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the children's charity

## TENT 82

Northern Territory



**BASH RULES & REGULATIONS**

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## **VARIETY – THE CHILDREN'S CHARITY**

Variety is the world's greatest children's charity dedicated to helping sick, disabled and disadvantaged children and is referred to as "The Heart Of Show business" because of its origins in the entertainment industry.

Tent 1 was formed in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania USA in 1927 by 11 vaudeville showmen who established a social club called Variety. They adopted a baby girl abandoned in the Sheridan Movie theatre on Christmas Eve 1928. She was named Catherine Variety Sheridan.

Her story became an inspiration to help children everywhere and since those early beginnings, Variety has become an international organisation helping special children world-wide.

Tents are now spread throughout fourteen countries and all are members of Variety International now based in Los Angeles.

The Executive Board of each Tent is known as The Crew. The Crew are those who build the Tent. The Chairman is known as the Chief Barker and a member is called a Barker.

Variety has a self imposed limit on administration costs, endeavouring to contain costs to single percentage figures. The Appeals Committee, The Honorary Medical Panel and The Crew ensure that all funds are used effectively to provide opportunities in life for as many children as possible and particularly those who are least able to help themselves.

When an appeal is granted, Variety makes payment direct to the supplier of the equipment or service and the emphasis is to support the communities in which the money was raised.

The famous Variety Bashes and 4WD events are run in every state along with numerous other functions and events.

## **NT VARIETY BASH**

Bashing was created in 1985 by Australian adventurer Dick Smith when he took a group of friends for a drive that he called 'The Bourke To Bourketown Bash'.

The Bash is a week long drive in the country with your mates. It is NOT a race or a rally, it is a madcap event designed to put the 'fun' into fundraising. Vehicles must be in standard condition and manufactured 30 years prior to the Bash start. However, the drivers and crews are anything but standard issue with most Bashers taking the one major rule (don't take it seriously) seriously.

Hundreds of hardworking people from all walks of life are the backbone of this exceptionally successful fundraising event. Unlike some similar events, the money raised directly assists special children.

**SECTION 1 - COMPULSORY RULES & REGULATIONS (serious)****1. EVENT CONTROL**

In the interests of safety, insurance and event management, the requests and directions of all people designated by Variety to be Officials ("**Officials**") will be observed at all times.

If, in the opinion of the Bash Chairman, an entrant's or crew's behaviour prejudices the interests of other entrants, the Bash, or Variety, that entrant or crew may be asked to withdraw from the event and will not be invited to participate in future Bashes. This applies if the Bash Chair is of the opinion that the entrant or its crew or its supporters have breached the Code of Conduct or any law.

The Bash Rules are those made by the Bash Chairman or the Officials at any time and from time to time at their absolute discretion.

The rules and regulations may be altered and amended at any time as seen fit by the Officials and therefore any decision handed down will be final and no discussion entered into.

**2. REGISTRATION FEES**

Entries are not transferable. The person or persons who obtain the entry is the entrant. The entry is not attached to a vehicle.

All entries accepted at the Chairman's absolute discretion.

The number of spaces available for each Bash is limited. Generally, entry in a Bash is, in the first instance, offered to entrants in the previous Bash. Places not filled will be offered to new entries.

Those who obtain entry to this year's Bash, at the absolute discretion of the Bash Chairman, may apply to enter next year's Bash.

**3. ENTRY FEE**

Entrants who do not forward contributions by the due date (as set out in the Application for Entry) may forfeit their position and any part of their registration fee and contributions which have already been paid to Variety.

**4. CREW PREREQUISITES**

Entrants / participants must be over 18 years of age.

A crew will consist of no less than two and no more than four people or such other number permitted at the Bash Chairman's discretion.

All crew members are required to pay the participants fee as specified.

All crew members who will be driving in the Bash must have a current driver's license.

Forms of Agreement as to Terms and Conditions supplied by Variety must be signed by all crew members and submitted to the Bash Office with your entry form and deposit.

#### **4A. BASH TEAM STRUCTURE RULING**

If a team comprises any more than 1 crew, they must carry the same theme i.e. Fairies 1 & Fairies 2. or common numbering system. (eg Car 25.1, 25.2, 25.3...)

A minimum contribution would need to be placed on every entry in that team i.e. Fairies 2 must have the minimum fee on it.

The balance of funds can be placed on a nominated crew within the team.

#### **5. BASH ROUTE**

The Bash route is that set by the Bash Chairman with the approval of the road owners. If these roads are affected by adverse weather conditions, the Officials will liaise with local councils, station owners/managers and any other appropriate governing bodies to determine an alternative route. Any entrant who disregards the Bash Chairman's instructions to abort the original route will be ejected from the Bash.

We are the guests of property owners and local communities and care must be taken of the property and environment we are travelling through.

Please leave gates as you find them.

##### **a) PROPERTY DAMAGE**

If you cause any damage to gates or fences you are required to report any such damage immediately to the Bash Chairman. Arrangements will then be made to repair or compensate the land owner for damage.

##### **b) YOU WILL NEVER:**

- \* Affix advertising decals and stickers to gates and signs.
- \* Wire shut or padlock boundary and paddock gates.
- \* Smear grease over gates or accessories.

Any collision with stock must be reported promptly to the Bash Chairman or an Official. The stock owner can then be notified and compensated.

**Tampering with road or bash signs is forbidden.**

##### **c) LITTER**

Property owners, Councils etc are notified when we are travelling through their properties/areas and continued access to these areas is achieved through our respect of our surroundings.

Please fit out your Bash vehicle with rubbish bags and remember to use them. The bags should be disposed of appropriately. Local communities should not have to clean up after us.

**LITTER IS NOT TO BE THROWN FROM ANY BASH VEHICLE****CARRY ALL LITTER WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF CAREFULLY AT NEXT APPROPRIATE SPOT****6. The ABSOLUTE “NO DISCUSSION ENTERED INTO” RULES (no exceptions)****There are 4 ABSOLUTE RULES - no exceptions:**

- 6.1** Adherence to Bash vehicle Mobile Workshop standards is paramount for safety reasons for all Bashers and the general public.
- 6.2** Deliberately traversing a dirt road closed by the Committee due to it being affected by adverse weather conditions will NOT be tolerated.
- 6.3** Tampering with road signs will not be tolerated. The outback is dangerous enough without Bashers getting lost.
- 6.4** Tampering with other Bash vehicles, personal items and Official vehicles will also not be tolerated.

**Your committing any of the above four offences may result in disqualification - see General Rule 1**

**7. ROAD RULES, OTHER LAWS AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Bash is neither a speed event nor a race. The Bash is not exempt from the normal road and traffic rules. In particular infringements of speed limits and blood alcohol limits can be prosecuted by the Police. Nor are Bashers and supporters exempt from any other laws including but not limited to alcohol laws. Further, Bashers are bound by the Code of Conduct. Bashers must acquaint themselves with its contents.

All entrants agree to wear a designated driver cap, or similar ID, while driving which will be supplied to each crew. The designated driver cap, or similar ID, signifies and obliges the wearer to be alcohol free or under the blood alcohol limit as set by the law (this is currently .05) at all times whilst driving a Bash vehicle. Random breath tests may at any time be carried out by Bash Officials and all drivers agree to submit to such tests conducted by these Officials.

Entrants who by breaking the law, disobeying the Code of Conduct or behaving in a dangerous manner, bring discredit to the Bash and/or Variety may be asked to withdraw and must do so immediately upon request by the Bash Chairman or delegate and will not be invited to participate in future Variety motoring events.

**8. FIREARMS**

Entrants are prohibited from carrying firearms on the Bash.

**9. FIREWORKS**

Fireworks are a hazard to the environment and human safety and are therefore banned from the Bash.

Licensed fireworks displays organised or approved by the Bash Chairman are the only exception to the above and any approval must be sourced from the Bash Chairman prior to the event.

#### **10. FLARES**

Flares are for emergency use only, unless special dispensation has been obtained in writing from the Bash Chairman prior to the event.

#### **11. REGISTRATION**

All Bash vehicles must have current registration covering the period of the Bash. Current registration papers and Department of Motor Transport certificate in those states where applicable must be produced.

#### **12. INSURANCE**

It is essential that third party property insurance is held by all entrants.

#### **13. VARIETY LOGO**

**The copying or use (in whole or in part) of the Variety logo or any other intellectual property belonging to Variety is not permitted on letterheads, advertisements, fliers or tickets or any other medium.**

NB: see Fundraising & Sponsorship.

#### **14. BASH VEHICLES - see also Vehicle Preparation**

##### **a) AGE OF VEHICLES**

Year of Construction: Vehicles shall be manufactured 30 years prior to the Bash Start. (Exceptions to this will be made only at the discretion of the Bash Chairman and for specific reasons – eg elaborately themed car that is less than 30 years old).

##### **b) VEHICLE – BASH WORTHINESS**

The purpose of the **Bash Worthiness Form** is to guide you to a well prepared vehicle and to ensure that:

- all Bash vehicles are registered;
- all safety equipment, such as fire extinguishers, first aid kits, seat belts and UHF radios are fitted;
- all vehicles conform to the rules of the event;
- all vehicles have number panels, numbers and the official sponsors' decals affixed and prominently displayed.

Entrants are given a copy of Bash Worthiness Form that lists items, parts etc that should be checked and repaired or replaced by a qualified mechanic prior to the Bash Start. The signed, completed form should be returned to the Variety Office.

**c) MOBILE WORKSHOP DISCLAIMER FORM**

MW Crews carry copies of a Disclaimer Form. If an emergency repair to an entrant's Bash vehicle is carried out during the event, prior to the entrant rejoining the Bash the MW Crew will:

- complete the Disclaimer form in duplicate;
- inform the entrant that neither Variety NT nor the mobile workshop crew involved take any responsibility for the repair;
- get the entrant to sign the Disclaimer; and
- give the original of the Disclaimer to the entrant and keep the duplicate.
- It is the responsibility of the entrant to have emergency repairs checked by a qualified mechanic at either the first town from where the repair took place or at the first reasonable opportunity.

**d) RADIOS**

All vehicles must be fitted with a 40 channel UHF radio. Radios are required for safety reasons and for communication between vehicles and Officials.

**e) LIGHTS**

A rear mounted dust light or rotating amber light is recommended and should be mounted as close as practicable to the highest point of the vehicle. However these may only be fitted to vehicles in accordance with State Legislation

**Flashing red and blue emergency lights are NOT permitted.**

**f) TAMPERING**

Entrants must never tamper with other vehicles or property on the event or any signage erected by Officials on the route.

**g) OVERTAKING**

Take care when overtaking. It is polite to advise the vehicle of your intention to overtake. Give them time to respond by moving to the left and slowing down BEFORE you overtake -

An example of polite communication is:

e.g. Car 15 this is Car 543, we wish to overtake / come around  
Car 543, this is Car 15, clear to proceed.

Always remember the most important rule when driving is to **DRIVE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE ROAD.**

**SECTION 2 - VEHICLE PREPARATION**

The average distance travelled on an event is around 3,000km, on bitumen, dirt roads and tracks. The preparation of your vehicle for these conditions is paramount and requires thought and planning that should be undertaken as soon as possible. This will ensure that not only is the vehicle ready prior to Bash Start, but time remains to run a few kilometres on a 'shakedown' to be sure that all great innovations actually work.

In the event of a mishap, your Bash vehicle may be replaced during the Bash provided suitable arrangements are made to have your original Bash vehicle transported home or to the nearest wrecking yard. The replacement Bash vehicle must then be introduced to the MW crew and fitted out with the appropriate decals. Your original allocated Bash vehicle number will not change.

**ALL BASH VEHICLES WILL COMPLY WITH, AND HAVE FITTED, THE FOLLOWING:**

**Engine Size:** The engine should not be of a later model vehicle or of a larger capacity than that permitted for that model vehicle at the time of construction.

**Transmission:** Bash vehicles may have column or floor gear shifts, and have manual or automatic transmission.

**Brakes:** Bash vehicles can have original type brakes fitted or be converted to disc brakes. Due to safety being paramount it is imperative your brakes are in good working condition.

**Suspension:** Bash vehicles should have the original springs modified and heavy duty shock absorbers added to increase ground clearance.

**Tyres:** It is recommended that Bash vehicles have tyres and rims larger than those designed for the original model. All Bash vehicles must take two (2) spare tyres and rims.

**Radiators:** Make sure your radiator has been cleaned out and is suitable for long distances and difficult conditions.

**Fuel Tanks:** An extra fuel tank may be fitted provided this tank is vented outside of the passenger and luggage compartments and filled from outside the passenger compartment. Additional fuel may be carried in jerry cans but cannot be stored in the passenger compartment and MUST be tied down. All Bash vehicles will be required to have sufficient fuel for a four hundred and fifty (450) kilometre range.

**Exhausts:** Excessive exhaust noise will not be permitted.

**Bash Vehicle Modifications:** All Bash vehicles SHOULD be modified and fitted with the following:

- \* Sump, gearbox and petrol tank protection plates.
- \* Engine securing devices to prevent the engine from being forced back into the passenger compartment or forward into the radiator.
- \* Headlight stone guards.
- \* Laminated windscreen
- \* Rear high-mounted brake light.
- \* Safety strap to be fitted under front of tail shaft.
- \* Mud flaps must be fitted.

**Cargo Barriers:** It is advisable to have approved cargo barriers fitted to all station wagons and vans.

**Sump Protection Plates:**

The sump guard should cover from the front of the engine to the rear of the gearbox (excluding the extension housing) and should be mounted so it can be easily removed.

**Seat Belts:** All Bash vehicles must have seat belts for ALL passengers. The belts should be either full harness or lap/sash.

**Windscreen Washing Reservoirs:** A larger capacity water reservoir should be fitted to your Bash vehicle. One tried and true substitute reservoir is a 4 litre cordial bottle.

**Radios:** All Bash vehicles MUST be fitted with an operating UHF radio. This is perhaps the most important piece of equipment on the Bash, and, as such, it must be treated with the respect it deserves. The main purpose for using your UHF is:

1. To warn other drivers of your intention to pass.
2. To warn other drivers behind you of any impending danger, or oncoming traffic.
3. To advise the mobile workshops in the event of a breakdown.

**In the event of an emergency, you should avoid using your UHF unless you are directly involved.**

Finally, we'd appreciate your co-operation in only using the UHF for the reasons above. If the airwaves are clogged through general chatter, then you may hinder the passage of important information, or delay the response to an emergency. It is also important to remember that UHF radios are an open channel through the broader community.

**Tools and Repairs:** All Bash vehicles SHOULD carry basic tools including an adjustable spanner, one jack, a tyre repair kit, jumper leads, a portable light and a wet and dry shovel. Full back-up emergency service provided by the mobile workshop crews including towing, welding and mechanical repairs will be available to all Entrants.

**Towing:** All Bash vehicles SHOULD be fitted with front AND rear tow hitches/bar affixed to the chassis of the vehicle that allows for 50 mm towing balls to be attached. Tow balls must be carried and not attached. All Bash vehicles MUST carry one tow rope or heavy duty snatch strap. Steel ropes, light duty snatch straps and thin rope will not be permitted as towing devices.

**Spare Parts:** All Bash vehicles must carry during the Bash and have on board in good working order :

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|--|-----------------------------|
| * Five (5) litres of engine oil.                     | * Container of brake fluid. |
| * Spare nuts and bolts (applicable to your vehicle). | * Spare radiator hose.      |
| * Ten (10) litres of water.                          | * Spare fan belt.           |
| * First Aid Kit.                                     | * Fire Extinguisher.        |
| * Spare fuel and oil filters.                        | * Fencing wire and pliers.  |

\* Spare globes for rear high mounted brake light & dust light

**Front Door Panels:**

Front door panels will be provided by the Bash Office and all Bash vehicles MUST have those panels fitted to both front doors.

Your car identification number will be allocated in consultation with the Bash office (black or white) and must be affixed to those door panels. Car identification numbers (white only) MUST also be affixed to the top left of the windscreen and top right of the rear window of your Bash vehicle. (Boat registration numbers are ideal for numbering your vehicle.) **Roman numerals are NOT to be used.**

**Decals:** Official sponsors' decals will be provided by the Bash Office and MUST be prominently displayed on each Bash vehicle.

**Odometers:** As most Bash vehicles will not be travelling with standard tyres odometers should be checked over a measured distance. Route instructions will be given in miles and kilometres. It is essential that each Bash vehicle's odometer is working.

## SECTION 3 - FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIP

### 1. FUNDRAISING

There are a few simple rules that entrants should observe when seeking fundraising or sponsorship for their entries.

The Bash is NOT a free holiday. All monies raised by you through sponsorship, functions, raffles, etc must be given to, and officially receipted by Variety.

The cost of preparing your vehicle, your meals and merchandise is your personal responsibility. Make your sponsors aware that their cash donations **will directly assist sick, disabled and disadvantaged children** and emphasise that you and your crew meet the cost of preparing the vehicle and other related expenses.

**Variety NT does not align our organisation with sponsors whose business activities are inappropriate for a children's charity and not in keeping with the corporate image of Tent 82. Entrants should be aware of this policy when sourcing sponsors or holding fundraising events. Please speak to the Event Chairman or Chief Executive Officer prior to committing to a sponsor, or organising an event that may contravene this policy.**

### 2. BANK ACCOUNTS

**NEVER at any time must the name of Variety, Variety Bash, Bash Car or anything similar appear on a bank account controlled by an entrant.** Bash teams or crews should not operate bank accounts for funds raised - All money raised, including sponsorship, must be forwarded directly to Variety for receipting.

Sponsors' cheques must be made out to Variety – Northern Territory or Variety NT.

If you are unclear about any of the above please contact the Variety office. 08 8981 2544.

### 3. BASH LOGO

Variety logo **must not** be used in any documentation made up for the team (such as team letterhead).

The **Bash Logo** should be used in all fundraising promotions and on all printing and advertising material (raffle tickets included). It is imperative that your car number is the predominant feature of the title, then, and only then, should you mention that Variety is the beneficiary of your particular fundraising activity. For example:

**CAR NO 444**

(Raising funds for the Variety NT Bash)

or

**CAR NO 444**

(Raising funds for Variety's "special children" through the Variety NT Bash)

or

**CAR NO 444**

(an entrant in the Variety NT Bash)

The general procedure to follow for submitting your sponsors donations is to mark your entrant number on the back of the cheques and send them to the Bash office. Receipts will then be issued and returned to the entrant. The entrant must then distribute these receipts, with an appropriate thank you, to their sponsors/ donors.

Receipts will only be issued for donations directed to Variety. Receipts cannot be issued for parts donated for the car, or other donations not received by Variety.

Entrants must ensure that they comply with any legal requirements regarding lotteries, raffles or other games of chance.

We know that some of you like to surprise us with your fundraising abilities at the very last minute, however, please spare a thought for our staff and hardworking computer. The last week before the Bash has proven to be extremely hectic and, therefore, monies must be paid in to the Variety office by 12 noon on the Friday week prior to the Bash to be eligible for the Fundraiser Awards.

However, we are always delighted to accept money for our special kids at any time.

Details of all contributions credited to your Bash Entry are confidential and only available to the Bash Chairman. At no time will other entrants have access to this information.

Most entrants will be approaching sponsors, so here are a few thoughts about fundraising sponsorship.

#### **4. RESEARCH & PLANNING**

- \* Identify your fundraising target.
- \* Draw up a plan of attack. Do you have contacts in big business or is your network of business acquaintances more modest? If you approach big business, the more you want from each source, the more work you'll need to put in to the proposal. If you have more modest means then you should consider the more traditional methods of fundraising such as dinner dances, raffles etc
- \* Identify your potential sponsorship targets. You need to know the products, services and distribution network of these companies and, most importantly, the right person to speak to (that has the financial delegation to authorise spending sponsorship money). In large companies, any proposal not addressed to the appropriate individual will end up in the WPB.
- \* Identify the return to the sponsor. The sponsor will want to know what is in it for them. Tell them where the Bash night stops will be and what exposure will be gained in the media, what steps they may be able to take themselves to capitalise on the sponsorship, and how you will promote their product (it must be relevant).
- \* Come up with a novel idea or theme. It will help if your car and team stand out from the crowd. A gimmick, theme or superb paint work will draw attention to the car. Your sponsor will then know that 'their' car will be noticed. Basing your entry on some community effort

involving children with special needs will provide some linkage between the sponsor and the local community.

- \* Do not leave it too late - the sponsor will think that it's an afterthought.
- \* If you are considering contacting a large company eg Coca Cola please check with the Variety office first. Many of these companies already support Variety and tire of being constantly asked.
- \* Requesting product which can be auctioned or raffled will often bring a better response than a request for money.

## **5. PUTTING A PROPOSAL TOGETHER**

- \* It must appear, and be, professional. Have it typed if you do not have a computer. Include photos or sketches of what you propose the car will look like in the sponsor's logos/colours. Include the "Bash Brochure" available from the Variety office. Include ideas for team uniforms etc. You must also appear professional when you get the chance to present your proposal.
- \* Point out the tax deductibility of donations, and that all of the sponsor's money will go to Variety. Include Variety information to show the sponsor how Variety works for special kids
- \* Make the car available for promotions by the sponsor. If possible, speak to their marketing department, they may have some good ideas.
- \* Give the sponsor a budget of what you will spend on the car to show them that you are not expecting them to fund a holiday for you.
- \* Request promotional material from the sponsor that can be given away during the Bash.

## **6. MARKETING**

- \* Be prepared to make personal appearances with your vehicle for your sponsor and to be available to talk to Apex, Rotary, Lions etc on behalf of your sponsor. The Variety office can help you with relevant facts, notes etc.
- \* Arrange to have the car on display at shopping centres or at a sponsor's premises.
- \* Make sure sponsors are mentioned whenever the opportunity arises.
- \* Keep your sponsors informed about what's happening with the event and the progress of the car. Have regular meetings to discuss the progress. Pass on the information and newsletters you get from the Variety office.
- \* Invite your sponsor to join you in the vehicle on the Bash.
- \* Invite your sponsor to the pub nights, or to other Variety events.
- \* After speaking with the above, contact the press personally and have a prepared statement

to give them detailing name of event, dates, and names of people in your team, vehicle being entered, and who has prepared the vehicle. Ask Variety for a list of Appeal recipients and other background information to include. Go to the extent of preparing a press release for them, journalists don't like writing. Any releases must be run past the Variety office - this will ensure correct and up to date information is included.

- \* Try to involve the local media as part sponsors - other sponsors will then know they will get coverage.
- \* Have photos taken of the car and team to give to your local media
- \* Have just one spokesman - otherwise too many people contacting the press about the same team will have a negative effect.
- \* Consider having a 'launch' of the vehicle at a local shopping centre and inviting your local media.
- \* Try and be original in your choice of vehicle or decoration and colour. The media is looking for something different and there is no story in being just another car.
- \* Make it a matter of town/suburban pride that your entry is a well sponsored and well turned out vehicle.

## **7. PUBLICITY**

The Variety office prepares and distributes press releases and media information. These are distributed to every metropolitan, suburban, and country media outlet and all media outlets on the Bash route. This information will give overall details of the event. In addition, media outlets are directed to entrants in their local area when an inquiry is received for stories with local interest.

While great efforts are directed into the media campaign, nothing with the media is guaranteed. The success of the media campaign can depend on a number of external factors that are not under Variety's control.

## **SECTION 4 - GENERAL (PART 1)**

### **1. NORMAL BASH DAY**

While the Bash is in part a holiday, there's no sleeping in late as the start will generally be at 8.30 am. A full breakfast will be served from usually between 7.00 am to 8.00 am. Ensure you know where the start is located (it will help).

The AM & PM sections of the day are usually divided by a lunch, usually located at a venue that can accommodate all the vehicles. Both AM & PM routes may incorporate 'fun stops' which shouldn't be missed. Each vehicle will be checked off as you leave in the morning, as you arrive and leave lunch and as you arrive in town each night. This is important – this is how we identify if any vehicles are missing. It is essential that you check in at the designated check point (usually the pathfinder or nominated official) and as you arrive at the overnight destination. (See Rule 1)

The evening's festivities include a hearty meal at a local venue, which may again be a hall, pub or sportsground. In some instances, there'll be some form of entertainment, either arranged by the locals or provided by the Officials or entrants. In most instances, the evening meal will usually be

between 7.00 pm – 10 pm (within reason) Meals will be available for those who are late due to breakdowns etc. Meals will not be held because you are partying elsewhere and have not bothered to get to a venue.

Entrants' briefings normally take place during breakfast. **At least one representative from each car must attend.** These will normally be at set times through the Event.

## 2. ROUTE INSTRUCTIONS

You'll receive route instructions for both the AM (morning) and the PM (afternoon) stages of the Bash each day. You will be given these at the morning drivers briefing. You should follow them carefully. **DO NOT BLITHELY FOLLOW THE CAR IN FRONT - THEY MAY BE LOST!** Do not deliberately deviate from the Bash route .. see Rule 1.

**You may also receive at the drivers briefing, or at any other time, oral or written instructions about other matters. You must obey those instructions. Refer to the Code of Conduct.**

The basic instructions are as follows:

C - CAUTION CC - EXTRA CAUTION CCC - EXTREME CAUTION

TL - TURN LEFT      TR - TURN RIGHT      SO - STRAIGHT ON

LF - LEFT FORK      RF - RIGHT FORK      GA - GATE

GR - GRID      THL - TURN HARD LEFT      THR - TURN HARD RIGHT

## DRIVE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE ROAD AND YOUR CAPABILITIES

## 3. ROUTE MARKERS

The Pathfinders will lay out a number of Route Markers during each day. They're generally used to denote the correct direction to turn (in the case of indistinct signs or a detour required because of changes to road conditions between the last route survey and the Bash). They may also denote a section of the track where caution is required (such as a washaway, a pothole, entry onto main roads, etc). **They are: Witches Hats marked with Variety stickers.**

At times when extreme changes need to be made due to changed road conditions – other signage may be utilised.

## 4. STEPS WHEN ARRIVING IN TOWN AT THE OVERNIGHT STOP

These are the steps you should take when arriving in town at the overnight stop:

- \* **Check In**

Ascertain where evening meal venue is and where the Baggage Truck (BAG 1) is situated

- \* **Fuel up your vehicle**

- \* **Retrieve any items you require this evening** (like swags) or tomorrow morning (fun stop stuff) from BAG 1 *NOW*.

\* **Find your accommodation**

\* **Go to dinner.**

If you follow these steps in that order, you will be prepared to leave in the morning without great trauma.

## **SECTION 4 - GENERAL (Part 2)**

### **1. OFFICIALS**

The Officials are primarily focused on ensuring everyone gets to the finish safely while having a good time. The number of Officials is selected to ensure the safety of all entrants consistent with minimal cost. Officials pay their own participants fees and in many cases supply their own vehicles, cheerfully working long hours and missing most of the fun.

The basis of our 'Safety System' is the tracking of entrants from start to finish during each day. As the outback of Australia can still be a potentially dangerous environment, it is important that all entrants are accounted for. Any entrants not accounted for at checkpoints along the way will be notified to our Bash Chairman who will contact Official's vehicles and divert them to search for missing entrants. Thus a prime responsibility of Officials is to continually monitor the radio set fitted to their vehicle. Our satellite phone also allows us to contact emergency services in a hurry if need be. We would appreciate it if everyone would help the officials with their objectives by following their directions.

### **2. MOBILE WORKSHOPS**

The Committee, in its sole discretion, will invite or accept 4WD vehicle or vehicles deemed fit, as authorised Mobile Workshop vehicles to assist the Bash. These authorised Mobile Workshop crews provide their own vehicles and of course pay their participants fees.

All authorised Mobile Workshop vehicles should have a minimum crew of two (2) people. All authorised MW vehicles must have at least one (1) mechanic and carry welding and towing gear and a selection of tools.

All authorised Mobile Workshops come under the control of the Head MW who has responsibility for the MW crews and reports directly to the Bash Chairman.

The mobile workshops play a vital part in the Bash. They are there to assist you in the event of a breakdown. If necessary they can tow you to the nearest place of repair or sanctuary. Each Mobile Workshop has a different function or carries different equipment. One Mobile Workshop is equipped with heavy welding gear to allow major roadside repairs to be performed. Other mobile workshops (the ratio is usually 1:10 Bash cars) are equipped for less demanding tasks and travel throughout the field to assist those who breakdown and are unable to repair their car themselves.

#### **If you need a Mobile Workshop at any time, then please note the following:**

- a. Before calling on your radio, try to pinpoint your exact location.
- b. If possible, try to move your car away from the Bash traffic to allow others to pass safely, particularly on dusty roads where visibility may be poor.

- c. Try to identify your problem as each Mobile Workshop carries different equipment.
- d. If you are supplied petrol or spare parts, you should pay the Mobile Workshop in 'real cash' unless other arrangements are made. The Mobile Workshop crew will probably charge you anyway, by way of Bash Bucks, cold stubbies, or something else easily tradeable.
- e. If your car cannot be repaired on site and is easily towed, the Mobile Workshop will tow you into the next place of repair. **FROM HERE IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SORT OUT YOUR DIFFICULTIES.**
- d. Have your vehicle ready for when the workshop arrives – remember they may have other vehicles broken down awaiting their assistance and time is wasted if they have to wait for you to be prepared. You may have a fair wait for a Mobile Workshop sometimes, as they tend to lag towards the back of the field due to the time taken to repair cars, so get out the necessary parts before they arrive.
- e. **Remember - when being towed on a dirt road, stones etc may cause damage to your vehicle.**  
**- whilst all care will be taken, it is impossible to predict what will occur when being towed - any damage caused to your vehicle will be your responsibility.**

### 3. ACCOMMODATION *(you're dreaming)*

Standing at the final checkpoint for the day, gazing into dusty eyes and listening to those wonderful questions on accommodation keeps an official's sides aching for days!

- At each overnight stop there will be a designated stop for the Baggage Truck and this will usually be the designated camping stop where plenty of room will be available for those wishing to camp.
- Variety NT will pre-book accommodation and make this list available to all Bashers at the same time so that you may cross book against our arrangements.
- After that - it is the responsibility of all Bashers to make whatever arrangements you can for accommodation.
- **Accommodation will be extremely scarce ... in some places there is none!**  
Yes, even Officials have to go without a shower every now and then.

**DO NOT LEAVE HOME WITHOUT A SWAG, OR TENT & SLEEPING BAG.**

### 4. MEALS

All Bashers will be required to pay for their meals in the Participants fees in advance. Your name badge will entitle you to three meals per day, therefore, if you wish to eat during the week, don't lose your name badge.

**NO NAME BADGE MEANS NO MEAL.**

### 5. MERCHANDISE

Bash merchandise will be included in your Participants fees. As much as possible sizes will be provided as per your Crew particulars forms – but as the Merchandise is ordered in advance – it is in your best interests to complete the Crew particulars forms early so that you are not the one with the oversized shirt.

## **6. AWARDS & TROPHIES**

Are awarded each year - see Bash Brochure for details.

### **SECTION 5 – (Part 1) – GENERAL RULES**

#### **1. RULE 1 - BASHERS HAVE NO RIGHTS OR PRIVILEGES**

#### **2. FLOUR BOMBS & OTHER MESSY PROJECTILES**

The throwing of flour bombs, eggs and any other food concoctions is banned. They leave a terrible mess in the towns we visit and often the locals are left to clean up after us.

#### **3. THROWING OF LOLLIES FROM CARS**

The throwing of lollies from vehicles to children is dangerous and will not be tolerated.

#### **4. CHEATING**

Cheating is not allowed and not encouraged. Anyone caught cheating should expect to pay a heavy fine to Variety.

#### **5. SCAMMING –**

On the other hand Scamming is allowed and actively encouraged – the crew who pull the best scam will be named the Ultimate Scammers at the end of the Bash and awarded accordingly.

#### **6. BRIBERY**

Bribery of Officials is both allowed and encouraged. All Officials are adept at accepting bribes which are overt, covert, underhand, overhand, in hand, cash or goods. The bribes can be in the form of brown paper parcels containing cash or cheques payable to Variety, white envelopes containing cash or cheques or IOU's. An official Variety receipt will be issued for all cash and cheques.

An accepted bribe is not necessarily a guarantee of advantage as subsequent bribes by other teams which are more substantial, or novel, may override the effect of your bribe.

#### **7. ATTITUDE**

Entrants can be fined for taking the event too seriously. The amount an Entrant is fined depends on the seriousness of taking it seriously.

#### **8. PROTESTS**

Anyone wishing to lodge a protest must first hand over a cheque payable to Variety.

This cheque will be in addition to the cheque needed to cover the fine for Attitude (see Rule 7).

Anyone lodging a protest is automatically taking the Bash too seriously.

Frivolous or vexatious protests may incur a severe dressing down in public by the Bash Chairman with no right of reply.

#### **9. SCORING –**

This may or may not take place.

#### **10. COUNTERFEITING**

of Bash Bucks will **NOT BE TOLERATED**.

You and your crew take the risk of being ejected from the event if you ignore this rule!!

## **SECTION 5 - (PART 2) BRIBES... FINES ... AND BROWNIES**

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

**Bash Bucks:** Bash Bucks have been earned by hard work.

Counterfeiting of Bash Bucks will not be tolerated - see Section 5 (Part 1) Rule 10

**Bribes:** A bribe is Bash Bucks donated purely at your discretion and is not compulsory, eg:

\* you can bribe an Official who looks official for whatever reason your imagination dictates.

**Fines:** Fines are compulsory. Failure to pay a fine will result in the amount of that particular fine being doubled. See Rule 1.

### **2. BRIBING AND SCAMMING**

Bribing and Scamming are encouraged at all times.

If you are seen to be taking the Bash too seriously and found to be not bribing the officials, your Bash vehicle may incur a severe loss of points and crew members may be fined. Should you be found to be attempting to buy points for your car you will also lose points (See Rule 1). Officials have ruled this act dull and boring and one of the most heinous of crimes a crew can commit!

### **3. Points and Scoring**

(See also Section 5 (Part 1) Rule 9)

Details of points and scoring, if they do take place, will be subject to change at any time. Any points allotted to entrants will be done using the ADHOC Mk2 computer system. Anyone asking awkward questions about the scoring or asking to see computer print outs will be fined. (See Rule 1)



# VARIETY NT BASH "A Legendary Journey" 14 – 22 August 2009



## AGREEMENT TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**TO: VARIETY NORTHERN TERRITORY**

NAME OF ENTRANT: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF ENTRANT: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT ENTRY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of Variety permitting the Entrant to take part in the Bash, the Entrant will comply with the following Terms and Conditions:

**1. Definitions**

In this Agreement

"Bash" means NT Variety Bash

"Bash Chairman" means that person nominated by Variety in charge of the Event.

"Bash Rules" means the rules set out in the document produced by Variety entitled 'Bash Rules'.

"Claim or Demand" means any claim, demand, action, proceeding, judgment, order, award, damage or costs of any nature.

"Crew" two to four entrants in one vehicle – unless express permission of Bash Chairman is gained

"Entrant" is an individual person that has been accepted to participate in the NT Variety Bash and also includes the legal or personal representatives of the person;

"Support Crew" means and includes (but is not limited to) each person travelling with a crew but in a separate 4WD or Bash Car and each person assisting that crew in any way including (but not limited to) a mechanic, a member of a mobile

workshop crew or supply crew or any person acting in that capacity and their legal or personal representatives;

"Landowner" means and includes the owner, lessee or occupier of any land and any employee, agent or independent contractor of any such person;

"Team" any more than one crew

"Variety" means and includes Variety – The Children's Charity and each of its officers, members, employees, agents and independent contractors and any volunteer assisting it in connection with the Bash.

"Vehicle" means a conventional two wheel drive motor vehicle also known as a Bash Car

2. The Bash is potentially hazardous to those taking part and the Entrant does so at his/her own risk. The Entrant acknowledges that, although Variety will take all care in connection with the Bash and the carrying out of the Bash, Variety accepts no responsibility for any Claim or Demand.
3. The Entrant will comply with all laws and legal requirements and with all directions of the Bash Chairman regarding safety including, but not limited to, requiring Entrants to undergo alcohol breath tests. The Bash Chairman may require any Entrant to cease participation in the Bash if the Entrant has a blood alcohol in excess of that permitted by law. The Bash Chairman may also require any Entrant to cease participation in the Bash if it is, in his or her opinion, in the interest of safety.
4. This Agreement will not be affected or altered except by Variety. The Entrant acknowledges that it has not relied on any representations made by, or on behalf of, Variety.
5. The Entrant indemnifies and holds harmless and will keep indemnified and held harmless
  - (a) Variety from all Claims or Demands, whether known or unknown, by any person against Variety arising from or related to, either directly or indirectly, the Bash or the carrying out of the Bash; and
  - (b) each Landowner from all Claims or Demands, whether known or unknown, by any person against the Landowner arising from or related to, either directly or indirectly, the Bash or the carrying out of the Bash.
6. The Entrant will not advance, institute, prosecute, cause, procure, finance or support directly or indirectly the advancement, institution or prosecution of any proceeding of whatsoever nature, including (without limitation) any examination, inquiry or

investigation, against Variety or any Landowner jointly or severally which relates to or touches upon the Bash or the carrying out of the Bash.

- 7. The Entrant releases and forever discharges Variety and each Landowner from all Claims or Demands, whether known or unknown arising out of or relating to the Bash or the carrying out of the Bash.
- 8. This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State or Territory of incorporation of Variety - The Children's Charity.
- 9. The Entrant must comply with the Bash Rules. The Bash Chairman may require the Entrant to cease participation in the Bash if the Entrant fails to comply with any of the Bash Rules.
- 10. Further conditions of entry may be drawn up by the organiser and will be printed in a regular Newsletter issued from the Variety office and the Entrant must comply with these.
- 11. The decision of the Bash Chairman regarding any matter is final.

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**Signature of Entrant**

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**Date**

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**Witness**

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**Date**

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**Print Name**