

Driver Competency

There were a handful of opinions from individuals on this topic, only one club, Altona, which would indicate it is not a major concern for most clubs.

It is never an easy task when it comes to determining a person's level of competency, particularly when that decision may destroy that person's enjoyment or participation in the hobby. It is not the role of the AALS to determine who is competent to drive and who is not. It is a club decision. Every club and every club's circumstances are different. Safety requirements vary, track layouts vary and people vary. Decisions on driver competency can only be made at club level, based on the club's particular circumstances and the person concerned. The only solution which can be offered at the AALS level is a Guideline document which may help club committees in their decision making. It is proposed to add the following section 5.4.6 to the Code of Practice – Operations.

Proposed addition to Section 5.4 Competency in the
Code of Practice – Operation of Miniature Railways, Road Vehicles and Plant

5.4.6 Loss of Competency

5.4.6.1 In cases where the Competency level of an operator diminishes to the extent it becomes a safety issue, the society's executive should address the issue in accordance with the **AALS Guideline for Club Executives in the Case of Loss of Competency by an Operator**.