

Welcome to the 101st edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

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TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT JUNE



The biggest weekend on a speedway administrator's calendar should be the National Forum and Australian Speedway Awards double header at the Gold Coast Convention Centre on June 20 and 21.

It's our aim to have every track and division in the country represented this year's festivities, which as always will be one of the best opportunities to network with your peers within the sport.

If you want a concrete example of the benefits of attending, look no further than WA's Esperance Holden Speedway. They are still thanking their lucky stars they made the big effort to attend the Forum last year, as a chance encounter over the weekend saw them land a World Series Sprintcars gig. That round took place last Friday with a huge crowd in attendance, and massive benefits for the venue and the series.

The Forum itself will take place over two days (Saturday and Sunday), with the awards dinner on Saturday night. Nominations for the Australian Speedway Awards and Hall of Fame Induction will open soon, so now is the time to start thinking about deserving nominees for their success either during this current season, or over a lifetime of achievement. Nominations will close on April 30.

We're currently in the process of putting together the schedule for the weekend, so stand by for more details in upcoming editions of Speed eNews. But clear your calendar now, as the four months between now and then will quickly pass, and you don't want to miss it.

SAVE THE DATE!

2020 National Forum and Australian Speedway Awards

20 and 21 June 2020

Functions: Gold Coast Convention Centre

Accommodation: Meriton Suites Broadbeach

MAXIMUM FIELD SIZES



We're quite often asked what the maximum field sizes are at various tracks around the country, so at our Board meeting in December 2019 a simplified policy was signed off which we can publish here:-

Open Wheel and Modified maximum field sizes are generally 20 cars unless a venue has specific approval to go to 24. These venues know who they are, so if you don't have something in writing from us then it's safe to assume your limit is 20. We do also allow one extra car in the case of a written supplementary rule stating the defending champion may start from the rear, so effectively the limit is 20+1.

Sedan maximum field sizes are now 24 cars nationwide, providing the relevant divisional body is comfortable with doing so. This is an absolute maximum so if supplementary regulations provide for a defending champion to start at the rear of the field for example, then it's 23 qualifiers +1.

From our perspective the above limits apply whether the race is a heat or a feature, although we know that many bodies have their own maximum field sizes that are lower than this.

Some tracks also have other lower limits depending on their star rating, e.g. 1 Star tracks can only run a maximum of 10 cars in certain open wheel categories. These are noted on the relevant meeting permit.

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