

EP10 - Victorian Drivers Series Rules & Guide

The Victorian Drivers Series (VDS) is a series of RC events run each calendar year. Each EP10 off-road car club in the state is to run a marquee event with their own flair and feel. The purpose of the Series rules and guidelines is to prescribe a minimum set of rules and guidelines that allow for an equitable and fair overall series. The series should promote off-road EP10 RC car racing in the state of Victoria, encouraging as many new & old participants whilst providing an enjoyable series for all competitors.

Clubs & Executive

Affiliated Clubs

- Knox Off-Road Radio Control Car Club (KRCORCC)
- Keilor Electric Off-Road Car Association (KEORCA)
- Mildura Radio Control Car Club (MRCCC)
- Wodonga Radio Control Car Club (WRCCC)
- Shepparton Radio Control Car Club (SRCCC)

All clubs must be affiliated with RCRA (Formerly AARCMCC) to run their event. Clubs are to be located in the state of Victoria. The VDS executive can vote on admission of a new affiliated club.

VDS Executive

Each Affiliated club will have 1 representative which will usually be the person holding the highest office position, usually the President. All representatives will form the VDS executive. They will decide on rules and affiliated clubs for the series by a vote. One club, one vote system. It is best to use an anonymous voting system such as [adoodle](#)

The Executive will devise and administer a set of minimum rules that provide a fair and equitable series for all competitors.

If any rulings or changes to these rules are required, only the executive can vote to alter. For all rulings a quorum of minimum 3 votes are required.

Club members can put forward rule changes and proposals to their own club and in turn presented for consideration and voting by the executive.

VDS Series Rules

Competitors

To be eligible for Series Points & in turn trophies, competitors must be a paid-up member of a Victorian based club. A competitor will be considered Non-Eligible for series points if they have no membership before the start of any event.

VDS Round Points

- 1st Place in each class at end of each VDS round will receive 20 pts, 2nd Place 19 pts, 3rd 18 pts, and so forth...

- A Bonus point will be awarded for TQ in each class.
- Non-eligible competitors may participate in each round. They will not receive series points for the round.
 - Eligible competitor event point results will not alter due to discarding of non-eligible competitor results.
- A Competitors Series tally is calculated ongoing;
 - Best 1 result of 2 VDS rounds
 - Best 2 results of 3 VDS rounds
 - Best 3 results of 4 VDS rounds
 - Best 3 results of 5 VDS rounds
- In the event of a Tie, the last event result will be the tie-breaker.
- **The series will be declared void unless 3 events are completed.**

VDS Classes

- The executive can vote on adding or removing classes to the VDS trophy classes before the start of each Series. Classes should reflect those that are run at all clubs participating.
- Each round is entitled to run class outside of the VDS classes at their event if this class is popular at their club. Requiring a minimum of 6 entries at the round to be eligible.
- It is at each club's discretion as to whether they provide trophies for classes for the individual rounds and will be responsible also for the cost of their own round trophies.
- Each VDS class will have 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies for the series, the cost equally shared between the participating VDS clubs in that year. These trophies are to be presented at the end of the final round.
- VDS Classes ;
 - 2wd 17.5t Junior Stock Buggy (Under 16 as at 1st January of that Year)
 - 2wd 21.5t Spec Buggy
 - 2wd 17.5t Stock Buggy
 - 2wd Modified Buggy
 - 4wd 13.5t Stock Buggy
 - 4wd Modified Buggy
 - 2wd Stadium Truck
- Car Rules for each class will be as per the current RCRA rules.
- 2wd 21.5t Spec Buggy (same RCRA rules as 2wd 17.5t Stock Buggy) with exceptions;
 - 21.5t motors instead of 17.5t
 - minimum FDR of 6.00
- No cross-entering from stock buggy classes into modified and vice-versa. 2wd Stock buggy entries may not enter 2wd 21.5t Buggy.
 - 2wd 21.5t entrants can enter 4wd stock buggy.

VDS Calendar & Formats

Calendar and scheduling

- Each club will nominate their preferred dates for each round & also consider state & national titles via a group message or email.
- Priority in scheduling is the RCRA accredited events in Victoria, then VDS rounds.
- The schedule should avoid clashes with interstate state titles where possible.
- Clubs choosing to run trophy events outside this do so at their own discretion.

- Each club should consider the best time of year to run the round that suits them and the success of their event.
 - Where possible it is preferred to run events on the clubs scheduled weekends or 5th weekend in a month.
- The calendar needs to be published at the latest December the previous year by the executive.
- Re-Runs require a minimum 4 weeks gap from original date. All events will endeavour to re-run if cancelled.
 - DO not schedule any event after November 15th allowing the 4 weeks for a re-run.

Round Planning

- The club is to advertise their round and have online entries available 1 month before the event.
- Cost to entrants will be;
 - \$20 per class entered (\$15 under 16 as at 1 Jan)
 - **In the event of cancellation or re-run the club is entitled to half the entry costs or to cover expenses incurred to setup event whichever is greater to be refundable on request.**
- Close entries a week before the event
 - It is up to the club if they will allow any late entries. Considering if the entry will negatively affect or alter the published schedule.
 - Late fee of \$10 (non-refundable)

Round Formats

- VDS rounds are to be a 2-day event maximum - Practice included
 - Clubs may open during the week, without timing.
 - **The Club must provide adequate practice time for travelling drivers before the commencement. Track to be open to first practice group at 9am on Saturday Morning.**
 - Juniors must have minimum 3 x 6-minute Junior only practice sessions.
- **Only a maximum of 1 qualifier may be run on Saturday starting no earlier than 3pm.**
- VDS rounds are to be 3 qualifiers of 5 minutes and 3 A-Main finals of 5 minutes. **Only 2 finals for lower than a-main heats.**
- The last race of the event should finish no later than the Sunday at **5:36pm**
- The club is responsible for creating a schedule that will follow these guidelines.
- The Scheduled start time of practice and qualifiers for both Saturday & Sunday must be advertised on the Monday before the event or earlier.

Inclement Weather and excessive entries guide

- The committee of the club running the event is responsible for making decisions in the case of;
 - Delays due to weather
 - Excessive entries show a schedule cannot be completed in the available time & guidelines.
 - Unforeseen circumstances, quorum with authorised representatives from each club is to be sought in these cases.
 - [Hot weather guidelines – Sports Medicine Australia](#)
 - *The event start time cannot be moved ahead of the advertised time.*

- If adjustments to the schedule are required, reduce qualifiers to 2 as the first option.
 - A minimum of 2 qualifiers and 1 final must be completed for the results to be counted in the series.

Event Organisation

Rules

- If these rules are silent on any matter, then refer to the current ruleset for EP10 Off-road RCRA. [RCRA Downloads](#)

Referees

- The club are to organise a race referee;
 - Ideally, If the club can assign a fair experienced referee for the event. This is ideal.
 - Or use an experienced marshal to referee instead. If the track is covered.

Marshalling

- Parents of juniors are not to be directed to Marshall own child's race.
 - Juniors are not to Marshall unless deemed safe to do so by Parent/Guardian. If not capable to Marshall, the child will need someone to substitute or ask the race director to organise a replacement.

Scrutineering

- Scrutineering is required to ensure fairness in the series.
- Car, Motor, ESC, etc,.. specification and rules are as per the latest EP10 Off-Road RCRA rules
 - [RCRA Downloads](#)
 - Note that the VDS is not a control tyre series. Open tyres and inserts are allowed.
 - Wheels/rims must conform to the RCRA ruleset
- At a minimum random Post-Scrutineering of at least 1 car per heat (Randomiser app)
 - Android App [Random Number Generator Plus](#)
 - iOS App [Rand](#)
- For Stock Racing at least 1 car per heat Pre-Scrutineering for battery charge voltage
 - 8.4v maximum charge, no more than 5c above ambient temperature
- Also, for the modified racing classes. If **ALL** drivers in the class are in agreement they may forego scrutineering of battery voltages and Motor checks in the interests of expediting the program.

Qualifying Seeding

Seeding for first heat of each event

- Seeding for the first round of qualifying. The timing software is to be used to create random order.
 - The 2nd Qualifier is to be re-graded, as is the 3rd qualifier.

Code of Conduct

At each event

- It is expected that every competitor will follow the code of conduct as per each club. It will be up to each club to deal with any breaches at any round.