



Heritage Touring Cars Code of Conduct

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1.0 OBJECTIVE

The Group C Touring Car Association Ltd trading as Heritage Touring Cars (HTC), encourages competitive racing, but only in an environment where participants recognise the importance of the following principles:

- Safety of fellow participants
- Preservation of the vehicles
- Compliance with CAMS eligibility rules
- Enjoyment of participation

To ensure all participants understand these principles, HTC has developed a “Heritage Touring Cars Code of Conduct” (the Code) which sets out the particular requirements. These include guidelines on the following topics:

- Attitude
- Safety & Awareness
- Driving Conduct
- Vehicle Eligibility
- Enjoying the Spectacle

The Code is to be contemplated, understood and demonstrated by participants at all Heritage Touring Car events.

2.0 ATTITUDE

Actions that are not aligned to a historic motorsport attitude shall not be tolerated.

Historic motorsport is an amateur pursuit with no monetary reward offered for participation or success. As such a “win at all costs” approach is neither applicable nor acceptable in our category. This applies equally to on track driving standards as it does with compliance to specific vehicle eligibility rules.

Specifically, safety, vehicle preservation and courtesy must be demonstrated by participants at all times.

Notwithstanding significant differences in experience and skill, our category affords the right to every participant to enjoy their racing regardless of experience.

Camaraderie between participants is paramount to the success of our category and can only be achieved if the attitude in our sport is aligned at all times.

3.0 SAFETY & AWARENESS

Actions that compromise the safety of any participant, official or spectator shall not be tolerated.

Our vehicles are offered concessions in regard to compliance with modern vehicle safety regulations and must be driven accordingly, with the safety of fellow participants as the primary consideration in assessing on-track manoeuvres.

The racing category spans a twenty year period of vehicle development and performance. Participants must carefully consider the significant performance differentials between vehicle makes, models, and eras, and apply this consideration when on track in both qualifying and racing environments.

Experienced participants are expected to demonstrate their advanced skill in safe and courteous conduct, whilst less experienced participants are expected to drive within their limits, and gradually build up their race craft from event to event.

No participant is entitled to drive outside their own limits, regardless of the performance of their vehicle.

Safe driving must extend to the pit paddock, marshalling grid and pit lane.

Participation in advanced driver training courses, race tuition initiatives and additional track time is encouraged to ensure all participants gain further experience in their vehicles, particularly with regard to dynamics and control.

4.0 DRIVING CONDUCT

Contact between vehicles shall not be tolerated.

Protocol for engaging with faster and slower vehicles in an overtaking environment must prioritise safety. Slower vehicles must maintain the racing line, and where possible acknowledge the presence of the faster vehicle and direct them past. Faster vehicles must not crowd or force slower vehicles off the racing line when passing and neither the faster nor slower vehicle should use the overtaking event to improve their track position in their racing group.

Overtaking at corners is the most likely occasion where contact may occur. Late braking, out of control moves "up the inside" and crowding on the exit of a corner is not acceptable conduct. Participants must allow sufficient room at corners and be prepared to yield to a competitor in the interest of safety even if at the expense of track position.

Faster vehicles should complete their overtaking of slower vehicles at the exit of a corner, or on a straight, rather than attempting an overtaking manoeuvre at the entry to a corner.

At some race tracks, further overtaking protocol may be introduced to the group, and all participants are expected to abide by the protocol so agreed.

All participants must be fully aware of the supplementary regulations applicable to the specific race meeting, and follow the direction of stewards and marshals at all times.

Particularly, a thorough understanding and observation of flag signals and starting protocol must be demonstrated at all times.

Participants involved in serious incidents shall be reported to an Australian Historic Motor Sport Commission approved Driving Standards Observer (DSO) and/or the CAMS Historic Steward and may be excluded from the current and in some cases future events.

When Heritage Touring Cars participate at events that are not national level CAMS 5th Category events, HTC shall ensure that the event officials are aware of the HTC Code and they shall be asked to ensure the Code is applied.

5.0 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

Vehicles that breach eligibility requirements shall not be tolerated.

The current CAMS Manual of Motorsport provides very clear guidelines with regard to vehicle specification and compliance.

A fundamental expectation of historic motorsport is that participants ensure that their vehicle complies with the eligibility rules at all times.

Camaraderie between participants is compromised when irregularities in vehicle compliance are detected.

Participants must ensure their vehicle remains in compliance by referring to the following source documents:

- CAMS Manual of Motorsport – 5th Category Guidelines
- CAMS Regulations relevant to the “Specification Year” of the vehicle
- CAMS Homologation/Recognition documents relevant to the “Specific Competition Event” within the “Specification Year” of the vehicle

CAMS require that our vehicles are presented to the correct specification, and to this end shall continue to review compliance on a random but regular basis.

HTC is keen to support CAMS in ensuring non-complaint vehicles do not participate in future events until the non-compliance issue has been rectified.

6.0 ENJOYING THE SPECTACLE

Spectators attend historic and heritage race meetings to enjoy the spectacle of the competition - not necessarily to contemplate lap records and finishing positions of individuals unknown to them. This is particularly true of our category - Heritage Touring Cars – The Legends of Bathurst.

When racing, participants should give consideration to “putting on a show” for the spectators who have come to see our vehicles. This may include initiatives such as agreeing with fellow participants in your racing group to demonstrate close and exciting racing with multiple position changes throughout your races.

The accolades received from spectators, officials and your team after the racing will far outweigh compromises in overall track position.



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