

Minimum Driving Age

Just two submissions were received, one from Tamworth & District Model Engineers and one from Altona Miniature Railway. However, with the restrictions imposed by Work Safe in Victoria and a couple of other jurisdictions, along with the requirements of the insurance underwriters, the AALS is not in a position to make any changes regarding public running.

However, in order to encourage the interest of our younger members we have compiled a Guideline document which club committees may refer to when encouraging younger drivers on NON public running days. We therefore propose that section 5.2 in the Code of Practice – Operations be replaced as follows

Proposed replacement for Section 5.2 Minimum Age in the Code of Practice – Operation of Miniature Railways, Road Vehicles and Plant

5.2 Minimum Age – Public Running

5.2.1 The minimum age for Attendants during Public Running shall be fifteen (15) years of age.

5.2.2 The minimum age for Operators during Public Running shall be eighteen (18) years of age if operating a steam boiler, and otherwise shall be fifteen (15) years of age. Persons aged fifteen (15) to seventeen (17) years of age inclusive shall be under direct supervision of an Operator, eighteen (18) years of age or older at all times.

5.2.3 Minimum Age – Non-Public Running

5.2.3.1 The minimum age for Operators during Non-Public Running days shall be seven (7) years of age. Persons aged seven (7) to seventeen (17) inclusive shall be permitted to drive in accordance with the ***AALS Operational Guidelines for Junior Members Driving Miniature Trains at Non-Public Running Days***