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PRE STAGE NEWS LETTER



CEO UPDATE

By Maurice Allen - CEO IHRA Australia



Hello, and welcome to IHRA Australia's inaugural interactive e-newsletter referred to as Attention in the pits.

This news letter will be published monthly for the benefit of all IHRA Australia licence holders, crew, family and supporters providing a much-needed update in the world of Australian Drag Racing. We aim to keep it fresh, informative and current, highlighting all areas of our dynamic sport.

We will also be reaching out to you and others in the sport shining a light on different personalities and profiles, and go behind the scenes, highlighting the different roles within the sport

As the CEO I am extremely excited about the prospects for the sport once the country is in a position to start moving around again after the effects of Novel-Corona Virus -19, and the opportunity for border walls to come down, along with the start of the 400 Thunder championship drag racing season and racers having the opportunity to race along side their old foe and rekindle old relationships and war stories.

With the prospect of new facilities coming into the IHRA Australia network, I see new areas of growth, business opportunities, and further growth of new competitors as we widen the front door to our beloved sport of drag racing.

Yours in Drag Racing,
Maurice Allen
CEO - IHRA Australia

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WHATS ON.

WILLOWBANK RACEWAY

September 18th
2021 Street Series

September 25th
2021 QDRC

September 30th
Kenda Tires Radial Redemption
2.0

PALMYRA DRAGWAY

September 17-19th
Sugar City Powerfest



AROUND

THE TRAPS

WITH DANIEL MELROSE

We have an update from former IHRA Australia Steward Daniel Melrose, who after three years working with IHRA Australia at Sydney Dragway made the move to Europe in late-2019 to pursue other opportunities.

Since then, Dan has (nearly) completed a Masters Degree at the FH Kufstein Tirol in Austria, and has now moved to the UK to work at the iconic Santa Pod Raceway as a Track & Event Coordinator.

In his role, Daniel has been heavily involved in large-scale drag racing events including Bug Jam, Ultimate Street Car and, from 2022, the FIA European Drag Racing Championship.

A big congratulations to Dan on all of your achievements so far.



IN THE NEXT ISSUE: Steve Bettles, General Manager of 400 Thunder Championship Drag Racing Series will provide us with an update on all the news pertaining to the 2021/2022 championship season

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Technical Update

DOES YOUR VEHICLE EXCEED 140 MPH (224 KPH)?

Once your vehicle exceeds 140mph (224kph) your parachute is deemed to be part of your vehicle's braking system. You are required to adhere to the following rules.

General Reg 7540, Vehicle, Parachute

If fitted, must be repacked on day of racing to ensure proper deployment. - **Mandatory**

General Reg 7550, Vehicle, Parachute

If fuel is nitromethane, then exposed shroud lines and parachute pack protected with fire-resistant material. - **Mandatory**

***General Reg 7560, Vehicle, Parachute**

All vehicles that exceed 140Mph (240Kph) must be fitted with a parachute, It is mandatory that the chute is deployed by the end of the speed trap. - **Mandatory**

***Please Note: This rule is under review, surrounding parachute deployment (speed trap) and DY0 Racing.**

General Reg 7570, Vehicle, Parachute

Diameter at least 1 inch (25.4mm) bush with a ½ inch (13mm) bolt. Quick release spring loaded pins permitted.

Mandatory

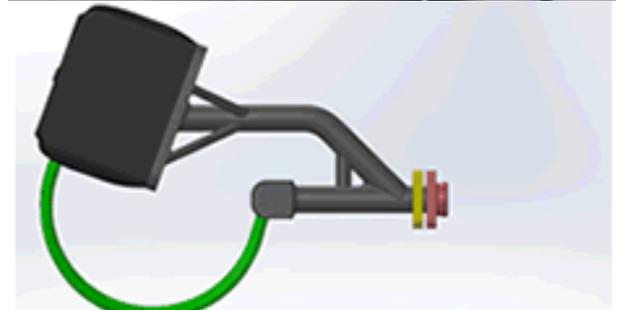
General Reg 7575, Vehicle, Parachute

Diameter at least 1 inch (25.4mm) bush with a ½ inch (13mm). Quick release spring loaded pins permitted.

Allowed

General Reg 7580, Vehicle, Parachute

During pre-race preparation, devices or pins to prevent parachute opening marked with clearly – visible, bright-coloured ribbon or flag. - **Mandatory**



General Reg 7590, Vehicle, Parachute

When in the hands of the starter, safety pins used to retain parachute must be removed, failure to remove safety pins will automatically see that run disallowed. - **Mandatory**

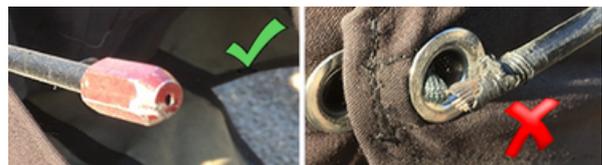
General Reg 7600, Vehicle, Parachute

Failure to deploy Parachute/s will result in disciplinary action and is subject to Licence suspension and or monetary fines. - **Mandatory**

General Reg 7620, Vehicle, Parachute

If vehicle exceeds 200 mph (320 kph), dual with separate shroud line attachments points. -

Mandatory



General Reg 12

It is the responsibility of the participant not IHRA Australia or any track, to ensure that all safety equipment is approved and is correctly installed, worn, maintained, and used. - **Mandatory**

Stompers 1/8 Mile

Some snaps from the first Stompers 8th Mile Celebration, held at Willowbank Raceway on the 4th of September. Thanks to everyone who came along to celebrate the life of a legend and to Willowbank Raceway for hosting the party & Dragphotos.com.au for getting some amazing shots on the day.



In The Loop

IHRA Australia will be releasing a printable version of the IHRA Australia Supplementary Rule App. It will be available for download on the IHRA Australia website before Christmas this year. Available in PDF versions, each category will be individually labelled for easy download.

These documents will be live 365 days a year. Any rule amendments will be uploaded to the website, which will then replace the previous document.

Professional, performance, sportsmanship, general regulations, and policy are some of the categories.

Each class will have its own PDF document, which is 100% printable. It's that simple.



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