

## SPEED ENEWS EDITION 50 | 1 MARCH 2019

Welcome to the 50th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

This weekly communication serves to keep clubs and organisations up to date on current events, handy tips to improve competition and safety, as well as any changes that may be taking place within the sport.

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 as to keep them in the loop. You are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to your members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

#### **ENEWS CHANGES**

Some of you may have noticed the opening paragraph has changed this week. As part of a renewed push towards safety for competitors, officials as well as overall better communication, we are now encouraging clubs to forward the weekly newsletter - starting with this week's edition, to all

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We would hope that in doing so we can better communicate current events, tips and changes within the sport more effectively, preventing any competition or safety issues before they arise.

club members and licence holders within your organisation.

As we near the 12-month anniversary of eNews, keep an eye out for further announcements in your inbox in the coming weeks.

### **DON'T BE A STRANGER**

So far this year, our staff have spent most of their weekends assisting at various events right across Australia. From National Titles in Queensland and Victoria, to club events in Far Western NSW and South Australia, we've been nothing short of impressed with the positive attitudes and healthy competition on display.

As the year progresses, we intend to visit as many events as possible to engage with stakeholders from all venues, clubs and divisions, large or small. If you happen to see a Speedway Australia team member at an event, be sure to say Hello and don't be afraid to voice any queries on concerns – we're only here to help! (just don't mention the orange shirts)







#### SCRUTINEERS CHECKS

We'd like to remind all competitors to keep up to date with the current Speedway Australia Rules and Regulations regarding the appropriate safety equipment and apparel for their respective division.

A recent National Title event witnessed up to 20 drivers turned away at scrutineering for not having safety apparel that met the safety standards of their division, or in some cases, apparel that was significantly worn and not suitable for competition.

Our track visits have shown us Scrutineers are doing an excellent job educating competitors and spotting inappropriate or unsuitable apparel pre-event, but the odd competitor is still slipping through the cracks (see window net, and boots in photos). If possible, we encourage scrutineers and officials to spot check cars and competitors where necessary to ensure what rolls through pre-event checks, is what in fact rolls onto to the racetrack.

This can be said not only of competitors apparel, but also vehicle safety items (e.g. Window Nets) and Pit Crew Apparel (e.g.

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Quad Bikes and Helmets) both of which remain significant safety concerns for several Sedan and Open Wheel divisions.

More information on the minimum standards for your division are available at <a href="https://www.speedwayaustralia.org/media.ashx/speedway-australia-rulebook-draft-july-2018.pdf">https://www.speedwayaustralia.org/media.ashx/speedway-australia-rulebook-draft-july-2018.pdf</a>

If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to call or email us using the contact details below.

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