



STAGE NOTE CONVOY TOUR REGULATIONS

1. The Nelson Car Club will provide the opportunity for competitors using MSNZ authorised Stage Notes to familiarise themselves with these notes prior to the event as per Schedule R Article 7.1 of the current MNZ Manual.
2. The purpose of the Stage Note Observation “tour” is to enable competitors to make their own comments and amendments to the Stage Notes supplied for that specific event.
3. A **ONCE** only familiarisation pass over the forest roads to be used for special stages is to be conducted. This run is to be made with all the participants in a controlled “**tight**” **convoy**, at speeds of up to 50kph.
4. It is **vitaly important** that residents and the general public gain the impression that these tours are conducted in a safe and responsible manner. **No Rally cars are to be used.** Officials and competitors are to use ordinary vehicles with standard exhausts and no Rally tyres. No overtaking will be permitted unless for reason of Force Majeure (breakdown/puncture etc). **The roads will not be closed and are open to other traffic. Expect cars or logging trucks to be coming towards you and keep left at all times.**
5. The route, speed and spacing of the convoy is to be controlled by Officials of the event as follows:
 - (i) A minimum of three Official vehicles will be used.
 - (ii) The Official vehicles will be in Radio communication with each other.
6. Competitors wishing to do a Stage Note Observation tour may only do so on this Official Familiarisation tour. Competitors are forbidden to be on Special Stage roads at any other time (in accordance with the current MNZ Manual, Appendix 3, Schedule R, Section 1, Article 7.2).
7. The tour will be under the direction of the Clerk of Course, Norm Oakley Ph 027 2207357, or his authorised assistants. If, in the opinion of any official on the tour; a competitor participating in the tour fails to comply with the rules governing it, that competitor will have his notes removed from him and be directed to leave the tour immediately. The notes will be returned to the competitor back at Rally HQ. The official will report the incident to the CotC who will investigate further and may then take the necessary disciplinary action (Refer current MNZ Manual, Appendix 1, Schedule P).

If the same competitor repeat offends at future NZRC events during the year, he will be subject to the above and further action as deemed by Motorsport NZ.

8. Any competitor on the tour who is unable to continue for any reason (breakdown, illness) is to surrender his/her Stage Notes to the convoy official and leave. The notes will be returned to him/her as soon as possible after conclusion of the tour at Rally HQ. Should the competitor wish to rejoin the Tour at a later stage, at the organisers's discretion, the notes may be returned and they may rejoin the convoy. The Officials will not retrace any stages that the competitor may have missed.

9. The tour will take place:

Friday 18th September

All competitors are to assemble at a predetermined point (which will be advised at documentation) by **9.15am**.

Stages will be traversed in the following order:

SS1/4

SS3/6

SS2/5

SS7

SS8

SS9/11

SS10/12

A roll call will take place. The convoy will depart from this point no later than **9.30am**. No competitor may join the convoy after it has started.

10. Ensure that the vehicle you are using has adequate fuel before you leave Nelson as there **may not be any fuel stops** on the way. Competitors are advised to bring some food and water. Recce is expected to take 6 to 8 hours.

11. The following forestry rules **Must be followed at all times:**

- Drivers must abide by all Public Transport Codes and Regulations in and out of the forest.
- Always travel with vehicle headlights dipped within the forest
- Never exceed 50 kph in the forest.
- Reduce speed when approaching other vehicles/workers/narrow sections of road/blind corners.
- Always wear seat belts when vehicle is moving.
- Obey signs and specific site rules.
- Drive for the conditions.
- Drive to expect oncoming vehicles – keep vehicle as close as practical to the left hand side of the road.
- Be prepared to stop in an emergency.
- Smoking** is prohibited in the forest apart from below:
Smoking is only allowed: In a vehicle (ashtrays **must** be used)
- All vehicles must carry a first aid kit, fire extinguisher and small shovel.** If you have to take this out of your rally car for this purpose, please let officials at documentation on the Friday night know. And **Please remember** to return them to your competition car.