



**VICTORIAN CLUB AUTOCROSS SERIES**  
**Standing Regulations for 2017**

## **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.
- Swan Hill Short Course Club.
- Ballarat Light Car Club.

Note: 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 access to state wide 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.
- 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, and administration expenses. The levy will be determined by the Committee. This is set at \$2 per entry.
- 1.5.2 An account with a recognized financial institution shall be maintained by the committee for receipt of funds and payment of expenses (*Currently Bendigo Bank*).
- 1.5.3 The account shall be administered by the Chairperson with all payments authorized 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.
- 1.5.5 A series life member club shall be provided free entry to any calendared VCAS event. The events host club may request reimbursement from the Series Committee for the entry cost of the life member.

## 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 organizers.

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 being under 18 years of age 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:

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| 2.5.1 | Striking a course marker  | Plus 5 seconds per infringement  |
| 2.5.2 | Deviating from the course | 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 organizing 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.

### 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 recognized car club and a valid motorsport license of a level which allows competition in SPEED events (i.e. CAMS L2S/L2SJ for CAMS events).

**Note: The minimum age at which a CAMS L2SJ license can be obtained is 14 years of age**

- 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 organizers, 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. Registered Series Competitors are automatically pre-entered for all rounds of the VCAS Series as part of the Registered Series Competitors Priority Scheme.~~

~~4.8.1 Competitors do not need to be Registered Series Competitors to enter VCAS events or score series points. Registered Series Competitors still need to fill out an entry form for each event; however~~

~~4.8.2 Registered Series 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.~~

~~4.8.3 Event Secretaries have access to the list and these competitors will be allocated provisional spaces in the event subject to submitting their completed entry form before 5pm the Wednesday prior to the event.~~

~~4.8.4 To utilise the Registered Series Competitor Priority Scheme the competitor must satisfy the following requirements:~~

~~-Be a member of a VCAS member club~~

~~-Have filled out the VCAS Series Competitor form and have it lodged at least 4 weeks before an event~~

~~-Have paid a fee to VCAS as set by the VCAS committee. The VCAS committee has set the Priority Pre-paid Competitor fee at \$20 (50% or \$10 for renewal).~~

## 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.
- 5.3.3 All entrants must present their car club membership card and license.
- 5.3.4 Owners of competing vehicles with 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 C, D, E, J, L, P, S and W. At the second round the running order shall be Class D, E, J, L, P, S, W and C; 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 effective mudguards. The definition and examples contained in the CAMS Manual for Observed Section Trials demonstrates acceptable coverage.
- 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 (P, C, D, E, W) must be complete with all body panels.
- 6.12 The Chief Scrutineer will be aware of series regulations and be judge of fact on the eligibility of all vehicles.

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.

## 7. CLASSES

- 7.1 **Class P:** Two wheel drive Production Cars

Note: The spirit of Class P is for standard and street-driven cars.

Each vehicle shall remain in standard specification as detailed by the manufacturers workshop manual/s, except where modification from standard specification is permitted by these regulations.

The complete body and all trim of the vehicle must be complete and in place, including all glass / seats.

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.
- Substitution of the driver's seat by an improved seat or racing seat is allowed subject to the seat and mountings being secure.
- When rollover protection is installed in the vehicle, the interior trim may be lightly modified to allow fitment of the rollover protection (i.e.: a rear seat may need a hole cut into it to allow a roll cage tube to pass through it, instead of being totally removed).

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

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

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

- 7.6 **Class W:** AWD or 4WD production based vehicles, which must be recognizably based on a production AWD / 4WD vehicle. No engine capacity limit.

- 7.7 The criteria for cars in Classes C, D, E and W are:

- Recognizably 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.
- Engine manufacturer / number of cylinders (or rotors) must match the original car manufacturer.
- Other driveline modifications are permitted.
- All panels and windows must be in place, but the material is free. Windows / doors must be operable in accordance with the original manufacture.
- Large plastic bumper bars where they incorporate panels for the car must be retained as these are classified as panels.
- Wheels and tyres are free.

- 7.8 **Class J:** Open to younger competitors. (Juniors)
- Junior Competitors must be under the age of 18 years, on 1 January of the year of competition.
- 7.8.1 Juniors may compete in any class of vehicle but will be ineligible for class J points in class W or S vehicles. If a junior enters a class S or W car they shall compete in the appropriate open class regardless of their age.
- 7.8.2 A junior competitor whom competes in an “open” class must continue to compete in an “open” class for the remainder of the year.
- 7.9 **Class L:** Female competitors.
- Female competitors are eligible to compete in a female only category.
- 7.9.1 Females may compete in any class of vehicle but will be ineligible for class points in class W or S vehicles. If a lady enters a class S or W car they shall compete in the appropriate open class regardless of their sex.
- 7.9.2 A female competitor whom competes in an “open” class must continue to compete in an “open” class for the remainder of the year.
- 7.10 **Class S:** Purpose-built or special types of vehicles and buggies or vehicles modified in excess of those specific modifications allowed in classes C, D, E and W. All vehicles in this class must be fitted with 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.
- 7.11 A vehicle is only eligible for a single vehicle class at an event (i.e. excepting of classes J and L). Multiple drivers cannot enter the same vehicle in different vehicle classes at an event. Unless modifications to a vehicle during the competition year necessitate a class change upwards (only) (– i.e. from standard to modified or modified to specials), the vehicle must remain in the same class throughout the competition year. If any driver changes class during the competition season, no points already scored in the original nominated class may be carried forward to the new class.
- 7.12 While rally tyres are generally permitted in all classes other than class P vehicles, for 2017 there will be up to 2 rounds of the 2017 VCAS where road tyres only will be permitted. For these road tyre only rounds, the Supplementary Regulations will clearly state the restriction on tyres for that event, but all other class restrictions will remain the same. The success of these two rounds will be evaluated by the VCAS committee, prior to any further road only tyre events in 2018 and beyond.

## 8. EVENT TIMING, PENALTIES and RESULTS

- 8.1 Each event shall consist of a minimum of three officially timed runs (unless otherwise approved by the VCAS committee prior to the supplementary regulations being issued).
- 8.2 Outright and class placing shall be determined by the aggregate of the best three runs for each competition unless otherwise approved by the VCAS committee and specified in the supplementary regulations.
- 8.3 Should only three runs be completed for all competitors, all runs shall count (unless otherwise approved by the VCAS committee).
- 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 sent electronically to the Series Scorer and Chairperson within 24 hours and subsequently made available on the VCAS website within 48 hours.
- 8.6 Penalties shall be applied as described in these VCAS Regulation 2.5.

- 8.7 Any action, which is detrimental to the event, including dangerous behaviour or failing to obey an instruction from an official, may be dealt with by the Clerk of Course and/or by the Stewards. Penalties will be at the discretion of the event Stewards and may include exclusion from the event.
- 8.8 If the Key Officials of any event are regular Series competitors, they shall be entitled for full Series Class points in their normal competition Class in lieu of competing.
- 8.9 If the event paperwork is not administered on time the Clerk of Course shall not be eligible for Series points outlined in clause 8.8.

## 9. VCAS SERIES SCORING

- 9.1 The VCAS Committee shall appoint a Scorer for the Series who shall maintain and publish series result following each event within 7 days.
- 9.2 Only financial members of clubs which are members of the VCAS Series are eligible to score individual points and points for their clubs in the Series.
- 9.3 The results towards each competitor's individual result for the Series will be calculated as follows.
- A competitor whom does not enter a round shall receive no points for that round.
  - For a series consisting of 8, or less than 8 rounds - all rounds shall count towards a competitor's total score
  - Where 9 to 11 rounds are run then each competitor's single worst round score will not count.
  - If the series consists of 12 rounds or more rounds then the competitor's two worst round scores will not count.
- 9.4 The results from every round shall count towards each club's result for the Series.
- 9.5 Series points shall be allocated at each round on the following scales:
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| Outright:    | 1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> :   | 10 points down to 1 point  |
| Class:       | 1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> :   | 10 points down to 1 point (If a competitor does not enter a round, for that round they get a zero score for that round and count as one of their worst rounds for the purposes of any dropped round) |
| Club Series: | The total of the points awarded to the 3 best-placed competitors 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.

- 9.6 There shall be up to 10 series winners:
- One Outright Winner
  - Eight Class Winners
  - One Car Club Series Winner.

## 10. TROPHIES

- 10.1 Round Trophies: Trophies shall be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> outright.  
 Trophies shall be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> in each class.  
 If 5 or more entries have been received in a class, a trophy shall also be awarded for 2<sup>nd</sup> in that class.  
 If 10 or more entries have been received in a class, a trophy shall also be awarded for 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

10.1.1 Each organising club is responsible for provision of trophies for their own VCAS round. Following each round the series scorer shall submit the order to the nominated series trophy supplier. The cost of the trophies shall be forwarded to the host club along with the club affiliation fee.



- 10.2 Series Trophies (Only eligible to members of VCAS member clubs):
- 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 Outright trophies and trophies for class J will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trophies shall be awarded for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> for each class for the remaining classes. A trophy will only be awarded for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class (except class J), subject to the 3<sup>rd</sup> place getter having competed in at least 50% of the events run in that year.
- 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. The host club for each event shall send a representative to present the trophies at the following round, unless arrangements have been made with the Series Committee / Chairman.
- 11.2 Series trophies shall be presented at the first VCAS round of the following year.