear Baja SAE Teams,

On behalf of the organizing committee, welcome to Baja SAE Ohio 2026. We are excited to host you at Briarcliff MX Park in Nashport, Ohio, for a week of competition, design exchange, and real-world testing of your team's ideas and engineering solutions.

This letter outlines key details to help your team prepare for arrival and make the most of a safe, organized, and successful event experience.

Event Overview

- **Dates:** September 24–27, 2026
 - **Location:** Briarcliff MX Park, Nashport, Ohio
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Arrival & Site Access

Parking and Paddocks

When your team arrives, two parking areas will be available. The main paddock area opens at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 24. Each team will be assigned either a 60 ft x 25 ft paddock or a 30 ft x 25 ft paddock, and your preferred size must be indicated when completing the **Logistics Survey Form**.

Please note that the roads leading to the track are narrow country roads and are not suitable for pre-staging. Teams must not stage or park along the road to the track.

Directions to the Track

- **For large trucks:** If traveling north on SR146 or exiting SR16 onto SR146, do **not** take Marne Road to South Main Street into Hanover. This route leads to a low-clearance, one-lane railroad tunnel.
- Do **not** use Grove Road from Licking Valley. It is a dirt road with a small-capacity bridge that is not rated for heavy loads.
- **Recommended routes:** SR586 to Briarcliff Road, or Licking Valley Road to Briarcliff Road.

Team Paddock Arrival Procedure

After entering the main gate at Briarcliff MX Park and passing the admission gate, teams will see two parking areas: general parking/pre-staging to the left and team paddock parking

straight ahead. Only Baja car transport vehicles will be allowed in the team paddock parking area. All equipment and tents must remain within your team's assigned paddock space.

Depending on arrival time, transport vehicles may be directed to a pre-staging area to reduce paddock congestion and prevent traffic backups onto Briarcliff Road. Teams will be parked in the order they arrive. The pre-staging area opens at 6:30 a.m., and paddock parking begins at 7:30 a.m. Please do not arrive before 6:30 a.m. and do not park on the road leading to the park. Any teams that arrive at the gate or in the roadway prior to opening will be rerouted. **Teams waiting at the entrance will be held back until all other teams are parked.**

Teams will be parked as they arrive, and the final maps and paddock layout will be posted on the existing SAE Competition Resource Page. We strongly encourage teams to leave trailers on site to reduce vehicle traffic in the paddocks. The event site will close each night according to the posted schedule, and no teams may remain on site after closing. Any items left in the paddock areas will remain at the team's own risk. Once all Baja transport vehicles are parked, the paddock area will be closed to vehicle traffic to reduce congestion.

A second parking area will remain open for teams to come and go as needed. Please review the posted maps to familiarize yourself with the site layout before arrival.

Track Food Options

Pre-Ordered Meals

To support teams and simplify logistics, the organizing committee will offer pre-ordered meal packages throughout the event. The deadline for ordering meals is Friday, July 27.

Meal Plan Information

For teams interested in purchasing the **subsidized 4-meal plan**, detailed information—including menus, pricing, and ordering instructions—is available in the **Appendix** of this document.

To place an order, each team must have **one representative complete the Logistics Survey Form** provided. This form will be used to collect all required information and finalize your meal selections.

Link to the Logistics Survey:



Limited Onsite Food Vendors

The track is working to bring a limited number of food trucks on site. Vendor availability is not guaranteed, and options may be limited. Updates will be posted to the SAE Competition Resource Page once vendors are confirmed. Any purchases from onsite food trucks will be the responsibility of individual team members and will not be subsidized by the event.

Team-Supplied Meals

Teams may bring their own food to the event site. Grills will be permitted only in a designated area identified on the event maps posted to the SAE Competition Resource Page. Any team using a grill in its paddock area will be subject to penalties.

Important Reminder: Please plan ahead for food and drinks for your team. Because of the track's location, convenient offsite options are limited.

Event Apparel (T-Shirts)

We plan to offer official Baja SAE Ohio event shirts for participants.

Details

- Shirts will be available by pre-order only (recommended).
- Limited onsite quantities may be available, but they are not guaranteed.
- Ordering information will include available sizes, a shirt design preview, and pricing.

We strongly encourage teams to submit shirt orders in advance to help ensure availability



for all team members using the **Logistics Survey Form:**

Spectators

Spectators are encouraged to attend all events during the 2026 Baja SAE Ohio event. Spectators will be allowed to watch each event from pre-defined viewing locations. All spectators will need to register (for free) and sign the SAE liability waiver.

Dynamic Events

This year at the Ohio event we will have the following 4 dynamic events all set up with in the MX tracks main fence. This is a little different than what we had set up in 2023.

Acceleration, Pulling Event, Maneuverability and Suspension & Traction.

We will post additional information about these events prior the start of the event.

There will also be a practice track set up.

Team Communication

All official event updates and documents will be shared through SAE communication channels.

Please make sure your team:

- Has at least one active contact monitoring communications regularly
 - Completes all required forms and submissions on time
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Sponsors/ Recruiting Tent

Please take time to visit the Sponsors and Recruiting Tent to connect with the organizations supporting this event. Their involvement helps make Baja SAE Ohio possible. They are here to talk with you and your teams.

Final Notes & Expectations

- Plan ahead and arrive prepared—the site is designed for competition, not convenience.
- Prepare for the weather. Typical conditions for this time of year include average highs of 71–77°F, lows of 52–57°F, and generally dry conditions.
- Respect all event rules, volunteers, and fellow competitors.

- Prioritize safety, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the event.
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We're Looking Forward to Seeing You

We are excited to bring together teams from across the country for an outstanding Baja SAE experience. Your preparation and participation make this event possible, and we look forward to seeing your hard work in action.

If you have questions, please reach out through the official event communication channels.

Safe travels, and we look forward to seeing you in Ohio.

Sincerely,

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Baja SAE Ohio Organizing Committee