

Valley Stages

Supplementary Regulations

2025

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Saturday 20th September 2025

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. EVENT FORMAT

- 1.1 The Event known as the "**Valley Stages**", hereafter known as "the VRC Event", will be run as a State Championship Special Stage Rally. A Sub-Event also known as the "**Valley Stages VCRS**", hereafter known as "the VCRS", will be run in conjunction with part of the Event.
- 1.2 The Event will be conducted over public and private roads during the daylight hours on Saturday 20th September 2025 in the Healesville area.
- 1.3 The VRC Event will be run as one division totalling approximately 286 Km. VCRS will be 270 Km
- 1.4 The VRC Event will be divided into 2 heat(s) with each heat scored separately for Championship points. The VCRS will be 1 heat and scored as per the VCRS series Regulations.
- 1.5 VRC Crews will compete over 10 Special Stages with a total competitive distance of approximately 150km. The liaison distance will be approximately 136km. VCRS Crews will compete over 8 Special Stages of approximately 123km and liaison distance of 137km.
- 1.6 The VRC Event will be Pace Noted with advisory route chart available. The VCRS Event will be entirely 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.
- 1.7 A competitor CANNOT enter both the VRC and VCRS.
- 1.8 The Event will commence at approximately 0900 hrs on the 20th September 2025 and the last car should finish by 1730 hrs.
- 1.9 There will be one central servicing location in Yarra Glen and one optional remote refuel location.
- 1.10 End of event parc ferme will be conducted in accordance with the Victorian Rally Championship Standing regulations Section 18.
- 1.11 There will be a presentation to the provisional winners at the end of the Event. This will be held as soon as possible after the arrival of the last car and the conclusion of the final Stewards of the Event.

2. CHAMPIONSHIPS & SERIES

- 2.1 The Event will be a round of the 2025 The DRC Auto Electrical 4x4 Victorian Rally Championships and series as authorised by the Victorian Rally Panel and Round 4 of the Pro Rally Fabrications Victorian Club Rally Series
 - a) Round 4 Victorian Rally Championship (VRC)
 - b) Round 4 Victorian 2WD Rally Championship (VRC-2WD)
 - c) Round 4 Victorian Rally Championship Clubman Award
 - d) Round 4 Victorian Rally Championship Novice Award
 - e) Round 4 Victorian Club Rally Series
 - f) Round 4 Victorian Club Novice Series
 - g) Round 4 Victorian Seniors Cup

3. EVENT SCHEDULE

Day	Date & Time	Activity	Venue
August	On publication of these Supp Regs	Entries open Entries to be sent to the Secretary via email.	
Saturday	6 th September 2025	Early Recce Opens for registered crews	
Sunday	7 th September 2025	Entries Close	17.00hrs
Wednesday	10 th September 2025 1800 hrs	Further Regulations/Instructions and Provisional Start Order emailed	
Wednesday	17 th September 2025 2030 hrs	Closing time for objections to the provisional Start Order	
Friday	19 th September 2025 1830 hrs - 2100 hrs	Rally HQ opens Documentation starts and Book-in starts	Yarra Glen Racecourse Rally HQ
Saturday	20 th September 2025 0600 hrs	Service park opens Rally HQ opens Book-in for VCRS opens	Yarra Glen Racecourse
	0700 hrs	Start order posted excluding top 3 balloted positions VRC	Yarra Glen Racecourse Rally HQ
	0730 hrs	Book-in closes for VCRS	Yarra Glen Racecourse Rally HQ
	0830 hrs	Crew briefing VRC/VCRS and Ballot for first 3 positions VRC	Yarra Glen Racecourse Rally HQ
	0900 hrs	Start of Competition	Yarra Glen Racecourse Rally HQ
	1700 hrs	Finish of competition	Yarra Glen Racecourse Rally HQ
	1800 hrs/After arrival of last car and conclusion of final Stewards meeting	Presentation to provisional winners	Yarra Glen Racecourse Rally HQ
	2000 hrs	Rally HQ closes	Yarra Glen race course Rally HQ
Wednesday	24 th September 2025	Provisional Results emailed to Crews and posted on vicrally.com.au	
Saturday	27 th September 2025 (72 hours after publication) 0900 hrs	Results become final if no protest received	

* Exact times will be notified in Further Regulations

4. EVENT GOVERNING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 4.1 The Event will be conducted under the provisions of:
- FIA International Sporting Code including Appendices
 - National Competition Rules (NCR) of the Motorsport Australia
 - The Motorsport Australia Rally/Road Appendix Rally Standing Regulations.
 - Victorian Rally Bulletins
 - VRC Standing Regulations
 - VCRS Series Rules
 - These Supplementary Regulations
 - Any Further Regulations, Bulletins, Instructions and Route Instructions which may be issued by the Organising Committee.
- 4.2 The Event will be conducted under and in accordance with Motorsport Australia OH&S, Safety 1st, Integrity and Legal, and Risk Management Policies, which can be found on the Motorsport Australia website at www.motorsport.org.au.
- 4.3 Certain public, property, professional indemnity and personal accident insurance is provided by Motorsport Australia in relation to the Event. Further details can be found in the Motorsport Australia Insurance Handbook, available at www.motorsport.org.au.
- 4.4 The Motorsport Australia Permit Number authorising this Event is 325/2009/02

5. ORGANISATION

- 5.1 The Organiser and Promoter of the Event will be the Nissan Car Club Australia Inc, which has appointed the following Organising Committee

Clerk of the Course	Kim O'Halloran Ph: 0409 347 785 Email kim@ohalloranms.com.au	Licence No. 9730894
Assistant Clerk of the Course	Neil Schey	Licence No. 8816520
Event Secretary	Trevor Woods	Licence No. 889096
Road Director	Kim O'Halloran	Licence No. 9730894
Safety Officer	Susan Day	Licence No. 9236667
Officials Coordinator	Denise Chenhall Ph: 0417 015 792 Email: wdeals@bigpond.com.au	Licence No. 1508339
Competitor Relations Officer (CRO)	John Downs Mob: 0447 579 439	Licence No. 9771370
Chief Scrutineer	TBA	Licence No.
Event/Compliance Checker	Bernard Miron	Licence No. 9726547
Stewards	Bill Bennett	Licence No. 9936835
Series Scrutineer VRC	Frank Black	Licence No 882079
Series Scrutineer VCRS	John Roberts	Licence No 9898788

6. ENTRIES

- 6.1 Entry to the Event will be for the VRC Event or VCRS Event only. Entries in both Events are NOT permitted.
- 6.2 All entries must be on the official Entry Form, **complete in every detail** and accompanied by the appropriate fee. Entries shall be emailed to Trevor Woods, email: oldf@bigpond.net.au
- 6.3 The Competitor and Crews are reminded of the penalties under the NCR for false statements.
- 6.4 Entry Fees are as set out below.
 - a) VRC Entry Fee \$950
 - b) VCRS Entry Fee \$750
- 6.5 The Entry Fee includes the payment of all application fees and levies including trophy fund, publicity fund, Motorsport Australia Personal Accident insurance for all listed Crew Members and RallySafe unit hire.
- 6.6 Method of payment is Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). A copy of the receipt of payment MUST be available to the organisers to confirm payment before being allowed to start.

Transaction reference line should state Drivers first initial and surname preceded by 'VS', e.g. "VS J Smith"

Account Name: Nissan Car Club Aust Inc.

BSB: 013 225

Account No: 2971 92428

- 6.7 Entries will be accepted in order of receipt. If the entry limit of 80 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.
- 6.8 Entries may be refused in accordance with the NCR.
- 6.9 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 \$50.00. 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 order of the Crew.
- 6.10 **All correspondence will be sent electronically via email.** No Supplementary Regulations, Further Regulations or Results will be posted in the mail. Please ensure you provide a legible, current and valid email address on your entry form.
- 6.11 Entry fee refunds will be in accordance with the provisions of the VRC Standing Regulations/VCRS Series Rules.

7. CREW ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1 The VRC Event will be open to all grades of Crew members.
- 7.2 Each Crew shall consist of 2 people, one to be nominated as the Driver and the other as the co-Driver.
- 7.3 Both Crew Members must be members of a car club affiliated with Motorsport Australia and hold a current Motorsport Australia Rally/Rally Junior Licence which may include a Navigator Only endorsement.
- 7.4 The Driver and any 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. Co-Drivers who do not hold a civil Driver's licence must sign a Declaration in accordance with RSR – Events General Article 2.1 and which is attached to these Supplementary Regulations.
- 7.5 Both Crew Members must have officiated at least one Event listed in the Victorian Rally Calendar in the previous two years. Crew Members new to rallying are exempt from this requirement for their first year of competition. Refer to the Victorian Rally Bulletin for further information.

- 7.6 Both Crew Members are advised to have a current ambulance insurance valid in Victoria.
- 7.7 To be eligible for awards, Crews must display any Event promotional material supplied and Championship material as per the VRC Standing Regulations and Bulletins if applicable.
- 7.8 Both Crew Members will be required to present evidence of their eligibility at Event Documentation (see Article 14).
- 7.9 The VCRS Event is open to all grades of Competitor, however only Crews conforming to the following will be eligible for Event or series awards, or series points: Current state recognised (Grade B), state clubman (Grade C), clubman (Grade D), novice (Grade E) and rookie (Grade F) Competitors.
- 7.10 To secure individual points for the VCRS, both Crew Members must be current financial members of any of the VCRS car clubs which are listed in the 2025 VCRS Series Rules.
- 7.11 To be eligible for VCRS novice awards both Crew Members must be grade E or grade F
- 7.12 No person may participate in any competitive section without wearing a helmet and apparel as detailed in these Supplementary Regulations.
- 7.13 To be eligible for senior cup points the combined age of both Crew Members and the vehicle must equal or exceed 120 years. Both Crew Members must be at least 40 years old and the age of the vehicle will be determined by the year of manufacture on the registration label or other means deemed acceptable by the Series Coordinator. The Crew must request this on the entry form.
- 7.14 To be eligible for VCRS Junior Cup, Competitors must be under 25 years of age on the first of February of that year of competition. The Crew must request this on the Entry Form.
- 7.15 Crew Members must not have won the VCRS Junior Cup in their respective roles previously.
- 7.16 The Organiser reserves the right to postpone or stop the Event in accordance with the NCR.
- 7.17 The Organisers reserve the right to only refund 50% of the entry fee if the crew withdraws from the event up to 1 week prior to the start for both VRC and VCRS.

8. VRC VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY & CLASSES

- 8.1 VRC Competing vehicles must comply with the VRC Standing Regulations and the Vehicle Technical Regulations of the Motorsport Australia Manual.
- 8.2 The classes for the event are as specified in the VRC Standing Regulations.
- 8.3 Vehicles used in reconnaissance must be fitted with road tyres only – worn winter treads/rally tyres are not permitted.

9. VCRS VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES

- 9.1 All VCRS vehicles eligible for Series points or awards must comply with the provisions of Group 3C, Production Rally Cars (PRC) (which accordingly includes FISA Group A and Group N), Club Rally Cars and Classic Rally Cars, Historic or road registered 4WD vehicles that comply with Groups A0, A1 or A2 of the MA Cross Country Rally Standing Technical Regulations. (Refer to VCRS Series Rules 3.3 Vehicles)
- 9.2 The following classes shall apply:
 - Class A: up to and including 1400cc
 - Class B: over 1400cc, up to and including 1600cc
 - Class C: over 1600cc, up to and including 2000cc
 - Class D: over 2000cc 2 Wheel Drive.
 - Class E: over 2000cc 4 Wheel Drive

Note: Capacity is multiplied by a factor of 1.7 for forced induction (turbo chargers etc.) and by a factor of 1.8 for rotary powered cars. Competitors are to ensure these factors are applied if necessary, when nominating a class upon entry.
- 9.3 Competitors must indicate which class they wish to be entered in on the Entry Form.
- 9.4 An eligible VCRS Junior Cup vehicle must be a normally aspirated vehicle of no more than six cylinders within the classes of A, B, C or D as listed above.
- 9.5 The vehicle must not be classified by VicRoads as high-powered for the purposes of P Plate power restrictions.

10. RALLYSAFE

- 10.1 All Competitors (VRC and VCRS Crews) must make provision in their competition vehicle for the RallySafe GPS tracking system.
- 10.2 Competitors must have a RallySafe wiring loom, antennas and mounting kit installed prior to scrutiny. This is a one off purchase via the RallySafe web shop see: <http://RallySafe.com.au/shop/>
- 10.3 Installation instructions are available at <http://rallysafe.com.au/2013/02/Competitors>
The RallySafe system must be wired to permanent 12v power.
- 10.4 The RallySafe GPS tracking unit screen will be available at the Event, prior to the start. Further details will be in the Event Further Regulations.
- 10.5 Competitors should familiarise themselves with the use of the RallySafe by reference to the "Quick Reference Manual" are available at <http://RallySafe.com.au/2013/02/Competitors>
- 10.6 Any misuse of the equipment will result in the Competitor being reported to the Stewards of the Event who may impose penalties that may go as far as exclusion.
- 10.7 Should a Competitor retire, they must return the tracking unit screen to Rally Headquarters as soon as possible. Do not take the RallySafe units home.
- 10.8 The tracking unit screens should be removed from the rally cars at the Final Control or Parc Fermé, therefore cars should be left unlocked. RallySafe requires constant power 30-minutes before leaving the first control as per 25.5 of the VRC Standing Regulations.
- 10.9 It is solely the Competitor's responsibility to return the RallySafe tracking unit screen to the Event Organisers immediately after the Event. The Competitor will be responsible for reimbursing Rallysafe for the cost of any unit not returned or damaged for any reason.

11. SCRUTINY

- 11.1 Every competition vehicle must be submitted for examination by a licenced Motorsport Australia Scrutineer prior to the start of the Event. On being passed by the Scrutineer the Competitor must receive a signed Scrutiny Form stamped with the Scrutineer's official Motorsport Australia stamp. The Scrutiny Form must be presented at Documentation.
- 11.2 There will not be any official scrutiny. Competitors must arrange their own Regional Scrutiny in the two weeks prior to the Event.
- 11.3 Competitor should note that there will be no provision at the Event for supercharger or turbo sealing, which will need to be done prior to the Event by a Licenced Motorsport Australia Scrutineer.
- 11.4 All vehicles may be subject to an inspection by the Chief Scrutineer on the day of the Event.
- 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 nor allowed to start the Event.
- 11.6 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 Motorsport Australia Manual may not be allowed to start **or continue** the Event.
- 11.7 Competitors must supply the following compulsory equipment which will be checked at scrutiny:
 - a) Accident Advisory Sign (Red SOS / Green OK)
 - b) Two safety triangles
 - c) Helmets and clothing as per Technical Appendix Schedule D of the Motorsport Australia Manual. (Apparel), Table 1.2 (Rally/Road), Gravel/State Events. VCRS Crews do require Frontal Head Restraint.
- 11.8 All competing vehicles will receive as set of competition numbers that must be placed on the competing vehicle's rear side windows as per the current VRC Standing Regulations (including for VCRS vehicles).

- 11.9 All competing vehicles will also receive an additional smaller competition numbers which must be placed on the top left passenger side of the front windscreen, just below windscreen banner, if present and on the Driver's side rear screen
- 11.10 Competitors with **Historic Rally Cars** must provide documentation to substantiate the vehicle's eligibility for this class (e.g. Homologation papers). Historic Rally Cars must display their Historic decals (supplied by the Competitor) in an appropriate spot on each side of the car. Each front door is suggested.
- 11.11 Competitors with **Classic Rally Cars** must provide documentation to substantiate the vehicle's eligibility for this class (e.g. Homologation papers). Classic Rally Cars must display the word Classic (supplied by the Competitor) in an appropriate spot on each side of the car. Each front door is suggested.
- 11.12 The Chief Scrutineer and his assistants are deemed to be Judges of Fact in all Scrutiny matters.

12. OFFICIAL MAPS

- 12.1 Any maps required for the Event will be supplied by the Organisers,
- 12.2 Crews may also find the Melway street directory and the VicRoads Country Directory useful.

13. RALLY HEADQUARTERS & OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 13.1 Rally Headquarters will be located at the Yarra Glen Race Course and will be open during the times listed in the Event Schedule.

The free **Sportity App** will be the Official Notice Board for the Event. Competitors must download the App on their phone and/or tablet to access event information. Download the App from the App Store or the Google Play Store
The Password for accessing the App is **YVS2025**

14. DOCUMENTATION & BOOK-IN

- 14.1 Competitors will be required to send scanned copies of the following documents to the Secretary by Wednesday 17th September:
- a) Motorsport Australia Licences of the Competitor, Driver and Co-Driver.
 - b) Letter of Authority see (NCR) if applicable.
 - c) Club Membership Cards of the Driver and Co-Driver.
 - d) Civil Driving Licences of the Driver and Co-Driver.(These will be deleted as soon as sighted)
 - e) Co-Driver's Declaration (if applicable - see Clause 7.4).
 - f) Proof of officiating fulfilment, Driver and Co-Driver (Vic Crew Members only).
 - g) Motorsport Australia Vehicle Log Book.
 - h) Vehicle registration papers.
 - i) Vehicle Scrutiny Form.
- 14.2 Entry Forms that were submitted unsigned must be signed by the Competitor, Driver, Co-Driver and a parent or guardian (for co-Drivers under 18) at Documentation verification.
- 14.3 All Crews must Book-in prior to the Start between the times listed in the Event Schedule.
- 14.4 Documentation verification and Book-in must be completed before Crews are allowed to start the Event.
- 14.5 Additional information regarding Documentation and Book-in may be advised in the Further Regulations/Instructions.

15. RECONNAISSANCE

15.1 Details for reconnaissance for the Event as detailed below. No reconnaissance is allowed for VCRS Event.

15.2 Registration

- a) All competitors taking part in Reconnaissance must register with the rally Secretary before starting. Registration is complete only when all paperwork has been checked and completed and entry fees have been paid. This includes including the Entry Form being signed by both Crew members.
- b) Registration for reconnaissance can be done according to the following schedule:
Saturday 6th September 2025 starts for registered crews

15.3 Reconnaissance Regulations

- a) Reconnaissance for all Competitors using pace notes will start Saturday 6th September 2025 according to the Event schedule, detailed in Section 2.
- b) Refer to Supplementary Regulation 8.3 for any reconnaissance vehicle requirements.
- c) Unless granted permission by the Clerk of the Course, only registered Crews may take part in reconnaissance, in Driver/Co-Driver pairs according to each entry.
- d) **On special stages the speed limit during reconnaissance is 60 km/h.**
- e) All roads during Recce are open to the public and Competitors must drive in a manner that does not endanger or inconvenience other traffic.
- f) The maximum number of passages on each special stage for reconnaissance is limited to two per entered Crew.
- g) **Crews must lodge their reconnaissance vehicle information prior to receiving their reconnaissance information.**
- h) All stages driven more than once in the Event will be considered as one for reconnaissance purposes.
- i) **Under 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.**
- j) Entering or leaving the Special Stage elsewhere than through Start and Finish controls is prohibited.
- k) Competitors found in breach of the reconnaissance regulations will be referred to the Stewards who may apply an appropriate penalty, up to and including disqualification from the Event.
- l) All competitors carrying out reconnaissance will be required to use the RallySafe Recce Lite phone application. Details of the use of this App for reconnaissance will be provided closer to the Event.
- m) During reconnaissance (where applicable), the speed limit on all Special Stages is strictly 60km/h. On all Special Stages and liaison sections, civil speed limits also apply. Penalties for speeding during reconnaissance shall be applied as follows:
 - (i) First offence: \$200 fine plus 5 minute penalty
 - (ii) Second offence: \$200 fine plus five minute penalty
 - (iii) Third offence: Disqualification.

15.4 Competitors will be provided with an electronic version of the roadbook after their reconnaissance registration is complete (as per 14.2) and may register with the Secretary of the Event to undertake recce once the recce times have been released.

15.5 During the entire period of Reconnaissance, crews should be mindful that roads may be temporarily closed for forestry operations, the presence of the public and that the course may be partially or

completely blocked by fallen trees and debris – as such all crews should exercise a high degree of caution.

- 15.6 Should a hazard be encountered during reconnaissance, please contact the Clerk of the Course and report the hazard at your earliest convenience.
- 15.7 During the week prior the Start of Competition (as per Section 2), crews should be aware that the Event directing team will be present on Liaison and Special Stages setting up for the rally. Please exercise a high degree of caution during this period

16. STARTING ORDER & CREW BRIEFING

- 16.1 The starting order for the Event will be determined in accordance with the Event Schedule and the VRC Standing Regulations and VCRS Standing Rules. All cars will be seeded as per the current Victorian seeding list. Cars will be seeded in the category they have entered, i.e. VRC and VCRS separately.
- 16.2 Both members of the Crew, plus at least one member of their Service Crew, must attend the Crew Briefing at the time and location listed in the Event Schedule.
- 16.3 The VRC cars will lead the rally and the VCRS cars will follow. There will be a “B” course car between the two fields. The “B” course car will have a 10-min gap to the first VCRS Competitor. This will act as an additional Course/Safety Car.
- 16.4 “B” Course Car will start 2 minutes behind the competitive field just as if it was the last starter in the field. If the “B” Course Car catches a broken down / stationary car they will stop to ensure the competitors are safe, and then communicate to HQ with the Car No., Stage No. and location of the vehicle. Then the “B” Course Car will continue on behind the main field, always starting 2 min after the last VRC car.
- 16.5 Car 999 will perform the same function as the “B” course car when following the VCRS field. The Sweep car will wait with the broken down car until their Late Time has elapsed or the car withdraws, collecting the Road Card and Withdrawal form.

17. CONTROLS & TIMING

- 17.1 The Event will use A-A Timing as per RSR-Special Stage Rallies and include and/or omit rules as per the VRC Standing Regulations. All Crews are advised to familiarise themselves with this system of timing prior to the Event. This includes the VCRS Crews.
- 17.2 Electronic beams and/or RallySafe may be used for timing at the start and finish of competitive sections in place of, or in conjunction with, manual timing by Officials. The Officials at the Stage Start and Finish locations will be the Judge of Fact in regard to information derived from electronic beams.
- 17.3 Crews may book-in early without penalty at specific Time Controls to be advised in the Further Regulations (generally the Event Service in and Finish Time Control).
- 17.4 Late running time shall be as per the Victorian Rally Bulletin or relevant bulletin (if issued).
- 17.5 RallySafe will be the official timing for the Event.

18. REJOINING THE EVENT

- 18.1 Re-joining by Crews is permitted in accordance with RSR-Special Stage Rallies and the VRC Standing Regulations Clause 17.
 - a) They advise the CRO of their intention to re-join the rally; and
 - b) Their vehicle is inspected by a Scrutineer who subsequently authorises the vehicle to re-join; and
 - c) They re-join prior to the passage of the relevant Event’s 99 or 999 car, and
 - d) The Clerk of the Course gives specific authorisation (written where possible) including the control number and the start time from that control, to re-join.Re-joining Crews will start in a position on the road allocated by the Clerk of the Course. This position should be as close as possible to the position on the road held by the Crew at the start of the stage that

they failed to finish. Crews who do not re-join at the time required by the position allocated to them will accrue early or late penalties as appropriate.

- 18.2 A re-joining Crew will be classified in an Event and relevant Heat results VRC and division (VCRS) behind any Crews who complete the entire Event or Heat as per RSR- Special Stage Rallies.
- 18.3 Missing stages in one Heat (VRC) will not affect the results of other Heats.
- 18.4 The re-joining Crew must consist of the same vehicle, Driver and co-Driver.

19. CREW CONDUCT

- 19.1 Reconnaissance by Crews on the roads in the general area of the Event is forbidden for a period of four weeks prior to the start of the Event.
- 19.2 Any VCRS Crew found using, or in possession of, pace notes (determined to be such by the absolute discretion of the Clerk of the Course in consultation with the Stewards of the Event) will be disqualified from the Event. **Spot checks will be carried out during the Event.**
- 19.3 Liaison sections on this Event will be on roads open to the public. Crews must observe all Victorian Traffic Regulations and speed restrictions nominated in the official Route Instructions. In particular obey GIVE WAY and STOP signs. Speed may be checked, and the relevant penalties will be applied for any infringement. **Crews will be penalised for any infringement of their Service Crews.**
- 19.4 It is forbidden to leave or throw objects (e.g. cigarettes, lighted matches) in places that may cause a fire, or to continue competing with a damaged exhaust system (which may also cause a fire). Extreme diligence is required in all matters concerning the risk of fire.
- 19.5 In the Event of a car stopping in a special stage a reflective triangle must be displayed in a conspicuous position at least 50m behind the car except where the car does not present a hazard to any following cars and Crew or the Crew of the stopped car. Following Crews sighting the warning triangle must drive with caution and reduce speed until the stopped car has been passed.
- 19.6 Both the warning triangle and the Accident Advisory Sign (red SOS / green OK, as appropriate) and the Car Number Board must be physically shown to the next three vehicles and then must be left on display for the whole length of the period that the car is stopped on the course regardless of whether or not the Crew remain with the car.
- 19.7 Failure to display all of these signs may result in disciplinary action being taken.
- 19.8 Crews are required to remove the warning triangle once the stopped car has been moved and no longer presents a hazard or they recommence the competition.
- 19.9 Only the registered Crew may travel in the vehicle for the duration of the Event with the exception of cases provided for in the VRC Standing Regulations or in an emergency.
- 19.10 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 disqualified from the Event.
- 19.11 Crews have an obligation to be familiar with the National Competition Rules, the Rally Standing Regulations, the Victorian Rally Bulletin and the VRC Standing Regulations VCRS Series Rules. 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.

19.12 Smoking

Smoking (which includes e-cigarettes and “vaping”) and any naked flame is prohibited within 3 metres of any refuelling/defuelling operation.

19.13 Integrity

Motorsport Australia’s National Integrity Framework and any associated policy (including the Australian Anti-Doping Policy, Motorsport Australia’s Illicit Drugs in Sport (Safety Testing) Policy, the Motorsport Australia Alcohol Policy), apply to any activity authorised by Motorsport Australia as published at www.motorsport.org.au

Any Participant including the holder of a Motorsport Australia Licence (or a Licence issued by another ASN) may be tested for the presence of alcohol, any drug or other banned substance. In addition to any

penalty imposed by Motorsport Australia, a further penalty/s may be applied by Sport Integrity Australia. Consumption of alcohol in any Reserved Area is prohibited until all Competition is concluded each day.

- 19.14 Any **Crew retiring** from the Event **MUST** make contact with Rally Headquarters, either in person or via radio at the next radio point to notify the Organisers of their withdrawal. In addition, a Withdrawal Form and an Incident Report (where required) must be either handed to a control official or lodged at Rally Headquarters.
- 19.15 The Crew shall be liable for the excess payable on any incident requiring a claim on the Motorsport Australia and/or any Public Liability Insurance.

20. SERVICING & SERVICE CREWS

- 20.1 The Event will have one Service Area which will be located at the Yarra Glen Race Course. Servicing is prohibited outside this area, i.e. No intercept servicing allowed.
- 20.2 Fuel must be in accordance with Schedule G of the Motorsport Australia Manual.
- 20.3 There will not be pump fuel available at the Service Area. Crews must refuel from their own supplies in the designated Refuel Areas or at a commercial service station where the route instructions allow this.
- 20.4 The Entry Fee includes two Service Crew nominations. A Service Crew is deemed to be a vehicle with one or more personnel. Additional Service Crews may be nominated for a fee of \$15.00 per Service Crew.
- 20.5 Crews will be issued with a set of Service Crew Instructions for each nominated Service Crew which will include details of the official Service Area and supporting maps. Each Service Crew will also receive an identification number which must be placed on the top left hand side of the windscreen of the service vehicle and be clearly visible to Officials outside the vehicle.
- 20.6 Service Crew personnel must register and sign-in at Book-in. Only registered Service Crew personnel will be covered by Motorsport Australia Personal Accident Insurance for the Event. The maximum number of service personnel that can be registered per competing vehicle is eight.
- 20.7 Access to Service Areas will be restricted to registered Service Crews with the signage provided by Event Organisers attached to the vehicle.
- 20.8 It is highly recommended that all Service Crews supply and have available a working fire extinguisher within the vicinity of their Service Area.
- 20.9 **Alcohol and Drugs.** Service Crew Members come under the auspices of the Motorsport Australia Anti-doping Policy and may be required to submit to tests to determine the presence or otherwise of prohibited substances. This Regulation serves as the required 24-hour notice for such testing.
- 20.10 No waste of any kind is to be left at the Service Area. Oils, fuels, and other fluids must be drained into appropriate containers for disposal in accordance with EPA regulations.
- 20.11 Any activities that damage the surface of the Service Area (e.g. spinning of wheels etc.) are forbidden. This is to ensure the availability of the venue for future Events.
- 20.12 Noise is to be kept to a minimum while in the Service Area (e.g. excessive revving of engines, operating generators, compressors etc.) as there are residents in close proximity to the Service Area/rally HQ. Any unnecessary noise will be reported to the stewards of the competition for an appropriate penalty.
- 20.13 Competition vehicles cannot be started or unloaded started in the Service Area/Rally HQ area until 0730 hrs on Saturday 20th September 2025. Any breach in this regulation will be reported to the stewards for an appropriate penalty. It is preferred that competition vehicles be parked overnight at the Service Area or unloaded on Saturday morning (after 07.30 hrs). If the vehicle is driven to the Service Area/Rally HQ on Saturday morning, noise must be kept to a minimum as per supplementary Regulation 20.12.
- 20.14 All competing Crews will be allocated a position for servicing of their vehicle. All Crews must service in their allocated Service Area, unless otherwise approved by the Clerk of the Course prior to the commencement of competition.
- 20.15 Crews will be held liable for the actions of their Service Crews.
- 20.16 **All Service Crews and Crews** using a remote refuel must carry fire extinguishers in service vehicles and be placed next to competition vehicle while refuelling.

21. RESULTS, PENALTIES & PROTESTS

- 21.1 The Clerk of the Course reserves the right when compiling results, to take into account any document(s) provided by an Official or Officials of the Event.
- 21.2 Should a Special Stage be stopped for any reason before the last Crew has completed that stage, any Crew not completing the stage will be given an allocated time in accordance with the VRC/VCRS Series Rules and the Motorsport Australia Manual (RSR SSR Article 5.4).
- 21.3 Only the Stewards of the Event may apply Article 21.2 and only after receiving advice concerning the reason for the stoppage from the Clerk of the Course. No Crew which is totally or partially responsible for stopping a stage may benefit from this action.
- 21.4 Results will **only** be **sent electronically** and will not be posted in the mail. Please ensure you provide a valid and legible email address on your Entry Form.
- 21.5 Any Protests must be lodged in accordance with the NCR.

22. EVENT AWARDS

- 22.1 Trophies will be awarded to Drivers and Codrivers as per relevant series rules and regulations.
- 22.2 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 (VRC & VCRS).
- 22.3 To be eligible for awards Crews must display any Event promotional material.
- 22.4 Recipients of trophies, awards or prize money who fail to attend the Official Presentation and fail to notify the Organisers prior to their non-attendance will forfeit their right to their awards and/or prize money.
- 22.5 Details of any further awards and/or prize money will be provided in the Further Regulations.

23. FURTHER REGULATIONS

- 23.1 Further Regulations will be issued via email after the close of entries and will contain:
 - a) Competition number
 - b) Entry List and Crew Details
 - c) Availability of Route Instructions
 - d) Odometer check
 - e) Crew briefing time and location
 - f) Start/finish time and location
 - g) Service details
 - h) Event synopsis (including Heat details)
 - i) Details of RallySafe tracking unit screen pick up and drop off etc.
 - j) Additional awards

APPENDIX 1 - Useful Information

A1.1 SPECTATORS

A1.1.1 A Spectator Guide will be available at various Event locations (Rally Headquarters, Event Start, and in the week prior to the Event at <http://www.vicrally.com.au>). There will be 4 spectator points during the daylight stages.

A1.2 CATERING

A1.2.1 Food and drinks will be available at Rally HQ.

A1.2.2 Service Crews and competing Crews are reminded that the consumption of alcoholic liquor is forbidden on the day of the Event, until the conclusion of the Event.

A1.2.3 Service Crews are reminded of their legal responsibilities with respect to drinking and driving.

A1.3 POST-EVENT FUNCTION

A1.3.1 A Post-Event Function will be held at the Yarra Glen Race course at the completion of competition. A trophy presentation to provisional winners will be held at approximately 1800 hrs at this location. Food and drinks will be on sale.