

VICTORIAN CLUB AUTOCROSS SERIES

Standing Regulations for 2009

1. SERIES ADMINISTRATION:

1.1 SERIES MEMBERSHIP:

The Victorian Club Autocross Series (VCAS) shall be administered by a Committee drawn from the following group of member clubs:

- Bendigo Car Club Inc.
- Cerberus Car Club Inc.
- Ford Four Car Club Inc.
- Kyneton Car Club Inc.
- Maffra & District Car Club Inc.
- Melton Motor Sports Club Inc.
- Nissan Car Club of Australia Inc.
- Pakenham Auto Club Inc.
- Shepparton & District Car Club Inc.
- Deniliquin Sporting Car Club Inc.
- Car Club of the RMIT.

The Committee may, at a duly constituted Committee meeting, add or delete clubs from the group.

1.2 MISSION AND OBJECTIVES:

The Series will promote autocross competition to support and improve the driving ability of competitors of all ages and skill levels. This will be achieved by the Committee:

- Maintaining easy access to autocross competition
- Enhancing car control skills
- Developing standard autocross procedures and regulations in conjunction with CAMS
- Improving awareness and understanding of car preparation
- Maintaining high safety standards
- Encouraging sportsmanship
- Fostering fairness, competition and enjoyment
- Promoting the sport through sponsorship and advertising

1.3 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

- 1.3.1 The Series Committee shall be made up of a Chairperson and one delegate (or substitute) representing each Member club.
- 1.3.2 The Chairperson shall be a member of a Member club, and may or may not (preferably) be a club delegate.
- 1.3.3 The Chairperson, if not the voting delegate of a Member club, shall not have a deliberative vote.
- 1.3.4 The Committee shall appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, Event Coordinator, Series Scorer and other Executive members as required. These shall either be delegates or may be co-opted.
- 1.3.5 The Secretary shall ensure that minutes of meeting are kept and published.
- 1.3.6 The Treasurer shall maintain accounts covering expenditure by the committee.
- 1.3.7 The Event Coordinator shall maintain contact with the Clubs to ensure that events are well organised and that results are provided to the scorer in a timely manner.
- 1.3.8 The Series Scorer shall be responsible for maintaining and publishing Series Outright, Class and Club scores.

1.4 COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

- 1.4.1 *Meetings:* Meetings of the VCAS committee will be held periodically during the year as the need arises.

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- 1.4.2 *Planning Meeting*: A meeting shall be held each year by the end of October to plan the following year's calendar of events and review the Standing Regulations for any changes required.
- 1.4.3 *Notice of meetings*: Not less than two weeks' notice will be given to each delegate
- 1.4.4 *Quorum*: The quorum for a valid meeting is greater than 5 of the member clubs,
- 1.4.5 *Casting vote*: If the vote is tied on a motion, the chairperson shall have the right and obligation to exercise a casting vote, unless having already voted as a delegate.

1.5 VCAS EXPENSES:

- 1.5.1 Member clubs shall pay a levy each year to cover Series expenses such as series trophies, newsletters and administration expenses. The levy will be determined by the Committee. For 2009 this is set at \$2 per entry.
- 1.5.2 An account with a recognised financial institution shall be maintained by the committee for receipt of funds and payment of expenses.
- 1.5.3 The account shall be administered by the Chairperson with all payments authorised by the Chairperson and one of two agreed club delegates.
- 1.5.4 Should the Series be discontinued any residual funds shall be distributed as the existing Committee sees fit, with submissions sought from member clubs and preference given to proposals that directly benefit club level competition.

2. AUTHORITY

- 2.1 Events in the VCAS series shall be conducted in accordance with:
 - The International Sporting Code of the FIA
 - The current CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, particularly:
 - Speed Event Standing Regulations and
 - Autocross Standing Regulations
 - These VCAS Standing Regulations
 - The Event Supplementary Regulations
 - Any special conditions for a particular track, which will be advised at drivers' briefings
 - Any Further Regulations issued by the organisers.
- 2.2 Autocross Standing Regulation 2.2 is amended to allow for the same car to be entered up to four times in the same competition, to be driven by a different driver in respect of each entry.
- 2.3 For circumstances envisaged by Autocross Standing Regulation 6.8 [an incident on the course which prevents a car from completing its run] an official may use a red flag to stop a competing car, in which case the competitor must come to a halt and take instructions from the official.
- 2.4 Speed Events Standing Regulation 2.3 is amended to define junior competitors as having achieved the age of 14 years, but not 18 years, on 1 January in the year of competition. A junior competitor shall compete in that class for the whole of the competition season unless they elect to compete in a different class, as provided in VCAS Regulation 9.6.
- 2.5 Speed Events Standing Regulation 10 and Autocross Standing Regulation 5.4 are amended by the adoption of the following penalties:

2.5.1	Striking a course marker	Plus 5 seconds per infringement
2.5.2	Shortening the course [vehicle on wrong side of course marker]	Plus 10 seconds per infringement
2.5.3	Did not start a run	No time allocated
2.5.4	Did not finish a run	No time allocated

3. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

In the interests of uniformity, each organising club shall use a standard set of Supplementary Regulations including the standard Entry Form.

In order to promote the series as widely as possible the standard Supplementary Regulations and Entry Form to be used for each round of the VCAS should be available to all member clubs and to promotional outlets 6 weeks before each round.

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4. ENTRIES

- 4.1. Entries will only be accepted on the official Entry Form, which is attached to the event Supplementary Regulations. To be accepted the Entry Form must be complete in all details and accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- 4.2. Each competitor shall hold a current membership card of a CAMS-affiliated club and, as a minimum, a current CAMS Level 2S licence.
- 4.3. Supplementary Regulations for each round of the VCAS shall show two dates for entries:
 - 4.3.1 An initial date, until which time entries from members of VCAS clubs will be given preference; and
 - 4.3.2 A closing date, until which time entries may additionally be received from members of non VCAS clubs
- 4.4. The fee for entries received by the closing date shall be \$65 for entries in Junior class and \$85 for all other entries
- 4.5. The fee for entries received by the secretary before the initial date shall be discounted by \$30.
- 4.6. A maximum of 4 persons may be entered to drive the same car in any VCAS round.
- 4.7. The maximum number of entries shall be listed in the event Supplementary Regulations. This number shall be determined by the organisers, and will be based on the design of the track, with the intention of ensuring that, in reasonable circumstances, a minimum of 5 timed runs will be available for each competitor.
- 4.8. Priority Pre-paid Competitors are those automatically pre-entered for all rounds of the VCAS Series. Competitors do not need to be Priority Pre-paid Competitors to enter VCAS events or score series points. Priority Pre-paid Competitors still need to fill out an entry form for each event; however Priority Pre-paid Competitors are guaranteed a place at a VCAS round providing the following conditions are met. Priority Pre-paid Competitors do not have to enter every round of the series, however if they have not lodged their completed entry form by this time, their reserved place will be forfeit for that round. Event Secretaries will be forwarded a list of Priority Pre-paid Competitor 4 weeks prior to an event and these competitors will be allocated provisional spaces in the event subject receiving their completed entry form before 5pm the Wednesday prior to the event. To be a Priority Pre-paid Competitor the competitor must satisfy the following requirements
 - 4.8.1 Be a member of a VCAS member club,
 - 4.8.2 Have filled out the Priority Pre-paid Competitor form,
 - 4.8.3 Lodge the Priority Pre-paid Competitor form with the VCAS Chairman at least 4 weeks before an event (to be eligible as a Priority Pre-paid Competitor for that event)
 - 4.8.4 and pay a fee to VCAS as set by the VCAS committee. For 2009 the VCAS committee has set the Priority Pre-paid Competitor fee at \$20.
 - 4.8.5 Have a completed event entry form with the event secretary before 5pm the Wednesday prior to the event.

5. EVENT TIMES

- 5.1 *Daylight Events.* Competitors shall arrive in time for the start of scrutiny, which shall commence at 8:00 am. The drivers' briefing shall commence at 10:00 am.
- 5.2 *Twilight Events.* As the starting time for these events may vary, the time by which competitors must report for scrutiny and for drivers' briefing shall be advised in event Supplementary Regulations.
- 5.3 *Document Check.*
 - 5.3.1 For daylight events each competitor must report to the event secretary to process all documentation by 10:00 am.
 - 5.3.2 For twilight events the time for this function shall be advised in event Supplementary Regulations.

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- 5.3.3 All entrants must present their car club membership card and CAMS license.
- 5.3.4 Owners of competing vehicles with CAMS Log Books must present them at Check In and Scrutineering.

- 5.4 *Late Arrival.* Competitors who arrive after the advised times may, at the sole discretion of the Clerk of Course, be excluded from taking part in practice for the event.

- 5.5 *Practice,* of one lap per competitor, shall be at the discretion of the Clerk of Course. Each car must have passed scrutiny before taking part in practice and in competition. Practice must be completed before the drivers' briefing.

- 5.6 *Start of Competition.*

- 5.6.1 For daylight events the first official run shall commence no later than 10:30 am.
- 5.6.2 For twilight events the start time for official runs shall be advised in event Supplementary Regulations.

- 5.7 The running order shall be rotated by classes at each VCAS round. At the first round the running order shall be Class A, B, C, D, E, J, L, S and W. At the second round the running order shall be Class B, C, D, E, J, L, S, W and A; and so on.

6. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL VEHICLES

- 6.1 All competing vehicles must comply with Schedules A & B of the General Requirements of Automobiles as published in the current CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.
- 6.2 When a vehicle is fitted with forced induction the swept displacement shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.7 to determine its nominal capacity.
- 6.3 When a vehicle is fitted with a rotary [Wankel-type] engine the swept displacement shall be multiplied by a factor of 1.8 to determine its nominal capacity.
- 6.4 When a vehicle is fitted with a rotary [Wankel-type] engine and forced induction the swept displacement shall be multiplied by a factor of $1.8 \times 1.7 = 3.06$ to determine its nominal capacity.
- 6.5 Actual and nominal engine capacities must be declared on the Entry Form.
- 6.6 Rollover protection when fitted to competing vehicles must comply with the requirements of Schedule J of the current CAMS Manual of Motor Sport.
- 6.7 On closed cars the driver's side window must be "up" during practice and competition, or the vehicle must be equipped with a window net sufficient to ensure that limbs cannot project beyond the body line of the vehicle.
- 6.8 Open cars, specials and buggies must be fitted with window nets or with arm restraints sufficient to ensure that limbs cannot project beyond the bodyline of the vehicle. These must be in place / worn whilst competing.
- 6.9 All vehicles must be fitted with mudguards which comply with The definition contained in CAMS Manual for Observed Trials, Section 4, Sub section IV (P12-28, 2002), which effectively cover the full width of all wheels.
- 6.10 Effective mud flaps must be fitted behind all driven wheels. On front wheel drive cars effective mud flaps must be fitted behind all wheels.
- 6.11 Cars competing in classes for production-based cars (A, B, C, D, E, W) must be complete with all body panels.

Note: The Chief Scrutineer at each event shall provide a report of faults found with any vehicles to the Clerk of Course. This report shall be sent to the Series Secretary or Coordinator for inclusion in the Series Scrutineering book that will be provided to subsequent events for review.

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7. CLASSES

7.1 Class A: Two wheel drive Production Cars up to 2000cc.

7.2 Class B: Two wheel drive Production Cars 2001cc and over.

Note: The spirit of Class A and Class B is for standard and street-driven cars. Cars must be in roadworthy condition and be standard to the manufacturers' specifications, including: :

- The body and all trim of the vehicle must be complete and in place, including all glass.
- All body panels must be manufactured from the original type of material.
- Changes to the fuel induction system and driveline are not permitted (with the specific exception of the air filter only).
- Engine type and capacity must be original for the make and model of vehicle EXCEPT that engines may be overbored by a maximum of 1.0mm. If this machining operation increases the capacity above the class limit, it must be declared on the entry form and the vehicle will compete in that higher class.

The following freedoms apply:

- Air filtering system is free
- Exhaust system is free but must include an effective muffler
- The brake friction material is free, but the braking system must be standard
- Wheels and tyres are free, with the exception that Hand Cut Rally Tyres or tyres marked "RALLY USE ONLY" or "MUD & SNOW" are not permitted.

7.3 Class C: Two wheel drive Modified Production Cars up to 1600cc.

7.4 Class D: Two wheel drive Modified Production Cars 1601 to 2000cc.

7.5 Class E: Two wheel drive Modified Production Cars 2001cc and over.

Note: The criteria for cars in Class C, Class D and Class E are:

- Based on Production Cars, modified in accordance with these regulations.
- Engine position to remain in the original production car position. Any change to the engine compartment that involves cutting the firewall is considered a change in engine position.
- Driveline modifications are permitted.
- All panels and windows must be in place.
- Wheels and tyres are free.

7.6 Class J: Juniors, defined as having achieved the age of 14 years, but not 18 years, on 1 January 2009. A junior competitor shall compete in that class for the whole of the competition season unless he/she elects to compete in an "open" class. If so, he/she must continue to compete in an "open" class for the remainder of the year.

7.7 Class L: Ladies, may compete in any class of vehicle. A lady competitor may elect to compete in an "open" class. If so, she must continue to compete in an "open" class for the remainder of the year.

7.8 Class S: Specials, purpose-built or special types of vehicles and buggies. All vehicles in this class must be built to safe engineering standards and, be equipped to comply with all CAMS safety requirements including rollover protection. Vehicles without reverse gear, as required in Para 6.1 of these rules, will be permitted to run although competitors are strongly encouraged to have reverse gear as the running of events can be affected. The chief scrutineer of each event shall have sole discretion on whether a vehicle is acceptable on safety grounds to compete.

7.9 Class W: Four wheel drive production based vehicles, which must be recognisably based on a production four wheel drive vehicle. No engine capacity limit.

Note: If any competitor changes class during the competition season, no points already scored in the original class may be carried forward to the new class.

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8. EVENT TIMING, PENALTIES and RESULTS

- 8.1 Each event shall consist of a minimum of three officially timed runs.
- 8.2 Outright and class placings shall be determined by the aggregate of the best three runs for each competition.
- 8.3 Should only three runs be completed for all competitors, all runs shall count.
- 8.4 If due to circumstances beyond the control of the organisers only two runs are completed for all competitors the stewards may allow the results of the competition to be determined by the aggregate of the best two runs for each competitor, and outright and class points shall be awarded accordingly.
- 8.5 Results for each round shall be posted to each competitor and to the series Scorer (in Microsoft Excel format) within 14 days of each round.
- 8.6 Penalties shall be applied as described in these VCAS Regulation 2.5 Further, any action, which is detrimental to the event, including dangerous driving or failing to obey an instruction from an official, may be dealt with by the Clerk of Course and/or by the Stewards. Penalties may include exclusion from the event.
- 8.7 If the Key Officials of any event are regular Series competitors, they shall be entitled for full Series Class points in the their normal competition Class in lieu of competing. The Clerk of Course and Stewards shall not compete in that event (Ref CAMS Manual NCR 166)
- 8.8 If the event paperwork is not administered on time the Clerk of Course shall not be eligible for Series points outlined in clause 8.7.

9. VCAS SERIES SCORING

- 9.1 The VCAS Committee shall appoint a Scorer for the Series who shall maintain and publish up-to-date results.
- 9.2 Only financial members of clubs which are members of the VCAS Series are eligible to score individual points or points for their clubs in the Series.
- 9.3 The Series shall consist of a maximum of 11 rounds.
- 9.4 The results towards each competitor's individual result for the Series will be calculated as follows.
If the series consists of less than 9 rounds all rounds shall count.
If the series consists of 9 or more rounds then the competitor's single worst round score will not count.
- 9.5 The results from every round shall count towards each club's result for the Series.
- 9.6 Series points shall be allocated at each round on the following scales:
Outright: 1st to 10th: 10 points down to 1 point
Class: 1st to 10th: 10 points down to 1 point
Club Series: The total of the points awarded to the 3 best-placed competitors in each class who nominated that member club on their entry form for that round.

Note: The results for competitors who are not members of clubs which are part of the VCAS Series shall not be taken into consideration when Club Series points are being calculated.

Note: When two or more competitors are tied in the results by equal aggregate times they shall share equally the class or outright points for the positions they have collectively filled.

- 9.7 There shall be up to 11 series winners:
One Outright Winner
Nine Class Winners
One Car Club Series Winner.

10. TROPHIES

- 10.1 **Round Trophies:** Trophies shall be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd outright.
Trophies shall be awarded to 1st in each class.
If 5 or more entries have been received in a class, a trophy shall also be awarded for 2nd in that class.
If 10 or more entries have been received in a class, a trophy shall also be awarded for 3rd in that class.
Note: If a competitor is eligible for an outright trophy and for a class trophy at a round, a combined trophy may be awarded.
- 10.2 **Series Trophies:**
- 10.2.1 Each member club shall pay a series trophy fee, as determined by the Series Committee. In setting the series trophy fee the Committee shall take into consideration such factors as the costs of series trophies and of administering the series.
- 10.2.2 Trophies shall be awarded for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the individual outright competition and 1st in each class, subject to each winner having competed in 50% of the events run in that year. Class trophies for 2nd and 3rd shall only be awarded if more than 5 or 10 entries regularly (>50% of events) compete in each class (See 10.1).
- 10.2.3 A perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the outright competition, to be held for the following 12 months.
- 10.2.4 A perpetual trophy shall be awarded to the champion club, to be held for the following 12 months.
- 10.2.5 In the case of tied results, each competitor who shares a position for which a trophy is to be awarded shall receive a trophy; except that in the case of perpetual trophies the competitors shall hold the trophy jointly.

11. PRESENTATIONS

- 11.1 Event trophies for each VCAS round shall be presented at the following round, immediately before the drivers' briefing.
- 11.2 Series trophies shall be presented at the first VCAS round of the following year.

VCAS 2009 CALENDAR

(Updated – 8/1/09)

(Bold is confirmed)

Round 1	February 28th	DSCC (Deniliquin) Sat Twilight <u>2008 Presentation in Lunch Break</u>
Round 2	March 15th	KCC (Kyneton)
Round 3	April 19th	BCC (Bendigo)
Round 4	May 17th	MMSC (Melton)
<i>Practice</i>	<i>June 6th/7th</i>	<i>SHSCC (Swan Hill) Practice Event</i>
Round 5	June 20th	PAC (Maffra) Sat Twilight
Round 6	July 25th	MADCC (Maffra) Sat Twilight
Round 7	August 22nd	CCC (Bendigo) Sat Daylight
Round 8	September 27 th	SDCC (Shepparton)
Round 9	October 18th	FFCC (Melton) (or possibly Spare Date)
Round 10	November 8th	NCCA (Melton)
Spare	December 6 th	



2009 VCAS Priority Pre-paid Competitor Scheme

VCAS Priority Pre-paid Competitors – From 2009 VCAS has introduced Priority Pre-paid Competitors for those entrants who want to do every event in the VCAS Series. For 2009, a nominal fee of \$20 will secure your place for every round as a Priority Pre-paid Competitor. Priority Pre-paid Competitors will still need to fill out an entry form for every event; however priority competitors are **guaranteed** a place at every event if you have your completed form for the event secretary **before** the Wednesday prior to the event. Priority competitors do not have to enter every round of the series, however if you have not lodged your completed entry form by this time, your reserved place will be forfeit for that round.

Competitors can join the Priority Pre Paid Competitor list at any time, however this form need to be received by the VCAS Chairman no later than 4 weeks prior to an event to be in the list for that event. This scheme is only open to competitors from the VCAS member clubs. You do not need to become a Priority Pre-paid competitor to enter VCAS events or score series points, however with most events now having full fields, the Priority Pre-paid will ensure your place at all rounds if you comply with the conditions above.

If you wish to become a 2009 VCAS Priority Pre-paid competitor please fill out the form below and enclose a cheque or money order. Completed forms should be returned to “VCAS Chairman – c/o 34 Piperita Road Ferntree Gully 3156” with the cheque made out to “Victorian Club Autocross Series”

Competitor / Driver		Class.....
Name (Block letters).....		
Address.....		
.....		
.....P/Code.....		
Phone (AH).....		(Mob).....
E-mail		
Club.....		CAMS LicNo.....
Description of Car		
Make.....		Model.....
Modified. Yes/ No		Class.....
Body Type.....		Colour.....
Total Paid.....Cash/Cheque/Other		

At all VCAS rounds (as per the 2009 VCAS Standing Regulations)

- **1st preference** will go to Priority Pre-paid Competitors (Only from VCAS Member Clubs)
- **2nd preference** will go to VCAS Competitors (Only from VCAS Member Clubs)
- Following the Wednesday evening prior to the event, remaining places will go to competitors from non VCAS Clubs.

-Nicholas Charrett

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