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# 1 JURISDICTION AND ADMINISTRATION

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## 1.1 NATIONAL RULES

This Manual sets out the National Rules for four wheel drive competitive events conducted under the auspices of the Cross Country Driver's Association.

The National Rules set out the conditions and regulations under which CCDA sanctioned events are to be conducted. The National Rules were established by a representative group of Event Organisers, Officials and Competitors with the aim of providing a safe and regulated environment under which to conduct four wheel drive competitive events.

## 1.2 PHILOSOPHY OF NATIONAL RULES

These rules do not purport to be directly applicable to every situation that may be encountered in any form of four wheel drive competitive event.

Practical and sensible application of the spirit of these rules requires all participants to work together to ensure, as far as possible, that competition is fair and to use discretion and good sense in the application and interpretation of these rules.

Officials and marshals should exercise judgement wisely and fairly in a way that supports the philosophy of the rules and understand that their decisions are subject to protest and appeal.

## 1.3 PROCESS FOR UPDATING THESE RULES

CCDA members may propose amendments or additions to these National Rules in a submission to their State or Territory Committee.

The submission should clearly state the proposed amendment or addition and briefly explain the reasons for the proposal. An example of a circumstance under which the proposed amendment or addition may be applied may also be useful in supporting the proposal.

The State or Territory Committee shall receive any proposed amendment or addition and review the proposal, meeting with the proponent as necessary to ensure the proposal is clearly set out, and to assess whether the situation under which the proposed amendment or addition may be applied may already be subject to an existing rule.

The State or Territory Committee shall then forward the original proposal with a report of their review and assessment to the CCDA National Executive, which shall examine the proposed amendment or addition, and the report of the State or Territory Committee and shall take expert advice where appropriate.

The National Executive shall circulate their recommendation for either adoption or rejection of the proposed amendment or addition to the members of the CCDA, via the web site, for comment with a 21 day limit and on receipt of comments review their recommendation for submission to the Executive Committee and, if the recommendation is for adoption, the date recommended for implementation.

The National Executive shall ensure that amendments or additions to these National Rules are formally incorporated into these National Rules.

The outcome of the National Executive deliberations shall be advised to the State and Territory Committees and the proponent member.