

**Welcome to the 187th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.**

Speed eNews is a weekly communication aimed toward keeping clubs and organisations up to date on current events, handy tips to improve competition and safety, as well as any changes that may be taking place within the sport. Clubs are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

## **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN THE PITS**



From time to time, Speedway Australia staff have conducted audits at venues to see if competitors meet the requirement to have a pit bay fire extinguisher. For many new competitors to the sport, the requirement to have a particular fire extinguisher in their pit bay is often overlooked amongst the excitement of building a new car and purchasing race apparel.

On average, we find a quarter of competitors have no extinguisher at all with their trailer, and half have an extinguisher smaller than the mandated size. Our audits show less than 25% of competitors meet the requirements of the Speedway Australia rule.

With the new season coming fast, we ask all tracks and divisions please ensure their competitors are compliant with the relevant rules, which we've replicated below:-

### **3.7.16 Fire Extinguishers**

**All speedway teams (except SKAA Karts) are required to carry as a minimum in the pit area/transporters:**

- a) A 2.0kg Dry Chemical Powder Extinguisher OR GREATER (above right). It must strictly be used with the following compliance points:**
- b) The fire extinguisher is compliant with AS (Australian Standard) 1841.5 and carries the Australian Standards Tick Certification sticker on the body of the extinguisher. AS1841.5 pertains to (powder extinguishers) design and commissioning standard.**
- c) The standard AS/NZS1841.1 also is stamped on the bottom or rim of the Extinguisher under the powder coat of paint. AS/NZS1841.1 pertains to (General Requirements) for Design, and Commissioning Standard.**
- d) The extinguisher must carry a yellow date tag in accordance with AS1851 section 15 (right).**
- e) Other types of fire extinguishers that will comply to this ruling are:**
  - 9 Litre AFFF Foam extinguishers, AR or ATC type.
  - 9 Litre Cold Fire extinguishers (silver).

All of the above information was taken from AS1851-2005 (maintenance of fire protection systems and equipment) Australian Standard Professional Pack.

## PIT CREW APPAREL



Following on from our topic of Pit Area safety, another often overlooked regulation is that surrounding the minimum standards of dress code for patrons who enter the pit area.

Pit apparel rules are designed to minimise risk in the pit area, with particular requirements for enclosed shoes, short sleeved shirts at minimum, and shorts (no budgie smugglers permitted, thank goodness!)

Once again, we ask all tracks and divisions please ensure their competitors are compliant with the relevant rules, which we've replicated below: -

### 3.7.2 Dress Code.

**Minimum dress requirements are shorts, short sleeved shirt or t-shirt and covered shoes. Open shoes must not be worn in the Pits. For people working on Race Cars in the Pits shorts should cover knees**

For more information, you can view the current Speedway Australia Rules and Regulations [here](#).

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