



**Motorsport Australia Till Hino
Victorian Rally Championships**

**Standing Regulations
2023**

**(Competitors, Drivers,
Co-Drivers & Organisers)**

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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 State Council (VSC) of Motorsport Australia on advice from the Victorian Rally Panel (VRP).
- 1.2. The VSC has delegated the authority to manage the VRCs to the Victorian Rally Panel.
- 1.3. These Standing Regulations govern the conduct of the VRCs and the Events that are designated by the VRP as being included in the VRCs.
- 1.4. These Standing Regulations must be approved by the VSC Executive and remain in effect until replaced. Amendments must be approved by the VSC 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 VRP, usually at the beginning of each year.
- 2.2. Unless approved otherwise by the VRP, 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, 13.5, 13.6, 13.7 and 13.8
 - c. Clubman. Crews with a driver graded C or D, and a co-driver of any grade competing in a vehicle that **does not have both forced induction and 4 wheel drive** that otherwise complies with any vehicle class listed in Clauses 13.2 and 13.3 (ie no S2000, CRC, CLB or G2 vehicles).
 - d. Novice. Crews with a driver graded E or F and a co-driver of any grade competing in a vehicle that **does not have both forced induction and 4 wheel drive** but otherwise complies with any vehicle class listed in Clauses 13.2 and 13.3 (ie no S2000, CRC, CLB or G2 vehicles).
 - e. VRC-2WD under 2lt Championship

<p>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.</p>
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- 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.
- 2.5. The VRC-2WD under 2lt Competition
 - a. Eligible for vehicles 2000cc and under, Group 3-Production Rally Cars, classes PN1, PN2 and PN3.
 - b. All grade Drivers and Co-Drivers eligible.

3. GOVERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 3.1. Each Event will be held under the provisions of:
 - a. The International Sporting Code of the FIA and Appendices.
 - b. The National Competition Rules (NCR's) of Motorsport Australia
 - c. The National Rally Standing Regulations (NRSR) and using A-to-A timing in accordance with NRSR.
 - d. Select articles of the 2023 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Regulations - Part 1 Sporting Regulations reproduced in Appendix 3 of these Standing Regulations.
 - e. Select articles of the 2023 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Regulations - Part 2 Technical Regulations reproduced in Appendix 3 of these Standing Regulations.
 - f. The Victorian Rally Bulletins
 - g. These Standing Regulations
 - h. Individual Event Supplementary Regulations, Further Regulations, Instructions and/or Bulletins.
 - i. Where a Round of the VRCs is conducted outside Victoria, the event will be conducted in accordance with the Rules applying in the State of the Organising Club but scored according to these Standing Regulations.

4. EVENT FORMAT

- 4.1. The preferred minimum competitive distance is 80 km. The preferred maximum competitive distance per day is 120 km.
- 4.2. The competitive distance per day may not be greater than 200km unless approved by the VRP prior to the publication of Supplementary Regulations.
- 4.3. In the case of a Force Majeure, the VRP may give recognition to an Event where the total competitive distance is less than 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 xx heat(s) with each heat scored separately for Championship points."

5. HEATS

- 5.1. See NRSR SSR 1.8 Competition for the 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 the start of the next Heat 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 18.
- 5.6. Crews who gain points in a Heat but fail to finish any subsequent Heat maybe asked to make their vehicles available for scrutiny prior to departing the Event by the Event stewards

6. EVENT POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION

- 6.1. The postponement or cancellation of any event must be in accordance with NCR 11 and NRSR EG.
- 6.2. The VRP 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 VRP and/or Motorsport Australia.

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. The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry in accordance with NCR 33.

8. ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 8.1. Organisers will be required to pay the following:
 - a. The Motorsport Australia permit fees as applicable to the Event.
 - b. Fees to the Road Damage Fund as per VRB.
 - c. Fees to the Rally Promotion Fund as per VRB.
 - d. Fees to Rallysafe (if applicable)

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.
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- 8.2. The fees described in Clauses 8.1(b) & 8.1(c) above are to be sent to Motorsport Australia with the permit fee and are to be secured in separate trust accounts managed by Motorsport Australia and the VRP. Organising clubs are requested to advise the chair of the VRP when these fees are paid, with sufficient detail to confirm the correct amount has been paid in respect of each fund.
- 8.3. The Organisers must supply competition numbers to each competing crew in accordance with Appendix 4.
- 8.4. The Organisers must also supply a set of competition numbers or similar stickers to each competing crew 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 of the nominated service vehicle/s 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 20 of these Standing Regulations.
- 8.6. All Events must ensure that servicing is carried out only at service points nominated in the route instructions. See Appendix 3

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS AND BULLETINS

- 9.1. Event Supplementary Regulations may only be amended in accordance with NRSR EG.
- 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 then form an integral part of the Event Supplementary Regulations. All competitors are bound by a Bulletin once so issued. Event Organisers may where reasonably possible require that competitors sign or otherwise indicate their acceptance of a validly issued Bulletin as a condition of being further permitted to participate in the Event.

10. ELIGIBLE CREWS

- 10.1. The VRCs are open to holders of a Motorsport Australia Rally licence or superior.
- 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 or in accordance with Article 10.4.
- 10.4. Where the nominated driver has a probationary civil drivers licence and is ineligible to drive the competing vehicle on a public road as a result of modifications to that vehicle, that driver is prohibited from driving the competing vehicle on any road that has not been gazetted as closed to the public and the nominated co-driver must have a civil drivers licence that is not probationary. On any sections of road that are not so closed, only the co-driver may drive the competing vehicle.
- 10.5. 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. Crew series registration is automatic when entering a VRC event (subject to article 11.3), except for:
 - a. Any crew member who elects not to score series points using the check box on the Event Entry Form or other method provided by the organisers.
 - b. Any event that is also an Australian Rally Championship round where article 11.3 does not apply (in which case each crew member must declare on the event entry form, or otherwise in writing that they wish to be eligible for VRC points in that event).
- 11.2. Any crew member wishing to not register for the year must do so on the entry form of the first round they contest for the year or by other method provided by the organiser of that event.
- 11.3. Once 50% of the calendared VRC heats have been run within a year, no new crew Registrations are accepted. Any crew member not registered will not be eligible for series points, but will be eligible for event awards.
- 11.4. Event Organisers shall indicate on all lists of competitors and results those crew members that are not registered for points in the VRCs for that Event.

12. ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

- 12.1. Vehicles eligibility is as per NRSR VG Article 1.2.
- 12.2. Vehicles eligible for VRCs points and awards are:

Designation	Definition
PRC	Group 3C - Production Rally Cars
Gp N	FIA Group N
Gp N(P)	Group N (P) Rally Cars (33mm restrictor)
S2000	FIA Super 2000 – Rallies
HRC	Historic Rally Cars categories 1& 2
CRC	Classic Rally Cars
CLB	Group 3 - Club Rally Cars
G2	ARC Group G2
AP4	Motorsport Australia AP4
G4	Group G4

- 12.3. Deleted in 2020

12.4. Vehicles NOT eligible for VRC, VRC-2WD points and Class points and awards are:

Designation	Definition
S1600	FIA Super 1600
R5	FIA Group R5

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 13.2

13.2. PRC, Group N & Group N(P) (combined)

Class	Definition
PN1	Up to 1400cc
PN2	Over 1400cc up to and including 1600cc
PN3	Over 1600cc up to and including 2000cc
PN4	Over 2000cc, two wheel drive
PN5	Over 2000cc four wheel drive and (not meeting the requirements of Class PN6) Includes Mitsubishi Lancer Evo7 onwards, Subaru GDA onwards and any 4WD vehicles with fully active differentials* irrespective of their model or year.
PN6	Over 2000cc four wheel drive models first manufactured prior to 1/1/1998. Includes Mitsubishi Lancer models up to and including EVO 6.5 and Subaru models up to and including GC8. PN6 precludes the use of fully active differentials*.

*see Motorsport Australia manual for definition

13.3. HRC

a. All HRC (Historic Rally Cars) vehicles shall be placed in the one class

13.4. CRC

a. All CRC (Classic Rally Cars) vehicles shall be placed in the one class.

13.5. CLB

a. All CLB (Club Rally Cars) vehicles shall be placed in the one class

13.6. S 2000

a. All S2000 vehicles shall be placed in the PN5 class.

13.7. G2

a. All G2 vehicles shall be placed in the one class.

13.8. G4 and AP4

a. All G4 and AP4 vehicles shall be placed in the one 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 VRP and shall have the role of observing and providing feedback to the VRP 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 VRP may appoint a VRC CRO from time to time. If the appointed CRO is unable to attend an Event, the Organisers shall nominate a CRO who must then be approved by the Stewards.

15.3. The CRO's name and mobile phone number must be advised to the crews of each Event in the Supplementary Regulations, the Further Instructions and Road book or with a Bulletin, unless the Stewards approve otherwise.

15.4. 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 confirm competitor Gradings with the relevant VRC Series Official and then 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 Events 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 or at an earlier time, amongst the first three crews on the Start Order to determine their start positions. The ballot shall be held at least 15 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 unless determined otherwise by the Clerk of Course.

17. PACE NOTES

- 17.1. Pace Notes may only be used in an Event if written application has been made to and approval granted by the VRP.
- 17.2. If approved, the use of pace notes is to be advised in the Event's Supplementary Regulations.
- 17.3. 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) may have a time penalty, or a penalty of exclusion from the event, imposed. 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) may be disqualified from the event."

18. REJOINING EVENTS

Rejoining is permitted in accordance with NRSR SSR Article 8 with the following variations:

- 18.1. Rejoining crews will start in a position on the road allocated by the Clerk of Course, generally in consultation with the CRO. 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.
- 18.2. 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 NRSR SSR Article 8.
- 18.3. Missing stages in one Heat will not affect the results of other Heats.
- 18.4. The rejoining crew must consist of the same vehicle, driver and co-driver in their nominated roles as per Clause 10.3.
- 18.5. Crews will not be eligible for VRC's points for a heat in which they missed a stage.

19. END OF EVENT PARC FERMÉ

19.1 As soon as each Crew arrives at the Final Control of an Event, the automobile will 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 each other requirement for parc fermé is complied with.

19.2 Vehicles are required to open their bonnet and boot once in the final parc fermé to allow for a brief check on each automobile by the Event Scrutineers which will be carried out in parc fermé to verify:

(i) Its conformity with the automobile submitted at pre-Event scrutineering; and/or

(ii) If there is cause to impose the penalties specified under NRC.

(c) If an automobile is not required for post-Event scrutineering, it may be released 15 minutes after the time at which the automobile booked into the Final Control, with maximum time held being no longer than 30 minutes.

20. RESULTS

- 20.1. Dated Provisional Results shall be issued within 120 hours of the end of the event and in accordance with the Event Schedule, NRSR EG and the NCR's.
- 20.2. The Clerk of Course reserves the right when compiling results to modify the times calculated from the road cards and control cards by considering any document(s) provided by any official(s) of the Event. Any such modification(s) must be approved by the Stewards.
- 20.3. Partial official classification will not be issued.
- 20.4. Results for event awards will be established by adding the total elapsed time of all the special stages and any penalties incurred in all heats together.
- 20.5. 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.
- 20.6. The complete Provisional and Final results may also be available for viewing and downloading on <http://results.vicrally.com.au/index.php?dir=2023>
- 20.7. Once the Final Results have been issued, the points scores of the VRCs shall be compiled and then published on the Victorian rally website or other publications
- 20.8. There shall be a seven day period available to protest the compilation of the points scores. Thereafter no further alteration of the points scores for that Event shall be allowed - even if subsequent errors are discovered - except for Event personnel receiving compensatory points in accordance with Clause 24.6

21. ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY OF RESULTS

- 21.1. 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 current Motorsport Australia NCR.

22. NUMBER OF EVENTS/HEATS THAT COUNT

- 22.1. 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 VRP. Additional and/or substitute Events may be added or deleted from the championship calendar at the discretion of the VRP.
- 22.2. Where an Event is conducted in the format of multiple heats, each heat will be scored separately for the purposes of allocating Championship points.
- 22.3. 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 VRP

- 22.4. 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.
- 22.5. If a person is ineligible for an award due to the application of Clause 22.4 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.

23. AWARDS

23.1. Minimum Awards in an Individual event

- a. For each EVENT the following awards are to be the minimum presented to the Driver and Co-driver:
 - i. First Outright Driver and Co-driver
 - ii. Second Outright Driver and Co-driver
 - iii. Third Outright Driver and Co-driver
 - iv. First Two Wheel Drive Driver and Co-driver
 - v. Second Two Wheel Drive Driver and Co-driver
 - vi. Third Two Wheel Drive Driver and Co-driver
 - vii. First Novice Driver and Co-driver
 - viii. First in each Vehicle Class** Drivers and Co-drivers (minimum 3 starters in each class)
 - ix. First Excel
- b. The outright winners of the VRC and the VRC-2WD for the event and each Heat shall be acknowledged in the list of Awards and at the Presentation.
- c. Multiple award winners may have their awards amalgamated.
- d. 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.

23.2. Championship Awards

- a. Annual awards to the Driver and Co-driver shall be made for the following:
 - i. Victorian Rally Championship
 - a. Champion Driver and Co-driver
 - b. Second Overall Driver and Co-driver
 - c. Third Overall Driver and Co-driver
 - d. First in each Vehicle Class Driver and Co-driver
 - e. First Clubman Driver and Co-driver
 - f. First Novice Driver and Co-driver
 - ii. Victorian 2 Wheel Drive Rally Championship
 - a. Champion Driver and Co-driver
 - b. Second Overall Driver and Co-driver

23.3. Multiple award winners may have their awards amalgamated.

24. ALLOCATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

In each group below, the first 15 drivers may not necessarily be in the same vehicles as the first 15 co-drivers.

24.1. Victorian Rally Champion

- a. 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 - 13.8
- b. 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 24.1.a 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

- c. Following the application of Clauses 22.4 (Heats that count) and 22.5 (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.

24.2. Victorian Two Wheel Drive Rally Champion

- a. 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, 13.4, 13.5, 13.6 and 13.7.
- b. 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 24.2.a 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

- c. Following the application of Clauses 22.4 (Heats that count) and 22.5 (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.

24.3. Victorian Rally Championship - Vehicle Classes

- a. 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, 13.5, 13.7 and 13.8. (class 13.6 is incorporated into the appropriate 13.2 class)
- b. 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 24.3.a 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

- c. Following the application of Clauses 22.4 (Heats that count) and 22.5 (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.

24.4. Victorian Rally Championship – Clubman Award

- a. 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).
- b. 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 24.4.a 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

- c. Following the application of Clauses 22.4 (Heats that count) and 22.5 (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.

24.5. Victorian Rally Championship – Novice Award

- a. 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).
- b. 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 24.5.a 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

- c. Following the application of Clauses 22.4 (Heats that count) and 22.5 (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.

24.6. Victorian Two Wheel Drive – Under 2lt Champion

- a. 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 with a capacity no greater than 2000cc that otherwise complies with Group 3 Production Rally Cars in classes PN1, PN2 and PN3 as per classes listed 13.2.
- b. No individual event awards will be offered, a single trophy for VRC-2WD under 2lt champion Driver and Co-Driver will be awarded at the end of year presentation.
- c. 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 24.6.a 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

- d. Following the application of Clauses 22.4 (Heats that count) and 22.5 (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 Under 2lt Rally Champion.

24.7. Compensatory Points

- a. A person who is in a significant role at an Event in the Championship may apply in writing to the VRP to receive compensatory points for that Event towards awards in that year's VRCs.
- b. A significant role includes Clerk Of Course, Event Secretary, the Senior Road Director and Officials Co-Ordinator.
- c. The written request must be endorsed by the Event's Clerk of Course or Secretary and must be received by the VRP prior to the publication of the event's Supplementary Regulations.
- d. A person may receive compensatory points for only one vehicle class and the class must be nominated at the time of applying the points.
- e. The names of any persons approved to receive compensatory points must be published in the event's Further Regulations.
- f. 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.

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

24.8. Deleted Heat Points allocation

- a. 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.
- b. If reduced or no points are allocated on the basis of clause 24.7(a) then the shortened heat will still be considered as being a "Heat Conducted" in clause 22.3.

24.9. Ties

- a. If two or more drivers finish the Championship on the same number of points, the higher place in the Championship will be awarded (in accordance with Article 7 of the Championship and Series Policy) to:
 - a) The holder of the greatest number of first places in races/heats.
 - b) If the number of first places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of second places.
 - c) If the number of second places is the same, the holder of the greatest number of third places, and so on until a winner emerges.
 - d) If this procedure fails to produce a result, Motorsport Australia will nominate the winner according to such criteria as it thinks fit.
- b. In the case of a tie in a Heat, the tie will stand and the points on offer will be shared.

25. SPONSORSHIP & SIGNAGE

- 25.1. Sponsorship arrangements of the Championships will be the subject of Bulletins.
- 25.2. Series Sponsorship signage in accordance with Appendix 4 must be displayed on the vehicle unmodified (except that signage for Area D may be trimmed to fit provided that none of the sponsor name is removed).
- 25.3. Event Door-plates / Event Stickers provided by the organisers must be displayed on the vehicle, unmodified, in accordance with Appendix 4; Area B.
- 25.4. Each item of signage shown in these Standing Regulations (Appendix 4) and Supplementary Regulations for each Event must be affixed to the automobile **prior to starting the event, non-complying vehicles will not be permitted to start**. Signage must remain on the automobile for the duration of the Event. Failure to meet this condition will result in the competitor being referred to the Stewards for consideration of a penalty of either a time penalty or a penalty of exclusion from the event.

26. RALLYSAFE

- (a) All competitors must make provision in their competition vehicle for the RallySAFE GPS and tracking system.
- (b) Any crew intending to overtake another moving car during a Special Stage must push the Pass button on the RallySAFE unit. If the car to be overtaken is within 500m it will receive a message that another car wishes to overtake them, and the crew of this vehicle must then allow the other vehicle to pass at the first safe opportunity. Any refusal to allow another car to overtake will be considered to be a breach of NRSR EG Art 3.8.
- (c) Transmission of send/receive of overtaking messages are logged in both vehicles. These will be available to the Clerk of the Course and to the Stewards of the Meeting in consideration of any penalty for failure to allow the vehicle to overtake.
- (d) Transmissions of SOS/OK signals from other cars are logged in both vehicles. These will be available to the Clerk of Course and to the Stewards of the Meeting in consideration of any penalty for failure to stop at an accident/incident.
- (e) The power supply to the RallySAFE unit and the proper connection of all aerials must be continuous from 30 minutes prior to the vehicle leaving the first Time Control of a day until the car reaches the final Time Control of that day or retires from the Event. Interruptions to the power supply or aerial connections or any other misuse of the RallySAFE equipment may be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting who may impose penalties that may go as far as exclusion.

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 Start of the Event
 - A1.6.2 Starts of Heats
 - A1.6.3 Service parks
 - A1.6.4 Parc Fermé
 - A1.6.5 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)

A VRCMG may be implemented by the VRP for management purposes.
If this is so these are the terms of reference that the VRCMG will operate under.

Where no VRCMG is implemented the VRP is directly responsible for these functions.

A2.1 Terms of Reference

- A2.1.1 The VRCMG is a sub-committee of the VRP, who retain the right to appoint at least one of its members.
- A2.1.2 By June each year the VRCMG is to nominate to the VRP a Chairperson. The nominated Chairperson does not need to be a member of the current VRCMG.
- A2.1.3 The Chairperson elect will then select those persons they wish to be members of the VRCMG and submit their selection to the VRP for ratification at the VRP 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 VRP or Motorsport Australia, and coordinate any VRC sponsorship proposals and sponsorship arrangements.
- A2.2.4 Report to the VRP on matters relating to the conduct of the VRC.
- A2.2.5 Liaise with people on VRC issues and provide advice to the VRP regarding these issues.
- A2.2.6 Ensure the seeding list is up to date.
- A2.2.7 Pass on grading recommendations to the VRP.
- A2.2.8 Maintain or supervise current points scores for the Championships, and organise end of year trophies.
- A2.2.9 Submit changes to the Standing Regulations to the VRP.
- 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 VRP.
- 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 2023 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.)

2023 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Regulations

PART 1 – SPORTING REGULATIONS

17. FINAL CONTROL

- (a) As soon as each crew arrives at the final control of an event, the automobile 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 each other requirement for parc fermé is complied with.
- (b) Vehicles are required to open their bonnet and boot once in the final parc fermé to allow for a brief check on each automobile by the ~~ARC Technical Delegate or~~ Event Scrutineers which will be carried out in parc fermé to verify:
 - (i) Its conformity with the automobile submitted at pre-Event scrutineering; and/or
 - (ii) If there is cause to impose the penalties specified under NRC.

18. TRAFFIC AND ROADS

- (a) The use by a competitor of any outside assistance to check the condition of a road on a special stage is prohibited.
- (b) Throughout the entire event, each crew will observe the traffic laws of the state in which the event is being run. Where a crew does not comply with these traffic laws, it will be subject to the penalties noted in the NRC.
- (c) Any breach of any Article 18 regulation will result in a report by the Clerk of the Course to the Stewards, who may impose a penalty up to and including disqualification.

19. REPAIRS AND SERVICING

19.1 GENERAL CONDITIONS:

- (a) Throughout the event, servicing of a competing automobile will only be carried out in a service park, unless Article 19.3 (i) of these regulations applies, however, the crew, using solely the equipment on board and, with no external physical assistance, may perform service on the automobile at any time, other than where this is specifically prohibited.
- (b) The speed of an automobile in the service park must not exceed 30 km/h. Failure to comply with this limit will result in a penalty being applied by the Stewards.
- (c) When necessary, as part of service, changing of a fuel tank, changing of a fuel pump, changing of a fuel filter, changing of any other item of the fuel circuit, and/or the emptying and/or refilling of fuel is permitted in a service park provided that:
 - (i) The work is carried out under the supervision of a marshal;
 - (ii) No other work is carried out on the automobile during the fuel emptying and/or refilling operation;
 - (iii) A suitable safety perimeter is established around the automobile;
 - (iv) Team members are present with fire extinguishers, sufficient in capacity and suitable for use on flammable liquid; and
 - (v) Only sufficient fuel is added during such a refilling operation to reach the next refuel zone.
- (d) Each service crew will, at all times, be subject to the provisions of Article 4.4 of the NRSR (Events General).

PART 2 - TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

FUEL

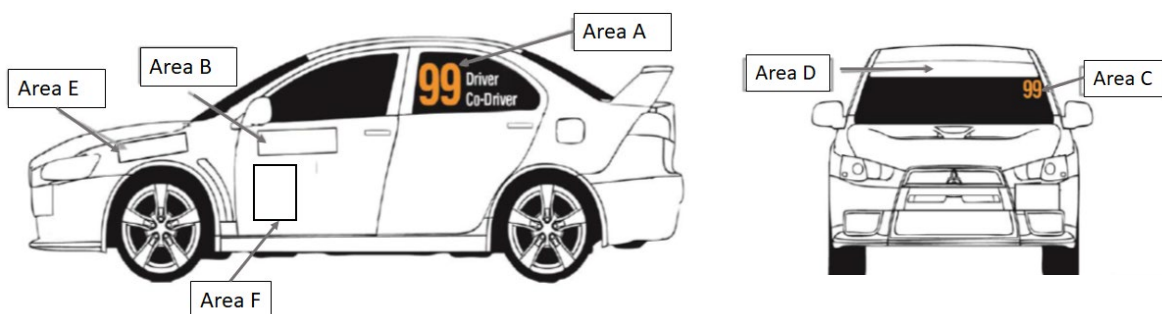
- (a) Only commercial fuel and unleaded racing fuel, as defined by the Motorsport Australia Manual, Schedule G, is permitted. Where a specific rally group is further restricted to a defined fuel in the regulations, that restriction also applies. Leaded racing fuel is not permitted.
- (b) Fuel testing may be carried out at the discretion of the *Event Scrutineers* (VRC Standing regulations only) ~~ARC Technical Delegate. 2022-24 MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP SPORTING AND TECHNICAL REGULATIONS 33~~
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- (c) Any competitor and/or driver found to be in breach of the fuel regulations will face disciplinary action, which may entail a penalty as high as a suspension of the Motorsport Australia competition licences of all parties involved, together with a monetary fine, and will, in all cases, automatically result in their disqualification from the event in question. A second offence in the same championship year will entail a penalty of a further suspension of the Motorsport Australia competition licences of all parties involved, together with a monetary fine.
- (d) An automobile will be required to be able to travel the distance between refuels at an event, based upon fuel usage of 1.3km/litre on special stages and 4.5km/litre on liaisons, with 55 litres of fuel available. Competitors needing to use more fuel per kilometre can use a fuel tank with a larger capacity which complies with Motorsport Australia automobile requirements

5. SCRUTINY

- (f) The crew may need to have available at scrutiny the automobile's homologation form, or the relevant Workshop Manual if the automobile is not homologated, as well as any appendices to this form. If these are not submitted, the Stewards may pronounce a penalty which may go as far as refusal to allow the automobile to start.
- (g) If, during scrutiny, an automobile is found not to comply with technical and/or safety regulations, the Stewards may set a deadline before which the automobile must be made to comply. Any competitor who fails to meet automobile re-presentation requirements as directed shall be refused permission to start the event.
- (h) Should there be any doubt as to the conformity of an automobile with the technical regulations, either after pre event scrutiny, at the start or during the running of the event, the Stewards may, following a report from the Chief Scrutineer, issue a formal warning to the competitor and set a deadline by which the automobile must be made to conform. Any automobile which does not comply shall be refused to start or shall be disqualified.
- (k) Additional checking may be carried out at any time during the event, of the crew members as well as of the automobile. The competitor is responsible for the technical conformity of his automobile throughout the entire duration of the event, under pain of any penalties pronounced by the Panel of the Stewards.

APPENDIX 4 – NUMBERS AND SIGNAGE PLACEMENT

Figure 1



AREA:	Name	Qty	Reserved Area / Size	Colour	Location	Responsibility
A	Competition Number	2	200mm High Stroke Width 25mm	Fluorescent Orange (PMS804)	Each side of vehicle on rear side window adjacent to crew's name	Event Organiser
B	Door Plate / Event Sticker	2	500mm x 150mm	Varies	Each side of vehicle near top edge of door	Event Organiser
C	Windscreen Competition Number	2	100mm High Stroke Width 15mm	Fluorescent Orange (PMS804)	Top edge of front and rear windscreen on co-driver's side. Below windscreen banner if applicable	Event Organiser
D	Till Hino Windscreen Banner	1	200mm High Width of Windscreen	Red	Top edge of windscreen	Supplied to Event Organiser by VRP
E	VRC Till Hino Guard Sticker	2	350mm Wide 80mm High	Varies	Each side of vehicle on front guards. Top edge preferred but may be varied by competitor provided it is clearly visible.	Supplied to Event Organiser by VRP
F	VRC Affiliate Sponsor(s)	2	350mm Wide 400mm High	Varies	Each side of vehicle on front edge of front doors.	Supplied to Event Organiser by VRP

All Signage in Appendix 4 is Compulsory (Note Standing Regulation 25)