

Welcome to the fourth edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, a newsletter being distributed to tracks, divisions and clubs on a weekly basis. Over the previous three weeks we have delivered this newsletter with the aim of improving communication and the flow of information throughout the sport. We have now covered a wide range of topics and have also received some fantastic feedback from many of you.

You will notice in this edition we have added a 'Question of the Week' based on enquires received after last week's eNews. This will continue in each future edition as it's likely more than one person was looking for more information. Please feel free to get in touch if you haven't seen or can't locate any of the previous three editions.

Just a reminder that in general, the contents of this email will be more administrative, so we don't expect to see this appear on club or track Facebook pages. If something in this newsletter needs to enter the public arena, we'll get it out there through our social streams. If you have any suggestions or comments about the topics within the newsletter, please get in touch.



NO QBE GRANTS, BUT PLENTY OF SAVINGS

A quick reminder that the previous development fund of \$50,000 that was previously available to tracks through the QBE Grants scheme are no longer being distributed. As part of the insurance package that is in place for the next two years, Speedway Australia was able to secure annual savings are triple the amount of the QBE grant fund. This is reflected in the significant reduction in event permit fees that came into play in 2017/18.

It was decided that a better approach for the sport was to share the overall savings throughout the whole country, as opposed to a select few tracks receiving a grant every year. If you believe you have a project worth pursuing and need further assistance, Speedway Australia will consider these on a case by case basis a maximum of four times per year, and as funding allows. To be considered for any potential support, an in-depth proposal of the planned task including costs and benefits would be required.

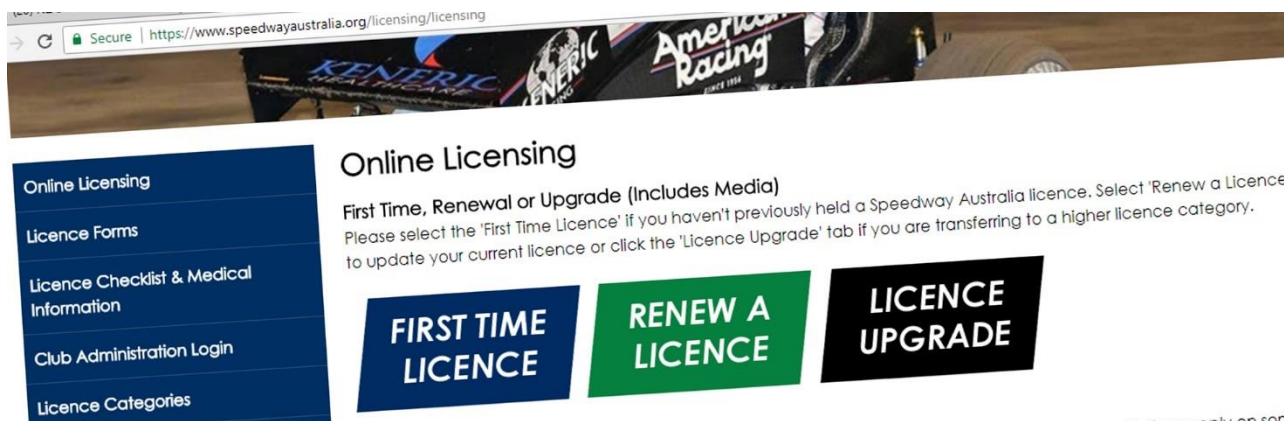
Our obvious areas of focus are those that lead to a reduction in the risk of a public liability claim. This includes having smaller mesh on the fence (to reduce the risk of spectator injury from clay) and the overall strength/structure of the catch fence and safety wall. For any enquiries on this topic, refer to Liz in the first instance.

NEW LICENSING SYSTEM

A few weeks back we gave advance notice of the exciting changes that are coming to the licensing system. The main change is a move to an electronic licence which can be activated at any time, rather than having to wait for a licence card to arrive in the post.

The aim of the news release was to provide a gentle heads up, while stating that the changes would be released in stages over the coming months to ensure a smooth transition. One of the reasons we're rolling out the changes in stages is that we're not moving to a completely new system. Instead, it's the current licensing platform that's undergoing the transformation, and it has a well-established testing process that enables us to iron out most of the bugs when changes are made. There will be new Android and Apple phone apps, and these will overlay the refurbished licensing system, to provide the framework for the mobile-friendly changes.

At this point in time, all existing systems, processes and paperwork remains in place, and we'll advise of when changes are to occur via this newsletter.



SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Please note all Speedway Australia Licences come with complimentary Personal Accident Insurance.

It is recommended that all licence holders read the policy and ensure it meets their needs. In the case that it doesn't, they should obtain their own insurance that does.

If somebody has an accident, submits a claim and then realises the insurance doesn't cover them enough it is too late. It is always better to be proactive than reactive with this.

The Personal Accident Insurance Policy is available for you to read from our website [here](#).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Q: In regards to a practice/sponsors day permit, if a person holds a mechanic or officials licence, is this still valid to drive a car as part of this?

A: You must have a annual competition (or a one day practice licence) to practice or race in any division on a Speedway Australia track. A mechanics licence is only for working on cars in the pits etc.

NATIONAL, SERIES & STATES TITLES

Please see below for a reminder on the rules surrounding National, Series or State titles.

4.1. NATIONAL TITLES AND SERIES AND STATE TITLES

- 4.1.1. To be eligible to compete in a National Title and Series, and State Titles, a Driver must not be provisionally licensed and must have competed in a minimum of two Race Meetings, or more at the discretion of the Affiliated Association or other body conducting the Title (**Organising Body**) in the current season or previous 12 months in the Racing Division for the Title and have their Licence accordingly endorsed by a Chief Steward.
- 4.1.2. At the discretion of the relevant Organising Body, dispensation can be provided if the Driver has driven in an affiliated class or a Racing Division determined by the Organising Body as providing requisite experience, in the current season or previous 12 months.

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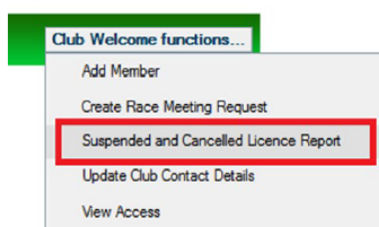
We're in the process of recruiting a new Office Administrator, so in the meantime it helps us if you are able to direct your call or email to the right person as follows:-

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Suspended List

Once again, please see the table on the following page for the update Suspended List, with any additions added in green. This list covers every type of suspension possible with Speedway Australia. You'll also find to the right a quick reminder on how to check this list yourself at any time using your club login details.

Suspended / Cancelled Licence Report



By hovering your mouse over the "Club Welcome Functions" then click on "Suspended and Cancelled Licence Report"

You will be able to view a full list of all licences that are cancelled or suspended.

Note: If a licence is suspended until the year 2020 this means they have an outstanding fine.

Suspended and Cancelled Licence Report

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Family name	Given name	Club	Type	Status	From	To
Anderson	Robert	Nyora Raceway Inc	Competition	Cancelled		
Arnold	Nicole	NQ Speedway Kart Club Inc	Competition	Suspended	09/01/2016	09/04/2020
Balaburova	Chris	Victorian Saloon Car Federation - VSCF	Competition	Suspended	30/10/2015	30/10/2020
Ballantyne	Trae	Speedway Sedans SA	Competition	Suspended	21/11/2015	21/11/2020
Biviano	Jordan	Lismore Automobile Club	Competition	Suspended	24/04/2016	23/04/2020