



All Wheel Drive Club (Sydney) Inc. By-Laws

1. On any club activity, members shall be prepared to act under the guidance of the trip leader. The trip leader may report any serious misconduct to the committee.
2. No member shall have the right to use the club name while on a private trip.
3. No person participating on a club activity shall act in a manner that may bring discredit upon the club.
4. The driver of a vehicle is to inform their passengers of all relevant rules and will be responsible for their conduct.
5. The consumption of alcohol by all trip participants will be kept to a safe and reasonable level.
6. All members shall comply with all road traffic regulations and observe road courtesy at all times.
7. Members shall be careful to ensure that:
 - a. There shall be no destruction of flora and fauna.
 - b. All public and private property shall be respected and no wilful trespass shall be permitted.
 - c. Permission shall be obtained from the landowner before travelling through any private property.
 - d. Every effort will be made not to disturb stock.
 - e. Local water supplies must be respected.
 - f. Appreciation must be expressed for any help received from a non-member.
8. When driving on beaches members shall:
 - a. not drive on areas marked by flags or patrolled by lifesavers,
 - b. exercise caution when passing fishermen and other persons on the beach, and
 - c. avoid areas where earthworks, structures or plantings for the control of sand movement and beach deterioration are in place.
9. In the interests of conservation, vehicles shall keep to the made track at all times. The trip leader shall be empowered to decide if it is necessary to leave the track.
10. Any damage caused to a track shall be repaired before moving on.
11. All members booked on a club trip must contact the trip co-ordinator at least seven (7) days prior to the planned departure date (unless otherwise advised) so as to confirm their intention to attend and to obtain trip details.
12. The trip leader shall nominate a trip participant to keep a log of all happenings on the trip for future reporting.
13. When travelling in convoy, vehicle positions shall be maintained with ample space between vehicles to enable other vehicles to overtake throughout the convoy. Should a vehicle lose its position, it shall not attempt to regain it until the convoy has halted.
14. At all turn-offs vehicles shall wait for the following vehicle, to ensure it is aware of the change of direction. Periodic checks for the vehicle following must be made.

15. All gates shall be left as found by the leader. The lead vehicle shall open all gates, the second vehicle shall wait and close the gate at the end of the convoy. This vehicle will join the convoy in front of the "tail-end-charlie".
16. No member shall leave the convoy without informing the trip leader and shall state whether they intend to return or not.
17. No member of the convoy shall be left in trouble without help. To signal that help is required, either flash the headlights or raise the bonnet.
18. Every vehicle participating on a 4WD trip must have a tow point fitted, front and rear.
19. The trip leader or their nominee shall be in charge of all recovery operations. All other vehicles and spectators must be well clear.
20. No two vehicles will attempt to negotiate an obstacle at the same time. Always wait until the preceding vehicle is clear before continuing.
21. Riding on the exterior of a vehicle of a vehicle should be avoided wherever possible.
22. Channels 5 AM and 15 UHF shall be used for radio communications between vehicles. It is a requirement that vehicles on all club trips, excepting driver training, have a working CB radio (UHF preferred).
23. It shall be the responsibility of all members to ensure that their vehicle is in sound mechanical condition and that they have adequate supplies of fuel, food and water.
24. Every care shall be taken in the lighting and control of fires. All fires shall be properly extinguished before leaving the site. Fireplaces shall be left tidy, regardless of the state they were found in. It will be at the discretion of the trip leader as to whether a fire shall be lit or not. No fires are to be lit in prohibited areas or during prohibited periods.
25. All rubbish must be conveyed to a place where it can be disposed of in a proper receptacle. No litter at all can be left behind on a club trip. What you take in, you must take out. The old principle of burn, bash and bury no longer applies.
26. All hygiene decisions shall be made by the trip leader. In all cases, faeces will be buried.
27. Owner of pets must abide by the following rules if they wish to bring pets on club trips:
 - a. If the trip goes through a National Parks, no pets are allowed on the trip.
 - b. If the trip goes through private property, the owner must be notified by the trip leader before entering the property for permission.
 - c. The trip leader has the final say if pets can be taken on the trip.
 - d. The trip leader should be notified at least one week prior to the trip.
 - e. Owners must maintain control of their pets at all times.
 - f. Where livestock is present, all pets will be kept on a leash.
28. Firearms are not to be displayed on club trips except with the express permission of the trip leader and with prior approval of the committee. Written permission must also be obtained from any property owner (private, crown land, state forests and national parks) whose land is entered. Guidelines for the use of firearms on club trips:
 - a. only one (1) vehicle to be used at any one (1) time
 - b. only four (4) persons per vehicle
 - c. only one (1) firearm per vehicle
 - d. the distance from the camp, any buildings or roads will be at least four (4) kilometres for shotguns and rim-fire rifles and at least twelve (12) kilometres for centre-fire or high powered rifles.

29. The committee must obtain prior approval for the expenditure on any event or purchase over \$1,000 at an extraordinary general meeting, with the exception of the Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Association membership fees and the 4WD Club liability insurance.
30. All Wheel Drive Club stickers remain the property of All Wheel Drive Club of Sydney Incorporated. These stickers are to be removed on disposal of the vehicle and/or termination of club membership.
31. Driver training is compulsory for new members. It is to be completed prior to attending any 4WD trip and within four (4) months of joining the club. Written submissions for exemptions may be submitted to the committee. For safety reasons, learner drivers (ie. drivers who are on their 'L-Plates') are NOT permitted to participate in Driver Training.
32. At the committee's discretion special memberships may be created, including life, reciprocal or temporary memberships. These memberships are outlined below.
 - a. Life Membership is awarded by the committee for the period of the member's life all rights and privileges of financial members, without the annual subscription fee.
 - b. Reciprocal membership may, at the discretion of the committee, be offered to any financial member of a recognised four wheel drive club. Reciprocal members shall be entitled to all benefits, facilities and privileges of the All Wheel Drive Club whilst visiting or residing in New South Wales. A reciprocal member shall not be subject to any membership fees and such member shall not be entitled to voting rights. Benefits to reciprocal members shall be extended for a period of up to three (3) months, any extension to this period being at the discretion of the committee.
 - c. Temporary membership may, at the discretion of the committee and on payment of a nominated fee, be offered to any person for a defined period. Temporary members shall be entitled to all benefits, facilities and privileges of the All Wheel Drive Club. A temporary member shall not be entitled to voting rights.
33. Nominations for Membership to the Club shall be restricted to applicants whose vehicles meet the following criteria:
 - a. The vehicle should have low range gearing; and
 - b. The vehicle must be capable of completing the existing driver training course (as determined by the Committee). Factors that the Committee would consider include:
 - i) Vehicle ground clearance
 - ii) Overall 4WD capabilities