



NATIONAL TRACK SAFETY COORDINATOR

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2008 National Track Safety Coordinator Report

Members,

This year has certainly seen some interesting changes in relation to position of Track Safety Coordinator.

I feel the decision to remove the ability to inspect circuits, other than temporary circuits, is a backward step as in my opinion it removes any clubs avenue to seek arbitration when they may be in conflict with what may seem to be an unreasonable ruling made by a State Track Inspector. I have the utmost faith in members of the track committee, but sometimes for various reasons a solution cannot always be achieved. While it is not the role of this position to interfere in disputes, it is very helpful to be able to see first hand any problems to advise on a satisfactory course of action.

I believe the area of track inspections prior to Nationals needs to be addressed as at present it would appear that relevant state track inspector/s are to carry out inspections, not an N.K.C. appointed inspector, as in Rule 20.01. This can result in undue pressure from within clubs or states to make concessions; this is less likely to happen with an independent person.

On a brighter note, this year has seen some proposals from clubs submitting upgrades to their circuits bringing them up to current standards mainly to do with Widths and lengths. Also have one new track currently undergoing construction at Monarto S.A. with several layouts contained within it, the longest track being approximately one (1) kilometer.

Although our agenda at committee conference was not large, we discussed in depth all items to arrive at what we considered most appropriate result. The presence of NSW Speedway Karts Track inspector was a welcome addition to the conference and provided some very useful discussion and information on that aspect of karting.

Last but not least I would like to thank all member of the committee for their input and support throughout the year. We are lucky to have a stable committee who are able to discuss and arrive at satisfactory conclusions to items presented for discussion.

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