



AUSTRALIAN RALLY COMMISSION

MEETING SUMMARY 2/2019 SUMMARY OF ARCOM TELECONFERENCE 27 MARCH 2019

*This summary is an edited highlights package.
Enquiries are to be directed to the Commission Executive Officer.*
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Chairs State Advisory Panels	General Manager – Motor Sport	

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Terry Atkinson	TA
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CAMS Administration

Lawrie Schmitt	LS	CAMS Manager Motor Sport Operations
Scott McGrath	SMc	CAMS Division Manager - Technical
Trent Price	TP	CAMS Sporting Commissions and Championships Manager / CEO Appointee to Commission
Jake Bryant	EO	CAMS Motor Sport Development Executive Rally & Off Road / Commission Executive Officer
Tom Snooks	TS	Minutes Secretary

RALLY CALENDAR 2019

AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Rd	Date	Event	State
1	5 - 7 Apr	Forest Rally	Busselton, Western Australia
2	10 - 11 May	National Capital Rally	Canberra, ACT
3	21 - 23 Jun	Rally Tasmania	Launceston, Tasmania
4	24 - 25 Aug	Eureka Rally	Ballarat, Victoria
5	20 - 22 Sep	Adelaide Hills Rally	Adelaide Hills, South Australia
6	15 - 17 Nov	Rally Australia	Coffs Harbour, New South Wales

ARC DOCUMENTS

CAMS Administration informed the Commission that the 2019 ARC Sporting and Technical Regulations were published on the CAMS and ARC websites.

The 'CAMS ARC Regulations Part 3 – Conditions, Advice and Requirements of Organisation' document is to be reviewed for 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

MIN 0471: REFUELLING FROM AN ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT AND DAMAGE PERSPECTIVE

MATTER IS STILL PROGRESSING AND NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE RECORDED

The Commission raised concerns regarding refuelling at events due to the regular occurrence of spilt fuel.

Specific guidelines are currently being prepared for ARC organisers and crews/service crews. The document is to be distributed to put an onus on competitors/service crews to take more of an initiative with regards to spilt fuel at all levels of motor sport.

MIN 0473: APPLICATION OF PRE-1986 CLASSIC C1, HISTORIC AND PRC REGULATIONS – DISPENSATION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF COMPONENTS NOW DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN

MATTER IS STILL PROGRESSING AND NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE RECORDED

CAMS Administration identified potential constraints to vehicle eligibility for Classic C1, Historic and PRC regulations. It was identified Competitors are forced to seek alternative solutions when sourcing component parts as limited availability of original component parts is becoming common amongst pre-1986 vehicles.

During discussion the Commission agreed there was a need to review allowing reasonable modifications to pre-1986 vehicles to ensure compliance with CAMS regulations.

A copy of the Historic Component Substitution Form ([Click Here to View](#)) and Component Substitution Criteria was presented to the Commission with the suggestion that the document provides a good template if ARCom wished to implement a substitution application form.

Following discussion it was resolved:

- 1) The Historic Component Substitution Application Form is to be amended to suit the PRC, Historic and Classic Rally Groups.
- 2) A draft of the amended document is to be sent by the EO to the Historic Advisory Group and State Panel Chairs for comment.
- 3) EO to utilise and trial the new process.
- 4) Once agreement has been attained to implement the new process, EO is to communicate with CAMS Technical and upload the details to the CAMS website.

MIN 0475: APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS PROCEDURE

The Commission is reviewing current practices and policies around the issuing of Supplementary Regulations, in particular ensuring compliance with CAMS Manual and other regulations as there is often inconsistencies between submitted event Supplementary Regulations, CAMS regulations and policies.

The Commission Executive Officer advised the Commission of plans to produce a 'How To' Guide advising clubs and organisers on where to find information on the new CAMS website, compulsory information the CAMS Permit department requires and a general template that organisers can adapt for their own supplementary regulations.

MIN 0477: ARCOM DELEGATION TO STATE RALLY PANELS TO VARY NATIONAL RALLY CODE

ARCom discussed the granting of power to State Rally Advisory Panels to vary aspects of the NRC.

The recent 2018 revision of the NRC allows, in the Introduction, for ARCom to delegate approval of certain NRC variations to State Rally Advisory Panels. In considering such applications, ARCom or its delegate will take into account the need to maintain levels of safety, community relations and fairness and abide by the spirit of the NRC section of the CAMS Manual.

This change to the NRC was made in the interests of improving communication between ARCom and State

Rally Panels. It may also allow ARCom more time to consider future direction rather than minor regulation variations.

It was stated that this proposal would not apply to Technical or Safety Regulations, and (as noted above) any changes are to be advised to ARCom prior to variation.

ARCom hereby delegates to State Rally Panels the power to approve any variation to the NRC under the following conditions:

1. Any variation must take into account the need to maintain levels of safety, community relations and fairness and abide by the spirit of the National Rally Code section of the CAMS Manual.
2. The State Rally Panel must advise ARCom via rally@cams.com.au of any approval given to a variation to the NRC.
3. If ARCom disagrees with a specific variation it will provide reasons why a variation should be reconsidered.
4. ARCom may withdraw this delegation to a State Rally Panel if it considers that the delegated powers have not been exercised sensibly.

State Rally Panels are encouraged to discuss any proposed variation with members of ARCom.

MIN 0495: RALLYSPRINT TRACK LICENCE OPERATIONS MANUAL

MATTER IS STILL PROGRESSING AND NO FURTHER COMMENTS WERE RECORDED

A comprehensive document on S1 Rallysprint safety was presented to the Commission and covered safety for competitors, public, officials, media representatives and spectators, as well as venue assets.

Following discussion it was resolved that a document for S1 Rallysprint tracks/venues which will be in two parts (spectator safety and competition aspects) will be drafted (the document being for use by organisers) for ARCOM consideration.

MIN 0496: INVITATIONAL ENTRIES

A Discussion Paper was presented as to whether ARCom should impose a minimum requirement for invitational entries to be accepted, and which suggested the events should not be open to inexperienced drivers in high power-to-weight vehicles.

It is proposed to initially give this power with guidelines to Clerks of the Course. The guidelines will stipulate vehicle requirements that are to be adhered to prior to acceptance of entry. If it is felt that this discretion is not being sensibly applied then it could be withdrawn by ARCom.

Commissioners considered that the situation should be covered in the National Rally Code and a draft regulation for the Code is to be drafted.

MIN 0520: VICTORIAN CLUB RALLY SERIES – NAVIGATIONAL COMPONENT DISPENSATION

The Commission approved a request by the VRAP to permit three events of the Victorian Club Rally Series (listed below) to vary the 2019 National Rally Code (NRC) to utilise Navigational Competitive Sections, timed to the second. These variations will be published in the 2019 VCRS Regulations applicable only to these events.

The 2019 VCRS comprises six Multi-Club Special Stage Rallies and the three events below will incorporate the variations to the 2019 NRC outlined below:

- VCRS Round 2 Marysville Stages 4 May 2019
- VCRS Round 3 Nissan Nightmoves 15 June 2019
- VCRS Round 4 Daryl Tunbridge Trial 27 July 2019

The remaining three VCRS rounds will be route-charted.

MIN 0521: RALLYSPRINT S2 FHR AND SAFETY HARNESS MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

CAMS Technical presented to the Commission a potential oversight in the application of safety harnesses for

S2 Rallysprints and for the Commission to determine whether the issue requires an immediate fix or if it can be delayed until 2020.

The current situation is that FHR can be used with a 3 or 4 point harness.

Whilst there is no indication that the use of FHR with a lower standard harness will cause any significant injury – it may however reduce the effectiveness of the FHR if the wearer cannot be restrained effectively due to the lack of the 5th crotch strap.

The Commission determined that the issue can be updated for implementation as at 1/1/20.

MIN 0522: UPDATE ON G4 REGULATIONS

CAMS Technical Manager presented some proposed changes to the ARC Technical Regulations aimed at making the ARC more accessible for existing cars by providing additional areas for the approval of components through CAMS Recognition, and to promulgate the changes already approved by ARCom. Other issues resolved include the rectification of references to PRC articles and reinstatement of diagrams referred to in the text.

Commissioners approved the document which will be published immediately.

MIN 0523: COMBINED STATE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS

A number of conflicting issues associated with combined state championships events (signage on cars, points allocation and other matters) were discussed by the Commissioners and it was resolved that these issues will be clearly identified and solutions produced.

NEXT MEETING(S)

Wednesdays, with Teleconferences commencing at 1730 Melbourne time.

- 18 May
- 12 July (Friday – face to face meeting)
- 18 September
- 13 November