

Convoy Procedures

Start - At the commencement of the trip, the Trip Leader shall arrange the convoy order and nominate a vehicle to be last in the convoy (Tail End Charlie). All vehicles shall stay in the convoy order unless directed otherwise by the Trip Leader.

Communications - Convoy communication shall be by the designated CB Radio or UHF Radio channel selected. The nationally recognized 4WD convoy channel is Channel 10 on both AM and UHF frequencies.

Our Club uses channel 12 UHF.

If you are unable to make radio contact, flash your headlights onto the vehicle ahead. This is a signal for the rest of the convoy to stop.

Keep unnecessary chatter on the radio to a minimum when navigating difficult areas.

If in any doubt of the best / safest way to proceed through hazards / obstacles, ask the Trip Leader or more experienced driver for advice. Remember you probably won't be the only one experiencing difficulty.

Acknowledge all radio calls from the Trip Leader.

Traveling- Keep the vehicle behind you in view at all times and at any decision point (corner, deviation, and obstacle):

- *Wait for the following vehicle*
- *Indicate where to go (use indicators if appropriate)*
- *When acknowledgment is received, then proceed*

Drive at your COMFORTABLE and SAFE speed. Generally keep 4-6 vehicle lengths distance between vehicles and keep the convoy moving.

On steep inclines / obstacles:

- *Proceed one vehicle at a time*

On very steep or difficult terrain:

- *Call the next vehicle through when you are clear*

All gates are to be left as they were found. The Trip Leader is responsible to ensure that the last vehicle knows to leave the gate open or closed.

Vehicles should not leave the convoy other than in exceptional circumstances and before doing so must obtain approval from the Trip Leader.

Remember you are responsible for the vehicle behind you!