



## **Use of HMCCQ Release & Indemnity Form**

A signed Release and Indemnity Form is the first line of defence in the event of a claim against the Club. In signing the form participants in an event are acknowledging that there are risks involved in undertaking the activity and they are prepared to accept those risks themselves.

In addition, by signing the Release and Indemnity Form a participant is taking full responsibility for his/her vehicle's safety, roadworthiness and compliance with all applicable legislation (most importantly that the vehicle is registered for use on the road).

There is no clear cut dividing line for when to use or not use the Release and Indemnity Form, however, in the Management Committee's opinion, it should be used when an event involves any of the following:

1. Use of volunteers (e.g. marshals, food providers, back-up vehicle drivers etc.)
2. Use of Club or member assets (e.g. back-up vehicles, trailers, urns etc.).

In the Management Committee's opinion, there is no need to use the Release and Indemnity Form for a ride or other activity that doesn't involve volunteers or assets as described above. Nor is it considered necessary to use the Form at events such as Club meetings and social gatherings such as Christmas parties; or public displays and swap meets where large numbers of the general public are involved. For these larger events it could be worth erecting a sign at the entrance point that spells out the rules and conditions of entry.

Note that it is completely acceptable for the wording on the Club's Release and Indemnity Form to be replicated onto rally entry forms etc., i.e. you don't need to use the Club form separately. However, it is important not to change the wording or use other wording that has not been endorsed for HMCCQ use.