



ALL WHEEL DRIVE CLUB
OF SYDNEY INCORPORATED
PO BOX 82, ROSEVILLE NSW 2069

By-Laws as of 6th February 2021

1. On any club activity, members shall be prepared to act under the guidance of the trip leader. The trip leader may report any serious misconduct to the committee.
2. No member shall have the right to use the club name while on a private trip.
3. No person participating on a club activity shall act in a manner that may bring discredit upon the club.
4. The driver of a vehicle is to inform their passengers of all relevant rules and will be responsible for their conduct.
5. The consumption of alcohol by all trip participants will be kept to a safe and reasonable level.
6. All members shall comply with all road traffic regulations and observe road courtesy at all times.
7. Members shall be careful to ensure that:
 - a) There shall be no destruction of flora and fauna.
 - b) All public and private property shall be respected and no wilful trespass shall be permitted.
 - c) Permission shall be obtained from the landowner before travelling through any private property.
 - d) Every effort will be made not to disturb stock.
 - e) Local water supplies must be respected.
 - f) Appreciation must be expressed for any help received from a non-member.
8. When driving on beaches members shall:
 - a) not drive on areas marked by flags or patrolled by lifesavers,
 - b) exercise caution when passing fishermen and other persons on the beach, and
 - c) avoid areas where earthworks, structures or plantings for the control of sand movement and beach deterioration are in place.
9. In the interests of conservation, vehicles shall keep to the made track at all times. The trip leader shall be empowered to decide if it is necessary to leave the track.
10. Any damage caused to a track shall be repaired before moving on.



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11. All members booked on a club trip must contact the trip co-ordinator at least seven (7) days prior to the planned departure date (unless otherwise advised) so as to confirm their intention to attend and to obtain trip details.
12. The trip leader shall nominate a trip participant to keep a log of all happenings on the trip for future reporting.
13. When travelling in convoy, vehicle positions shall be maintained with ample space between vehicles to enable other vehicles to overtake throughout the convoy. Should a vehicle lose its position, it shall not attempt to regain it until the convoy has halted.
14. At all turn-offs vehicles shall wait for the following vehicle, to ensure it is aware of the change of direction. Periodic checks for the vehicle following must be made.
15. All gates shall be left as found by the leader. The lead vehicle shall open all gates, the second vehicle shall wait and close the gate at the end of the convoy. This vehicle will join the convoy in front of the "tail-end-charlie".
16. No member shall leave the convoy without informing the trip leader and shall state whether they intend to return or not.
17. No member of the convoy shall be left in trouble without help. To signal that help is required, either flash the headlights or raise the bonnet.
18. Every vehicle participating on a 4WD trip must have a tow point fitted, front and rear.
19. The trip leader or their nominee shall be in charge of all recovery operations. All other vehicles and spectators must be well clear.
20. No two vehicles will attempt to negotiate an obstacle at the same time. Always wait until the preceding vehicle is clear before continuing.
21. Riding on the exterior of a vehicle should be avoided wherever possible.
22. Channel 15 UHF, or alternate channel determined by the trip leader, shall be used for radio communications between vehicles or where otherwise determined by the trip leader. It is a requirement that vehicles on all trips, excepting Driver Training, have a working UHF CB radio. It is highly recommended that a 5 watt vehicle mounted radio be fitted with an external antenna.
23. It shall be the responsibility of all members to ensure that their vehicle is in sound mechanical condition and that they have adequate supplies of fuel, food and water.



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24. Every care shall be taken in the lighting and control of fires. All fires shall be properly extinguished before leaving the site. Fireplaces shall be left tidy, regardless of the state they were found in. It will be at the discretion of the trip leader as to whether a fire shall be lit or not. No fires are to be lit in prohibited areas or during prohibited periods.
25. All rubbish must be conveyed to a place where it can be disposed of in a proper receptacle. No litter at all can be left behind on a club trip. What you take in, you must take out. The old principle of burn, bash and bury no longer applies.
26. All hygiene decisions shall be made by the trip leader. In all cases, faeces will be buried.
27. Owner of pets must abide by the following rules if they wish to bring pets on club trips:
 - a) If the trip goes through a National Parks, no pets are allowed on the trip.
 - b) If the trip goes through private property, the owner must be notified by the trip leader before entering the property for permission.
 - c) The trip leader has the final say if pets can be taken on the trip.
 - d) The trip leader should be notified at least one week prior to the trip.
 - e) Owners must maintain control of their pets at all times.
 - f) Where livestock is present, all pets will be kept on a leash.
28. Firearms are not permitted on club trips except with the express permission of the trip leader and with prior approval of the committee. Written permission must also be obtained from any property owner (private, crown land, state forests and national parks) whose land is entered.
29. The committee must obtain prior approval for the expenditure on any event or purchase over \$1,000 at an extraordinary general meeting, with the exception of the Four Wheel Drive NSW & ACT Association membership fees and the 4WD Club liability insurance.
30. All Wheel Drive Club stickers remain the property of All Wheel Drive Club of Sydney Incorporated. These stickers are to be removed on disposal of the vehicle and/or termination of club membership.
31. Driver training is compulsory for new members. It is to be completed prior to driving on any 4WD trip. Written submissions for exemptions may be submitted to the committee. For safety reasons, learner drivers (ie. drivers who are on their 'L-Plates') are NOT permitted to participate in Driver Training.



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32. At the committee's discretion special memberships may be created, including life, reciprocal, temporary, country or dual memberships. These memberships are outlined below.
- a) Life Membership is awarded by the committee for the period of the member's life all rights and privileges of financial members, without the annual subscription fee
 - b) Reciprocal membership may, at the discretion of the committee, be offered to any financial member of a recognised four wheel drive club. Reciprocal members shall be entitled to all benefits, facilities and privileges of the All Wheel Drive Club whilst visiting or residing in New South Wales. A reciprocal member shall not be subject to any membership fees and such member shall not be entitled to voting rights. Benefits to reciprocal members shall be extended for a period of up to three (3) months, any extension to this period being at the discretion of the committee.
 - c) Temporary membership may, at the discretion of the committee and on payment of a nominated fee, be offered to any person for a defined period. Temporary members shall be entitled to all benefits, facilities and privileges of the All Wheel Drive Club. A temporary member shall not be entitled to voting rights.
 - d) Dual Membership
The second member of a Dual Membership is defined as partner (marital or defacto) or immediate family member (e.g. son, daughter, brother, sister). Single membership may be upgraded to dual membership by the payment of the difference in membership joining fees and annual membership between single and dual membership.
 - e) Country Membership
Country Membership may, at the discretion of the committee, be offered to any former member of the AWDC provided they reside at least 100 km from Sydney. Country membership provides:
 - 1. attendance on unlimited social trips, but only one (single membership) or two (dual membership) non-social trip(s) per year.
 - 2. 50% discount on regular membership fees
 - 3. includes magazine access, website access and Association insurance.
 - 4. entry to monthly raffles but not the AGM giant raffle.
 - f) Rejoining the AWDC may, at the discretion of the committee, be offered to any former member of the AWDC.



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If a former member rejoins within two years, no joining fee is to be paid and driver training is not required. If rejoining after 2 years, a 50% discount on the joining fee will be offered and driver training will need to be undertaken. The pro rata payment of fees, see Section g), will also apply.

- g) Pro rata payment of membership fees effective July 2014
Annual membership fees for new member joining part way through a membership year will be pro rata'd for the second year of membership. At time of joining, each new member will pay the appropriate joining fee and a full 12 months membership fee. On their first renewal, their membership fee will be pro rata based on the number of months of their first year of membership. For example, if a member joins in September, they would pay the then joining fee + twelve months membership fee. On renewal in the following July, they would pay only 9/12ths of the then current annual membership fee.
- h) Ten year discount effective July 2015
Members, single or dual, who maintain a continuous membership of ten years or more will be eligible to a 50% discount in their membership fees.

- 33. Nominations for Membership to the Club shall be restricted to applicants whose vehicles meet the following criteria:
 - a) The vehicle should have low range gearing; and
 - b) The vehicle must be capable of completing the existing driver training course (as determined by the Committee).
Factors that the Committee would consider include:
 - i. Vehicle ground clearance
 - ii. Overall 4WD capabilities.
- 34. Notwithstanding By Law 33 above, application for membership will be considered from a prospective new member who may not currently have their own vehicle but plan to be co-driver or passenger of an existing member's vehicle or who intend to acquire their own vehicle at some time in the near future.

Such applicants must still meet By Law 31 and upon acquiring their own vehicle, By Law 33.