

WTMC Driver Protocols

One of the greatest risks that members face when heading out on trips with the Club is from road accidents.

The following protocols set out the behaviour that the Club expects from drivers on Club trips: whether driving the club van, a rental vehicle or private car. These protocols also outline what drivers can expect from passengers and from the club.

Our expectations of drivers on Club trips are that they will:

- At all times drive legally, in accordance with the Road Code and license guides. This includes:
 - Staying below the speed limit at all times
 - Never using mobile phones (including checking messages etc.) or other electrical devices (e.g. Ipods) while driving a vehicle;
- Not drink alcohol within the 24 hours prior to driving;
- Drive at a speed and in a manner that is comfortable for all persons who are travelling in the vehicle (this may be lower than the legal speed limit and depend on the conditions);
- Pay for any traffic fines they incur (since the club expects drivers to follow the Road Code);
- Follow the terms of any rental vehicle agreement;
- Report any damage or mechanical issues with a van to the Transport Officer promptly;
- If picking up/dropping off passengers, ensure that the vehicle is off the road and is only stopped when it is safe to do so.

Driver expectations of the club if private transport is used for a club trip are that the club will:

- Pay the members component of the trip fares collected from the passengers to the vehicle owner. This is intended to will cover fuel, the running costs of the car plus additional money to cover risk of break-in.

When private transport is used, the club will not:

- Cover any costs associated with break-ins or mechanical breakdown, including any insurance excess.

Trip leaders should remind punters there is always a possibility of vehicle break-ins and careful judgment should be exercised if punters want to leave personal gear in vehicles. The Club will not cover any costs associated with loss of personal belongings because of break-ins of vehicles, including any insurance excess.

Drivers can expect that passengers on club trips:

- Will always wear seatbelts;
- Will not unnecessarily distract the driver;
- Will follow all reasonable instructions given by the driver;
- Will arrive on time to departure points;
- Will return to the vehicle by the given time after a meal break stop;
- Will not partake in activities that could distract or harm the driver whilst driving.