

Rules Change Proposal

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Explanation of the change:

The Speed Event Policies and Procedures currently requires that a minimum of two 10-pound fire extinguishers be available at autocross events. With NWACC-hosted events currently using an old airport runway, the distances involved at the site would make it very difficult to respond to a vehicle fire if only two extinguishers are available based on the current minimum requirement. The actual number of extinguishers available has increased thanks to the club that rents equipment to NWACC.

Recent use of one of the 10-pound extinguishers and also of a 5-pound extinguisher has shown that the cost to recharge a 10-pound extinguisher typically exceeds the cost of a brand new 5-pound unit. In addition to the cost of recharging, extinguishers must be re-tested and inspected based on their age. This is typically an additional cost to a standard recharge. With the number of extinguishers currently available at events, it is reasonable to update the current rule regarding the minimum number of available extinguishers and to change the minimum size of the extinguishers.

Current:

Section A - General Requirements

Rule 7

A minimum of two 10-pound fire extinguishers must be available on the course during Speed Events. A red flag or flags must be available at each course workstation.

Proposed Change:

A minimum of five (5) 5-pound or larger fire extinguishers must be available at or near course worker stations during Speed Events. The specific locations of the extinguishers may be determined by the Event Chair or the Autocross Committee at each Speed Event. A red flag or flags shall be available at each course workstation.