

Northumberland Centre Rules

Booking for Rallies:

- 1.1 The booking of limited rallies will only be accepted on or after 1st February with the correct payment.
- 1.2 Please book for rallies in reasonable time to allow the marshal to adequately prepare for you. If possible this should be by the Sunday preceding the rally, but definitely no later than the Tuesday. Late bookings are an embarrassment to the marshal.

Money/Payments:

- 2.1 Any payments by cheque or postal order to the Northumberland Centre for rallies, socials, Centre equipment, etc. must always be made out to the Centre and NOT individuals, unless otherwise instructed.
POST DATED CHEQUES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.
- 2.2 The payment of a rally fee constitutes a donation towards the Centre fund, and the Centre is under no obligation to provide a plaque. Unbooked or late caravans may not receive a plaque if the initial supply is exhausted. Do not embarrass any marshal by asking for a plaque if you have not attended the rally with your caravan.
- 2.3 Refunds if you were unable to attend a rally should be made via the rally marshal in the first instance, then afterwards to the Centre Committee. If it is too close to the rally, then your rally allowance will have been used by the marshal, then a reasonable donation of £2 would be appreciated to cover administration costs.

Rallies:

- 3.1 The rally marshals are in complete control of the rally. Any reasonable request by them must be observed.
- 3.2 Under certain circumstances it may be necessary to prohibit the use of barbecues. Open wood fires and burning of wood on barbecues is not allowed.
- 3.3 Every caravan should carry a fire extinguisher.
- 3.4 Whenever possible rally routes will be signposted, but members should use the rally location instructions and a suitable map to assist them. If the rally location has to be changed to a nearby alternative, suitable signs will be erected. If the rally has to be cancelled at the last moment, your rally marshal will endeavour to contact you by telephone. Your booking form should show your telephone number and where you can be contacted.
- 3.5 Rallies normally commence at 4.00pm on the first day. The rally marshal is entitled to refuse admission before this time. Earlier arrival may only be by prior arrangement with the marshal.
- 3.6 Reservation of pitches is allowed when it is reasonable and practicable, and that it is agreeable with the marshal. (the rally marshal's decision will be final and should be respected). Where limited electric hook-up is available, this will be on a first booked first taken basis. Members wishing to be sited together should arrive together. Members arriving late may be asked to use a 'Night Pitch' and join the rally the following morning.
- 3.7 The marshal reserves the right to refuse entry to unbooked members where it is considered against the interests of the rally.
- 3.8 A small tent for occupation by children may only be erected with the permission of the rally marshal. This will be in the space normally occupied by an awning.
- 3.9 The use of the rally site is a privilege. And it is your responsibility to see that this privilege is not abused. Please, therefore, observe the Caravan and Country Codes and uphold the good name of the Club. In particular, undue noise should be avoided between the hours of 11.00pm and 8.00am.

3.10 Generators should not be used between the hours of 6.00pm and 9.00am except when the generator is used for the benefit of the rally. Generators should not be left unattended at any time.

3.11 When for medical reasons, it becomes essential that a generator must be used outside of the hours stated in the Centre rules (3.10), then application in writing should be made to the committee two weeks prior to the rally. If approval is given for that rally the marshal will then be advised accordingly, since it may be necessary for the caravan/generator to be sited away from other caravans to avoid disturbance. Separate application should be made for each rally where the generator will need to be used.

3.12 It should be noted that as rallies are not being held on established sites, it will be necessary for members to carry toilets. To avoid contamination, **TOILETS MUST NOT BE TAKEN TO THE DRINKING WATER.**

3.13 No provision will be made for the disposal of waste other than chemical toilets. Waste water containers should not be allowed to overflow and should be emptied along the base of hedges or fences around the perimeter of the field and NOT in the elsan pit.

3.14 Members must take home with them all dry waste.

3.15 Rallies close one hour after the elsan pit, and the site must be vacated by this time. Members should not embarrass the marshal by seeking to prolong their stay.

3.16 The sale of goods other than club equipment or collections for charities are strictly banned at centre events. The only exceptions being in support of the Centre's annual charity event.

3.17 In order to avoid embarrassment, collections for rally marshals and other centre event organisers are forbidden.

3.18 Siting of caravans. Where the rally marshal has set out site pegs, the caravan should be parked with the offside front corner as near to the peg as possible, unless told to do otherwise. Cars should be parked on the offside of the caravan as close to it as reasonably possible.

Cars:

4.1 A speed limit of 5mph applies on all rallies, it is your responsibility to ensure any visitors you have observe the rule. Any driver of any vehicle ignoring this limit will be instructed to leave the car in the designated car park.

4.2 Learner drivers and unlicensed drivers are not permitted to drive on the rally field.

4.3 No vehicle shall be allowed to drive between caravans on the grounds of safety.

4.4 Drivers of 'second cars' and visitors may be asked to leave their vehicles in the car park provided. The car may be first be driven at 5 mph to the caravan to allow passengers to alight.

Children:

5.1 It is the responsibility of parents, or persons nominated by the parents as suitable, for the actions of the children under their control on the rally field.

5.2 The playing of quoits, lawn darts and ball games (including swing-ball) and the use of cycles and skateboards within the vicinity of caravans is prohibited.

5.3 Kites and model aircraft/drones must not be flown on or over the rally field.

Pets/Animals:

6.1 Dogs and other domestic animals must be kept on a lead not exceeding **TWO METRES** at all times whilst on the rally field, and when tethered must remain within the confines of your pitch. When being exercised beyond the rally field they must be kept under control and not allowed to roam at will. Whenever possible dogs are to be exercised off the rally field. It is the owner's responsibility to make sure they clean up as soon as possible after them.

Visitors:

7.1 All visitors should report to the rally marshal when they arrive. It is the members' responsibility to ensure all visitors inform the marshal of their arrival.

Wet Weather:

8.1 Yellow Flag. Should the rally field become so saturated that excessive damage could be caused by the movement of vehicles, a yellow flag will be flown from the flagpole or at the gate. Under these circumstances members and visitors may not enter or leave the field with their cars except with the express permission of the marshal