CONVOY ETTIQUETTE

This guide outlines the rules for members and visitors during a club run to ensure everyone's safety and maintain group cohesion.

Prior to departure

All vehicles must be legally registered and roadworthy, with the necessary permits. Bald tires and smokey exhausts harm the club's image with the public and police.

Make sure your vehicle has sufficient fuel, oil, and water, and is ready for the journey. Fix any issues before the run to avoid, inconveniencing others. Inform the Trip Leader if your car needs frequent fuel stops.

Try to arrive early so organizers can brief everyone together, avoiding the need to repeat instructions for latecomers.

Be sure to line up behind the Trip Leader as soon as it's time to depart to avoid causing any traffic delays.

Unless advised otherwise, please ensure you have a meal before you leave home.

Breaking traffic rules or exceeding speed limits should only be done in emergencies.

During the run

When traveling in a convoy, it's important to be considerate of other vehicles and pedestrians since we are easily seen by the public.

It is anticipated that general traffic may occasionally join or interrupt a convoy. It is not crucial for all convoy members to remain strictly together if the convoy is disrupted by general traffic. As long as members have clear visibility and are not significantly behind the vehicle ahead of them, they should maintain their lane rather than overtaking and potentially cutting in front of the vehicle being overtaken.

Stay aware of vehicles in front and behind you. If the group behind splits, slow down or wait safely at a turnoff until they catch up. Do not turn unless you see the car behind you, and they see you turn. If you're at the end of a split group, wait at any turnoff to direct those following.

Fuel up quickly and move your vehicle to let others through.

Vehicles in our convoy should all have their headlights on.

It is important that all participants refrain from overtaking the Trip Leader. The Trip Leader is responsible for setting the pace and ensuring that everyone reaches the final destination as a cohesive group.

When more than twenty vehicles participate, multiple convoys should be organized, each with its own Trip Leader. Convoys must not overtake one another, except in the event of a breakdown.

Please maintain your position in the same lane as the Trip Leader and avoid driving side by side. Drivers who become frustrated due to being blocked by a group of 4WD vehicles spread across multiple lanes pose a risk to everyone's safety.

Upon reaching the final run location, a departure time will be communicated to the main group for the return trip. Individuals intending to travel with this group should ensure their timely readiness. Those not planning to accompany the main group back must inform the Trip Leader.

A car convoy is made up of three parts: **A -Trip Leader**, **B - Members cars**, **C- Tail-end car**

A: Trip Leader

1. The TL must obey speed limits at all times, remembering that the rear of the convoy may be a long way back. Keep at least 5 kph under the speed limit to ensure those at the rear do not get too far back.
2. Constantly view mirrors to ensure the convoy is not spacing out too far.
3. If a lot of traffic lights are encountered, it may be necessary to pull over somewhere safely to reform.
4. A generous use of indicators when changing direction.
5. Inform the group prior to departure of the destination and any stops (perhaps a map).

B: Members' cars

1. Do not pass unless of an emergency.
2. Watch the leader for passing (use indicators)
3. Maintain a safe distance from the car in front (1 car length for every 16kph/10mph)
4. Do not let the car in front get out of sight.
5. Flash your lights if in trouble.

C: Tail-end car

1. Keep visual contact with the Trip Leader (if possible).
2. Use 2 way radios or mobiles to contact Trip Leader if necessary.
3. When Trip Leader indicates to pass, move over to prevent non-convoy cars interfering with the convoy. This also allows convoy to safely pass.
4. Contact Trip Leader if the cars at the rear have to travel too fast to keep up.

Please drive safely!