

# **EXEDY**

## **VICTORIAN RALLY**

### **CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Victorian Rally Championship**

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### ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS DOCUMENT

ARC	Australian Rally Championship
CAMS	Confederation of Australian Motorsport
FIA	Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (International Automobile Federation)
NCR	National Competition Rules (of CAMS)
NRC	National Rally Code
VRAP	Victorian Rally Advisory Panel
VRC	Victorian Rally Championship
VRC-2WD	Victorian 2 Wheel Drive Rally Championship
VRCs	Victorian Rally Championship & Victorian Two Wheel Drive Rally Championship
VRCMG	Victorian Rally Championship Management Group
VSCDC	Victorian <del>Sport &amp; Club Development</del> <b>State</b> Council

Additions to these Regulations from the previous years shown thus:                     .

Deletions to these Regulations from the previous years shown thus: \_\_\_\_\_ |

## 1 AUTHORITY

- 1.1 The Victorian Rally Championship (VRC) and the Victorian Two Wheel Drive Rally Championship (VRC-2WD) (collectively referred to in this document as the VRCs) are championships sanctioned by the Victorian ~~Sport & Club Development~~ State Council (VSCDC) of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS) on advice from the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel (VRAP).
- 1.2 The VSCDC has delegated the authority to manage the VRCs to the VRAP, and the VRAP has further delegated some of those responsibilities to the Victorian Rally Championship Management Group (VRCMG). The role of the VRCMG is described in Appendix 2:
- 1.3 These Standing Regulations govern the conduct of the VRCs and the Events that are designated by the VRAP as being included in the VRCs.
- 1.4 These Standing Regulations must be approved by the VSCDC Executive and remain in effect until replaced. Amendments must be approved by the VSCDC Executive.

## 2 THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2.1 The VRC and the VRC-2WD will consist of a number of Special Stage rallies hereafter referred to as "Events". These Events will be listed in a calendar issued from time to time by the VRAP, usually at the beginning of each year.
- 2.2 Unless approved otherwise by the VRAP, the VRC and the VRC-2WD shall consist of the same Events.
- 2.3 The VRC shall have the following classifications:
  - a) Overall. First Overall shall be the VRC Champion.
  - b) Vehicle Classes in accordance with Clauses 13.2, 13.3, 13.4 and 13.5.
  - c) Clubman. Crews with a driver graded D, E or F and a co-driver of any grade competing in a vehicle with two wheel drive that otherwise complies with any vehicle class listed in Clauses 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4 (ie no CRC vehicles).
  - d) Novice. Crews with a driver graded E or F and a co-driver graded D, E or F competing in a vehicle that does not have forced induction but otherwise complies with any vehicle class listed in Clauses 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4 (ie no CRC vehicles).

*The grades for Clubman and Novice only apply to each crew member's respective role. A driver's co-driver grade and a co-driver's driver grade are not relevant.*
- 2.4 The VRC-2WD shall have the following classifications:
  - a) First Overall in the VRC-2WD shall be the VRC-2WD Champion.
  - b) There are no vehicle classes or other classifications within the VRC-2WD.

## 3 GOVERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 3.1 Each Event will be held under the provisions of:
  - a) The International Sporting Code of the FIA
  - b) The National Competition Rules (NCR's) of CAMS
  - c) The National Rally Code (NRC) including Appendices A to E and using A-to-A timing in accordance with National Rally Code 1.33 except Appendix A Article 1.10(i) (f) dot point 3 (Parc fermé at the end of the Event) which is replaced by Clause 21 of these Regulations.
  - d) **Select articles of the 2011 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Regulations - Part 1 Sporting Regulations reproduced in Appendix 3 of these Standing Regulations.**

~~The following articles of the 2011 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Regulations - Part 1 Sporting Regulations:~~

  - ~~(i) 7 - Crew Attire~~
  - ~~(ii) 13.1 - Application and Interpretation of the Regulations - EXCEPT:~~
    - ~~A) 13.1(vii) - Competitor Relations Officer (replaced by Clause 15 of these Regulations)~~
    - ~~B) 13.1(ix) - Refund of entry fee (replaced by Clause 7 of these Regulations)~~
    - ~~C) 13.1(x) - Vehicle transmitters (not applicable to Events in the VRCs)~~
    - ~~D) 13.1(xi) - Rejoining (replaced by Clause 19 of these Regulations)~~
  - ~~(iii) 16 - Final Control~~

- ~~(iv) 17 - Traffic and Repair (Servicing) EXCEPT:~~
  - ~~A) 17.1(iii) - Emptying and/or refilling fuel (each Event to define in supp regs)~~
  - ~~B) 17.6(i) - Flexiservice (not applicable to Events in the VRCs)~~
  - ~~C) 17.6(ii) - Overnight parc fermé (replaced by Clause 5.1 of these Regulations)~~
  - ~~D) 17.6(iii) - Starting Heat 2 (replaced by Clause 5.5 of these Regulations)~~
  - ~~E) 17.6(iv) - Booking into parc fermé 6 hours prior to heat 2 (not applicable to Events in the VRCs)~~
  - ~~F) 17.9(i) - Only the reference to Level 2 fuel~~
  - ~~G) 17.10 - Remote service zones (not applicable to Events in the VRCs)~~
- ~~(v) 23.1 - Copyright - except: the reference to the Australian Rally Championship shall become a reference to the VRAP~~
- e) **Select articles of the 2011 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Regulations - Part 2 Technical Regulations reproduced in Appendix 3 of these Standing Regulations.**

~~The following articles of the 2010 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Regulations - Part 2 Technical Regulations~~

- ~~(i) 5.3 - Availability of homologation papers~~
- ~~(ii) 5.4 - Vehicle non-compliance~~
- ~~(iii) 5.5 - Instruction for vehicle to comply with regulations~~
- ~~(iv) 5.8 - Scrutiny during the Event~~
- ~~(v) 5.15 - Missing identification marks~~

~~An extract of the 2010 ARC Sporting & Technical Regulations referred to above has been reproduced in Appendix 3 of these Standing Regulations for reference.~~

- f) The Victorian Rally Bulletin
- g) These Standing Regulations
- h) Individual Event Supplementary Regulations, Further Regulations, Instructions and/or Bulletins.

#### 4 EVENT FORMAT

- 4.1 The absolute minimum competitive distance for an Event is 50 km. The absolute maximum competitive distance is 230 km.
- 4.2 The preferred minimum competitive distance is 80 km. The preferred maximum competitive distance per day is 120 km.
- 4.3 The maximum competitive distance may be increased in circumstances approved by the VRCMG. In the case of a Force Majeure, the VRAP may give recognition to an Event where the total competitive distance is less than the minimum 50 km.
- 4.4 Each Event will consist of one or more Heats. Where an Event has more than one Heat the Heats should be of a similar competitive distance where practicable. There should not be more than two Heats per day.
- 4.5 The number of Heats must be stated in each Event's Supplementary Regulations under "Event Format" with the following wording:

*The event will be divided into xxx heat(s) with each heat scored separately for Championship points.*

#### 5 HEATS

- 5.1 See NRC 1.38 for a definition of a Heat.
- 5.2 Each Heat shall be scored separately for points in the VRCs.
- 5.3 The location of the end of a Heat **and** must be the same control as the start of the next Heat. ~~This location~~ must be clearly nominated in the Event Itinerary and the appropriate place in the route instructions.
- 5.4 Crews may only start subsequent Heats of an Event if they have been booked out of the first control of Heat 1 unless approval is given by the Clerk of Course.

- 5.5 Crews who do not finish a Heat but who wish to start a subsequent Heat shall do so in accordance with Clause 19.
- 5.6 Crews who gain points in a Heat but fail to finish any subsequent Heat must make their vehicles available for scrutiny prior to departing the Event. Failure to do so may result in loss of points from the heats completed.

## 6 EVENT POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION

- 6.1 The postponement or cancellation of any event must be in accordance with NCR 59 and NRC 6.9(i).
- 6.2 The VRCMG should be consulted prior to any postponement or cancellation.
- 6.3 Consideration must be given to the implications of the postponement or cancellation of the event to the VRCs (eg: how it may affect the outcome of that year's VRCs).
- 6.4 If an Event is postponed or cancelled it may still be subject to fees and charges imposed by VRAP and/or CAMS. See Appendix R - Fees and Changes.

## 7 ENTRIES

- 7.1 The entry fee will be refunded in full if:
  - a) An entry is not accepted,
  - b) The entry is withdrawn prior to the date of close of entries,
  - c) In the case of a reserve entry not starting the Event.
- 7.2 If for reasons of Force Majeure, duly recognised by the Stewards of the meeting, a crew is unable to start the rally, 100% of the entry fee may be refunded.
- 7.3 The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry in accordance with NCR 83.

## 8 ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1 Organisers will be required to pay to CAMS the following:
  - a) The CAMS permit fees as applicable to the Event.
  - b) Fees to the Road Damage Fund as per VRB 3.1.20.
  - c) Fees to the Rally Promotion Fund as per VRB 3.1.38.

*It is intended that the fees paid to the promotion Fund be also used for the purchase of end of season series trophies, awards and general management of the VRCs.*
- 8.2 The fees described in Clause 8.1(b) & 8.1(c) above are to be sent to CAMS with the permit fee and are to be secured in separate trust accounts managed by CAMS and the VRAP.
- 8.3 The Organisers must supply two sets of black competition numbers to each competing crew. These numbers shall be a minimum of 200mm high and shall be placed on each front door of the competing vehicle within the number panel provided by the crew for that purpose.
- 8.4 The Organisers must supply a set of fluorescent competition numbers or similar stickers to each competing crew for the competing vehicle and for each service vehicle nominated on the entry form. The numbers shall be a minimum of 60mm high and must be placed on the top left hand side of the windscreen so as to be clearly visible to officials outside the vehicle.
- 8.5 A Results Manager must be appointed to produce results in accordance with Clause 22 of these Standing Regulations.
- 8.6 All Events must ensure that servicing is carried out only at service points nominated in the route instructions. Refer ~~2009~~ ARC Regulations - Part 1 Sporting Regulations Article 17.2 for the definition of prohibited service (see extract in Appendix 3).

## 9 AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS AND BULLETINS

- 9.1 Event Supplementary Regulations may only be amended in accordance with NCR 69.
- 9.2 Any amendment or any additional provision to the Supplementary Regulations of an Event will be announced by dated and numbered Bulletins, which will be an integral part of the Event Supplementary Regulations. These Bulletins will be posted on the Official Notice Board, and will also be directly communicated to each crew of which one member must acknowledge receipt by signature, unless this is materially impossible during the running of the Rally.
- 9.3 Issuing Bulletins without requiring the signature of a crew member can only be done with the approval of the Stewards.

## 10 ELIGIBLE CREWS

- 10.1 The VRCs are open to holders of a CAMS Clubman Rally licence or superior licence.
- 10.2 Each crew shall consist of two people, each being the holder of a licence described in Article 10.1. One crew member is to be nominated on the entry form as the Driver and the other as the Co-driver.
- 10.3 Crew members may be changed or have their roles reversed up to one hour prior to the start of the Event provided the Organisers are notified of such change in writing. After this time, crew members cannot interchange from their nominated positions whilst competing on special stages except in an emergency situation.
- 10.4 Crew members are eligible to score points and prize money in the VRCs if they are registered in accordance with Article 11.

## 11 CREW REGISTRATION

- 11.1 Only Registered crew members are eligible to score Championship points in the VRCs.
- 11.2 Registration shall be based on the rationale that it is in the best interests of the VRCs that points shall only be awarded to bona fide crew members in the VRCs. This is to avoid distortion of pointscores during the year by one-off crew members.
- 11.3 Registration for crew members holding CAMS licences issued in Victoria or who are deemed to be Victorian crew members by the VRAP will be automatic and at no cost.
- 11.4 Crew members who do not have a CAMS licence issued in Victoria or who are not deemed to be Victorian crew members by the VRAP and who wish to be eligible for points in the VRCs shall be granted eligibility upon payment of a \$50 registration fee per crew member per Event.
- 11.5 To be eligible to score points and prize monies in the VRCs where the event is conducted as part of a combined State Rally Championship, a crew member
  - a) must have entered a prior round of the VRCs or;
  - b) be previously registered in the VRCs and;
  - c) have bona fide aspirations in the VRCs
- 11.6 The requirements of Clause 11.5 can be varied if
  - a) the crew member intends to enter future rounds of the VRCs, and;
  - b) they register for the VRCs and;
  - c) at the absolute discretion of the event organisers in consultation with VRAP
- 11.7 Crew members who anticipate competing in only one Event during the year are expected to not register to receive points for that Event regardless of whether they are a Victorian crew member or not.
- 11.8 Each crew member may register to receive points separately, but cannot elect to receive points in some classifications and not others.
- 11.9 Event entry forms shall include the following Registration Declarations. Each crew member is required to sign one of the declarations:

- A I hold a current CAMS licence and reside within the jurisdiction of the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council of CAMS or I am deemed to be a Victorian crew member by the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel. I am therefore eligible for VRC and VRC-2WD series points and awards for this event at no cost.
- B I hold a current CAMS licence and reside outside the jurisdiction of the Victorian Sport & Club Development Council of CAMS or I am deemed not to be a Victorian crew member by the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel. I wish to register for VRC and VRC-2WD series points and awards for this event. I enclose the fee of \$50 per person for this event in addition to the entry fee.
- C I do not wish to register for VRC or VRC-2WD series points and awards.

11.10 **These declarations and licences must be checked at documentation scrutiny (normally combined with vehicle scrutiny).**

11.11 Event Organisers shall indicate on entry lists and results those crew members that are registering or not registering for points in the VRCs for that Event.

## 12 ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

12.1 Vehicles must comply with one of the categories as defined in the CAMS Manual of Motorsport.

12.2 Vehicles eligible for VRCs points and awards are:

- Production Rally Cars (PRC)
- Group N
- Group N(P)
- FIA Group R
- SUV
- Showroom Rally Cars
- Historic Rally Cars

Note : No homologation time limit applies to Group N vehicles in State events.

Designation	Definition
PRC	Group 3C Production Rally Cars
Group N(Vic)	FIA Group N with the exception that no time limit applies to eligibility
HRC	Historic Rally Cars categories 1, 2 & 3
CRC	Classic Rally Cars and Club Rally Cars

12.23 Crews in CRC Classic Rally Cars and Club Rally Cars Vehicles are not eligible for any points and awards in the VRCs except for CRC class. They are also not eligible for any Event awards, (including Outright) except for CRC class.

12.4 The following categories will not be eligible for any points or awards in the VRCs.

- FIA Super 1600,
- FIA S2000

They are also not eligible for any Event awards including Outright. However Events may create a combined invitational class for these categories.

## 13 VEHICLE CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

13.1 Each vehicle shall be allocated to a Class depending upon the Category for which it is eligible in accordance with Clause 12.

13.2 PRC

Class	Definition
P1	Up to 1400cc
P2	Over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc
P3	Over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc
P4	Over 2000cc two wheel drive
P5	Over 2000cc four wheel drive and not meeting the requirements of Class P6
P6	Over 2000cc four wheel drive models first manufactured prior to 1/1/1991 or appearing on the CAMS list of eligible vehicles in Article 3.3 of the Group 3C Production Rally Cars Regulations.



## 13.3 GROUP N (Vic)

Class	Definition
N1	Up to 1400cc
N2	Over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc
N3	Over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc
N4	Over 2000cc

## 13.4 HRC

All HRC vehicles shall be placed in the one class

## 13.5 CRC

All Classic Rally Cars and Club Rally Cars CRC vehicles shall be placed in the one class.  
To be known as CRC class.

**14 OBSERVERS**

- 14.1 Each Event may be observed in accordance with the VRCs standard observation form.
- 14.2 The Observer(s) shall be person(s) appointed by the VRAP and shall have the role of observing and providing feedback to the VRAP and the Clerk of Course about the overall quality of the Event.
- 14.3 The Observer(s) must be given all Event documentation prior to the Event.
- 14.4 The Observer(s) must be granted access to all areas of the Event, including the passage of special stages.
- 14.5 If entering a special stage after the 000 vehicle, the Observer(s) must advise the Clerk of Course prior to entry.
- 14.6 The Observer(s) may not enter a special stage after the 00 vehicle, and if caught by the 00 vehicle whilst in a special stage must immediately park in a suitable safe area until the passage of the Sweep vehicle.

**15 COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER**

- 15.1 Each Event must have a Competitor Relations Officer (CRO).
- 15.2 The VRAP may appoint a VRC CRO from time to time. If no CRO has been appointed or if the appointed CRO is unable to attend an Event, the Organisers shall nominate a CRO who must then be approved by the VRAP. If time constraints do not allow approval by the VRAP, the nominated CRO shall be approved by the Stewards.
- 15.3 The CRO's name and mobile phone number must be advised to the crews of each Event either in the Supplementary Regulations, the Further Instructions or with a Bulletin.
- 15.4 The CRO's name and mobile phone number should be listed in the road book.
- 15.5 The CRO's photo, name and mobile phone number must be placed on the Official Notice Board prior to the start of the Event.
- 15.6 Crews should initially consult with the CRO with a view to resolving any issues (for example, stage times or penalties, rejoining etc) before presenting questions or issues to the Clerk of Course or Stewards.

*See Appendix 1 for a description of the duties of the CRO.*

**16 STARTING ORDER**

- 16.1 Following the close of entries, the Clerk of Course shall compile a Provisional Start Order in accordance with the Victorian-Seeding List.
- 16.2 The Clerk of Course shall allocate a position in the Provisional Start Order for any Driver not on the Victorian Seeding List.



- 16.3 The Clerk of Course may alter the Provisional Start Order position of any Driver considered to be not in an appropriate position. Any such alteration must be the subject of report to the Stewards.
- 16.4 Car numbers shall be allocated after the Provisional Start Order is determined and shall be advised in the Further Instructions.
- 16.5 Objections to the provisional starting order should be lodged in writing with the Event Secretary stating the reason and providing evidence as soon as possible but no later than the close of official scrutiny.
- 16.6 Following consideration of any objections by the Stewards, a Start Order shall be compiled and placed on the Official Notice Board at least 1 hour prior to the commencement of the Event.
- 16.7 A ballot shall be conducted at the Crew Briefing amongst the first three crews on the Start Order to determine their start positions. The ballot shall be held at least 30 minutes prior to the start time of the first car.
- 16.8 Where an Event has more than one Heat, crews will start the next Heat in the same order as they finished the previous Heat.

## 17 PASSAGE CONTROLS / VISUAL ROUTE CHECKS

- 17.1 Passage controls or visual route checks may be placed along the special stages of an Event to record the passage of cars. Crews will not be required to stop at these points unless specifically instructed to do so.

## 18 PACE NOTES

- 18.1 Pace Notes may only be used in an Event if written application has been made to and approval granted by the VRAP.
- 18.2 If approved, the use of pace notes is to be advised in the Event's Supplementary Regulations.
- 18.3 For Events not using pace notes, any crews found using or in possession of pace notes (determined to be such by the absolute discretion of the Clerk of Course in consultation with the Stewards) will be excluded from the event. Events not using pace notes must have the following wording in the Event Supplementary Regulations:

*Any crew found using or in possession of pace notes (determined to be such by the absolute discretion of the Clerk of Course in consultation with the Stewards) will be excluded from the event.*

## 19 REJOINING EVENTS

- 19.1 Rejoining is permitted in accordance with NRC 6.10 with the following variations:
  - 19.1.1 Rejoining may also be done at special stage start control(s) as nominated in the Route Instructions and Itinerary.
  - 19.1.2 Rejoining crews will start in a position on the road allocated by the Clerk of Course. This position should be as close as possible to the position held by the crew at the start of the stage that they failed to finish. Crews who do not rejoin at the time required by the position allocated to them will accrue early or late penalties as appropriate.
- 19.2 A rejoining crew will be classified in an Event and relevant Heat results behind any crews who complete the entire Event or Heat as per NRC 6.10.
  - 19.1.3 Missing stages in one Heat will not affect the results of other Heats.
  - 19.1.4 The rejoining crew must consist of the same vehicle, driver and co-driver in their nominated roles as per Clause 10.3.
  - 19.1.5 Crews will not be eligible for VRC's points for a heat in which they missed a stage.

## 20 ALLOCATED TIMES

- 20.1 Allocated times shall be applied in accordance with NRC 6.9(ii).
- 20.2 The fairest time referred to in NRC 6.9(ii)(a) shall be calculated in accordance with the Victorian Rally Allocated Time System.

**21 END OF EVENT PARC FERMÉ**

- 21.1 Vehicles are subject to parc fermé from as soon as they reach the final control until half an hour after the last car has reached the final control. This time period may be varied by the Clerk of Course with regard to NCR 208(iii).
- 21.2 The end of event parc fermé may be open to the public as per 2009 ARC Regulations – Part 1 - Sporting Regulations Article 16 **S15**.

*An extract of this ARC Article has been reproduced in Appendix 3 of these Standing Regulations for reference.*

**22 RESULTS**

- 22.1 Dated Provisional Results shall be issued within 120 hours of the end of the event and in accordance with the Event Schedule, Clause 3.1.9 of the Victorian Rally Bulletin, NRC Article 5.6 and NCR Article 174(v).
- 22.2 The Clerk of Course reserves the right when compiling results to modify the times calculated from the road cards and control cards by taking into account any document(s) provided by any official(s) of the Event. Any such modification(s) must be approved by the Stewards.
- 22.3 Partial official classification will not be issued.
- 22.4 Results for event awards will be established by adding the total elapsed time of all the special stages and any penalties incurred of all heats together.
- 22.5 Following the expiry of the protest period for the Provisional Results and any subsequently amended Provisional Results, the Final Results shall be issued as soon as practicable.
- 22.6 The complete Provisional and Final results must also be available for viewing and downloading on <http://www.vicrally.com.au>.
- 22.7 Once the Final Results have been issued, the pointscores of the VRCs shall be compiled and then published on the Victorian rally website <http://www.vicrally.com.au>.
- 22.8 There shall be a seven day period available to protest the compilation of the pointscores. Thereafter no further alteration of the pointscores for that Event shall be allowed - even if subsequent errors are discovered - except for Event personnel receiving compensatory points in accordance with Clause 0.

**23 ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY OF RESULTS**

- 23.1 Any advertising, publicity and/or statements made by Organisers, Promoters, Competitors, crew members and their agents must be done in a manner not likely to mislead the public as to the nature of the results and competition and are subject to the provisions of NCR 156.

**24 NUMBER OF EVENTS/HEATS THAT COUNT**

- 24.1 The VRCs will have a minimum of 4 Events and a maximum of 8 Events each year (regardless of the number of Heats) unless otherwise determined by the VRAP. Additional and/or substitute Events may be added or deleted from the championship calendar at the discretion of the VRAP.
- 24.2 Where an Event is conducted in the format of multiple heats, each heat will be scored separately for the purposes of allocating Championship points.
- 24.3 Heats that count towards a Championship shall be determined on the following basis:

Heats Conducted	Heats Dropped
6 or less	0
7 - 8	1
9 - 12	2
13 - 14	3
15 - 16	4
More than 16	Determined by the VRAP

- 24.4 To be eligible for awards in the VRCs, drivers and co-drivers must have started at least 50% of the Events conducted and must also have started at least one Event in a particular classification or Championship to be eligible for awards in that classification or Championship.

- 24.5 If a person is ineligible for an award due to the application of Clause 24.4 the award will be made to the next eligible person (if any). Points will not be reallocated if a person is ineligible for an award.

## 25 AWARDS

### Minimum Awards in an Individual Event

25.1.1 For each Event the following awards are to be the minimum presented:

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| a) First Outright                                    | Driver and Co-driver   |
| b) Second Outright                                   | Driver and Co-driver   |
| c) First Two Wheel Drive (excluding CRC vehicles)    | Driver and Co-driver   |
| d) Second Two Wheel Drive (excluding CRC vehicles)   | Driver and Co-driver   |
| e) First Novice                                      | Driver and Co-driver   |
| f) First in each Vehicle Class (including HRC & CRC) | Drivers and Co-drivers |

25.1.2 The outright winners of the VRC and the VRC-2WD for each Heat shall be acknowledged in the list of Awards and at the Presentation.

25.1.3 Multiple award winners may have their awards amalgamated.

25.1.4 Where an Event is also a round of a higher graded series (eg the ARC), the awards of the VRCs may be amalgamated with those of the higher graded series.

### Championship Awards

25.1.5 Annual awards shall be made for the following:

- |   |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| a) Victorian Rally Championship               |                      |
| (i) Champion                                  | Driver and Co-driver |
| (ii) Second Overall                           | Driver and Co-driver |
| (iii) Third Overall                           | Driver and Co-driver |
| (iv) First in each Vehicle Class              | Driver and Co-driver |
| (v) First Clubman                             | Driver and Co-driver |
| (vi) First Novice                             | Driver and Co-driver |
| b) Victorian 2 Wheel Drive Rally Championship |                      |
| (i) Champion                                  | Driver and Co-driver |
| (ii) Second Overall                           | Driver and Co-driver |

25.1.6 Multiple award winners may have their awards amalgamated.

## 26 ALLOCATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

### Victorian Rally Champion

26.1.1 Drivers and Co-drivers eligible to score points in this Championship will be those who have registered for that Event in accordance with Clause 11 and who competed in that Event in a vehicle complying with any class listed in Clauses 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4 (ie no CRC vehicles).

26.1.2 Awards will be determined by points allocated in each Heat to the first 15 Drivers and the first 15 Co-drivers who are eligible in accordance with Clause 26.1.1 as follows:

Eligible Heat Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	30	25	21	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

*The first 15 drivers may not necessarily be in the same vehicles as the first 15 co-drivers.*

26.1.3 Following the application of Clauses 24.3 (Heats that count) and 24.4 (exclusion of ineligible persons), the person with the highest total of points at the end of the year shall be declared the Victorian Rally Champion, the next highest Victorian Rally Championship - Second Overall and the next highest Victorian Rally Championship - Third Overall.

### Victorian Two Wheel Drive Rally Champion

26.1.4 Drivers and Co-drivers eligible to score points in this Championship will be those who have registered for that Event in accordance with Clause 11 and who competed in that Event in a two wheel drive vehicle that otherwise complies with any class listed in Clauses 13.2, 13.3 and 13.4 (ie no CRC vehicles).

26.1.5 Awards will be determined by points allocated in each Heat to the first 15 Drivers and the first 15 Co-drivers who are eligible in accordance with Clause 26.1.4 as follows:

Eligible Heat Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	30	25	21	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

*The first 15 drivers may not necessarily be in the same vehicles as the first 15 co-drivers.*

26.1.6 Following the application of Clauses 24.3 (Heats that count) and 24.4 (exclusion of ineligible persons), the person with the highest total of points at the end of the year shall be declared the Victorian Two Wheel Drive Rally Champion and the next highest Victorian Two Wheel Drive Rally Championship - Second Overall.

### Victorian Rally Championship - Vehicle Classes

26.1.7 Drivers and Co-drivers eligible to score points in the Vehicle Class Awards will be those who have registered for that Event in accordance with Clause 11 and who competed in that Event in a vehicle complying with any class listed in Clauses 13.2, 13.3, 13.4 and 13.5.

26.1.8 Awards will be determined by points allocated in each class in each Heat to the first 15 Drivers and the first 15 Co-drivers who are eligible in accordance with Clause 26.1.7 as follows:

Eligible Heat Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	30	25	21	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

*The first 15 drivers may not necessarily be in the same vehicles as the first 15 co-drivers.*

26.1.9 Following the application of Clauses 24.3 (Heats that count) and 24.4 (exclusion of ineligible persons), the person with the highest total of points at the end of the year shall be declared the Victorian Rally Championship - Vehicle Class winner.

### Victorian Rally Championship – Clubman Award

26.1.10 Drivers and Co-drivers eligible to score points in the Clubman Award will be those who have registered for that Event in accordance with Clause 11 and who comply with the requirements of Clause 2.3(c).

26.1.11 Awards will be determined by points allocated in each Heat to the first 15 Drivers and the first 15 Co-drivers who are eligible in accordance with Clause 26.1.10 as follows:

Eligible Heat Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	30	25	21	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

*The first 15 drivers may not necessarily be in the same vehicles as the first 15 co-drivers.*

26.1.12 Following the application of Clauses 24.3 (Heats that count) and 24.4 (exclusion of ineligible persons), the person with the highest total of points at the end of the year shall be declared the Victorian Rally Championship - Clubman winner.

### Victorian Rally Championship – Novice Award

26.1.13 Drivers and Co-drivers eligible to score points in the Novice Award will be those who have registered for that Event in accordance with Clause 11 and who comply with the requirements of Clause 2.3(d).

26.1.14 Awards will be determined by points allocated in each Heat to the first 15 Drivers and the first 15 Co-drivers who are eligible in accordance with Clause 26.1.13 as follows:

Eligible Heat Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	30	25	21	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1

*The first 15 drivers may not necessarily be in the same vehicles as the first 15 co-drivers.*

26.1.15 Following the application of Clauses 24.3 (Heats that count) and 24.4 (exclusion of ineligible persons), the person with the highest total of points at the end of the year shall be declared the Victorian Rally Championship - Novice winner.

### Compensatory Points

26.1.16 A person who is either a Clerk of Course, Assistant Clerk of Course, Checker, Secretary or other significant role that is listed in the Supplementary Regulations for an Event, may apply in writing to the VRAP to receive compensatory points for that Event towards awards in that year's VRCs.

26.1.17 The written request must be endorsed by the Event's Clerk of Course or Secretary and must be received by the VRAP in sufficient time for the request to be decided upon prior to the Event.

26.1.18 The names of persons claiming compensatory points must be advised to all crews in the Further Instructions or a Bulletin for that Event.

26.1.19 A person may receive compensatory points for only one vehicle class and the class must be nominated at the time of claiming the points.

26.1.20 The compensatory points awarded shall be the average of the four highest points the person received for other Heats during the year. Points shall be awarded in all classifications that the person is eligible for.

*The application of this Clause means that the compensatory points may change if the person has good results later in the year.*

26.1.21 A person can only claim compensatory points for one Event per year.

### Deleted Heat Points allocation

26.1.22 Should one of the Heats not be able to run in its entirety for any reason, the points shall be awarded on the basis of the established classification: full points if more than 50% of the scheduled length of special stages has been run, half points being awarded if between 25% and 50% of the length of special stages has been run. No points will be awarded if less than 25% of the scheduled length of special stages has actually been run.

26.1.23 If reduced or no points are allocated on the basis of clause 26.7.1 then the shortened heat will still be considered as being a "Heat Conducted" in clause 24.3.

## 26.8 Ties

26.8.1 In the case of a tie within a particular award at the end of the championship, the Driver or Co-driver with the most highest stage placings (comparative to the other ~~person~~ **people** in the tie) at the end of the year (excluding any stages where an allocated time has been given to any ~~person~~ **people** involved in the tie) will be allocated one additional point. If the number of stage placings is equal then no point will be awarded and the award will be deemed a tie.

26.8.2 In the case of a tie in a Heat, the tie will stand and the points on offer will be shared.

## 27 SPONSORSHIP

27.1 Sponsorship arrangements of the Championships will be the subject of Bulletins.

## APPENDIX 1 - COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER (CRO)

- A1.1 A Competitor Relations Officer (CRO) shall be appointed for all Victorian Rally Championship Events.
- A1.2 The CRO must have a clear understanding of all Regulations under which the Event is conducted. They should attend the Stewards meetings in order to keep abreast of all the decisions taken.
- A1.3 The principal duty of the CRO is to be the first point of contact for crews and to act as an intermediary between crews and the Clerk of Course and/or the Stewards.
- A1.4 The CRO should at all times be sympathetic towards crews and assist wherever possible.
- A1.5 The CRO should be easily identifiable by the crews. To this end it is advisable that:
  - A1.5.1 They wear a very conspicuous badge and/or vest.
  - A1.5.2 Be introduced at drivers' briefing.
  - A1.5.3 Their name, photo and mobile phone number should be on the Official Notice Board
- A1.6 The CRO should have a schedule drafted for the Event and posted on the notice board at Rally Headquarters. This schedule should include the CRO attending the following areas
  - A1.6.1 Scrutiny
  - A1.6.2 Start of the Event
  - A1.6.3 Starts of Heats
  - A1.6.4 Service parks
  - A1.6.5 Parc Fermés
  - A1.6.6 Finish of the Event
- A1.7 The CRO shall refrain from saying anything or taking any action that might give rise to protests.

## APPENDIX 2 - VRC MANAGEMENT GROUP (VRCMG)

### A2.1 Terms of Reference

- A2.1.1 The VRCMG is a sub committee of the VRAP, who retain the right to appoint at least one of its members.
- A2.1.2 It is intended that the VRAP will manage the VRCMG proposals either by approval or by asking for a resubmission rather than an amendment of the proposals.
- A2.1.3 By June each year the VRCMG is to nominate to the VRAP a Chairperson. The nominated Chairperson does not need to be a member of the current VRCMG.
- A2.1.4 The Chairperson elect will then select those persons they wish to be members of the VRCMG and submit their selection to the VRAP for ratification at the VRAP June meeting.

### A2.2 Roles and Responsibilities

- A2.2.1 Liaise with Event organisers in the planning, promotion and conduct of VRC events ensuring standards and rules are met and followed and that events are consistent within the series. The VRCMG is empowered to demand changes to any part of the Event if they deem such changes are necessary and may arrange for Event observers to report on an Event.
- A2.2.2 Maintenance and publication of the championship standings.
- A2.2.3 Promote the VRC as far as possible in conjunction with other promotional bodies organised by the VRAP or CAMS, and coordinate any VRC sponsorship proposals and sponsorship arrangements.
- A2.2.4 Report to the VRAP on matters relating to the conduct of the VRC.
- A2.2.5 Liaise with people on VRC issues and provide advice to the VRAP regarding these issues.
- A2.2.6 Ensure the seeding list is up to date.
- A2.2.7 Pass on grading recommendations to the VRAP.
- A2.2.8 Maintain or supervise current points scores for the Championships, and organise end of year trophies in conjunction with the CAMS Victorian State Manager.
- A2.2.9 Submit changes to the Standing Regulations to the VRAP.
- A2.2.10 Update and arrange for the distribution of the Standing Regulations.
- A2.2.11 Provide interpretation and advice concerning the Standing Regulations to organisers and crews.
- A2.2.12 Develop and monitor minimum standards for the conduct of Events to be run as part of the Championships.
- A2.2.13 In the case where a member of the VRCMG intends to compete in a round of the Championship, the liaison with regard to the Events course (including road book/s) will be handled by other VRCMG members or by the Event Checker and Area Coordinator or an appropriately appointed member of the VRAP.
- A2.2.14 Distribution of all VRC series sponsorship monies to Events in accordance with VRC series sponsorship arrangements.



## APPENDIX 3 - SELECT ARC REGULATIONS

Reproduced below are the selected articles from the 2011 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Sporting & Technical Regulations referred to in Clause 3 of these Standing Regulations. (Note: These are not the complete regulations, only those articles used by the VRC.)

### 2011 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Regulations (Part)

#### PART 1 – SPORTING REGULATIONS

##### **S6. CREW ATTIRE**

During all special stages, crew members are required to wear helmets and apparel as specified in Schedule D (General Requirements for Cars and Drivers of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport).

Failure to comply with this Article will result in a penalty up to and/or inclusive of exclusion, at the discretion of the Stewards.

##### **S12. EVENT DETAILS**

###### **S12.1 Application and Interpretation of the Regulations**

- (i) The Clerk of the Course of each Event will be responsible for the application of the Series and Supplementary and Other Regulations, and their provisions during the running of the event.
- (ii) Notwithstanding, he must inform the Stewards of the Meeting of any important decision taken in application of the Series, Supplementary or Other Regulations of the event.
- (iii) Any case not provided for in these Regulations or the Supplementary Regulations for an Event will be considered by the Stewards of the Meeting who alone will have the power to decide.
- (iv) The driver will assume the competitor's responsibility when the latter is not on board the vehicle.
- (v) Any incorrect, fraudulent or unsporting action carried out by the competitor or members of the crew will be judged by the Stewards of the Meeting who will impose penalties which may include exclusion.
- (vi) Alteration to, Abandonment and Termination of the Event: in accordance with the NCR, the organisers may abandon, alter or terminate the Event at any point.

##### **S15. FINAL CONTROL**

As soon as each crew arrives at the final control of an event the car shall be driven into the parc fermé. This parc fermé may be converted to a holding area open to competitors and the public, providing that sufficient marshals are in attendance to ensure that all other requirements for parc fermé are complied with.

A brief check shall be carried out there to verify:

- its conformity with the car submitted at pre-Event scrutiny
- if there is cause to impose the penalties specified under NRC 5.2.

##### **S16. TRAFFIC AND REPAIRS (SERVICING)**

###### **S16.1 General Conditions**

- (i) Throughout the rally, servicing of a competing car may be carried out only in service parks. However, the crew, using solely the equipment on board and with no external physical assistance, may perform service on the car at any time, other than where this is specifically prohibited.
- (ii) The speed of cars in the service parks may not exceed 30 km/h; failure to comply with this limit shall result in a penalty applied by the Stewards.

###### **S16.2 Definition of prohibited service**

- (i) The use or receipt by the crew of any manufactured materials (solid or liquid), spare parts, tools or equipment other than those carried in the competing car.
- (iii) The deviation of the competing car from the route of the rally whilst travelling through any prohibited service area.

**S16.3** It is forbidden, under pain of exclusion, to tow or transport cars, or to have them pushed, except to bring them directly back onto the road, or to immediately clear the road.

**S16.4** Similarly, crews are forbidden under pain of exclusion to:

- (i) deliberately block the passage of competing cars, or to prevent them from overtaking;

(ii) to behave in an unsporting manner.

**S16.5** Service crews will at all times be subject to the provisions of NRC 7.6.

**S16.6 End of Heat 1 Service Park**

(v) If the service park is followed by a liaison section, cars may be booked out of the service park early without penalty.

**S16.7** The use by competitors of “gravel cars” to check road conditions on special stages is prohibited.

**S16.8** Throughout the entire rally, crews must observe the traffic law of the State in which the Event is being run. Any crew which does not comply with these traffic laws shall be subject to the penalties noted at NRC 5.2 and 7.6.

**S16.9 Refuelling**

(i) Competitors may only refuel in the refuel zones designated by the organisers in the road book except as detailed under Article 16.1(iii). Competitors using Level 2 fuel may use commercially available pump fuel dispensed from pumps at filling stations marked in the road-book.

(ii) Refuel zone entry/exit shall be marked by a blue fuel can symbol.

(iii) Fuel shall be stored in the refuel area during the operation of the service park.

(iv) Decanting of fuel between containers may only be done within a refuel zone or a bunded storage area.

(v) Any action inside a refuelling zone not directly involved in the refuelling of the competing vehicle is prohibited.

(vi) In all refuelling zones, a 5 km/h speed limit will apply.

(vii) It is recommended that mechanics wear fire-resistant clothing, gloves and goggles.

(viii) The responsibility for refuelling is incumbent on the competitor alone and must be done in a manner which ensures that no fuel is spilt.

(ix) Engines must be switched off throughout the refuelling operation.

(x) Solely for the purpose of assisting with the refuelling procedure for their car, two team members of each crew may access this zone.

(xi) It is recommended that the crew remain outside the car during refuelling; however, should they remain inside, the safety belts must be unfastened.

(xii) In the event of a breakdown, the car concerned may be pushed out of the zone by crew members, officials and team members without incurring any penalty. An external battery may be used immediately before the exit of the refuel zone away from any refuelling activities.

(xiii) Any breaches of the refuel regulations will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting for consideration of exclusion or other penalty.

**S21. ADMINISTRATIVE**

**S21.1 Radios:** Organisers are not allowed to restrict the use of radio liaison by the competitors or their service crews except where such use is expressly forbidden by the laws of the State.

However, the organisers may ban the use of the frequencies which they are using.

**2011 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Regulations (Part)****PART 2 - TECHNICAL REGULATIONS****T5. SCRUTINY**

- T5.3** The crew must have available at scrutiny the car's homologation form, or the relevant Workshop Manual if the car is not homologated, as well as any appendices to this form. If these are not submitted, the Stewards of the Meeting may pronounce a penalty which may go as far as refusal to allow the car to start.
- T5.4** If, during scrutiny, a vehicle is found not to comply with technical and/or safety regulations, the Stewards of the Meeting may set a deadline before which the vehicle must be made to comply. Any competitor (entrant) who fails to meet vehicle re-presentation requirements as directed will be refused permission to start the Event.
- T5.5** Should there be any doubt as to the conformity of a car with the technical regulations, either after pre Event scrutiny, at the start or during the running of the event, the Stewards of the Meeting may, following a report from the Chief Scrutineer, issue a formal warning to the competitor and set a deadline by which the car must be made to conform. Any vehicle which does not comply will be refused to start or will be excluded.
- T5.8** Additional checking may be carried out at any time during the event, of the crew members as well as of the car. The competitor is responsible for the technical conformity of his car throughout the entire duration of the event, under pain of any penalties pronounced by the Panel of the Stewards of the Meeting.
- T5.15** Should identification marks be affixed, it is the responsibility of the crew alone to see that these are protected until the end of the event. Should they be missing, the car will be excluded from the event immediately.