

TRACK RULES

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- 1) A Track Record Book will be kept whenever trains are run to record
 - a) Drivers and Locomotives who run
 - b) Any incidents giving rise to a derailment or causing injury
 - c) Any contraventions of the Track Rules

- 2) Whenever members of the public are being carried as passengers, a Track Marshall (or an appointed Deputy Track Marshall) shall be in charge of all track movements. Track Marshalls will be appointed by members at a full Club Meeting. A Track Marshall who is unable to attend may appoint a Deputy Track Marshall from those already appointed by the Club Meeting
 - a) Any decision made by the Track Marshall will be final
 - b) The Track Marshall will ensure that the running is in good order. He will not be a driver, guard or station staff member.
 - c) The Track Marshall will take note of any contraventions of the Track Rules.

- 3) Prior to passenger carrying the track will be walked pushing a riding truck to ensure that the track is clear of hazards. Prior to the use of any truck, it will be formed into a train, taken round the track and the driver/guard will check that it is safe and that the brakes function. A record will be kept in the Track Record Book of these checks.

- 4) Competency
 - a) All drivers will be passed fit to drive either electric/petrol and/or steam locomotives by at least two competent drivers who are Senior Members observing them on review runs and will have read the Track Rules.
 - b) Visiting drivers will be accompanied on a review run.
 - c) Novice drivers, whether Senior, Junior or Associate members, will be trained by competent drivers who are Senior members and seated directly behind the novice prior to being passed fit to drive.
 - d) Drivers over 8 years old, having been passed fit and competent to drive battery electric/ petrol locomotives, may then drive solo or can carry other Society members provided they are accompanied by a competent Senior member.
 - e) Drivers over 12 years old, having been passed fit and competent to drive steam locomotives may then drive solo or can carry other Society members provided they are accompanied by a competent Senior member.
 - f) Only Senior members who have been passed as competent drivers may carry members of the public.
 - g) Non-members are classed as 'public'
 - h) A list of passed drivers will be kept in the hut

- 5) Guards who are only to be full members (including Junior members) of the Society will be given instruction and passed fit to guard

- 6) When trains are being run access to the steaming bays will be prohibited to the general public who will only be allowed near the track if accompanied by a Society member who will sign them in as a visitor and be responsible for their safety.

- 7) Whenever a locomotive is coming onto or off the track or any traverser is not locked in position, a responsible person must be sited to signal to the approaching drivers who must acknowledge the signal

- 8) The driver of a train is responsible for the safety of his train, the viewing public and any passengers at all times

- 9) A driver will keep sufficient forward view to allow safe stopping prior to any hazard

- 10) If a train stops anywhere the driver will ensure that the driver of the following train is made aware of the stoppage.
- 11) Drivers will not leave their steam locomotive unattended while in steam.
- 12) Guards are responsible for
 - a) Checking that couplings are correctly fastened
 - b) Reporting to the driver any hazard which may have escaped the driver's notice or any behaviour likely to compromise the safety of the train
 - c) Being the brakeman
- 13) On public passenger carrying days
 - a) Chimney deflectors and/or spark arresters must be used on all steam locomotives except those not actually carrying passengers
 - b) All trains consisting of two or more passenger trucks must carry a Guard at the front of the second and subsequent trucks
- 14) At the discretion of the station staff young children passengers will allowed to ride providing they are accompanied by a responsible person
- 15) All drivers must carry a whistle, to be used in case of emergencies.