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DROUGHT FIRE RISK – URGENT ALL MNZ CLUBS

With most of the country declared in drought, it is important more than ever that all precautions are taken to avoid the risk of fire starting at a MNZ event.

We have prepared the following guidelines to assist Clubs planning for their events in these very dry conditions;

- Check with your local Territory Authority on rules around hosting events in drought conditions
 - ie; Is it a condition to have the fire service on standby?
- Check with the landowner that they are still willing for the event to proceed given the conditions
- Under no circumstances light fires at your event.
- Do not have any fire works displays at your event.
- Do not have BBQ's at your events.
- Events that are held in forestry's should ensure that all bikes must carry a small fire extinguisher; ie Trails Rides, Enduro & Cross Country
 - Have a stock of these for sale at the event for those who don't have one with them
 - Do not let riders go out without a fire extinguisher on their bike
 - Ensure all sweep riders and marshals are carrying fire extinguishers
- All events should have multiple fire extinguishers on site through out the pits and around other key areas of the track; ie Motocross & Road Race may have one at each flag point.
 - Ensure everyone at riders & marshal briefings are made aware of where the extinguishers are and how to use them.
- For events that it is not compulsory to have a fire extinguisher in pit areas, encourage competitors to have an extinguisher in their pit area
- Ensure all long grass around pit and parking areas is mown down as far as possible.
- Ensure that you have a designated smoking area with sand buckets. Encourage no smoking in any areas apart from the designated area.
- Ensure you have a way of contacting emergency services if a fire does break out, not all areas may have cell phone coverage. Ensure all of your marshals have radio contact to someone who can contact emergency services.
Know your GPS co ordinates to give to emergency services.
- Have an evacuation plan in case of a fire, run through the evacuation plan at all briefings ensure everyone is fully aware of the plan, prompt questions to ensure no one is in doubt.

If in doubt postpone your event until post drought.