

# CODE OF CONDUCT

## of the Four Wheel Drive Club of Southern Africa (2009)

### Rules and Regulations

- Respect and abide by the applicable laws, rules and regulations where ever you are.

### Respect

- The right of privacy, peace and solitude of other human beings and living creatures.
- Obtain permission before driving on any private or restricted land or road.

### Preserve

- All fauna and flora. Enjoy them but leave them where they are.
- Prevent soil erosion by using your 4x4 vehicle correctly in off-road situations.
- Obey fire restrictions and ensure that all fires are extinguished completely when not in use.
- Clean up your campsites prior to departure and take out what you took in – including the refuse.
- Safeguard our water resources.

### Vehicles

- Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and road worthy
- Carry sufficient fuel, tools, spares and recovery equipment.

### Drive

- Responsibly and defensively.
- Friendly and courteously
- Be aware of pedestrians and livestock on the roads.

### Responsibilities

- Promote the safe and responsible use of four wheel drive vehicles.
- Do not drink and drive.
- Keep to existing roads and tracks.
- Avoid sensitive eco-systems.
- Travel in a group when entering remote areas

# **CONVOY PROTOCOL**

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**Every driver to ensure he can see the following vehicle & always wait for it at turn-offs.**

**If and when you lose sight of the vehicle behind you stop and wait for it to catch up again.**

**Every driver to keep to the agreed speed in order not to hold up the convoy.**

**Take note of who is leading and trailing you. If they disappear, inform run co-ordinator ASAP.**

**Remain in the order in which you set out whilst you are driving unless you can inform everybody in the convoy of the change by radio.**

**Stops will be planned for the route and must be adhered to.**

**Keep a distance of at least 200m between convoy vehicles to allow other, faster vehicles to pass the convoy safely.**

**At obstacles, leave the vehicle in front of you sufficient room, enough to reverse if it needs to.**

**When stopping on steep hills choose a level area and allow sufficient stopping area for the following vehicles on that level area.**

**The first and last vehicles of the convoy should be members with radios where possible.**