



## Code of Conduct

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Racing radio controlled model cars in your back garden or at the local park is great fun. Club racing can also be great fun too, however racing on your own is very different to racing with others on a defined race track. It is with that in mind that the club created the code of conduct that all members and their guests must follow at all times. They have been created to ensure everyone can enjoy a great day of racing their RC model cars.

The code of conduct has been put into place to make sure the Adelaide Radio Controlled Raceway members enjoy their sport in a safe and fun environment, and to ensure the club moves in a positive direction.

The code covers any person using any part of the track and or surrounding pit area during an ARCR meeting.

***The ARCR committee reserves the right to ask any person or persons to leave the track area if their behaviour is considered inappropriate.***

### What is unacceptable behavior?

Unacceptable behavior is behavior that can hurt someone either physically or emotionally including: unwelcome and offensive behavior, bullying, bad language, harassment, discrimination, abusing power, or taking advantage of, or threatening someone. It can make the environment very unpleasant and sometimes unsafe.

Behavior that seems okay to one person may actually hurt or offend someone else. Anything that constitutes a breach of the Law will be referred to the Police.

If you experience unacceptable behavior, you need to let someone from the committee know as soon as possible so that the behavior doesn't happen again and so you can be helped. You don't deserve to be hurt.

Be accountable for your actions and decisions. Be responsible for your actions and do not blame others or make excuses for your behavior

Treat everyone how you would like to be treated. Never deliberately upset fellow racers or guests, even if they have made a mistake on track

Always compete within the rules and respect committee members and their decisions.

Make decisions that are fair for everyone—this is about making sure everyone is given a fair go and has the same opportunity to share their ideas and join in activities

Always respect opponents both on and off track and applaud good performances from other racers.

No abusive or foul language will be tolerated, on the rostrum, in the pits or in front of younger members. We wish to maintain a family atmosphere and children may be present.

If you injure yourself, please speak to one of our committee members as the Club has a first-aid kit available at all times

If anything happens that you are concerned about, whether it relates to you or to someone else at the Club, please contact a committee member ASAP.

All kids must have an adult with them at all times. Children are not allowed to run/play on the track at any time.

We want kids to race and have fun but they must have adult supervision and not be allowed to be unsupervised!

The use of illicit drugs is strictly prohibited. Being under the influence of illicit drugs is considered inappropriate. No illicit drugs be brought onto the proper.

Alcohol abuse in any form is prohibited. By abuse we mean intoxication, public display of alcoholic drink and drunken behaviour. No alcohol be brought onto the proper.

Any drug related items found at the club should not be touched. They should be reported to the committee who will use the appropriate procedures to remove the offending material.

## What is expected of members?

Race Days: All members are expected to assist on a regular basis with the following duties:

- Setting up the track
- Packing up equipment at the end of the day.
- Cleaning the pit area, members are responsible for the area you set up your Pits.

Working Bees: All members are expected to assist at working Bees.

Special events: All members are expected to spend some time assisting with these events.

These include:

- Offroaderfest
- Christmas Cracker
- Title Events
- And any other events ARCR committee choose to run.

The track shall be cleaned of any rubbish that you may have accumulated during your visit. There is a bin provided near the small gate entrance to the park. Please take larger items home with you as the park has limited rubbish facilities.

Everyone is responsible for keeping his/her pit area clean. The property should be left as clean or cleaner than when you arrived. There is a trash can by the small entrance to the park by the running track, please use it. If you have larger pieces of rubbish please dispose of them at home.

Anyone found to be stealing or vandalizing the ARCR facilities will be dealt with by the committee and or the appropriate authorities.

## Racing disciplines

It is the intent of the club to conduct all practices/races in a clean sportsman-like manner. Any attempts to deliberately bump or ram another car or run it off the track will be grounds for disciplinary action. Continuous disregard for other cars on the track will be assumed to be deliberate ramming. Disciplinary action can range from removal from the track to permanent ban from the track by vote of the club membership.

Good communication is essential. You must shout out when your car stops or is immobile on the track. This will help avoid accidents and broken cars.

Furthermore, marshals should shout out when entering the track to move or retrieve a car. A marshal is a big blind spot to other drivers when on the track. This will help avoid collisions.

## **Driver Rules**

### ***You must only drive cars on the track!!***

Do not switch on your transmitter or drive your car in the pit area. (Safety reasons)

Remember motor racing is a non-contact sport.

Faster drivers should remember that it is sometimes faster to driver around slower cars than having them make an unexpected move to get out of your way.

If you crash, do not keep the throttle pulled. The marshal can and will put your car on its roof until the wheels have stopped (this is for safety reasons)

Drivers must not swear at the marshals or other drivers

Drivers must NOT race/drive their cars the wrong direction around the track at any time. (This could lead to disqualification)

During race events, never drive your car without its body.

You must marshal the race after yours, even if you did not race. The laps from your fastest race will be deducted if you do not marshal.

Drivers must not leave the rostrum until the computer has called race over.

## **Passing slower cars**

When driving on the track, where slower cars are being overtaken and passed by faster cars, the slower car should try to maintain a consistent path around the track. The faster car will be responsible for selecting and executing the proper passing option.

## **Marshalling**

Everyone MUST turn marshal! After your heat race. We are not a babysitting service. If you are caught not reporting to a turn marshal position when required, a 2 lap penalty will be enforced on your best heat race or final.

We call all turn marshals to the track as a group. We will not call individual names to report for marshalling.

If you are physically incapable of safely turn marshalling, LET US KNOW. We will find a suitable substitute.

## **Marshalling Rules**

Go to your marshalling point immediately after your race. (Only one marshal at each point). Use the day-Glow jackets, these are for your safety.

Remember to keep watching your section of the track. When going to retrieve a car, watch out for other cars and do not obstruct the vision of other drivers.

Take care to put the car back on the track facing the direction it was going before it crashed.

You may look for obvious problems with the car which are easy to fix, it is not your job to take the car to the driver during the race.

Take care not to put the car you are marshalling in front of oncoming cars.

If a driver has kept the power on and the wheels are still turning, place the car on its roof until the wheels have stopped.

You mate's or son's car is not the only one on the track.

You are expected to marshal even if you did not compete in your last race. Remember one day the favour could be returned and it could mean the difference between being a trophy winner or a second place.

## **Penalties:**

If there is a breach of the Code of Conduct, action will be taken to ensure that those people affected by the breach are safe. Action will then be taken to stop the breach from happening again including:

- In the first instance a warning will be issued
- If a second warning is issued, the member will be banned from the venue for 1 month
- If a third warning is issued, the member will be banned from the venue for 12 months
- If a fourth warning is issued, the member will be asked not to return to ARCR.
- If a breach is serious enough, the Committee will take appropriate action in line with the seriousness of the breach, including contacting the police in criminal matters.

Offences will be recorded against the offender's membership record, and do not expire.