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Trip Categories and Prerequisites

1 Introduction

Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Incorporated (CCVC or Club) organises and runs 4WD trips and events that cover terrain of various degrees of difficulty. Club members and visitors that participate have differing levels of off-road driving skills and experience and their vehicles have differing degrees of off-road capability.

Safety issues can arise if drivers have inappropriate skills, experience or vehicle capability for any given trip.

This document defines guidelines describing driver skills and experience prerequisites for participation in club trips in order to optimise safety to the greatest extent possible and practicable.

As a guide to participants, the level of difficulty of each trip is identified in advance as falling into one or more of the pre-defined Trip Categories.

Please Note:

- Vehicles must be warranted and registered for Touring and Family shiny
- To take part in any CCVC trips all drivers must have a valid driver's license to operate vehicles on the roads of New Zealand.
- For Touring and Family shiny drivers may change but should let the trip leader know.
- For the other classes the drivers may only change if the replacement driver is approved for the trip class and the trip leader approves the change.

The Trip Categories are:

Touring Class (Scenic/social/touring)

- Novice drivers, with little or no four wheel driving experience being needed.
- Easy driving on sealed and unsealed roads, no rough tracks but vehicles should have reasonable ground clearance.
- Vehicles must be AWD or 4WD
- Can have any road legal tyres.
- No equipment or vehicle modifications required.



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- No damage expected.

Family Shiny (4WD introduction)

- Novice drivers, with little or no four wheel driving experience being needed.
- Farm/Forestry tracks with some medium ascents/descents, sand driving etc.
- Vehicles must be a 4WD (not car, van or station wagon) with a low ratio gearbox and be suitable for "off road" driving.
- Can have any road legal tyres (unless specified otherwise by the Trip Leader for that particular trip).
- No equipment or vehicle modifications required.
- Possibility of light scratches.

For all the following levels the below applies:

- 1. CCVC Members must have completed the CCVC training and all vehicles must have a current CCVC inspection sticker.**
- 2. If not a CCVC member, must be a member of another recognised NZFWDA affiliated club.**
- 3. Must meet any specific vehicle requirements and be judged as being capable to participate in the level of the trip by the trip leader whose decision in this regard is final and non-contestable.**
- 4. If planning to bring a vehicle that is not road legal you must discuss this with the trip leader to ensure there will not be any "legal" roads on the trip.**

Standard 4x4 (First level "Member Only" trip).

- Drivers with some 4 wheel driving experience.
- Off road tracks, some steeper terrain, rutted tracks and deeper mud.
- Aggressive "All Terrain" or "Mud" tyres required with differential breathers and snorkels recommended as is some protection such as bull bar, steel side steps and underbody protection.
- Winches are not necessary on all vehicles but this will be at the Trip Leaders discretion depending on weather and track conditions.
- Some scratching is likely as is a chance of minor damage.

Scratchy 4x4 (2nd level tougher "Member Only" Trip)

- Drivers must have participated in at least two (2) "Standard 4x4 trips and have moderate to sound 4 wheel driving experience.
- Steeper terrain with slippery driving conditions, very rutted tracks, close obstacles to maneuver around and deep mud.
- Recovery is likely to be required.
- Vehicles should have higher ground clearance, extended differential and transmission breathers, snorkel, bull bar, steel side steps with underbody protection. Lockers or Traction Control and winch are recommended.



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- Larger and /or more aggressive tyres may be required.
- The Trip Leader will list any specific requirements in the description of the trip.
- Scratching and some vehicle damage possible.

Club 4x4 (Designed for "Tougher" trucks")

- Drivers must have participated in at least two (2) "Scratchy 4x4" trips and are confident and experienced in all aspects of 4 wheel driving.
- Rough tracks, muddy, steep and slippery terrain, rocks, deep water.
- Winch recovery is likely.
- Vehicles will need higher ground clearance, extended differential and transmission breathers, snorkel, bull bar, steel side steps with underbody protection, lockers and winch.
- Larger and /or more aggressive tyres than used in previous categories will be required.
- The Trip Leader will list any specific requirements in the description of the trip.
- Vehicle damage is probable.

Hard Yakka (The most difficult trip category)

- Drivers must have participated in at least two (2) "Club 4x4" trips and be very experienced drivers able to handle self recovery and the harshest of conditions where anything may arise.
- Very steep, deeply rutted tracks, bottomless mud bogs and rock hopping will be encountered.
- Heavily modified vehicle which will usually need 35" or larger aggressive mud terrain or Symex style tyres, lockers, winch, full bar work and roll protection.
- The Trip Leader will list any specific requirements in the description of the trip.
- Vehicle damage is likely.

2 Membership of CCVC

To become a member of CCVC a driver must attend three (3) trips of either the "Touring Class" or "Family Shiny" category trip. (Note a Training Day will qualify as one of the required trips).

Once these trips have been completed and the "Application for Membership" submitted, the prospective new member's application will be considered by the Club Committee.

Vehicle Inspection sticker and/or participating in a Training Day **is not** a prerequisite to joining the Club. These can be completed before or after becoming a Member but are a prerequisite to participating in the more difficult trip categories.

3 Advancing through the trip categories

To participate in any trip with a category of "Standard 4x4" or above Members must:

- *have attended a club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time; and*



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- *have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker.*

The member must also be judged as being capable to participate in this category of trip by the Trip Leader.

In order to advance to a "harder" trip category, members are expected to have participated in a minimum of two (2) trips in the previous category. Members are to advise the Trip Leader when they attend their first trip of the next category up.

A Trip Leader has the absolute right to exclude a member from a trip if they believe that the trip is beyond the capability of either the member and/or their vehicle and that participation in the trip has the potential to place the member, their vehicle or other persons participating in the trip in any form of danger due to the Member and/or their vehicles unsuitability.

The Trip Leader has limited discretion in regard to the CCVC Inspection sticker requirement (see below under Vehicle Inspection).

The Trip Leaders decision on the day is final and can only be contested via the clubs "Complaints Process" as set out in item 51 of the Clubs Rules (Constitution).

4 Training and Training Days

Training takes place on every trip and Trip Leaders will try to provide support and instruction (as appropriate) to prospective and new members attending each trip.

This may be done either by the Trip Leader or by having an experienced Club Member take the individual "under their wing" (so to speak) for the period of the trip.

The Club regularly organises "Training Days" where the basics of 4WDing are demonstrated and practical experience gained.

Training events for specific aspects of 4WD'ing (i.e. use of winches etc) will also be organised by the Club from time to time.

A Training Day can be attended either before or after becoming a Member but is a prerequisite to participating in any trip with a category of Standard 4x4 or above.

5 CCVC Vehicle Inspection

Safety is paramount in everything the club does. The Club has a vehicle inspection regime where members vehicles are inspected by appointed CCVC Vehicle Inspectors to ensure that the vehicles meet the specific requirements as set out in the various Club documents (e.g. CCVC-SAFETY-0002 Minimum Standards for Tow Hook Mounting).

A vehicle inspection sticker is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue.



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CCVC requires that all CCVC Members vehicles participating in the trip category of "Standard 4x4" or above have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker. Members' vehicles not having a current sticker displayed cannot participate in such trips/events.

The Trip Leader/Event Organiser has no discretion in this regard except:

Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off-road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a "Standard 4x4" category in order to exclude non-members).

Members and prospective members can judge for themselves which trips are appropriate for them however the Trip Leader has the final say on participation in any trip or event.

It is recommended that novices on Family Shiny trips and Members new to the Standard 4x4 category advise the Trip Leader so they can be allocated a "buddy" for the trip.

6 Prerequisites for participating in each Trip Category

Note: The requirements for a given Trip Category automatically include the requirements for the previous Trip Category.

TRIP CATEGORY	PARTICIPANT	PRE-REQUISITES
Touring Class	All participants	A valid driver's licence to operate a vehicle on the roads of New Zealand. Vehicles must be 4WD or AWD and have a current Registration and Warrant of Fitness.
Family Shiny	All participants	Vehicles must be 4WD or AWD (not car, van or station wagon) with a low ratio gearbox and suitable for "off road" driving.
Standard 4x4	Non-members	Cannot participate.
	Members	Must have attended a CCVC Training Day. Vehicles must have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker. Must be judged as being capable to participate in this level of trip by the trip leader.



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	Members of other recognised 4WD clubs.	Must demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate skills and experience.
Scratchy 4x4	Non-members	Cannot participate.
	Members	Must have participated in at least 2 "Standard 4x4" trips Vehicle Inspection and Training Day requirements apply. Must meet any specific vehicle requirements and be judged as being capable to participate in this level of trip by the trip leader.
	Members of other recognised 4WD clubs	Must demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate skills and experience.
Club 4x4	Non-members	Cannot participate.
	Members	Must have participated in at least 2 "Scratchy 4x4" trips Vehicle Inspection and Training Day requirements apply. Must meet any specific vehicle requirements and be judged as being capable to participate in this level of trip by the trip leader.
	Members of other recognised 4WD clubs	Must demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another 4WD club and have adequate skills and experience.
Hard Yakka	Non-members	Cannot participate.
	Members	Must have participated in at least 2 "Club 4x4" trips Vehicle Inspection and Training Day requirements apply.



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