

LATEST COVID UPDATES BY STATE

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Welcome to the 114th 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.

TRACK FOCUS: COLLIE POWERS AHEAD

Next year sees Collie Speedway celebrate its 50-year anniversary, and the club is more than ready for the milestone thanks to a number of recent initiatives that have transformed the venue.

The club commenced Stage 1 of their major lighting project last season which saw 50% of the track lighting upgraded. In the current Covid-19 climate they have made the most of the downtime and finished Stage 2, with the remainder of the track lighting upgraded. This took the project to a total of 30 new poles and 60 LED lights. More power to the pit area (which includes a pit area canteen) and scrutineering shed has been provided by undergrounding the infrastructure.

When the Make Smoking History Collie Speedway opened in 1971, it was the first speedway in WA outside of Claremont (Perth) to run under lights. The main reason for upgrading was the potential safety issue of open power lines over a steel catch fence, and the ageing wooden power poles. The upgrade is proving to be more energy efficient for the club taking the lux readings from 100 to 550 lux and reducing their energy usage dramatically.



The Collie Speedway is a well presented, family friendly club led by President Tony Briggs and Vice President Josh Davies. Everyone involved should be congratulated for both the progress to date and the bright future ahead for the track

Project Summary: Upgrade of underground power and track lighting system.

Total cost: \$150,00

Project Timeframe: 24 months

Funding Sources: \$32,000 Bendigo Bank Grant, \$5,000 Synergy Grant, \$25,000 Collie Miners Welfare Board Grant, Contribution from South 32.



COVID-19 AND THE RETURN TO RACING IN NSW



As COVID-19 restrictions begin to ease, a return to racing for speedway venues and competitors is fast approaching.

Whether they are organised practices or full competition – each state government has guidelines in place to facilitate the running of outdoor sporting events in line with the current COVID-19 restrictions.

To assist with compliance with the relevant Federal, State and Local government regulations, the following guidelines outline how you may best avoid transmission of COVID-19 during an event.

To minimise the risk of contracting or transmitting COVID-19, competitors, officials and patrons should:

- Do not attend any speedway event if you are unwell and experiencing symptoms such as a cough, sore throat, fever, fatigue, or shortness of breath.
- Do not attend speedway if, in the last 14 days, you have been unwell or had close contact with a known or suspected case of COVID-19.
- Anyone who is unwell should see a doctor in accordance with NSW Public Health Authority guidelines.

To ensure consistency and compliance, general event guidelines relating to Speedway events are:

- The basic rule is "arrive, race or practice, leave"
- All participants should be strongly encouraged to download the Government's CovidSafe app.
- Gathering as a group before or after Speedway is not permitted.
- No close contact is allowed at any time as it is within 1.5m.
- An area of 4m² is required per person (i.e. a minimum of 40m² for 10 people).
- In NSW, there may be more than one group of 10 people at the same time at the same outdoor venue providing that clearly defined and separated areas of more than 40m² for each group are allocated.
- No 'mixing' of people (including officials) between separate groups of 10 people.
- Competitors, crews, officials, and spectators are included with participants in the total number attending (i.e. a maximum total of 10 people in a group).
- Spectators or people providing transport should remain in their vehicle or leave the venue where possible.

It is strongly suggested that all participants:

- Shower at home before and after speedway.
- Bring hand wash or sanitiser to wash / sanitise your hands before and after racing.
- Bring their own drink bottle, towel, foods etc as canteens are to be closed.
- Avoid unnecessary contact (i.e. shaking hands, 'high fives' etc).
- All equipment (particularly if touched by hands) should be wiped clean afterwards (e.g. radios, flags, etc).
- If there is a playing group of less than 10 and spectators are present, 1.5m distancing must be observed by spectators.
- Speedway Australia permits are required for all on-track activity



Restrictions specific to NSW Venues include:

- A total of ten (10) people may gather.
- A maximum of 500 people in any single venue at one time (note: this is the responsibility of the venue owner or council).
- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times (i.e. 1.5m apart).
- Change rooms to remain closed – toilets may be available for use.

Further information:

This remains a fluid situation, with changes to restrictions occurring frequently. Speedway Australia will forward more information in the coming days surrounding how best to comply with the latest government guidelines when operating a Speedway meeting.

For the latest information and updates relevant to your area, please click on the applicable state (see page 1).

ONLINE INITIATIVES TO TACKLE COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA
PIT LICENCE, EVENT RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

Jeremiah Andersonovichson

01/01/2020, 02/01/2020 & 03/01/2020

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA

THIS IS NOT AN ADMISSION TICKET

This licence includes entitlement to persons, accident insurance coverage on the event date/s stated above (on completion of single day event).
The licence holder has already agreed to the terms and conditions of the Speedway Australia Pit Licence and Indemnity Waiver for this particular race meeting.
The licence holder agrees to be bound by the rules and regulations of any event at which they are to attend or participate ("the event") as well as the provisions and rules of Speedway Australia and any National or State Regulatory Bodies of the division in which they participate.
This licence is not an admission ticket to either the venue or the pit area, and all usual venue terms and conditions of entry apply.
Licence Purchased: 08/05/2020
Licence Number: 1291

Did you know?
An annual Machine/Pit Entry Licence is just \$140.
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As part of Speedway Australia's commitment to assisting clubs through the COVID-19 restrictions, we are rolling out a number of online initiatives in the coming weeks to alleviate paperwork and queues at entry points to venues.

The two most notable and exciting of these are the One-Day Pit Licence, and the Speedway Australia Indemnity/Waiver form moving online, allowing competitors, officials and patrons to complete these prior to attending the venue, either at home or at the pit gate, on their mobile phone, tablet or laptop/PC.

Further details will be forthcoming in the coming weeks, however in the meantime, above is a sneak peek at the new digital one-day pit licence!

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