

ULSTER MILITARY VEHICLE CLUB

CODE OF CONDUCT

"This Code of Conduct is set out here in accordance with Paragraph 13 of the Constitution. It is primarily a health and Safety document and has the status and obligations on its members as that of the Constitution".

This document sets out the "*Code of Conduct*" of the Ulster Military Vehicle Club and specifies the means provided to achieve that purpose. Our objective is to endeavour to provide a healthy and safe environment for all UMVC members and members of the public who may be effected by our activities. The success of this "*Code of Conduct*" will depend on your co-operation. It is therefore important that you read the "*Code of Conduct*" carefully and understand your role and the overall arrangement for Health and Safety.

This document should be regarded as a "living" document in that it can be improved on as the need arises. It is our intention to review this "*Code of Conduct*" in the light of experience. UMVC members are encouraged to put forward suggestions for improvement

This "*Code of Conduct*" shall apply to all UMVC members

1. THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

This will apply at any show, rally or other event at which UMVC members are appearing, whether or not the club is involved with the organisation of such an event. It is intended to safeguard both UMVC members and public from injury and danger.

2. VEHICLE CONDITION.

It is the duty of all members to ensure that their vehicles are maintained in a safe and roadworthy condition at all times.

3. VEHICLE MOVEMENT GENERALLY.

Vehicles should move through a showground only in accordance with the wishes of the organisers. Headlamps should be illuminated and horn or siren warnings considered. When on static display consideration should be given to the chocking of the vehicle road wheels.

4. TRACKED VEHICLE MOVEMENT.

Tracked vehicles should not move through crowds unless absolutely necessary. In which case responsible adults should walk ahead and to the side of the vehicle to warn members of the public. Judicious use of an advance-warning vehicle is recommended. (see (3) above).

5. VEHICLE SPEED.

Vehicles should be driven at a responsible speed at all times, having full regard to the number of people present at the event.

6. DRIVER QUALIFICATION.

- i) Any vehicle being driven as at (3) and (4) above should be controlled by the holder of a current full driving licence for that class of vehicle, who is driving with the full permission of the owner and, above all, who is familiar with that particular vehicle.
- ii) Outside public opening times a properly supervised provisional licence holder is permitted to drive provided that the vehicle is displaying 'L' plates and there is no risk or danger whatsoever to other persons present at the event.
- iii) At no time should a child be in charge or control of a vehicle. This includes vehicle left with ignition keys in place or with the engine or machinery in motion.

7. VEHICLE INSURANCE.

Owners must ensure that their vehicles are covered for both “road” and “off-road” use as required and that all drivers are similarly covered. It is the responsibility of the driver to confirm insurance cover with the owner before taking charge of a vehicle. Normal road insurance does not apply at 'off-road' events.

8. RESTRICTED DRIVER VISION

If any vehicle has restricted vision, a responsible adult must act as vehicle commander. He must be in clear “two way” contact with the driver. It is the commander's responsibility to ensure passenger safety, especially when persons are mounting or dismounting from the vehicle, which should be done other than by, using the tracks or wheels as footrests

9. PROJECTIONS

Drivers must ensure that any projections outside the normal overall width, length and height of their vehicle such as whip aerials or ring-mounted replica machine-guns, are properly secured before moving off, especially when moving through crowds.

10. PASSENGERS

No passenger vehicle must carry more passengers than the number of seats on that vehicle and/or in accordance with licence qualification. They must be correctly seated and children properly supervised by parent/guardian. On fully armoured, tracked vehicles, no passengers or crew must be carried on the exterior of the vehicle under any circumstances. On amphibious vehicles, all crew and passengers must be equipped with flotation devices or life jackets when water-borne.

11. FIREARMS AND EXPLOSIVES

There must be absolutely no discharge of any firearm, barrelled weapon, thunder flash or other explosive device at any event without prior written authority from the event organizer and local authority. Replica and deactivated weapons (guns) are not to be carried outside the showground. Deactivated weapons should always be accompanied by the appropriate documentation.

12. OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

Bayonets and knives must not be unsheathed when moving around the showground. They may be unsheathed only as part of a static display and equipment and must never be left unattended.

13. UNIFORMS

Uniforms and equipment must be worn responsibly outside the showground. Care must be taken to avoid unit and rank badges and especially medal ribbons to which the wearer is not entitled, as this constitutes an offence. Uniforms should be worn correctly and in context.

14. NOISE

No excessive noise should be made or generators used on a show site or camping site between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

15. PERSONAL DISCIPLINE

The UMVC is represented by its members and members are deemed to be responsible for the behaviour of their invited guests. Whether driving, being carried as a passenger or performing safety-oriented duties as outlined above, standards of deportment and politeness must be maintained so that the club is presented to the public as a caring responsible organisation.

16. INFRINGEMENT OF CODE OF CONDUCT

Serious infringement of this “*Code of Conduct*” at a show will be dealt with by any committee member present at the time of the offence and subsequently will be reported to the UMVC Safety Officer for further action if considered necessary.