

Virago Star Owners Club

Rally Guidelines

- 1.1 At its Annual General Meeting each year, the National Committee shall sanction three or four National Rallies and one International Rally. The International Rally being currently held in the UK every **sixth** year.
 - 1.2 Any Centre wishing to host a National or International Rally must submit their tender to the National Committee's AGM eighteen months before the planned event.
 - 1.3 Any Centre may apply to host a Centre Rally or "Party". However, the date/s for such an event is to be agreed and sanctioned by the club Vice-Chairman to ensure that dates do not clash with any other scheduled event. Parties within the four-month summer window can **ONLY** be held on the first weekend of August.
 - 1.4 The venue and format of a National Rally is to be determined by the host Centre. The venue and format for an International Rally is to be presented and sanctioned by the National Committee at its Annual General Meeting for approval.
 - 1.5 A Centre wishing to promote their National or International Rally with an individual identity is to submit the proposed name and logo to the Vice-Chairman for approval. The "guideline" for approval is that the VSOC logo (or name) should be included in the artwork.
 - 1.6 It is the responsibility of the host Centre to provide adequate, segregated toilet and wash facilities for male and female members. It is also the responsibility of the host Centre to ensure that special dietary needs (vegetarian etc.,) are catered for.
 - 1.7 "Guests" Refer to paragraph 2.6a of the VSOC Rules and Constitution.
 - 1.8 **ACCOUNTS:**
Centres hosting a National Rally are to create and maintain separate accounts to support the event.
 - 1.8.a A cash advance in the form of a loan from the National Rally fund is available from the club Treasurer to help with deposits and initial "up front" expenses.
 - 1.8.b Profits from National & International Rallies are to be divided as follows: -
 - First £100 to remain with the host Centre.
 - Remainder to be divided equally between the host Centre and the National Rally fund.
- The National Rally Fund will have an upper limit around the 10K mark. Any monies more than 10K will be considered for use at any forthcoming UK based International Rally. This will be decided at prior meetings at National Committee's discretion.*
- 1.8.c Each Centre is to submit its final accounts, loan returns and profit payments to the Treasurer within one month of the completion of the Rally.
 - 1.9 **HEALTH & SAFETY:**
National & International Rally organisers are to ensure that the following rules are adhered to for the duration of the event.
 - 1.9.a No bikes are to be parked inside tents, or alongside accommodation/sleeping areas where the bike could fall on to an occupant.
 - 1.9.b Bikes are to be parked a safe distance from tents, but not necessarily in a segregated area. (See A1.8.c)

- 1.9.c Members will be instructed to park their bikes either in marked, lined areas adjacent to their tents or in allocated areas as requested by the hosting Centre. The hosting Centre solely decides how they wish to control this arrangement.
- 1.9.d A hard-standing area is to be provided for alternative motorcycle parking in the event of a soft or boggy “unsafe” camping area.
- 1.9.e No cars, caravans or campervans to be parked on the site. They may be allowed onto the site for the purpose of unloading but are then to be removed from the camping field to an alternative location.
- 1.9f Dogs are not permitted at VSOC events. However, service dogs are exempt from this constraint.
- 1.9.g For the benefit of other club members, no motorcycle/vehicle is to be started between the hours of 9pm in the evening and 7am in the morning (unless arriving/departing from the event). Members arriving or departing between these times should keep the noise to an absolute minimum.
- 1.9.h No unlicensed, uninsured or under-age riding of bikes, trikes, cars or any other motorised vehicle is permitted on or around the site at any time during the Rally.
- 1.9i No Qualifying Bike arriving at a VSOC Rally site on the back of a Trailer will be considered for receiving a “Best Bike” award/trophy. The bike **MUST** be ridden to the event!
- 1.10 **SECURITY:**
The responsibility for the protection and safety of personal property and motorcycles rests with the individual. However, the host Centre also must ensure that every reasonable effort is made to ensure that the site is kept secure and protected from theft and vandalism.
- 1.11 **RIDE-OUTS:**
Rally ride-outs are to be conducted in such a manner as to maintain rider integrity without compromising or breaking the law. Marshalling is to be carried out with the sole intention of maintaining individual safety and group integrity.
- 1.12 **DISCLAIMER:**
The VSOC, its national magazine, its Centres (Branches), its presence on the internet and in other various forms including (but not limited to) its national and international Rallies acts independently of (but is sanctioned by) Yamaha Motor UK, the BMF and MAG.

The VSOC, its representatives, office holders, officials, sponsors or any individual member(s) of the VSOC connected to it in any manner, can never be held liable for, or assume any responsibility for the following: -

- Any person’s participation or attendance at any event, ride-out or meeting held under the auspice of the VSOC.
- Any property lost, stolen or damaged during such events, ride-outs or meetings.
- Any physical or mental injury sustained during said events, ride-outs or meetings.
- Any personal injury or property damage sustained as a direct or indirect result of any alteration of or modification to any motorcycle by any person based on information obtained from the VSOC.

All individuals accept complete responsibility for his/her own self while attending or participating in any event, or in making any alterations or modifications to a motorcycle, with no recourse against the VSOC or any individual connected in any manner to the VSOC, or acting as its officer, agent, employee, consignee, vendor or sponsor.