

CCVC-SAFETY-0007

Trip Categories and Pre-Requisites

1 Introduction

Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Incorporated (CCVC or Club) organises and runs 4WD trips and events that cover terrain of various degrees of difficulty. Club members and visitors that participate have differing levels of off-road driving skills and experience and their vehicles have differing degrees of off-road capability.

As a guide to participants, the level of difficulty of each trip is identified in advance as falling into one or more of the pre-defined Trip Categories. The Trip Categories are:

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| Touring Class | Travelling on back country roads accessible to the General Public. Limited "off road" travel may occur but only where appropriate to vehicles on the trip; |
| Family Shiny | Introductory level "off road" trip; |
| Shiny 4x4 | More challenging "off road" trip; |
| Club 4x4 | Specialist vehicles and equipment required, also additional driver skills; |
| Hard Yakka | The most difficult terrain, requiring significant driver and vehicle capability. |

Safety issues can arise if drivers have inappropriate skills, experience or vehicle capability for any given trip.

This document defines guidelines describing driver skills and experience pre-requisites for participation in club trips in order to optimise safety to the greatest extent possible and practicable.

2 Membership of CCVC

To become a member of CCVC a driver must attend three (3) trips of either the "Touring Class" or "Family Shiny" category trip. (Note a Training Day will qualify as one of the required trips).

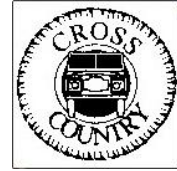
Once these trips have been completed and the "Application for Membership" submitted, the prospective new member's application will be considered by the Club Committee.

As from the effective date of this document, obtaining a Vehicle Inspection sticker and/or participating in a Training Day will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the Club. These can be completed before or after becoming a Member but are a pre-requisite to participating in the more difficult trip categories.

3 Advancing through the trip categories

To participate in any trip with a category of "Shiny 4x4" or above Members must

- *have attended a club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time; and*
- *have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker.*



The member must also be judged as being capable to participate in this category of trip by the Trip Leader.

In order to advance to a "harder" trip category, members are expected to have participated in a minimum of two (2) trips in the previous category. Members are to advise the Trip Leader when they attend their first trip of the next category up.

A Trip Leader has the absolute right to exclude a member from a trip if they believe that the trip is beyond the capability of either the member and/or their vehicle and that participation in the trip has the potential to place the member, their vehicle or other persons participating in the trip in any form of danger due to the Member and/or their vehicles unsuitability.

The Trip Leader has limited discretion in regard to the CCVC Inspection sticker requirement (see below under Vehicle Inspection).

The Trip Leaders decision on the day is final and can only be contested via the clubs "Complaints Process" as set out in item 51 of the Clubs Rules (Constitution).

4 Training and Training Days

Training takes place on every trip and Trip Leaders will try to provide support and instruction (as appropriate) to prospective and new members attending each trip.

This may be done either by the Trip Leader or by having an experienced Club Member take the individual "under their wing" (so to speak) for the period of the trip.

The Club regularly organises "Training Days" where the basics of 4WDing are demonstrated and practical experience gained.

Training events for specific aspects of 4WD'ing (i.e. use of winches etc) will also be organised by the Club from time to time.

A Training Day can be attended either before or after becoming a Member but is a prerequisite to participating in any trip with a category of Shiny 4WD or above.

5 CCVC Vehicle Inspection

Safety is paramount in everything the club does. The Club has a vehicle inspection regime where members vehicles are inspected by appointed CCVC Vehicle Inspectors to ensure that the vehicles meet the specific requirements as set out in the various Club documents (e.g. CCVC-SAFETY-0002 Minimum Standards for Tow Hook Mounting).

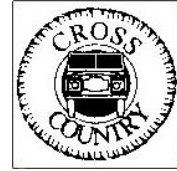
A vehicle inspection sticker is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue.

CCVC requires that all CCVC Members vehicles participating in the trip category of "Shiny 4x4" or above have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker. Members vehicles not having a current sticker displayed cannot participate in such trips/events.

The Trip Leader/Event Organiser has no discretion in this regard except:

Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off-road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a "Shiny 4x4" category in order to exclude non-members).

Members and prospective members can judge for themselves which trips are appropriate for them however the Trip Leader has the final say on participation in any trip or event.



It is recommended that novices on Family Shiny trips and Members new to the Shiny 4x4 category advise the Trip Leader so they can be allocated a "buddy" for the trip.

6 Pre-Requisites for participating in each Trip Category (Note the requirements for a given Trip Category automatically include the requirements for the previous Trip Category.)

TRIP CATEGORY	PARTICIPANT	PRE-REQUISITES
Touring Class	All participants	A valid driver's licence to operate a vehicle on the roads of New Zealand. Vehicles must be 4WD or AWD and have a current Registration and Warrant of Fitness.
Family Shiny	All participants	Vehicles must be 4WD or AWD (not car, van or station wagon) with a low ratio gearbox and suitable for "off road" driving.
Shiny 4x4	Non-members	Cannot participate.
	Members	Must have attended a CCVC Training Day. Vehicles must have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker. Must be judged as being capable to participate in this level of trip by the trip leader.
Club 4x4	Members of other recognised 4WD clubs.	Must demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate skills and experience.
	Non-members	Cannot participate.
Hard Yakka	Members	Must have participated in at least 2 "Shiny 4x4" trips Vehicle Inspection and Training Day requirements apply. Must meet any specific vehicle requirements and be judged as being capable to participate in this level of trip by the trip leader.
	Members of other recognised 4WD clubs	Must demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate skills and experience.