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RE: AUSTRALIAN ROCKETRY'S THUNDA DOWN UNDER ORGANISATION AND INSURANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

Ladies and Gentleman,

Australian Rocketry's Thunda Down Under (TDU) is an international rocketry event being held in the state of Queensland, Australia. The aim of TDU is to bring together at a single event, all likeminded rocketeers, that span from all corners of the globe with varying backgrounds and experiences. The Management Team for TDU have worked tirelessly to make this event inclusive for rocketry groups around the world.

With that in mind, there are a myriad of variables that require attention and in particular a few questions have been raised about TDU in relation to rules, regulations and insurance. This statement is to clarify the position of the event and participation. The TDU event is sanctioned by the Australian Model Rocket Society Inc. (AMRS) which is a nationally registered, incorporated association in accordance with Australian Government requirements. AMRS is Australia's premiere representative body for consumer rocketry.

The AMRS operates under safety codes and rules that are originated from a combination of Tripoli Rocketry Association (TRA) and National Association of Rocketry (NAR), however comprise Australian specific legislation.

The AMRS holds an AU\$20,000,000 Public Liability insurance policy.

Being an AMRS launch, some organisations may consider this an independent ("Indy") launch. The AMRS has considered the position of a number of different organisations to develop a model to hold a launch that will allow as many as possible rocketry enthusiasts to participate, irrelevant of the associated organisation.

All flyers must be members of AMRS to participate. For international participants, there is a special significantly discounted international membership which will cover all activities in Australia for 12 months. This membership will automatically have certification levels recognised if you belong to an accepted group and contains a contribution towards the insurance. By operating in this manner, AMRS takes responsibility of the event and is not reliant on other organisations.

No matter which rocketry organisation someone is from or even if they are not a part of a rocketry organisation, state law for TDU stipulates that a person may possess and use rocket motors up to 62.5grams without any license requirements. This falls directly in line with the standard "Model Rocket Safety Codes". Therefore, everyone that registers as a flyer for the event will be permitted to fly these motors.

With regards to High Power Rocketry (HPR), there are particular legislative requirements for users of HPR. These are being taken care of for international participants. Because of the duty of care that AMRS has to the insurer and because AMRS follows the reciprocal certifications of TRA, NAR, Canadian Association of Rocketry (CAR), New Zealand Rocketry Association (NZRA) and United Kingdom Rocketry Association (UKRA), only those individuals that currently hold a recognised certification will be permitted to fly HPR.



We have received feedback that people would like to attempt certifications in Australia as a matter of personal preference. Whilst we will accommodate these attempts, we recommend individuals attempt certifications prior to the event, however understand that this may not always be possible.

AMRS will also have a 'Trial' membership on offer for individuals who have not flown rockets before. This will be limited to 'D' impulse motors and valid for one (1) day only.

We trust that the above information clarifies the responsibilities associated with TDU. By embracing the powerhouses of rocketry around the world, we believe this world class event will be like nothing else ever run.

We look forward to seeing each and every rocketry enthusiast from across the globe!

Kind regards,

Australian Rocketry's Thunda Down Under Management Team

