



THE MARLBOROUGH FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INCORPORATED

Club Rules

Approved by the Committee 15 Feb 2012

1 Scope of these Club Rules

In accordance with the Club Constitution (Section 3.2, Point 1), the Committee will be concerned with the behaviour of the Club Members and shall, from time to time, issue and update a document named the Club Rules (Section 5.3). This document shall not be deemed to be legally binding in any way or be used to imply liability on any person. It is to be used only as a behavioural guideline for Club Members but it can be referred to under Section 4.6, Point 2 of the Club Constitution if required.

2 General Rules

- 2.1 All Club Activities are to be approved by the Club Committee prior to being run and are to be carried out in a safe and responsible manner.
- 2.2 Each Club Activity will have a Trip Leader appointed by the Club Committee to lead it. The Trip Leader shall be responsible for ensuring the activity complies with the Club Constitution and the Club Rules and that the activity runs safely and smoothly. The Trip Leader will have authority above all but a Club Committee majority decision.
- 2.3 Participants on a Club Activity must abide by any decisions made by the Trip Leader for the duration of that activity or withdraw totally from the activity.
- 2.4 Participants on a Club Activity must be familiar with the Club Constitution, with these Club Rules and with the Club Driving Guidelines.
- 2.5 Participants on a Club Activity are responsible for their own safety and the safety of any person that they interact with on a Club Activity
- 2.6 Participants on a Club Activity must abide by all NZ legal requirements. For example: Driving requirements - seat belt usage, drivers license, etc
- 2.7 Participants on a Club Activity must respect and conserve the general environment.
- 2.8 Participants on a Club Activity must respect any landowner's property that the activity passes through and abide by any conditions of access that the landowner has specified.
- 2.9 Absolutely no drinking and driving is permitted on any Club off-road Driving Activity..
- 2.10 No dogs or firearms are permitted on any Club Activity.
- 2.11 Any participant leaving a Club Activity part way through must inform the Trip Leader.
- 2.12 Probationary Members shall not participate in a Club Activity until a Full Member has been appointed to act as a "buddy" to them for that activity. They should then drive their vehicle immediately to the front or immediately to the rear of their "buddy" for the duration of the activity.

3 Vehicle Requirements

- 3.1 All vehicles participating in any Club Activity must be in a sound and roadworthy condition as judged by the Club Safety Officers or the Club Committee members
- 3.2 All vehicles participating in any Club activity must comply with all NZ legal requirements. For example: current registration, current warrant of fitness,
- 3.3 All vehicles participating in Club four-wheel driving activities must, unless previously agreed with the Trip Leader, be fitted with approved towing hooks, front and rear. The attachment of the hook to the vehicle must be approved by a Club Safety Officer: It is recommended that hooks be mounted facing upwards or horizontally. Hooks may only be mounted facing downwards if a Club Safety Officer agrees that it is impractical to fasten them otherwise. Downward-facing hooks must have a keeper to prevent a tow rope slipping off inadvertently.
- 3.4 Hooks must be stamped with a 10,000lb (or equivalent metric) rating or must be certified by a registered engineer to have, or exceed, a 10,000lb rating.
- 3.5 Attaching bolts must be a minimum of two 12mm (grade 8.8) or ½ inch SAE (grade 5) bolts
- 3.6 All vehicles must be adequately covered by 3rd party insurance.
- 3.7 Each vehicle on a Club Activity shall be equipped with the following Safety Equipment:
 - a) An approved snatch strap or tow rope.
 - b) A shovel or spade.
 - c) A jack, spare wheel and wheel brace.
 - d) An adequate first aid kit.
 - e) A fire extinguisher with a net weight of at least 0.9 kgs. It must have a current twelve-month capacity check sticker and a current ten-year pressure test stamp.
 - f) An exhaust spark arrester which is to be fitted at the request of the Trip Leader.
- 3.8 All vehicles must comply with the requirements of individual trips (tyre types, etc) as specified in the most recent Trip Information Sheet either printed in the Club Newsletter or published on the Club website.
- 3.9 No vehicle will be permitted to partake in a Club Activity when fitted with tyres which exceed 35 inches outside diameter at normal inflation when measured with calipers. Trip Leaders have the authority to permit a vehicle that does not fully comply with the above requirements to participate in a particular activity if, in their judgement, it is fully safe and desirable for it to do so. The Trip Leader must inform the drivers of all the other vehicles participating in the activity that this vehicle is being allowed before the activity commences.



4 Guests

- 4.1 Guests may be invited to join a Club Activity by a Full Member who is also participating in the same activity. For any driving activity a Guest must:
- a) Have his / her vehicle inspected by the Trip Leader if it is not an inspected club vehicle.
 - b) Be accompanied by his / her host and
 - c) Drive his / her vehicle immediately to the front or immediately to the rear of his / her host for the duration of the activity, and.
 - d) Complete a Membership Application Form and
 - e) Pay a minimum \$1 subscription or such other temporary membership fee as prescribed by the Club Committee, and
 - f) Be familiar with the Club Rules and the Club Driving Guidelines prior to commencing the trip.
- 4.2 The Trip Leader must inform the drivers of all the other vehicles participating in the activity that this vehicle is being allowed to participate before the activity commences.
- 4.3 Guests may not participate in more than three trips regardless of who invites them. If they wish to continue participating in Club Activities they should join the Club.

The Club Committee considers that safety is the top priority of any Club Activity. To assist in ensuring the safety of Club Members, their friends and families the Committee has published these Club Rules as of 15th February 2012
