



DRIVERS CODE OF CONDUCT

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The Australian Prototype Series wishes to promote enjoyable and safe competition and the avoidance of car-to-car contact.

All drivers must comply with the APS Code of Conduct and with the Race Meeting Standing Regulations of the CAMS Manual of Motor Sport, and especially Section 7 of <http://docs.cams.com.au/Manual/Race/RA01-Race-Meeting-StandingRegs-2017-1.pdf>

Specific to the Australian Prototype Series, the following Driving Standards apply:

- i. Contact between vehicles is to be actively avoided. Drivers that initiate contact between vehicles can expect disciplinary measures to be applied.
- ii. Drivers of slower cars must allow faster cars to lap them with minimum hindrance. To do so, they must observe the flags and watch their mirrors and hold their normal line. They may exercise discretion and, in a safe manner, take a safe line that is off the normal racing line so as to allow the overtaking car to pass more readily.
- iii. Drivers must exercise due care if and when re-entering the track, doing so in a safe manner. Dropping debris on the racing line such as sand/gravel from sand traps is not permitted.
- iv. Overtaking
 1. It is the responsibility of driver of the car performing an overtaking maneuver to do so in a safe manner. Do not expect the car in front give way if you are not sufficiently past the car in front.
When overtaking, to claim "right of way" in to or through a corner, the overtaking car must be within the track perimeter, and be in a position such that the overtaking car may be visible in the peripheral vision of the driver of the car in front without the use of mirrors.
Thus the centre line of the front wheels of the overtaking car must be at least level with the mid-point between the front and rear wheels of the car in front before the driver of the overtaking car can claim the intended and normal racing line.
If the overtaking car is further back than the mid-point of the car in front, the driver of the car in front is entitled to turn in to and occupy a normal racing line, and the overtaking car must back out

of that relative position and its intended line.

If the front wheels of the overtaking car are at least level with the middle of the car in front, the overtaking car can claim a normal racing line, and the car in front must concede space to the overtaking car.

2. During overtaking, the drivers of both cars must allow at least one automobile width for the other car so that both vehicles are able to both avoid contact and are able to remain on the track during the transition through the corner.

v. Defensive maneuvering:

1. More than one change of direction to defend a position is not permitted.
2. A Driver moving back towards the racing line, having earlier defended his position off-line, should leave at least one automobile width between his own automobile and the edge of the track on the approach to the corner.
3. Maneuvers liable to hinder other Drivers such as deliberate crowding of a car beyond the edge of the track or any other abnormal change of direction, are strictly prohibited.
4. The straight is for overtaking, not for blocking. There is to be no weaving or overt blocking on the straight.
5. A driver is allowed to take a defensive line when entering a corner, but once a line has been adopted, it must be maintained, ie only move once.
6. Moving so as to adopt a different line in to the corner whilst in the braking zone is not permitted.
7. Brake checking is prohibited, meaning during the apex of the corner to the exit, the brake pedal may not be depressed as to induce un-settling of the following car.

Race Management Officials will be informed of the APS Drivers Code of Conduct, and it can be expected that these driving standards will be provided to all race officials. All race officials will monitor and report infractions as part of their normal duties.

If there are any driving standards breaches, a report may be given by category management and or the Driving Standards Officer (DSO) and/or race officials to the Clerk of Course notifying the Clerk of Course of any drivers who have not adhered to the provisions of Section 7 or the above guidelines. This report will list drivers involved in any dangerous or unsportsmanlike procedures and will request the Clerk of Course to pay special attention to these drivers. Penalties may apply and will be judged and enforced by the APS CAMS appointed Series Steward and or the Stewards of the meeting.