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2009 VICTORIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

STANDING REGULATIONS

These regulations apply to all Victorian Rally Championship events.

1. THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The championships shall be known as the “Victorian Rally Championship” (VRC) and will consist of a number of Special Stage rallies hereinafter referred to as “events”. These events will be conducted under the authority of the Victorian State Council of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS) and the Victorian Rally Panel.

2. AUTHORITY

The events will be held under the provisions of:

- The International Sporting Code of the FIA.
- The National Competition Rules (NCR) of CAMS.
- The National Rally Code (NRC) using A to A timing as per NRC 1.33 (this includes NRC Appendices A to E) except the following Article/s from the NRC are not utilised:
 Appendix A 1.10(i) (f) dot point 3
 and the following Article/s from the NRC are to be utilised:
 5.3
- The following 2008 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Sporting Bulletin Articles are to be utilised:
 Part 1- Sporting Regulations
 8.
 14.1 except 14.1(viii) ,(ix), (x)
 17.
 18 except 18.1(iii),18.6 (i), (ii), (iii),18.10
 23.1
 Part 2- Technical Regulations
 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.8, 5.15
 (NOTE an extract of these utilised Articles have been reproduced in Appendix 3 of these Regulations for reference)
- The current Victorian Rally Bulletin and amendments
- These Standing Regulations
- Individual event Supplementary Regulations
- Any individual event Further Regulations, Instructions and/or Bulletins.

3. NUMBER OF EVENTS

The VRC will have a maximum of 8 events in the Championship each year. The minimum of events which constitute a Championship will be determined by the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel. Additional and/or substitute rounds may be added or deleted from the championship calendar at the discretion of the Victorian Rally Panel.

4. EVENT FORMAT

The minimum competitive distance shall be 50 kilometres and the maximum competitive distance shall be 230 kilometres. As a guide 80km to 120km is considered the ideal length for a one-day event. The maximum competitive distance may be increased in circumstances approved by the VRC Management Group. In the case of a 'Force Majeure' CAMS may give recognition to an event where the total competitive distance is less than the prima facie 50 kilometres.

5. EVENT POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION

5.1 Each event must be examined for its impact on the Championship etc and may therefore be still subject to CAMS penalties (refer NCR 59 and appendix R) relevant to the cancellation.

5.2 'Force Majeure' (refer NCR 59)

6. ELIGIBLE COMPETITORS

6.1 The Victorian Rally Championship is open to all CAMS Clubman Rally Licence or superior licence holders. Each crew shall consist of two people, both being holders of the relevant CAMS licences. One member to be nominated as the Driver and one as the Co-driver

Where the crew is nominated on the official event entry form as driver / co-driver these persons cannot interchange from the positions nominated throughout the course of the event whilst competing on special stages, except in an emergency situation. The entrant may however change details of the crew to that originally specified prior to the event start with the approval of the event Organisers.

To be eligible to score points and prize monies in a State championship, other than that of their resident state where an event is conducted as part a combined State Rally Championship. Both the driver and co-driver must have entered a prior round of that State Championship or be previously registered in that series and have bona fide aspirations in that series.

This can be varied if both the driver and co-driver intend to enter future rounds of an interstate State Rally Championship series and if they register for that series AND at the absolute discretion of the event organisers in consultation with the interstate Rally Panel.

7. VRC REGISTRATION

Eligibility for VRC points shall be based on the following rationale.

1. It is in the best interests of the VRC competitors that point scores and prize money shall be awarded to bona fide VRC competitors only, to avoid distortion of point scores during the year by interstate competitors.
2. Registration for competitors holding CAMS licences issued in Victoria or deemed to be Victorian competitors by the Victorian Rally Panel will be at **no cost** (Free).
3. Competitors who do not have a Victorian issued CAMS licence or who are not Victorian competitors as deemed by the Victorian Rally Panel and who wish to be eligible to compete for VRC points and prize money shall be permitted to do so upon payment of a \$50 registration fee per event.

4. The VRC registration (below) shall be shown on the entry form.

To facilitate the allocation of VRC series points and awards, **both** driver and co-driver must complete **one** of the following three declarations:

- a) I hold a current CAMS licence and fall under the jurisdiction of the Victorian State Council of CAMS and/or I am deemed to be a Victorian Competitor by the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel and I am therefore eligible (registering) for VRC points and awards at no cost for this event or;
- b) I hold a CAMS licence and reside outside Victoria and outside the jurisdiction of the Victorian State Council of CAMS and/or I have been deemed not to be a Victorian Competitor by the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel but wish to register for VRC series points and awards for this event. I enclose the fee of \$50 per competitor/person for this event in addition to the entry fee or;
- c) I do not wish to register for VRC series points and awards.

These declarations and licences must be checked at documentation scrutiny (normally combined with vehicle scrutiny) and the event championship results shall be compiled accordingly.

5. Event Organisers shall indicate on entry lists those competitors that have elected **not** to score points for that event.

8. ELIGIBLE VEHICLES

Vehicles must comply with one of the following categories:

- Production Rally Cars (PRC) Group3C (including FIA Group A)
- Group N
- Historic Rally Cars (HRC)
- Classic Rally Cars (CRC) - Not eligible for VRC Champion and 2WD Champion series points and awards. Only eligible for series vehicle class points, series vehicle class awards and event vehicle class award

9. PASSAGE CONTROLS / VISUAL ROUTE CHECKS

During the course of an event passage controls or visual route checks may be placed along the special stages to record the passage of cars. Crews will not be required to stop at these points unless specifically instructed to do so.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE REGULATIONS AND BULLETINS

10.1 Event Supplementary Regulations may only be amended according to NCR 69.

Any amendment or any additional provision to the supplementary regulations of an event will be announced by dated and numbered bulletins, which will be an integral part of the event supplementary regulations. These bulletins will be posted at the Rally Headquarters, and on the official notice boards, and will also be directly communicated to each crew, one member who must acknowledge receipt by signature, unless this is materially impossible during the running of the Rally, with the permission of the stewards of the event.

10.2 The VRC Standing Regulations may only be amended or changed with the approval of the Victorian State Council Executive.

11. THE VRC MANAGEMENT GROUP

The Victorian Rally Advisory Panel shall appoint a VRC Management Group. The role of this group and some of the documentation requirements are described in Appendix II.

12. ORGANISATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

12.1 Organisers will be required to pay CAMS the following :

- Appropriate CAMS permit fees as applicable to the event.
- \$ 10.00 ~~15.00~~ per entry towards the Road Damage ~~Fund~~ levy.
- \$ 15.00 per entry towards purchase of end of season series trophies and awards and for general VRC management and promotion of the VRC.

All additional fees are to be sent to CAMS payable to the "Rally Development Fund" account along with the permit fee and are secured in ~~separate trust~~ accounts managed by CAMS and monitored by the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel.

12.2 The Organisers must supply to each competing car 200mm high (min) black competition numbers for fixing on each front door of the vehicle.

12.3 The Organisers must supply to each competing car and service crew vehicle a 60mm high (min) fluorescent competition number or similar sticker with the competitor car number on it. This must be clearly placed on the top left-hand side of the windscreen of the competing car and each service vehicle.

12.4 A Results Manager must be appointed to make the provisional results available at the completion of each leg of the event.

12.5 All VRC events must ensure that servicing is carried out only at service points nominated in the route instructions. Refer extract in Appendix 3 of these Regulations.

13. STARTING ORDER

13.1 Starting order for each event will be in accordance with the Victorian-seeding list, except for (13.2)

13.2 The crews for start positions one to three will be determined by a ballot among the three highest seeded drivers entered in an event.

13.3 The allocation of car numbers shall be conducted **after** 13.1 & 13.2 is completed.

13.4 The final starting order must be approved by the event stewards prior to the commencement of the competition.

13.5 The Clerk of Course will seed any person not on the current seeding list who wishes to compete in an event that is a round of the championship.

13.6 The starting order of the subsequent legs will be determined according to the provisional classification established at the end of the previous leg. Should it be impossible to establish this classification on time, the starting order will be the running order at the finish of the previous leg.

14. OBSERVERS

Each round may be observed as per the Victorian Rally Championship standard observation form. The observer/s shall be person/s appointed by the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel and shall have the role of observing and providing feedback to the Panel and the Clerk of Course about the overall quality of the event. The Observer/s must be given all event documentation prior to the event. The Observer/s must be granted access to all areas of the event, which includes the passage of special stages. The Observer/s must contact the Clerk of Course prior to traversing any special stages.

15. PENALTIES

Penalties shall be expressed in hours, minutes and seconds. The final classifications shall be determined by adding the times obtained in the special stages and any penalties incurred during the road sections and any other penalties expressed in time. The crew with the lowest total shall be declared the overall winner, the next lowest second, and so on. The Group and Class results shall be determined on the same basis.

16 RESULTS AND FINAL PARC FERMÉ

16.1 The results shall be posted in accordance with the program.

Dated provisional results shall be issued **within** 120 hours of the end of the event. See NCR 174 & NRC 5.6

Partial official classification will not be issued.

The Clerk of Course reserves the right, when compiling results, to take into account any document(s) provided by an official or officials of the event.

ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY OF RESULTS

Any advertising, publicity and all statements made by Organisers, Promoters, Competitors, crew members and their agents referring to results of a stage, the event and the VRC must be in accordance with the official results of the event or championship. They must state the exact conditions of: the performance referred to, the nature of the competition, the correct names of the event award, VRC award, category and class etc. Any omission or addition calculated to raise doubts in the public mind would result in CAMS imposing a penalty on the person/s responsible. Also refer NCR 156.

An updated pointscore of the Victorian Rally Championship must be included with the results for each event.

16.2 Cars are subject to parc fermé from as soon as they reach the final control until half an hour after the last car has reached the final control. This time period may varied by the Clerk of Course with regard to NCR's 205-208

17. COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER (CRO)

The Victorian Rally Panel will appoint a VRC series Competitor Relations Officer (CRO). If no series CRO has been appointed for the year or he or she is unable to attend an event then the Organisers must nominate a suitable person as the event Competitor Relations Officer. See Appendix 1.

The appointment of CRO is mandatory.

The CRO's name along with their contact mobile phone number, should be advised to competitors of each event.

18. VEHICLE CATEGORIES AND CLASSES

PRODUCTION RALLY CAR (PRC) VEHICLE CLASSES:

- P 1 PRC up to 1400cc
- P 2 PRC over 1400cc, up to and including 1600cc (includes EXCEL)
- P 3 PRC over 1600cc, up to and including 2000cc
- P 4 PRC two wheel drive, over 2000cc
- P 5 PRC four wheel drive, over 2000cc (Not meeting the requirements of Class P6)
- P 6 PRC four wheel drive, over 2000cc, models first manufactured prior to 1/1/1991 and appearing on a list of 4WD cars, regardless of the date of manufacture, listed in the PRC regulations, article 3.3.

GROUP N VEHICLE CLASSES:

- N 1 Group N up to 1400cc
- N 2 Group N over 1400cc, up to and including 1600cc (includes EXCEL)
- N 3 Group N over 1600cc, up to and including 2000cc
- N 4 Group N over 2000cc

HISTORIC RALLY CARS (HRC) CLASS (Categories 1, 2 & 3)

EXCEL VICTORIAN EXCEL RALLY SERIES CLASS (Cars must comply with and crews be registered in the **Victorian Rally Drive** Excel Rally Series – see separate **Victorian Rally Drive** Excel Rally Series regulations.)

CLASSIC RALLY CARS (CRC) CLASS (All Categories) Not eligible for VRC Champion and 2WD Champion series points and awards. Only eligible for series vehicle class points, series vehicle class awards and event vehicle class award.

19. AWARDS

19.1 MINIMUM AWARDS IN AN INDIVIDUAL VRC EVENT

For each event the following awards are to be the minimum to be presented:

- First Outright Driver and Co-driver
- Second Outright Driver and Co-driver
- First Two Wheel Drive Driver and Co-driver
- Second Two Wheel Drive (excluding CRC vehicles) Driver and Co-driver
- First Novice Driver and Co-driver
- First in each Vehicle Class (includes HRC , EXCEL & CRC) Drivers and Co-drivers

Multiple award winners may have their awards amalgamated.

These minimum awards may be amalgamated with those of a higher grade of event where the VRC event is held in conjunction with a higher graded event. (i.e.: a VRC event held in conjunction with an Australian Rally Championship Round).

19.2 VICTORIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Annual awards shall be made for the following:

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| • Victorian Rally Champion | -Driver and Co-driver |
| • Victorian Two Wheel Drive Rally Champion | -Driver and Co-driver |
| • Victorian Rally Championship – Second Outright | -Driver and Co-driver |
| • Victorian Rally Championship – Second Two Wheel Drive | -Driver and Co-driver |
| • Victorian Rally Championship – Third Outright | -Driver and Co-driver |
| • Victorian Rally Championship- First in Class/es | -Driver/s and Co-driver/s |
| • Victorian Rally Championship- First Clubman | -Driver/s and Co-drivers/s |
| • Victorian Rally Championship- First Novice | -Driver and Co-driver |

NOTE : 1 Multiple award winners may have their awards amalgamated.

NOTE 2: Awards for the **Victorian Rally Drive** Excel Rally Series will be awarded separately by the **Victorian Rally Drive** Excel Rally Series – see separate **Victorian Rally Drive** Excel Rally Series regulations.

20. ALLOCATION OF CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

20.1 NUMBER OF EVENTS THAT COUNT

20.1.1 Events that count to the overall winner, two wheel drive winner and/or class and category winners shall be determined on the following basis:

If more than four events are conducted in the championship then each competitor's best 4 out of 5 events, 5 out of 6, 6 out of 7 or 6 out of 8 events results will be totaled towards their final Championship point score.

If there are 4 rounds conducted in the championship then all rounds will be eligible for the final Championship point score.

20.2 ELIGIBILITY FOR END OF YEAR AWARDS

To be eligible for any Victorian Rally Championship awards, drivers and co-drivers must compete in at least 50% of the events that comprise the Victorian Rally Championship in each year.

Points will not be reallocated for the purpose of awards should it be found at the end of a year that a competitor is ineligible for an award.

20.3 VICTORIAN RALLY CHAMPION DRIVER AND CO-DRIVER - SCORING

- 1 Vehicles eligible for this Championship will be all vehicle classes listed in Section 18 except CRC class vehicles. These classes will be combined for the purposes of scoring this Championship.
- 2 Awards for the Victorian Rally Champion (Overall) will be based on points determined as follows:
~~20, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, and 1~~
30, 25, 21, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for places First to ~~Tenth~~ **Fifteenth** outright respectively in each event.
- 3 The competitor with the highest total shall be declared the Victorian Rally Champion, the next highest Victorian Rally Championship -Second Overall and the next highest Victorian Rally Championship - Third Overall, after application of VRC regulations 20.1.1 and 20.2.

20.4 VICTORIAN TWO WHEEL DRIVE RALLY CHAMPION DRIVER AND CO-DRIVER - SCORING

- 1 Vehicles eligible for this Championship will be those that are two wheel drive and comply with one of the following classes: P1, P2, P3, P4, N1, N2, N3 and N4, HRC and EXCEL. These classes will be combined for the purposes of scoring this Championship.
- 2 The Victorian Two Wheel Drive Rally Championship will be based on points determined as follows:
~~20, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, and 1~~
30, 25, 21, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for places First to ~~Tenth~~ **Fifteenth** respectively within the combined classes eligible for this Championship in each event.
- 3 The competitor with the highest total of points shall be declared the Victorian Two Wheel Drive Rally Champion, the next highest Victorian Rally Championship -Second Two Wheel Drive, after application of VRC regulations 20.1.1 and 20.2.

20.5 VICTORIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP - VEHICLE CLASS - SCORING

- 1 Awards for the Victorian Rally Championship Vehicle classes (see VRC Regulation 18 for classes eligible) will be based on points determined as follows:
~~20, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, and 1~~
30, 25, 21, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for places First to ~~Tenth~~ **Fifteenth** respectively in their vehicle class in each rally.
- 2 The competitor with the highest total of points in their Vehicle Class shall be declared the Victorian Rally Championship -Vehicle Class winner, after application of VRC regulations 20.1.1 and 20.2.
- 3 EXCEL class will be scored by the ~~Victorian~~ **Rally Drive** Excel Rally Series – see separate ~~Victorian~~ **Rally Drive** Excel Rally Series rules.

20.6 VICTORIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP – CLUBMAN AWARD - SCORING

- 1 The competitors eligible for this award are those in which the crew driver is Grade D, E or F. (ie: The co-driver can be any grade).
- 2 Vehicles eligible for this award will be those that are two wheel drive and comply with one of the following classes: P1, P2, P3, P4, N1, N2, N3, N4, HRC and EXCEL. These classes will be combined for the purposes of scoring this award.
- 3 The Victorian Clubman Award will be based on points determined as follows:
~~20, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, and 1~~
30, 25, 21, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for places First to ~~Tenth~~ **Fifteenth** respectively within the combined grades and classes eligible for this award in each event.
- 4 The competitors with the highest total of points shall be declared the Victorian Clubman winner after application of VRC regulations 20.1.1 and 20.2.

20.7 VICTORIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP – NOVICE AWARD - SCORING

- 1 The Novice award will be based on points determined as follows:
~~20, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, and 1~~
30, 25, 21, 18, 16, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 for places First to ~~Tenth~~ **Fifteenth** respectively in the combined Grades of E & F class (to be known as Novice class) in each event.
- 2 The competitor with the highest total of Novice points shall be declared the First Novice for that year, the next highest second and so on after application of VRC regulations 20.2.1 and 20.2.
- 3 All competitors are eligible, providing both crew members are either Grade E or F in their respective roles. (ie: a grade E or F driver who has attained grade D co-driver status, co-driven by a Grade D driver who is classified as a Grade E or F co-driver, is an eligible crew).
- 4 Vehicles eligible for this award will be those that comply with one of the following vehicle classes: N1, N2, N3, N4, P1, P2, P3, P4, P5, P6, HRC and EXCEL and in **non-forced induction** vehicles, regardless of vehicle class.

20.8 COMPENSATORY POINTS

A person who is either a Clerk of Course, Assistant Clerk of Course, Checker, or Secretary or other significant role in an event and who is listed in the Supplementary Regulations, for any VRC event during that year, may apply in writing to the Victorian Rally Panel, to receive points towards series Championships and Class awards for that event based on an average of points he/she received for their best two rounds. The average shall be determined using the following equation.

$$\text{COMPENSATORY POINT/S} \quad = \quad \frac{\text{BEST TWO ROUNDS}}{2}$$

(Rounded up to next whole point)

The written request must be received by the Victorian Rally Panel prior to the event and must be endorsed by the event Clerk of Course/Director or Secretary.

The Panel will then decide whether points will be allocated or not.

Persons claiming Compensatory Points must be notified to all competitors in Further Instructions/Regulations for that event.

A person can only claim compensatory points for one event per year.

20.9 CHAMPIONSHIP POINT ALLOCATIONS FOR HEATS IN AN AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Where an event is conducted over two consecutive days as part of an ARC event and a heat is conducted on each day, points for the VRC will be allocated as follows:

- a. Each heat will be **scored** as an individual event as per these regulations. See 20.1.1
- b. Each heat will be considered a separate event when considering both the number of events that count toward the Championship and eligibility for the end of year awards. See 20.2
- c. Results for event awards for the VRC will be established by adding the total elapsed time of all the special stages and any penalties incurred of both heats together.

20.10 TIES

- 1 In the case of a tie within a particular award at the end of the championship series, a count back on the last event or heat conducted shall occur. The Driver or Co-driver with the most stage wins (excluding any stages where an allocated time may have been given) will be allocated one additional point. If the numbers of stage wins are equal then no point will be awarded and the award will be deemed a tie.
- 2 In the case of a tie in an individual event see the current Victorian Rally Bulletin.

21 PACE NOTES

All competitors of State Championship status events and below, other than those for which specific application has been made and approved for the use of pace notes and notified in event supplementary regulations, shall be subject to the following:

Any competitor found using or in possession of pace notes (determined to be such at the absolute discretion of the organisers in consultation with the Stewards of the event) will be excluded from the event. A spot check may be carried out during the event.

22 SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship arrangements will be the subject of Bulletins

23 FUEL SAMPLING

Competitors are reminded of their obligations with regard to both the ARC fuel testing and to run legal fuel in all events.

Refer CAMS Manual –

Section 6, General Requirements for Cars and Drivers,
Schedule R- Requirements for all Rally Cars, 5A.

and

General Requirements of Automobiles, Schedule G- Fuel

22 REJOINING EVENTS.

1. Provision to rejoin an event can only be made under the NRC 6.10 and must be notified in the event supplementary regulations where events wish to make use of this provision.
2. Crews rejoining an event will not be eligible for VRC series points for that event.

APPENDIX 1 -**COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER (CRO)**

A Competitor Relations Officers (CRO) shall be appointed for all Victorian Rally Championship rallies.

The principal duty of the CRO is to be the intermediary between competitors and the Clerk of Course/Stewards. The CRO must have a clear understanding of these Regulations and the event Regulations. He/she may attend the Stewards meetings in order to keep abreast of all the decisions taken. The CRO should at all times be sympathetic towards competitors and assist wherever possible.

The Competitor Relations Officer should be easily identifiable by the competitors. To this end it is advisable that:

1. They wear a very conspicuous badge and/or vest.
2. Be introduced at drivers' briefing.

CRO Presence at the Rally

The Competitor Relations Officer 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

- Presence at scrutiny
- At the start of the event
- At all regrouping halts
- At 'Parc Fermé' at the start/end of sections/legs/divisions.

Crews should initially consult with the CRO, with a view to resolving any issues (for example, to clarify disputes over stage times or penalties etc) before presenting questions or issues to the Clerk of Course or Stewards of the event. These issues may be solved satisfactorily by a clear explanation by the CRO.

The Competitor Relation Officer shall refrain from saying anything or taking any action that might give rise to protests.

APPENDIX 2 –

VRC MANAGEMENT GROUP

The Victorian Rally Championship (VRC) Management Group is a sub committee of the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel (VRAP), who retain the right to appoint at least one of its members. It is intended that the VRAP will manage the VRC Management Group proposals either by approval or asking for a resubmission rather than an amendment of the proposals.

By June each year the existing VRC Management Group is to nominate to the VRAP a Chairperson, who does not need to be a member of the existing group. Membership of the VRC Management Group is at the discretion of the Chairperson elect. The chairperson will submit their selection to the VRAP for ratification at the VRAP June meeting.

~~VRC Series personnel eg CRO, Steward and scrutineer have automatic voting membership of the VRC Management Group.~~

The role of the VRC Management Group shall include the following:

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 VRC Management Group 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.
2. Report back to the Chairman and the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel on matters relating to the conduct of the VRC.
3. Liaise with competitors on VRC issues and provide advice to the VRAP regarding these issues.
4. Ensure seeding list is up to date.
5. Pass on grading recommendations to the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel.
6. Maintain or supervise current points scores for the championship, and organise end of year trophies in conjunction with the CAMS Victorian State ~~Manager~~ Representative.
7. Update and arrange for the distribution of Standing Regulations, ensuring proposals for major changes are approved by the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel. Provide interpretation and advice concerning these regulations to organisers and competitors.
8. Develop and monitor minimum standards for the conduct of rallies to be run as part of the Championship.
9. Promote the VRC as far as possible in conjunction with other promotional bodies organised by the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel or CAMS, and coordinate any VRC sponsorship proposals and sponsorship arrangements.
10. In the case where a member of the VRC Management Group 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 Management Group members or by the Event Checker and Area Coordinator or an appropriately appointed member of the Victorian Rally Panel.
11. Distribution of all VRC series sponsorship monies to events in accordance with VRC series sponsorship arrangements.
12. Give prior approval of all VRC events and dates for the following year before submission to the Victorian Rally Advisory Panel.

APPENDIX 3 – EXTRACT

Reproduced below is an extract of the relevant articles of the 2008 Australian Rally Championship (ARC) Sporting Bulletin. These articles are referred to in the 2009 VRC Authority as part of the provisions the VRC events are to be held under.

PART1 – SPORTING REGULATIONS

8. CREW ATTIRE

During all special stages crews members are required to wear helmets and apparel as specified in Schedule D (Section 6 of the Manual of Motor Sport)

Failure to comply with this Article will result in a penalty up to and/or inclusive of exclusion, at the discretion of the Stewards.

14. EVENT DETAILS

14.1 Application and Interpretation of the Regulations:

- (i) The Clerk of the Course of each event will be responsible for the application of the Series and Supplementary and Other Regulations, and their provisions during the running of the rally.
- (ii) Notwithstanding, he must inform the Panel of the Stewards of the Meeting of any important decision taken in application of the Series, Supplementary or Other Regulations of the rally.
- (iii) Any case not provided for in these Regulations or the Supplementary Regulations for an event will be considered by the Stewards of the Meeting who alone will have the power to decide.
- (iv) For the purposes of interpretation of the following text the following definitions apply:
 - (a) “competitor or competitor entrant” used for either physical or legal entities;
 - (b) “crew” driver or co-driver.
- (v) The driver will assume the competitor’s responsibility when the latter is not on board the vehicle.
- (vi) Any incorrect, fraudulent or unsporting action carried out by the competitor or members of the crew will be judged by the Stewards of the Meeting who will impose penalties which may include exclusion.
- (vii) Alteration to, Abandonment and Termination of the Event: in accordance with the NCR, the organisers may abandon, alter or terminate the event at any point.

17. Final Control:

As soon as each crew arrives at the final control of an event the car 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 all other requirements for parc fermé are complied with.

A brief check shall be carried out there to verify:

- its conformity with the car submitted at pre-event scrutiny
- if there is cause to impose the penalties specified under NRC 5.2.

18. TRAFFIC AND REPAIRS (SERVICING)

18.1 General Conditions:

- (i) Throughout the rally, servicing of a competing car may be carried out only in service parks. However, the crew, using solely the equipment on board and with no external physical assistance, may perform service on the car at any time, other than where this is specifically prohibited.

- (ii) The speed of cars in the service parks may not exceed 30 km/h; failure to comply with this limit shall result in a penalty applied by the Stewards.

18.2 Definition of prohibited service:

- (i) The use or receipt by the crew of any manufactured materials (solid or liquid), spare parts, tools or equipment other than those carried in the competing car.
- (ii) Except in service parks or where specifically permitted by means of a Bulletin, the presence of team personnel or any team conveyance within one kilometre of its competing car on road sections except:
 - In special stages (from the yellow sign at the beginning of the time control to the beige board at the stop point at the end of the Special Stage). Note: At the time control or stop point the team vehicle must be parked within sight of the control officials.
 - For competing cars waiting at the time control at the entrance to regroup or service parks or parked inside regroup where the passing of food, drink and information (roadbook, etc) to or from the crew is also permitted.
 - Whilst transporting the crew/s to or from the parc fermé.
 - Solely for the purpose of transporting an extra battery to the parc fermé.
 - Where the competing cars following the route as prescribed in the roadbook are required to use the same road/s at the same time as team personnel following the service vehicle route as prescribed in the service book, provided they do not stop at the same location at the same time.
- (iii) The deviation of the competing car from the route of the rally whilst travelling through any prohibited service area.

18.3 It is forbidden, under pain of exclusion, to tow or transport cars, or to have them pushed, except to bring them directly back onto the road, or to immediately clear the road.

18.4 Similarly, crews are forbidden under pain of exclusion to:

- (i) deliberately block the passage of competing cars, or to prevent them from overtaking;
- (ii) to behave in an unsporting manner.

18.5 Service crews will at all times be subject to the provisions of NRC 7.6.

18.6 End of Heat 1 Service Park:

- (iv) If the service park is followed by a liaison section, cars may be booked out of the service park early without penalty.

18.7 The use by competitors of "gravel cars" to check road conditions on special stages is prohibited.

18.8 Throughout the entire rally, crews must observe the traffic law of the State in which the event is being run. Any crew which does not comply with these traffic laws shall be subject to the penalties noted at NRC 5.2 and 7.6.

18.9 Refuelling:

- (i) Competitors may only refuel in the refuel zones designated by the organisers in the road book ~~except as detailed under Article 18.1(iii).~~
- (ii) Refuel zone entry/exit shall be marked by a blue fuel can symbol.
- (iii) Fuel shall be stored in the refuel area during the operation of the service park.
- (iv) Decanting of fuel between containers may only be done within a refuel zone or a banded storage area.
- (v) Any action inside a refuelling zone not directly involved in the refuelling of the competing vehicle is prohibited.
- (vi) In all refuelling zones, a 5 km/h speed limit will apply.
- (vii) It is recommended that mechanics wear fire-resistant clothing, gloves and goggles.
- (viii) The responsibility for refuelling is incumbent on the competitor alone and must be done in a manner which ensures that no fuel is spilt.
- (ix) Engines must be switched off throughout the refuelling operation.

- (x) Solely for the purpose of assisting with the refuelling procedure for their car, two team members of each crew may access this zone.
- (xi) It is recommended that the crew remain outside the car during refuelling; however, should they remain inside, the safety belts must be unfastened.
- (xii) In the event of a breakdown, the car concerned may be pushed out of the zone by crew members, officials and team members without incurring any penalty. An external battery may be used immediately before the exit of the refuel zone away from any refuelling activities.
- (xiii) Any breaches of the refuel regulations will be reported to the Stewards of the Meeting for consideration of exclusion or other penalty.

23. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 23.1 **Radios:** Organisers are not allowed to restrict the use of radio liaison by the competitors or their service crews except where such use is expressly forbidden by the laws of the State.
However, the organisers may ban the use of the frequencies which they are using.

PART 2 - TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

5. SCRUTINY

- 5.3 The crew must have available at scrutiny the car's homologation form, or the relevant Workshop Manual if the car is not homologated, as well as any appendices to this form. If these are not submitted, the Stewards of the Meeting may pronounce a penalty which may go as far as refusal to allow the car to start.
- 5.4 If, during scrutiny, a vehicle is found not to comply with technical and/or safety regulations, the Stewards of the Meeting may set a deadline before which the vehicle must be made to comply. Any competitor (entrant) who fails to meet vehicle re-presentation requirements as directed will be refused permission to start the event.
- 5.5 Should there be any doubt as to the conformity of a car with the technical regulations, either after pre event scrutiny, at the start or during the running of the rally, the Stewards of the Meeting may, following a report from the Chief Scrutineer, issue a formal warning to the competitor and set a deadline by which the car must be made to conform. Any vehicle which does not comply will be refused to start or will be excluded.
- 5.8 Additional checking may be carried out at any time during the rally, of the crew members as well as of the car. The competitor is responsible for the technical conformity of his car throughout the entire duration of the rally, under pain of any penalties pronounced by the Panel of the Stewards of the Meeting.
- 5.15 Should identification marks be affixed, it is the responsibility of the crew alone to see that these are protected until the end of the rally. Should they be missing, the car will be excluded from the rally immediately.