

Welcome to edition 211 of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

NOMINATE NOW!!



Reminder nominations are now open for the 2022 Australian Speedway Awards. The categories are below. Don't leave it until the last minute! Get your nominations in now!

AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN NOW

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Australian Speedway Awards and Hall of Fame Ceremony, to be held at the Melbourne Showgrounds on July 2.

We encourage you all to make sure the personalities of past and present who you believe deserve the recognition are nominated.

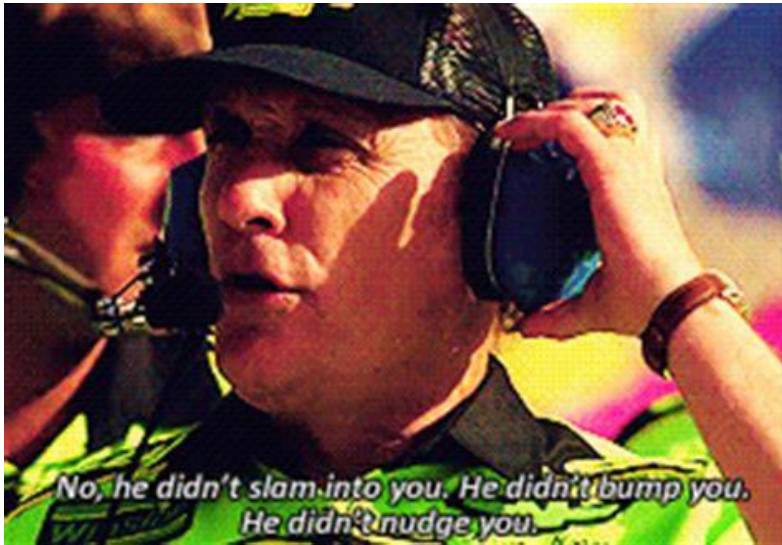
Award categories are:

- Track of the Year
- Most Improved Track of the Year
- Official/Volunteer of the Year
- Photographer of the Year
- Promotional item of the Year
- Innovation of the Year
- Competitor of the Year – Sedan, Open Wheel, Modified, Karting, Youth (5 awards)
- Sportsperson of the Year

Also on the night will be inductions into the Australian Speedway Hall of Fame. Nominations are now open for those members of the speedway community who have excelled over a longer period to be considered for recognition. Competitors and non-competitors from both car and motorcycle speedway are eligible for inclusion in this select group of individuals.

Nominations close 5pm Monday May 2 so be sure to get yours in quick. You can nominate for both the Australian Speedway Awards & Speedway Hall of Fame by clicking [here](#).

WHAT CONSTITUTES RECKLESS DRIVING?



Fans of the movie Days of Thunder would be familiar with Crew Chief Harry Hide coining the phrase 'rubbin' son, is racin', but at what point does that little bump or nudge constitute dangerous or reckless driving? What is the difference between accidental contact, or deliberate contact with another vehicle?

Speedway Australia regulations relating to contact between vehicles are quite clear.

Rule 4.8.1. Except for specific Racing Divisions (fender benders, etc.), Speedway Racing is a non contact sport. No Driver shall ever allow his or her Race Car to make deliberate, reckless or negligent contact with any other Race Car or driven dangerously either in roll-up laps, during the Event, after the Event or in the Pits.

In many cases, a supposed harmless nudge or bump can quickly escalate into a major accident, resulting in costly damage or worse still an injury to a competitor, particularly in Open Wheelers and Karts. Harsh penalties are available to be used by a Chief Steward for drivers making contact with another vehicle, including exclusion from races and infringement notices.

Stewards also take note, as it is not possible to be certain whether contact between Race Cars has been deliberate, Speedway Australia rules (4.8.3) do not allow 'accidental' or 'deliberate' to be argued in a Driver's defence at a dispute hearing or a subsequent appeal..

KEEP IT CLEAN



As we travel around the country for various events and have conversations with track operators, it is becoming evident that many pits are being left in a less than ideal state post event. Its important competitors and their crews show respect to the venue and clean up after yourself.

It's simply not okay for competitors to leave rubbish and used tyres in their pit area and expect the track operators to clean up after them.

Track operators already spend considerable time and money cleaning up their spectator areas, they don't need competitors adding to this workload. Most venues have ample bins around the venue, what's more disappointing is when we see this rubbish within meters of these bins. Stewards and divisions at drivers briefing please remind the competitors to be respectful and clean up after themselves. It doesn't take long to do a quick tidy up around your pit bay post event.

REMINDER!!

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

As the season starts to wind down, it is common to start seeing some less than favourable posts on social media. We understand that some people may be feeling frustrated. however, we have no tolerance for negative and/or threatening posts or comments on social media.

This policy applies to every aspect of our sport. It is designed to protect our members, officials, venues and fans.

Social Media is a powerful tool and if used correctly can have extremely positive results.

We encourage everyone in the sport to be as proactive as possible in spreading positivity in the sport. Don't fuel negativity. If you see anything posted online that raises concern, please contact us directly to discuss the issue further.

Also note: **IF NEGATIVE COMMENTS ARE MADE ON A POST OF YOURS OR A PAGE YOU MANAGE, YOU CAN HIDE AND DELETE COMMENTS.**

Speedway Australia's Social Media Misconduct Policy can be found on page 67 of the rule book 7.6.6



WORKSHOP WEDNESDAY IS BACK IN MAY!



Our Workshop Wednesdays in March were extremely popular and had great feedback... Make sure you join us for these sessions throughout May!

MAY 1 - 7PM EST "How to secure GRANTS FUNDNG for your club or Venue" featuring "The Grants Guy" Keith Whelan.

Speedway ticks all of the boxes of community impact that government and corporate grants officers are looking for, and renown Grants expert "The Grants Guy" will show us how to apply and get results in a special 2 hour session.

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/pZjNaqssDVAAQmb26>

MAY 11 - 7:30PM EST - "SPONSORSHIP PART 2 - How to KEEP A SPONSOR."

Part 1 in March was awesome, so our super team of Laurie Erhart, Sharon McHugh and Kellie Atkins return this time with added guest, Libby Ellis.

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/cLTyVoJYLyzfAyU7>

MAY 18 - 7:30PM EST - "DESIGNING A GREAT CAR LIVERY"

The presentation of our sport is vitally important, so we're bringing in some experts to help teams with some of the do's and don'ts of getting the best looking racecar!

EB Graphics' Emma Beare, Williams Graphix' Liam Williams will be hosted by Nev Ross.

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/hcgJJsdLhDzQWBq89>

MAY 25 - 7:30PM EST - "PRESENTING TO CAMERA"

Especially designed for racers and track operators looking to improve their social media video posts, Supercars' own Briony Ingerson and Chad Neylon return to give some tips on how to get your message across confidently!

REGISTER HERE: <https://forms.gle/Yh4Y5zhySMiM9L566>



AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUE...



Congratulations to Matt Smith on winning the SSA Production Sedan Title last weekend. Congratulations also to SSA and Kingaroy Speedway on a successful event.

- SCCA Australian **Sprintcar** Championship – Archerfield Speedway – April 30th – May 1st, 2022
 - **Modlife** Australian Title - Broome Speedway - May 27-28, 2022
 - SSA National **Street Stock** Title – Hi-Tec Oils Toowoomba Speedway – June 10-12, 2022
 - Australian **Late Model** Championship: Postponed To 2023
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