

## CCDA RULE CHANGES FEBRUARY 2024 – Summary

Comments to be emailed to [info@ccda4WD.com.au](mailto:info@ccda4WD.com.au) by Friday 15 March 2024.

- **Cage specs update**

- New cage specs to be in effect for all challenge, open & modified production cars by 1/1/2025.

Discussed at 21 Feb meeting. Notes placed on Rules page of CCDA Website.

The following rule changes are proposed: Summary intro of change proposed and changes are noted in RED and GREEN.

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### 1. Exiting vehicle

- All classes to be updated for exiting vehicle within a certain time frame & with an extinguisher in hand.

- Proposal for the 30 seconds to exit vehicle with fire a fire extinguisher be made a rule in itself.

#### **2.38 VEHICLE EXIT REQUIREMENTS**

In order to confirm competitor and vehicle suitability to compete, competitors must be able to exit their vehicle with doors closed (e.g. via windows) within 30 seconds. They must also have a fire extinguisher in hand within the prescribed time. This requirement may be tested from time to time at the discretion of a CCDA Representative or Event Organiser.

### 2. Doors closed

- Clarification that doors must be closed in order for window nets to be attached properly & all equipment must be properly fixed to the vehicle & stored correctly.

- Proposal that the occupant's door must be closed before vehicle is able to move if someone is present in the seat.

#### **3.6.1 OCCUPANT PROTECTION**

In Group A Events seat belts or harnesses shall be properly fitted, correctly fastened and adjusted during all Stages whilst the vehicle is in motion. No member of the Crew shall ride on the outside of a competing vehicle and no member of the Crew inside the competing vehicle shall have any limbs outside the vehicle whilst the vehicle is in motion. ¶

In Group B and Group C Events harnesses shall be properly fitted, correctly fastened and adjusted during all Stages whilst the vehicle is in motion. No member of the Crew shall ride on the outside of a competing vehicle and no member of the Crew inside the competing vehicle shall have any limbs outside the vehicle whilst the vehicle is in motion. ¶

Unless required by supplementary regulations, window nets are not compulsory in Group A Events. ¶

Whilst competing in Group B Group C and Group D Events window nets are required to be fitted to the drivers' and passengers' window aperture. The nets must cover at least 70% of the opening and be readily opened from the top or bottom, from inside and outside the vehicle. The nets may be of the "string" variety with mesh size no greater than 50mm x 50mm. ¶

Window nets shall be properly fitted during all Stages whilst a person is present in that seating position and the vehicle is in motion. Window nets may only be removed when crossing deep water. A 10 point penalty shall be incurred for vehicles found with window nets not in place during competition. ¶

Vehicle doors must be securely closed to properly secure window nets and to protect vehicle occupants. A vehicle may not move until the vehicle door is closed and occupants harnesses are properly fastened. ¶

Also similar changes to Section 4.1.3 OCCUPANT PROTECTION so they are the same. The next version will delete this content in Section 4.1.3 and amalgamate all in Section 3.6.1

### 3. Holding rope while vehicle moving

- Proposal to amalgamate with QLD winch rope rule that allows the navi to hold the hook while car is moving. 3.10.1 (remove wording as noted below)

#### 3.10.1 RECOVERY PENALTIES WITHOUT WARNING

Breaches of the following practices shall attract a penalty. Marshals shall advise the Crew of the penalty when it occurs either verbally or by using a horn, whistle or flag:

Crews shall clear bystanders in the vicinity of a recovery situation prior to commencement of winching. Calling "clear, winching" or similar shall be deemed an acceptable means of clearing the area. In the event that the anchor point is relocated then the winching procedure is deemed to recommence and calling "clear, winching" or similar shall again be necessary.

Winching and driving shall cease when re-positioning or re-attaching a cable dampener.

The cable and/or anchor shall not be handled while the cable is under tension.

Gloves on both hands or equivalent, with covered fingers, shall be used when handling a winch cable.

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Crew members shall stand clear of the cable and must not stand directly in front of the vehicle during winching. Winching and driving shall cease when a Crew member approaches the vehicle to inspect the cable on the drum, pack rocks, adjust dampener, or any other reason.

~~Crew members must not at any time handle a cable when the vehicle is being driven in any direction. This includes the cable hook or dampener attached to the recovery rig.~~

### 4. Alcohol clarifications

- Alcohol rule to be made clearer that there is to be no alcohol consumed between your first & last stage for each day.
- Alcohol rule for sponsors & pit crew to be updated that they must be under 0.05.

#### 2.7 ABUSE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

The abuse of alcohol or drugs by Competitors, ~~Pit Crew,~~ ~~or~~ Event Officials ~~or~~ Sponsors at any time during an Event shall not be permitted. Medication prescribed for a Competitor by a doctor shall be accepted, provided such medication does not affect that Competitor's safe performance during the Event. Prescribed medication shall only be taken by the Competitor for whom it is prescribed.

Alcohol shall not be consumed by driver/co-driver (navigator):

- ~~prior to, or during, any competition stages~~
- Between competition stages where it is the intention to continue competing that day (e.g. in the pit area carrying out repair work); or
- before departing for, or during, any transport stages.

Both driver and Co-driver (navigator) must maintain a 0.00 reading at all times for the entirety of their competition day.

Event Officials, Pit Crew and Sponsors must be under 0.05 reading for the entirety of the competition day if fully driver licensed or 0.00 if on a restricted drivers licence.

##### 2.7.1 MANDATORY TESTING:

Mandatory blood alcohol content (BAC) testing will be carried out at all CCDA events on all days of competition utilising an Australian standards approved BAC testing device, in accordance to the devices operating instructions and hygiene guidelines.

A BAC testing station will be setup at an advertised location at the event (generally near event control) and manned by CCDA or event approved personnel. The station will be opened 45 minutes prior to driver's briefing each day. Long course events may modify the location and time of testing to suit logistical limitations present in those type of events. The time & place of BAC testing will be advised in supplementary regulations and/or drivers briefing.

Drivers and co-drivers (navigators) must present at the BAC testing station to undertake a primary (vapor) test. this is a non-contact test requiring the subject to count or speak into the machine to detect any alcohol present on the breath.

~~Both driver and Co-Driver (navigator) must maintain a 0.00 reading at all times that they are still competing in open stages.~~

##### Upon a negative result:

The individual will be given a wristband and/or stamp to identify a 0.00 reading for that day. This wristband is to remain on whilst racing and only to be removed at the completion of the day's event or upon returning a positive result at a random breath test throughout the competition.

The reading may alternatively be marked off on a list maintained by the Alcohol testing person.

## 5. Presentable Rule

- Proposed removal of the 'Presentable' rule. It is proposed to remove this rule.

### 2.13 VEHICLES

A high standard of presentation shall be insisted upon at all times. Any vehicle considered to be of an inappropriate standard of preparation may not be permitted to start, at the discretion of the Event Scrutineer. A vehicle that is accepted by the Event Scrutineer shall not be substituted.

This is the "presentable" rule. In reviewing it it appears that it covers more than shiny/straight panels however scrutineer interpretation of "presentable" can be managed by Event Organiser and/or Event CCDA Rep.

## 6. Keeping clear of the fairlead

- Proposed to add a distance to the rule dealing with standing clear of the fairlead to give a better clarification of the expected clearance from the fairlead.

### ~~2.402.41~~ → WINCH LINE RETRIEVAL¶

Crews shall stand clear of a winch line being retrieved and shall keep all body parts at least 500mm clear of the fairlead when rewinding the winch line. Marshals will repeatedly warn crews if they feel that competitors are not clear of the fairlead.¶

Hooks or loops in the end of the cable shall not be left dangling such that the hook or loop can touch the ground. If the hook or loop is touching the ground at the finish the marshal will award a penalty for "equipment not secured".¶