

# AKADEMOS 2009

**OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> 2009**

*Victorian Rally Championship Round 6*



**Brendan Reeves & Rhiannon Smyth – Winners of AKADEMOS 2008**  
[Pic: John Douch]

## **SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

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## Sunday OCTOBER 18th 2009

### SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

#### 1 EVENT SCHEDULE

Entries open	Wednesday SEPTEMBER 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2009	
Reduced Entry closes	Wednesday SEPTEMBER 30 <sup>th</sup> 2009	1800hrs
Entries close	Wednesday OCTOBER 5 <sup>th</sup> 2009	1800hrs
Further Instructions and Seeded list of entries posted	Sunday OCTOBER 11 <sup>th</sup> 2009	
Scrutiny	Wednesday OCTOBER 14 <sup>th</sup> 2009	1800Hrs — 2130hrs
Venue:	Officer Smith Automotive 38 Villiers Street NORTH MELBOURNE	
Event Reconnaissance	Saturday OCTOBER 17 <sup>th</sup> 2009	0900hrs – 1700hrs
Book in and Reconnaissance	Friday OCTOBER 16 <sup>th</sup> 2009	1900hrs - 2100hrs
Registration	Saturday OCTOBER 17 <sup>th</sup> 2009	0800hrs – 1100hrs
Venue:	Alexandra Racecourse Gordon Street ALEXANDRA	
Book in only	Saturday OCTOBER 17 <sup>th</sup> 2009	1500hrs – 1700hrs
Venue:	Alexandra Racecourse Gordon Street ALEXANDRA	
		0800hrs – 0830hrs
Venue:	Sunday OCTOBER 18 <sup>th</sup> 2009 Murrindindi Shire Offices Perkins St ALEXANDRA	
Rally H.Q. Opens	Friday OCTOBER 16 <sup>th</sup> 2009 Saturday OCTOBER 17 <sup>th</sup> 2009 Sunday OCTOBER 18 <sup>th</sup> 2009	1900hrs – 2100hrs 0800hrs – 1700hrs 0800hrs – 2000hrs
Start Order Posted	Sunday OCTOBER 18 <sup>th</sup> 2009	Approx 0830hrs*
Crew Briefing	Sunday OCTOBER 18 <sup>th</sup> 2009	Approx 0900hrs*
Start of event	Sunday OCTOBER 18 <sup>th</sup> 2009	Approx 0930hrs*
Finish of event	Sunday OCTOBER 18 <sup>th</sup> 2009	Approx 1900hrs*

\*Exact times will be notified in Further Instructions/Regulations

#### 2 EVENT SUMMARY

- 2.1 The event known as the “AKADEMOS 2009”, hereafter known as “the event”, will be run as a State Championship Special Stage Rally. A Sprint Rally, known as “Bog-a-Duck 2009”, hereafter known as “the sprint event” will be run as a multiclub Special Stage Rally.
- 2.2 The event will be Round 6 of the 2009 Victorian Rally Championship (VRC), Round 6 of the 2WD Victorian Rally Championship and Round 6 of the 2009 Victorian Rally drive Excel Rally Series.
- 2.3 Both the event and the sprint event will be conducted over public and private roads during the hours of daylight on Sunday OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 in the Alexandra/Thornton area.
- 2.4 The event will be run as one division totalling approximately 240km. The sprint event will be run as one division totalling approximately 130km.

- 2.5 The event will commence from Perkins Street, ALEXANDRA at approximately 0930hrs on Sunday OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> and the last car should finish by 1900hrs. The sprint event will commence from Perkins Street ALEXANDRA at approximately 1100hrs on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup> and the last car should finish by 1500 hrs
- 2.6 At the end of the event there will be a presentation to the provisional winners approximately one hour after the last competitor finishes and the results are posted, at approximately 2000hrs.

### **3 EVENT AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

3.1 AKADEMOS 2009 counts for the following series: -

- 2009 Victorian Rally Championship Round 6
- 2009 Victorian 2wd Rally Championship Round 6
- 2009 Rally Drive Excel Rally Series. Round 6

3.2 The event will be conducted under the provisions of the International Sporting Code of the Federation Internationale de L'Automobile (FIA), the National Competition Rules (NCR) of the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport Ltd (CAMS), the National Rally Code of CAMS (NRC) including the Special Stage Regulations, the Victorian Rally Bulletins, the Standing Regulations for the VRC, these Supplementary Regulations and any further Regulations, Bulletins, Instructions and Route Instructions which may be issued by the Organising Committee. The sprint rally will run under the same provisions, except for the Standing Regulations of the VRC

3.3 The CAMS Permit Number authorising this event is 309/1810/03.

### **4 GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **4.1 Correspondence**

All general correspondence should be addressed to the Event Secretary, and entries addressed to the Entries Secretary. Details provided in Section 6.

#### **4.2 Entries**

Entries finally close on Wednesday OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 1800hrs. For entry fee, refer to Section 7.

#### **4.3 Rally Headquarters**

Rally H.Q. will be located at the Alexandra Racecourse, Gordon Street, ALEXANDRA, from the times listed in the event schedule. The Official Notice Board will be located at Rally HQ while Rally HQ is operating. Supplementary Notice Boards will be located adjacent to the Start Location and at the Remote Rally HQ at Thornton Football Oval [Service Park]. (A detailed map will be supplied with the Further Instructions/Regulations)

#### **4.4 Documentation**

Book in (documentation verification) will be held at Rally H.Q. at the times listed in the Event Schedule. Every crew must present themselves at documentation within the time specified in the Event Schedule. Any infringements of this regulation will be reported to the Stewards recommending a penalty, the maximum being exclusion from the event.

#### **4.5 Start and Finish location**

The start will be located at Perkins Street, ALEXANDRA and the finish will be located at ALEXANDRA RACECOURSE, Gordon Street, ALEXANDRA with Parc Fermé, for AKADEMOS 2009 competitors.

#### **4.6 Scrutiny**

Scrutiny will be conducted on Wednesday OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 from 1800hrs to 2130hrs at Officer Smith Automotive, 36 Villiers St., North Melbourne; Ph: 9329 9973. Latest book-in time 2100 hrs.

## 5 RUNNING DETAILS

- 5.1 The event will start at approximately 0930hrs on the morning of Sunday OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> 2009. The sprint event will commence 10 minutes after the last car of the event has commenced.
- 5.2 The event will be run in one Leg totalling approximately 240 kms and will be run during the hours of daylight Sunday OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> 2009. Crews will compete over approximately 8 special stages with a total competitive distance of approximately 120 km. The sprint event will be run in one leg totalling approximately 130 kms, with approximately 4 special stages with a total competitive distance of approximately 60 km.
- 5.3 The entire event will be route charted with intermediate distances and advisory tulip diagrams being supplied for all Special Stages and liaison sections. Advisory arrows may be erected on Special Stages, at the discretion of the Organisers. **Crews may use notes [pace notes] as an additional aid, only if they have evidence of undertaking official reconnaissance.**
- 5.4 There will be one central servicing location in THORNTON.
- 5.5 There will be **No fuel** available at the service point. You will have to refuel from your own supplies in the nominated refuel areas.
- 5.6 At the end of the event there will be a presentation to the provisional winners approximately one hour after the last competitor finishes and the results are posted.



Officer Smith Automotive  
38 Villiers Street, North Melbourne.

All servicing, mechanical repairs & rally preparation.

## 6 RECONNAISSANCE

### 6.1 Registration

All competitors taking part in reconnaissance must register with the Rally Secretariat to get all the necessary documentation before starting their reconnaissance. Registration is done AFTER all paperwork has been checked and completed, **including the entry form being signed by both crew members**. Registration for reconnaissance can be done according to the following schedule:

Friday OCTOBER 16 <sup>th</sup> 2009	1900hrs – 2100hrs	Rally HQ Alexandra Racecourse Gordon Street ALEXANDRA
Saturday OCTOBER 17 <sup>th</sup> 2009	0800hrs – 1100hrs	Rally HQ Alexandra Racecourse Gordon Street ALEXANDRA

### 6.2 Regulations

Reconnaissance for all competitors will take place on Saturday OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> 2009 according to the schedule, detailed in Section 6.3. Refer to S/R 9.2 for reconnaissance vehicle requirements.

Only registered crews may take part in reconnaissance, in Driver/Co-Driver pairs according to each entry. The supplied ID stickers must be attached to the reconnaissance vehicle on the windshield (co-driver's side) and must be visible for the duration of the reconnaissance period.

#### **On special stages the speed limit is 60 km/h.**

Competitors must drive in a manner that does not endanger or inconvenience other traffic.

The maximum number of passages on each special stage for reconnaissance is limited to **three** per entered crew. This is controlled by a reconnaissance card, which must be shown at manned SS start, SS finish and, if requested, to Reconnaissance Control Crews along the route. **Crews must lodge their reconnaissance vehicle information prior to receiving their reconnaissance card or reconnaissance vehicle stickers.**

All stages driven more than once in the event will be considered as one for reconnaissance purposes. In no circumstances may crews drive in the opposite direction of the rally in the special stages, unless given directions to do so by the organisers or authorities. Entering or leaving the Special Stage elsewhere than through Start and Finish controls is prohibited.

Competitors found in breach of the reconnaissance regulations will be referred to the stewards who may apply an appropriate penalty, up to and including exclusion from the event.

### 6.3 Schedule:

Stages	From - To	Last start	SS km	*Km to SSS	Km to next SSS	Km to SSS 1
1/5	09:00 – 16:00	15:30	24.6	30	6.5	0.5
2/6	09:00 – 17:00	16:00	7.8	25	1.1	n/a
3/7	09:00 – 17:00	16:15	13.1	n/a	0.8	n/a
4/8	09:00 – 17:00	16:30	14.3	n/a	n/a	40

\*Km to SSS is the distance from Thornton to the start of the Special Stage. Thornton is 12.5 km from Rally HQ in Alexandra.

Crews will pass through **Thornton** after passages over stage 4.

Organisers envisage that crews will either survey all four stages then transport through Thornton, where they have the opportunity for a brief meal/toilet break, to return for their second and third pass. Alternately crews may decide to complete all passes around SS 1, then proceed to make their passes over SS 2 – 4.

## 7 ORGANISATION

- 7.1 The organiser and promoter of the **AKADEMOS 2009** to be run on Sunday OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 will be the Melbourne University Car Club Inc.
- 7.2 The Organising Committee shall be as follows:

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<b>OFFICIALS COORDINATOR</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>EQUIPMENT MANAGER</b>	<b>Brian Fleming</b>	
<b>COMPLIANCE CHECKER</b>	<b>Trevor Woods</b>	889096
<b>CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER</b>	<b>TBA</b>	
<b>CLUB STEWARD</b>	<b>Robin Baass</b>	9721653
<b>COMPETITOR RELATIONS OFFICER</b>	<b>David Officer</b>	883138
<b>SCORING</b>	<b>Gary Hodgskiss</b>	885164
<b>EVENT CHECKER</b>	<b>Trevor Woods</b>	889096
<b>VRC SERIES CO-ORDINATOR</b>	<b>David Lambie</b>	9925534
<b>AREA CO-ORDINATOR</b>	<b>Mike Welsh</b>	8810489
<b>STEWARDS VRC Series</b>	<b>David Johns</b>	9552209
<b>Rally Panel</b>	<b>Mark Hallowell</b>	
<b>CAMS</b>	<b>Mark Scorah</b>	9340852
<b>SERIES SCRUTINEERS</b>	<b>Graeme Palmer</b> <b>Frank Black</b>	884706 882079
<b>CHIEF SCRUTINEER</b>	<b>Angelo Curic</b>	9769651

## 8 ENTRIES AND CREW ELEGIBILITY

- 8.1 Both crew members must be members of a car club affiliated with CAMS in Victoria and hold a current CAMS Clubman Rally Licence or superior. The Driver, and Co-Driver intending to drive in the event, must hold a current civil driver's licence valid in Victoria or a permit accompanied by ARCOM's written permission.
- 8.2 The event will be open to all grades of competitors.
- 8.3 Both crew members must have officiated at least one event listed in the 2008 Victorian Rally Calendar. Crew members new to rallying are exempt from this requirement for at least their first year of competition. Refer to the Victorian Rally Bulletin for further information.
- 8.4 The CAMS licence of both crew members and the competitor/sponsor (if applicable), both crew members' club membership cards, driver's civil licence and the CAMS Vehicle Log Book must all be presented to the organisers for checking/verification prior to the start. Each crew consists of 2 people, one to be nominated as the driver and the other as the co-driver.
- 8.5 Both crew members are advised to have a current Victorian Ambulance subscription.
- 8.6 Entries will open and close on the dates and at the times listed in the event schedule in Section 1 of these regulations.
- 8.7 Entry fees are as set out in the table below. All entry fees include CAMS Personal Accident insurance for all listed crew members.

Entry Type	Cost (\$AUD)
AKADEMOS VRC Entry Fee for entries paid by September 30 <sup>th</sup> 200	\$500
AKADEMOS VRC Entry fee for other entries	\$550
Bog-a-Duck Sprint Rally – for entries paid by September 30 <sup>th</sup> 2009	\$250
Bog-a-Duck Sprint Rally fee for other entries	\$300

- 8.8 Any cheque or money order should be made payable to 'Melbourne University Car Club Inc'. Please note cheques may be banked when received. Ensure that there are sufficient funds to cover any cheques submitted. Competitors will be liable to pay any fees incurred by the Melbourne University Car Club Inc. from their dishonoured cheque/s BEFORE being allowed to start the event.
- 8.9 All entries must be on the official entry form, which forms part of these Supplementary Regulations, and must be complete in every detail and relevant fees paid before being accepted as an entry. The official Entry Form is considered either the paper document, as found in the files section of [www.vicrally.com.au](http://www.vicrally.com.au), or the lodgement of an electronic entry as found at [www.vicrallychampionship.com.au](http://www.vicrallychampionship.com.au). NO SIGNATURES are required on the Entry Form. The competitor, Driver and co-driver **must** report to either Official Scrutiny or Event Documentation to sign the disclaimer, **unless a paper entry form, full signed is lodged**. A parent or guardian of any under-18 co-driver must contact the Entries Secretary to arrange signing of the Consent Form 2 weeks prior to the event, or present themselves either at official Scrutiny or Event Documentation, **unless a paper entry form, fully signed, is lodged**. Entries must be lodged with the Entries Secretary. Refer to Section 1 for the Event Schedule.
- 8.10 Competitors are reminded of the penalties under the NCR for false statements.
- 8.11 Crews entering the Victorian Excel Rally Series must meet their series eligibility requirements for the various awards as listed.

- 8.12 Entries will be accepted in order of receipt. If the total entry limit of 60 cars is exceeded these subsequent crews will become reserves. Where a number of entries are received on the same day, resulting in the field limit being exceeded, a ballot will be held to determine the starting crews and the order of reserves.
- 8.13 The minimum number of cars for the Sprint Rally to run will be 12. Sprint Rally competitors may upgrade to the VRC event at any time up to scrutiny, upon payment of the balance of the VRC entry fee.
- 8.14 Competitors may change the car or a crew member by notifying the organisers in writing no less than one hour prior to the start of the event. If such a change is made after the close of entries then the notification is to be accompanied by a payment of \$20.00. If the car is changed after official scrutiny the competitor must arrange scrutiny for the replacement car. If the driver is changed the organisers may re-seed the start number of the crew.
- 8.15 The entry will be refunded in full if:
- An entry is not accepted,
  - The entry is withdrawn prior to the date of close of entries,
  - In the case of a reserve entry not starting the event.
- Also, if for reasons of *force majeure*, duly recognised by the stewards of the meeting, a competitor is unable to start the rally, 100% of the entry fee **may** be refunded.
- 8.16 The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry in accordance with NCR 83.
- 8.17 **All competitors must complete the attached Media information sheet** which forms part of the event entry form in order to provide the organisers with material for event publicity. Please make the information as complete and legible as possible and we shall endeavour to give you and your sponsors good exposure.

## 9 VEHICLE ELEGIBILITY

9.1 Competing vehicles must comply with one of the following categories:

Production Rally Cars (PRC) Group 3C (including FIA Group A),  
 FIA Group N,  
 Historic Rally Cars(HRC)  
 Classic Rally Cars (CRC)

The following classes will apply for the - Victorian Rally Championship (**AKADEMOS**):

**PRC** (incl. GP A) P1 – PRC up to 1400cc

P2 – PRC over 1400cc, up to and including 1600cc

P3 – PRC over 1600cc, up to and including 2000cc

P4 – PRC over 2000cc, two wheel drive

P5 – PRC four wheel drives over 2000cc (not meeting the requirements of Class P6)

P6 – PRC four wheel drive over 2000cc, models first manufactured prior to 1/01/1991 and cars as per CAMS list (see ARC regulation 14.7 and any CAMS bulletins issued) regardless of date of manufacture.

**GROUP N** N1 – FIA Group N up to 1400cc

N2 – FIA Group N over 1400cc, up to and including 1600cc

N3 – FIA Group N over 1600cc, up to and including 2000cc

N4 – FIA Group N over 2000cc, including Group N(P)

**EXCEL** Rally Drive Excel Rally Series Class (Cars must meet and be registered in the Rally Drive Excel Rally Series – see separate Rally Drive Excel Rally Series Rules)

**Historic Rally Cars** HRC – Historic Rally Cars, all eligible ages and capacities

**Classic Rally Cars** CRC – Classic Rally Cars, all ages. Note: ineligible for VRC points.

The following classes will apply for the - Multiclub Sprint Rally [**Bog-a-Duck**] :

S Vehicle up to 2000cc, L2 Vehicles over 2000cc 2WD , L4 Vehicles over 2000cc 4WD

9.2 **Reconnaissance vehicles** may be fitted with road tyres only – worn winter tread/Rally tyres are not allowed. Any vehicle entered to compete in the event may not be used in reconnaissance.

Signage and advertising is not permitted on reconnaissance vehicles, except where a commercial vehicle is being used, which carries standard business sign writing. [eg. A work vehicle].

Internal navigation aids may be fitted to reconnaissance vehicles.

## 10 EVENT AWARDS

10.1 **Trophies** will be awarded as follows:

### Victorian Rally Championship – AKADEMOS 2009

<b>Outright</b>	1st and 2nd	Driver and Co-driver
<b>Two Wheel Drive</b>	1st and 2nd	Driver and Co-driver
<b>Novice</b>	1st	Driver and Co-driver

First place in each of the following classes:

<b>PRC</b> (including GP A)	P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 and P6	Driver and Co-driver
<b>GROUP N</b>	N1, N2, N3 and N4	Driver and Co-driver
<b>Historic Rally Cars</b>	HRC	Driver and Co-driver
<b>Classic Rally Cars</b>	CRC	Driver and Co-driver

Where a crew member qualifies for more than one trophy, the organisers reserve the right to award a single trophy engraved to recognise each achievement.

### Bog-a-Duck Sprint Rally

<b>Outright</b>	1st	Driver and Co-driver
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10.2 Details of any further awards and/or prize money will be provided in the further instructions.

## 11 SCRUTINY

- 11.1 All competitors must present their vehicles for scrutiny on Wednesday OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> 2009 at **Officer Smith Automotive, 36 Villiers ST., NORTH MELBOURNE**, between the hours of 1800hrs and 2130hrs. All crews must have reported to scrutiny by 2100hrs. Competitors who reside more than **50 km** from the official scrutiny location and who wish to be regionally scrutineered **must seek the approval of the Clerk of Course prior to arranging alternative scrutiny** by a Grade 1 or 2 Regional Scrutineer. Vehicles which do not attend official scrutiny may be subject to an inspection by the Chief Scrutineer of the event at the start of the event.
- Crews applying for regional scrutineering should note that **there will be no provision at the event for turbo sealing**, this will **only** be done at official scrutineering.
- 11.2 Every competition vehicle must be submitted for examination by the scrutineers prior to the start of the event. On being passed by the scrutineers the crew will receive a signed scrutiny form that must be presented at event book in, after which all relevant documentation will be issued. Competitors receiving regional scrutiny must also present the entire scrutiny form before being allowed to start the event.
- 11.3 Attention will be paid to the noise emissions from the vehicle. Any vehicle exceeding 96 dB (A) when tested in accordance with the procedure specified in the current CAMS Manual may not be allowed to **start or continue** the event.
- 11.4 The Chief Scrutineer and his assistants are deemed to be judges of fact in all scrutiny matters.
- 11.5 Competing vehicles must be presented at scrutiny and at the start of the event in a clean and tidy condition. Any vehicle deemed by the Organisers to be dirty or untidy will not be scrutineered and / or not allowed to start the event.
- 11.6 All VRC vehicles that complete the specified course will be held in Parc Fermé for approximately 1 hour after the arrival of the final VRC vehicle into Parc Fermé. Vehicles may be selected for post event scrutineering during this time.

- 11.7 A white area measuring 500mm wide by 520mm high on each front door must be available to display the vehicle's competition number and any advertising decals, which may be provided by the Organisers. All competing vehicles will also receive an additional smaller competition number. This must be clearly placed on the top left hand side of the windscreen of the competition vehicle.
- 11.8 Competitors of Historic Rally Cars must provide documentation to substantiate the vehicle's eligibility for this class. (eg Homologation papers). Historic Rally Cars must display their Historic decals on the rear side windows.
- 11.9 Competitors of Classic Rally Cars must provide documentation to substantiate the vehicle's eligibility for this class. (eg Homologation papers). Classic Rally Cars must display the word Classic under the number on the side of the vehicle.
- NOTE:** It is the responsibility of Historic/Classic Rally Car competitors to provide the relevant decals required.
- 11.10 **Accident Advisory Sign** (Red SOS / green OK) – it is a requirement that all crews supply and carry their own Accident Advisory Sign. See Article 12, Schedule R of the CAMS Manual of Motorsport.
- 11.11 All crews will need to supply two (2) safety triangles, which are required to be carried and used in accordance with the current CAMS Manual.
- 11.12 **Helmets and clothing** intended for use during Special Stages of the VRC event [AKADEMOS] must be to a standard listed in Schedule D Articles 1 and 3 (C)(i) and (F) (Section 6 of the CAMS Manual of Motorsport) and **will be checked at scrutiny**.
- 11.13 If contesting for the series “Stuckey Tyres” Clubman Award, crews must appropriately display the supplied stickers on each side of their competing vehicle.
- 11.14 Service crews are reminded of their legal responsibilities with respect to drinking and driving.

## 12 CREW CONDUCT

- 12.1 Except for official reconnaissance on Saturday OCTOBER 17<sup>th</sup> 2009, practicing and/or reconnaissance by competitors on the roads in the general area of the event is expressly forbidden for a period of 4 (four) weeks prior to the start of the event. Please note that 24 hour logging operations are carried out in the area of the event. Any infringements of this regulation will be reported to the stewards recommending the maximum penalty possible ie. exclusion from the event.
- 12.2 Any competitor who has not undertaken official reconnaissance and is found using or in possession of pace notes (determined to be such by the absolute discretion of the organisers in consultation with the Stewards of the event) will be excluded from the event. Spot checks will be carried out during the event.
- 12.3 Competitors are reminded that liaison sections on this event will be on roads open to the public. Competitors must observe all Victorian Traffic Regulations in conjunction with speed restrictions as nominated in the official Route Instructions at all times. In particular obey **GIVE WAY** and **STOP** signs. **Speed may be checked** and the relevant penalties will be applied for any infringement, a crew will be penalised for any infringement of their service crew.
- 12.4 Competitors are reminded of the bush fire dangers and of civil penalties for throwing lighted matches, cigarettes etc. from vehicles, and for entering forest areas with a faulty or damaged exhaust.
- 12.5 **Emergency Procedure:** In the event of a vehicle stopping on a special stage the crew must immediately display **two** reflective **triangles** in a prominent position (at least 50m from vehicle) such that following competitors receive adequate warning of the stationary vehicle.

Also the **Accident Advisory Sign** (red SOS / green OK, as appropriate) **must** be physically shown to the next three vehicles and made visible for all remaining vehicles. See Article 8.2 of the National Rally Code.

**Failure to display** these types of signs as appropriate will result in referral to the Stewards who may impose penalties in accordance with the National Competition Rules.

- 12.6 Only the registered crew may be in the vehicle for the duration of the event with the exception of cases provided for in the Standing Regulations of the VRC, in an emergency or when working on the vehicle.

If a member of the crew retires, or if a third person is carried in the vehicle (except where this is to transport an injured person) the vehicle shall be excluded from the event.

- 12.7 Crews are reminded of their obligation to be familiar with the National Competition Rules, the National Rally Code, the Victorian Rally Bulletin/s and the Standing Regulations of the VRC. Failure to act in a manner befitting the sport, as deemed by the organisers and/or Stewards of the event, will result in the crew being charged and penalties issued.

- 12.8 **Drugs in Sport.** Crew members may be required to submit to tests which may indicate the presence of prohibited substances in accordance with the CAMS Drugs in Sports Policy. Refer NCR145a for further information.

- 12.9 Any crew **retiring from the event** must make contact with Rally HQ either in person or via radio at the next time control to notify the organisers of the withdrawal as well as submitting the withdrawal form from the Road Book. Failure to do so may result in a monetary penalty at the steward's discretion.

- 12.10 The competitor shall be liable for the excess payable on any incident requiring a claim on the CAMS and/or any Public Liability Insurance. Refer Appendix I of the CAMS Manual.

### 13 SERVICE CREWS

- 13.1 The entry fee includes 2 service crew registrations provided such service crews are nominated in full with the entry. Late registration of service crews will attract an additional fee of \$15.00 per service crew.

Registration of service crews is necessary in order that they be covered by the Public Risk Insurance for the event. One centrally located service area in THORNTON is used. One service crew could readily cover the entire event.

NB: The Public Risk Insurance cover is restricted to a maximum of 8 (eight) Service Crew personnel per competing vehicle, provided each Service Crew member is registered and has "**Signed on**" before the start of the event.

- 13.2 Service crew instructions will be detailed and will not require supporting maps. Each competing crew will receive a comprehensive set of instructions, which will include details of the official service areas and maps of the event. They will also receive an identification number. This must be clearly placed on the top left hand side of the windscreen of each service vehicle.

- 13.3 Access to some service areas may be restricted and will only be available to registered service crews with the provided signage attached to the vehicle. It is important that service crews are registered for insurance purposes and to avoid any difficulty during the event.

- 13.4 Servicing is prohibited outside the designated service areas, **i.e. No intercept servicing allowed.** Crews found servicing in other than designated service areas, as indicated in the Route Instructions, will be brought before the event stewards for appropriate action.

- 13.5 Refuelling is only permitted in the designated refuel area at the service park, or any remote refuel areas specified in the route instructions. Fuel must be in accordance with Schedule G of the CAMS Manual.
- 13.6 There shall be No draining of oils, fuels, other fluids, or other activities that leave waste or damage the oval surface including the unnecessary spinning of wheels (this is to ensure the availability of the venue for future events).
- Crews or service crews found leaving waste or damaging the oval surface will be will be reported to the stewards recommending the maximum penalty possible. This may include a time penalty and monetary fine.
- 13.7 It is highly recommended that all service crews supply and have available a working fire extinguisher within the vicinity of their service area.

## **14 STARTING ORDER**

- 14.1 The starting order for the event will be determined in accordance with the Standing Regulations for the VRC.
- 14.2 The final starting list will be posted on the notice board at Start location approximately one hour before the official start of the event on Sunday OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup> 2009.
- 14.3 Crews not on the Victorian seeding list will be seeded as per the VRC Standing Regulations. Crews must provide details of their past performances to assist the Organisers in the allocation of an appropriate starting number.
- 14.4 Both members of the crew, plus at least one member of their service crew, must attend Drivers Briefing at a time and location to be advised in the Further Instructions/Regulations.

## **15 REJOINING THE EVENT**

- 15.1 If you suffer a breakdown you may be able to continue in the rally at the subsequent Service out or Regroup control (see NRC 6.10) provided you can:
- (a) Advise the CRO of your intention to rejoin the rally.
  - (b) The vehicle is inspected by a Scrutineer who subsequently authorises the vehicle to rejoin, and
  - (c) The vehicle rejoins prior to the passage of the Sweep Car.
- 15.2 Where possible crews will restart in the position on the road they were placed at the start of the stage they failed to finish. For any stage missed a crew will be allocated a time equal to the slowest time on the stage plus 30 seconds.
- 15.3 Crews rejoining this event will not be eligible VRC series points for the event.

## **16 OFFICIAL MAPS**

Official maps will be supplied by the Organisers. In addition, Melways and VicRoads Country Directory may be useful. The organisers found the RS Maps BLUE RANGE map useful when setting up the event.

## 17 CONTROLS AND TIMING

- 17.1 The event will be using A - A Timing as per NRC 1.33 and include and/or omit rules as per VRC Standing Regulations. All crews are advised to familiarise themselves with this system of timing prior to the event.
- 17.2 Electronic beams may be used for timing at the start and finish of competitive sections in place of manned positions. The control officials at the start and finish locations will be Judges of Fact in regards to information derived from electronic beams.

**NOTE:** At the **entry control to the service park only**, crews will be able to drive in to the control area and nominate their desired book-in time. The later of the nominated time and actual arrival time will be entered as the Time-In for that control. The usual penalties will apply, based on the time-in entered.

## 18 PENALTIES AND RESULTS

- 18.1 Any protest must be lodged in accordance with Section 4, Part XII, Protests - of the NCR.
- 18.2 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.
- 18.3 Should a Special Stage be stopped for any reason before the last crew has completed that stage, the compassionate time ruling applies in accordance with VRC Standing Regulations and the current CAMS Manual.
- 18.4 With regard to 18.3, only the Stewards for the event may apply this rule after advice concerning the reason for the stoppage from the Clerk of Course. Should the Stewards consider the slowest time set as abnormal, they may select one of the four slowest times as the 'scratch' time. However no crew which is totally or partially responsible for stopping a stage may benefit from this action: such crew or crews will be given the time which they may eventually set, as agreed by the Clerk of Course and the Stewards.

## 19 ALTERATION OR ABANDONMENT

The Organisers reserve the right to postpone, alter, cancel or abandon the event in accordance with the NCR 59.

## 20 FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS / REGULATIONS

Further Instructions or Regulations will be issued after the start order is determined and will contain:

- Competition number
- Entry List and Crew Details
- Availability of Route Instructions
- Odometer check
- Crew briefing time and location
- Start/finish time and location
- Service details
- Event synopsis
- Additional awards
- Additional information or changes deemed necessary by the organisers.

## 21 SPECTATORS

A comprehensive spectator guide will be provided at event documentation and will also be available at the start of the event on Saturday and at the Central Service Area. There will be two alternative points in the forest. Each point is visited twice by crews during the day.

## APPENDIX 1 - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### A CLOSE OF ENTRIES

Potential Competitors please note that entries close on Wednesday OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 1800hrs and not on the night of scrutiny as is common with many events.

### B FIRE PRECAUTIONS

Crews are reminded that NO REFUELING IS TAKE PLACE WITHIN THE FOREST, except at a specified refuel zone. Also, a vehicle is not to continue if part of the exhaust system is missing.

### C CATERING

Food and drink will be available at the Thornton Football oval from around 1200hrs until around 1500hrs. Food and drink will also be available at the Alexandra Race Course from approx. 1600hrs.

**Competitors are reminded that the consumption of alcoholic liquor is forbidden on the day of the event, until the conclusion of the event. Any competitor found consuming alcohol in this period or during the course of the event, will be immediately excluded from the event (refer NCR 145A).**

Service crews are reminded of their legal responsibilities with respect to drinking and driving.

### D MEDIA INFORMATION

All competitors should complete the attached media information sheet in order to provide the Organisers with material for pre-event publicity. Please make the information as complete and legible as possible and we will endeavour to give you and your sponsors' good exposure.

### E PRESENTATION

A presentation to provisional winners will be held approx 1 hour after the last car has finished.

The official presentation time and place will be included with results.

### F ACCOMMODATION

The following Accommodation is available in Alexandra – until booked out.

#### MOTELS:

ALEXANDRA MOTOR INN	76 Downey Street, ALEXANDRA 3714 Ph: (03) 5772 2077
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#### CARAVAN PARKS:

ALEXANDRA SHOWGROUND CARAVAN PARK	William Street, ALEXANDRA Ph. (03) 5772 2029 Mob. 0407 805 208
BREAKAWAY TWIN RIVERS CARAVAN PARK	91 Breakaway Road, ACHERON Ph. (03) 5772 1735 Fax. (03) 5772 1748
RIVERSDALE CARAVAN PARK	5016 Maroondah Hwy ALEXANDRA Ph. (03) 5772 1222 Fax. (03) 5772 3410