

Welcome to the 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, your weekly update on the sport, tips and points to remember. It is our intention to continue this weekly form of communication and we look forward to providing you this support in the weeks to come. Just a quick reminder that if any of the information in here needs to find its way to social media, we will do so via our Speedway Australia channels only.

**With the suspension list attached to the document, this is not information every licence holder or club member should be receiving.** However, please make sure that if you are the contact receiving this information for your organisation that you pass the information on to the rest of your committee to make sure your team can also be kept aware.

Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

## AFFILIATION FEE? WHAT AFFILIATION FEE?

We are asked with surprising regularity what the cost is to affiliate to Speedway Australia. Equally, the response we give back is often met with surprise - because there isn't one!

Tracks, divisions and clubs all receive complimentary affiliation to Speedway Australia when they meet one of the following criteria:-

**Tracks** - when they are a part of the Speedway Australia public liability scheme

**Divisions** - when we issue competitor licences to their competitors

**Clubs** - when approved to distribute competitor, official or mechanics licences on behalf of a division or Speedway Australia.



A few months ago we closed our state branches, most of whom did have to charge affiliation fees to be able to operate. But these are no longer in existence, so many stakeholders should be enjoying the simplified structure we now operate, with a small reduction in cost too.

## FILMING CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND

The Speedway Australia team will be heading to Victoria this weekend to complete two days of filming for our Youth & Officials training platform. Both platforms will see a wide range of video modules featuring all aspects of our sport.

We are able to tie this filming into other tasks while we are at tracks which means this will be the most cost-effective training platform possible.

We've previously conducted some filming already at Grafton Speedway and the development of the actual training videos are already underway.



## OFFICIALS CARD – RED TAPE REDUCTION

We are often asked if a specific official is OK to Steward or Scrutineer a particular division at an upcoming race meeting. Essentially, that is a decision for the relevant racing division because under Speedway Australia rules all Stewards and Scrutineers are appointed by the divisional body.

Speedway Australia's part in the process is to administer the relevant cards that indicate the level of duties that an Official has been approved to undertake.

**Level 1** – Can officiate State and National titles

**Level 2** – Can officiate all other race meetings

**Level 3** – Can officiate under supervision

**Level 4** – Can assist at race meetings

The requirement to receive a card is for one divisional body to sign off the official. This doesn't indicate that the official can only adjudicate for that body, but merely the group who originally approved them.

It's not practical to issue cards for every division, nor is it feasible to put all potential divisions on a wallet-sized card. In the first instance, our sample Chief Steward Gary Winterbottom would need 15 separate cards to officiate in New South Wales.... or a very big card hanging around his neck! So there does need to be a bit of interplay between divisions and officials, but essentially if a division wishes to utilise an official and they are already approved to the correct level for the race meeting then they are good to go.

Note: Speedway Sedans Australia have their own cards and approval process, so you do need approval from them to officiate their divisions (e.g Street Stocks, Junior Sedans).



## LAST CHANCE - RISING STAR APPLICATIONS CLOSING SOON

A final reminder that if you have any talented younger competitors in your club (or racing out of your track), now is the time to ensure that they apply for the 2019 Rising Star Program. Nominations close next Wednesday!

It's easier than ever to apply, with the following applicable criteria:-

- Must be Speedway Australia Licensed driver
- Must be between the ages of 16-23
- Have a direction and long term goal in the Sport
- Show a history of good results in Speedway Racing
- Be able to perform at a competent level of Fitness training

<http://www.risingstars.org.au/nominate>



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