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All event participants,

SAFETY AT THE AAWDC INTERCLUB FAMILY FUN DAY – 13 AUGUST 2011

Safety at the AAWDC Interclub Family Day is paramount to an enjoyable day. The Off Road Rescue Unit (ORRU) will be providing the medical support for the event as well as assisting the AAWDC and event organisers to ensure a safe and fun day is enjoyed by all participants and spectators.

All participants are to note the following requirements and arrangements and are expected to apply and comply with these to avoid any unsafe practices and injuries:

1. All vehicles participating in the event will be subject to ORRU scrutineering to ensure the following mandatory safety standards are met before the vehicle is permitted onto the course:
 1. safety belts in good working condition are installed for each seat in the vehicle;
 2. each wheel has a full set of wheel nuts;
 3. all vehicle body parts are securely attached to the vehicle;
 4. vehicle contents must be adequately secured in or on the vehicle so that it does not become a missile in the event of a vehicle roll-over;
 5. adequate and appropriate recovery points front and rear that are securely attached to an appropriate point on the vehicle; and
 6. inappropriate recovery points on the vehicle must be taped up with black or silver duct tape to ensure that it is not inadvertently used in a recovery.
2. Each team is expected to have at least one complete recovery kit suitable to recover any vehicle within the team. All equipment is to be adequately rated, tagged and be in good condition and working order.
3. While the obstacles themselves are not difficult, once a vehicle becomes stuck within an obstacle it becomes a RECOVERY situation and all RECOVERY safety rules apply.
4. Any non participating vehicle that gets stuck within the event terrain is to be recovered under the control of ORRU.
5. Each team is responsible for the safe recovery of their own participating vehicles from any obstacle.
6. Each recovery must be performed under the exclusive control of a designated Team Recovery Director, meaning ONE designated person on the team that is the one and only person in charge and only that Director will instruct either of the two or more drivers when to move and what to do. Ideally that Recovery Director should be in radio contact with both vehicles involved in the recovery. This is an ideal place for handheld radios.
7. While any recovery is to be handled by the participating team, the Club Marshals in charge of that obstacle are responsible for ensuring a safe environment at all times, during competition and during any recovery.
8. Scoring Marshals from the Marshal Unit are present at each obstacle and will also observe and identify any unsafe practices. They will report these to the Club Marshalls Team Leader of the obstacle who

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must take the necessary steps to ensure adequate safety for participants and spectators on their obstacle.

9. The Club Marshals are also responsible for ensuring that the spectators are kept at a safe distance during the use of the obstacle and especially during any recovery from the obstacle.
10. All Marshalls should be equipped with a whistle and at any point the blowing of a whistle at that obstacle means all actions must be stopped until it is determined who blew the whistle and why.
11. The Marshalls, while not in charge of the recovery, may at anytime, should they feel safety is being compromised, stop all proceedings at that obstacle and report such action to the Clerk of the Course (CoC).
12. While ORRU members will not be present at each obstacle throughout the day, there will be ORRU members patrolling within the venue. They have the right to intervene and supervise any actions during the event and if any unsafe practices are observed, they will close the offending obstacle until such time as the issue is resolved and will inform the CoC accordingly.
13. The CoC will then take any decisions going forward.

While these points are not exhaustive, I trust that if adhered to, they will ensure a safe and fun filled day for all.

Any questions or comments prior to the event can be directed to either Terry (terry@orru.co.za) or Ivor (ivor@orru.co.za). On the day the ORRU Mobile Command Post trailer will be deployed and any issues can be directed to the ORRU members manning the post.

Regards,

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