

Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Inc

Club Code of Conduct

Version Info:

Version 0.1 draft.	The first draft, extracted from club rules then other details added. Presented to Committee meeting 30 October 2003.
Version 0.2 draft	Version info updated to record that Version 0.1 draft was accepted unchanged by the Committee, who directed that it be publicised in the December newsletter then discussed at the December club night.
Version 1.0 Approved	Approved by Club Meeting 11 February 2004, unchanged from Version 0.2 draft.

1 Code of Conduct

Every club member, of all types of membership, shall:

1. Recognise and be familiar with the club constitution, the club rules and all documented club processes and procedures;
2. Act in accordance with the club constitution, club rules and documented club processes and procedures when participating in club events and on the way to and from club events;
3. Recognise the authority of the trip leader or assistant trip leader while participating in or attending a club event and follow the instructions of the trip leader or assistant trip leader;
4. Take responsibility for their passengers, in terms of safety and behaviour;
5. Recognise the rights of land owners and land managers and enter properties only with the prior permission of the land owner or manager;
6. Conduct themselves on a property in accordance with the wishes and instructions of the land owner or manager, driving only where there is specific permission given and respecting areas that are to be conserved or avoided;
7. Respect the rights and feelings of all other users of roads, tracks and properties, keep clear of them, drive slowly and with consideration near them;
8. Pay particular attention to environmental concerns:
 - a. Be conscious of the environment at all times. We enjoy access to many areas on the basis that we undertake to be considerate and protective of local flora and fauna.
 - b. Stay clear of all known fragile eco-systems. Stay on the track.

- c. When venturing into unknown areas, take nothing for granted. Assume all native vegetation to be endangered.
 - d. Note especially the following:- Sand Dunes, Shore Areas, Lakes, Swamps, Bogs, Native Bush and High Pasture. All of these can be home to endangered species.
9. Recognise that access to all land is a privilege, not a right, and that abuse of access to land can lead to loss of access for everyone;
 10. Take away with them their own litter and that of their passengers, also when practical any litter left by others;
 11. At times when not participating in club events, act in keeping with this code of conduct in respect of access to land and in a manner that will not bring the club into disrepute.

2 Amendments to the Code of Conduct

1. Except where next paragraph applies, the Code of Conduct may only be amended at a General Meeting, and then only if at least two-thirds of those present and voting shall be in favour of the amendment;
2. Where exceptional circumstances exist, the Committee may temporarily amend this Code of Conduct. As soon as practicable, such amendments shall be referred to the Membership at General Meeting for ratification.