

Parachutes.

Before the 2019 season kicks off, the FIM-E DragRaceCommission likes to draw your attention to the specifics of the use of parachutes on bikes.

➤ Recommendations regarding the use of parachutes :

- 1/ Take very good care of the instructions provided by the manufacturer and take the time to read these instructions regularly.
- 2/ Do not consider the parachute to be a part of your braking capacity, the braking system is your stopping equipment, the parachute is only an extra.
- 3/ Try to appoint only one person for the preparation of the chute prior to the run to reach a maximum level of security.

➤ Considerations regarding the use of parachutes :

- 1/ Make a good construction for the package on the wheeliebars and make solid connections of the cord on the rear part of the bike using preferably only one cord that connects the left and the right side on the bike to prevent the chute from folding to one side only in case one of the cords breaks . It is better to lose the chute as a whole, rather than hanging on one side only.
- 2/ Aerodynamics can have a major impact on the effects of the chute. The position of the chute towards the rider and/or the body is crucial for the employment of the chute. Severe headwinds can also hamper the chute in reaching the height needed for a correct employment. Strong sidewinds will most certainly have unwanted effects on the working of the chute.
- 3/ Make sure the chute stays completely dry before packing, even light

humidity can make the chute too heavy for the launching system .

- 4/ In conditions of heavy braking the deceleration forces can be too strong for the launching system to bring out the chute high enough to come out properly. For a proper employment and an improvement of your ET the optimal launching would be approx. 50 foot before the finish line.
- 5/ Check your chute after each run for damages, dragging the chute can harm the cords and/or the canvas.

➤ And last but not least : stay away from the opponents lane, this is not your lane, you have no reason to be there !

We wish you many happy landings, Job Heezen.