



## Central Scotland Off Roaders

*Club Rules*

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## Objectives

The objective of Central Scotland Off Roaders (from this point forward, known as “The Club” or “C.S.O.R.”) Club rules are to ensure the club members conduct themselves in a professional manor at all times while representing the club in Radio Controlled Car Racing Events and Radio Controlled Car activities and disciplines. Additionally the rules are in place to protect club members, members of other clubs and members of the general public.

## General Rules

1. The Committee has the right to refuse membership to new applicants.
2. New members will be required to serve an initial probationary period of 12 months. One full year's membership must be completed for a member to be eligible to serve on the Committee.
3. Members may have their membership terminated at the discretion of the Committee for unsatisfactory conduct during their probationary period.
4. Annual membership fees shall be due by 31<sup>st</sup> January, after which date, if no monies have been received, or notification of continued membership has been provided, membership shall cease.
5. Members who have allowed their subscriptions to lapse will be required to re-apply for membership on their return to the club. For the avoidance of doubt they will rejoin as probationary members.
6. Club members are required to clean up the pit area after each meeting, if a member or members fail to clean up where they have pitted they will lose their points from that meeting or have a time penalty imposed at the next meeting.
7. We absolutely do not allow any violence of any kind or behavior that could be perceived as a danger to other members of the club or the general public. Any member found to behave in such a manor will be immediately dismissed and may be reported to the authorities.
8. Any member being abusive, calling names, using foul language or generally trying to stir up trouble with other members, members of other clubs or members of the general public will not be tolerated and the disciplinary procedures will be invoked. Repeated abuse will be considered as gross misconduct.
9. Harassment by any member will not be tolerated. If we receive complaints about members harassing other members, members of other clubs or members of the general public disciplinary procedures shall be invoked. Repeated harassment will be considered as gross misconduct.
10. Any complaint must be made in writing and signed by the complainant(s). The written complaint must then be forwarded to the Secretary so that the matter can be addressed at the next Committee meeting.
11. Any member of the club being accosted by a member of the public should conduct themselves in a professional manor. Be polite and do not get drawn into an argument or heated exchange – if you feel threatened, it may be wise to back off to discourage any potential violence.
12. If a member is confronted by the Police (or any member of Law Enforcement), again be polite and cooperate, it will be in your best interest.
13. Where considered appropriate, the committee reserves the right to carry out a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) Enhanced Background check for any member. Where the disclosure is found to reveal convictions, cautions, reprimands or warnings which the committee deem to be unsuitable, will result in a refusal of membership or an immediate dismissal from the club.



14. Members who do not drive with due care and who put other cars or marshal at risk whether during a race, bash or practice days shall not be tolerated and the disciplinary procedures will be invoked. Continued dangerous driving will be considered gross misconduct.
15. Members must comply with and abide by race control rules and instructions. Failure to do so shall result in disciplinary procedures being invoked. Continued failure to comply will be considered gross misconduct.

## Track Rules

Failure to comply with any of the following track rules may result in disqualification from a heat, race or event. Continued failure to comply will result in disciplinary procedures being invoked.

### Drivers

- Check into race control when you arrive at the track, all drivers must have valid BRCA membership or be eligible for club insurance cover.
- Ensure your track fees are paid on arrival and before your car goes onto the track.
- All drivers must attend the Driver's Safety Briefing prior to a race & follow any instructions to ensure the safety of all competitors.
- It is your responsibility to ensure your car is safe to race & can be marshaled safely without injury to the marshal.
- Dangerous or rough driving on track will incur a penalty or disqualification.
- Slow down for marshals on track & apply the brakes when your car is being marshaled.
- Drive with courtesy in mind & let faster drivers pass you safely during qualifying heats.
- Keep your mouth closed on the rostrum, do not distract other drivers or shout, swear & abuse track marshals.
- Do not cut the track or drive in the wrong direction, avoid collisions or incur penalties.
- Report any incidents to race control, they are in charge & will deal with any situation.
- Remove your car from the track & clear the pit area after every race, get prepared to marshal the next race.
- Remember - we are racing toy cars for fun & everyone has the right to enjoy the club & their hobby.

### Driver Infringement Penalties

Drive Offence	Action
1 <sup>st</sup>	A verbal warning will be given.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	A drive through the pit lane.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	A 10 second stop/go in the pit lane.
4 <sup>th</sup>	A disqualification from the round no points awarded. <i>(at this point the disciplinary procedure will also be invoked)</i>

If the driver infringement is deemed by race control to be of a serious nature or is a breach of the general rules, the driver may go straight to point 4 after consultation between race control and the committee.

### Marshals

- Your car number will define your marshal point in the heats or final, unless instructed by race control to go to another point or pit lane.
- All pit & track marshals are required to wear yellow vests/hi-viz jackets while carrying out your duties.
- Marshal like you would like to be marshaled. Watch your section of track for problems NOT the race action!



- Stay at your marshal point until the end of a race. No smoking, no drinking, no mobile phones, no eating, no chatting, no nipping off for a call of nature.
- Do not step out onto the track until it's safe to do so, you are responsible for your own safety, don't assume drivers know you are on the track.
- Do not marshal a car if the wheels are spinning – raise both arms to inform the driver.
- Only marshals, pit men or race officials are allowed on track during a race.
- Anyone who does not fulfill their marshalling duties will incur a penalty from race control.
- If you cannot perform your duties, or find a volunteer who can, you must inform race control prior to the race.
- We cannot race without marshals, all drivers entering a race day are responsible to marshal until that race day is completed.

## Disciplinary Procedure

The Committee may consider removal from the role of members any member whose conduct is considered prejudicial to the club. Dismissal will be in accordance with the following procedure in order to comply with the laws of natural justice:

1. The member is to be given a verbal warning by an authorised Committee Member in which the member is made aware of his/her misdemeanor and what he/she is reasonably required to do to make amends.
2. If the member does not respond, he/she shall be asked to leave the club for that particular day and is to be given a written warning by an authorised Committee Member to advise of his/her misdemeanor and what he/she is reasonably required to do to make amends.
3. If he/she still fails to respond, the Committee should invite him/her in writing to meet with them at a previously agreed date and time to discuss the situation, advising they are considering withdrawal of his/her membership.
4. If he/she still fails to respond to reasoning, or fails to attend a pre arranged meeting without reasonable cause, the Committee can advise him/her in writing that their membership is withdrawn, stating the reasons why this decision was reached.
5. When the member is advised of withdrawal of his/her membership, he/she must be given the right of appeal. If they opt to appeal, this will be to the Club membership at a Special General Meeting, which the Committee would call on his/her behalf at a previously agreed date and time. The motion to uphold the membership withdrawal or reverse it must be in accordance with the voting procedures set out in the Club Constitution.
6. In the event of gross misconduct, immediate dismissal without warnings may be considered and acted upon, but the member must still be accorded his/her right to present his/her case to the Committee and be given a right of appeal in accordance with sub-paragraphs above.
7. In the event of dismissal, any member's discounts & privileges will cease and no refund of membership fees will be considered for the current season in full or in part for the period through to the end of the season.