



Midland Centre Rules Governing Rallies



General

Weekend Rallies normally commence at 4.00 pm Friday. Bank Holidays or 5-day Rallies commence at the discretion of the Stewards. They will end at the discretion of the Steward and/or the Chairman, having regard to the time of year and weather conditions. If in doubt - ask.

Only when plainly stated in the details of the Rally may a member arrive before or stay on after the completion of a Rally. Early arrivals with the consent of the Stewards only. Non-compliance will be monitored.

Stewards may ask for proof of Caravan Club membership at any Rally.

The red Caravan Club flag should be flown for the duration of the rally. The yellow MCCC flag can also be flown but below the Caravan Club flag. The Centre flag cannot take precedence over the Caravan Club flag, except on commercial sites where the Caravan Club exemption certificate is not required.

Rally books will be distributed as soon as available to full members only, who have been a Centre member for at least five years or who have attended a rally in the last two years. Books will be available for collection on the rally field. A book will also be given to each new full member when a registration is received by the Secretary.

If a Steward feels a member's behaviour or the behaviour of a member's children or pet is causing a nuisance, the Steward is permitted to ask a member to cease the behaviour or leave the site.

No Stewards to cancel a rally without a Committee decision.

Booking, payment and arrival

Rally slips or online bookings must be received by the Steward of the rally not later than the Monday before the rally, otherwise you will not be notified if a rally has been cancelled or the location changed.

Holiday Rallies or Special Events generally use a separate paper booking form because a deposit is required, there may be specific site information that needs to be communicated to the Ralliers and payment arrangements are usually different (EG Site fees paid in advance).

On any limited rally, a £5 non-returnable deposit must be sent with your rally slip or your place cannot be reserved.

Where rally fees are payable in advance, no refunds will be given if you cancel within 7 days prior to the rally and your place cannot be reallocated.

On arrival, you will pay rally, site and plaque fees, including VAT, (unless otherwise stated) to the Stewards. You will also be required to sign the rally sheet, when you pay. Additional payments may be required, including VAT, if a social or other entertainment's have been organised.

All cheques should be made payable to: The Midland Centre Caravan Club and not to individuals. Cheques will not be accepted for **weekend** rally payments.

If you wish to receive a plaque you should order one when booking in to a rally. The appropriate fee must be paid on arrival on site. To guarantee receiving a plaque, your booking must be received 14 days in advance of the rally start date. The appropriate fee must be paid to the stewards upon arrival on site.

Yellow signs with MCCC on will be displayed as prominently as possible on the approaches to the site. Directions given should be used in conjunction with a larger scale map and the rally book. **DO NOT RELY SOLELY ON SAT NAVS.**

All members, upon arriving on site, should report to the appointed Steward before pitching their unit. Any visitors should also report to the Stewards on arrival.

One pitch only may be reserved for a friend, providing it is not required by another member. Extra pitches can be reserved at the discretion of the Stewards.

Safety on Site

All vehicles are restricted to WALKING PACE (Max 5mph) on site and learner/unlicensed drivers are not permitted.

Units, excluding guy ropes, must be 6 metres apart from adjacent units. This is to allow sufficient emergency access. Vehicles may be parked between units, provided that a 3 metre clear space is left within the 6 metre gap at all times.

Children's pup tents are classed as an integral part of a unit in the same way as an awning, when they are occupied by children and when no appliance with a naked flame is used in or close to them. This means that a child's pup tent is not required to comply with the 6 metre rule and can be pitched close to the parents' unit. Only one pup tent is permitted per caravan, to be situated to the rear of the caravan provided this is not a vehicle access route.

Bearing in mind the danger of FIRE, the Committee consider it necessary for every van to be equipped with an approved type of FIRE EXTINGUISHER and simple FIRST AID KIT. **ALL RALLIERS ARE REQUIRED TO PLACE A BUCKET OF WATER/FIRE EXTINGUISHER AT THE TOW BAR OF THEIR CARAVAN.**

Open fires are not permitted on the rally field. Sky lanterns or similar are also not permitted. The use of gas cylinders to supply a caravan via an external barbecue supply point is not permitted.

Adverse Weather

Avoid undue damage to the entrance and site by unnecessary use of vehicles in bad weather. When a YELLOW FLAG is flying ALL vehicle movement ON or OFF the field is forbidden unless permission is given by the Stewards. When a RED Flag is flying absolutely no vehicle movement is allowed.

Anyone requesting a tow on the rally field does so on the understanding that in all cases the owner/driver of the towing vehicle does not accept any responsibility whatsoever for any damage however caused to the stranded vehicle or its owners or occupiers. Responsibility for damage will in all cases rest with the owner/ driver of the stranded vehicle.

General Behaviour

The good name of the Club, Centre and Caravanning will be better enhanced by the standards we maintain. Site vans tidily around the perimeter or in lanes. All doors in each lane must be facing in the same direction and no awnings should face each other. Park your car on the blind side of the van and keep the area around your van clean and tidy. Pull forward a few yards on leaving and check to see you have left no litter behind.

Ralliers must ensure that they and their children do not cause damage to trees, fences, farm buildings, equipment, stock, cars and caravans, etc. Ralliers are responsible for the behaviour of their children and guests. Should damage be incurred then the **full cost** will be demanded from the parents or guardians. Please adhere to Out of Bound signs.

The riding of bicycles between the caravans and any sports or activities likely to cause a nuisance and or damage are NOT allowed. Ball games are permitted only with the agreement of the Stewards or Committee, on an open space well away from caravans.

Dogs and other pets must be kept under control at all times. No animal is allowed to be loose on the site and must always be on a lead not longer than three metres if outside a unit. Dogs are not allowed into organised social events or halls unless they are registered assistance dogs. Members must remove any droppings left by their pets.

Noise should be kept at a minimum from radios, televisions and other sources such as generators, and there should be no noise whatsoever between 11pm and 7am. The practice of flying flags and other items from poles or similar will only be permitted during daylight hours.

The use of generators will be restricted to 2 hours use between the hours of 10.00 am and 6.00 pm only, and not to be a nuisance to your neighbours. Stewards and or Committee excluded from above times where the use is for social purposes. Only fully silenced and smokeless units may be used.

The club considers the use of e-cigarettes the same as cigarettes and as such, all legal requirements should be adhered to in their use during a club event.

Public Health

The contents of chemical toilets must not be disposed of on the site except into the disposal point identified by the appointed Steward. Toilets or their tanks must not be rinsed or filled at the rally drinking water supply.

Members attending a rally must take their refuse home with them if receptacles are not provided.