

Welcome to the 38th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, your weekly update on the sport, tips and points to remember. It is our intention to continue this weekly form of communication and we look forward to providing you this support in the weeks to come. Just a quick reminder that if any of the information in here needs to find its way to social media, we will do so via our Speedway Australia channels only.

With the suspension list attached to the document, this is not information every licence holder or club member should be receiving. However, 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 to make sure your team can also be kept aware. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

RODRIGUEZ RETURNS TO RACING

Victorian Speedcar and Compact driver Louis Rodriguez has been missing from the starting grid for the past six weeks, but is looking forward to returning to racing this weekend at Avalon Raceway.

Louis was selected for random drug testing when Speedway Australia visited the same venue in late October, and returned a non-negative result. Investigations revealed Louis was on a prohibited medication he had been prescribed by his doctor, and he hadn't undertaken the Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE) process to obtain a racing licence.



As per the rules, Louis was immediately suspended from all competition and appeared before a judiciary tribunal. He also organised his TUE paperwork, which enables him to return to racing with approved levels of a prohibited medication in his system.

Now that his suspension is almost over, Louis is keen to help others avoid the same fate as him. "I'm disappointed in myself for not keeping up with all the rules and regulations that are required for me to hold a Speedway Australia license" said Louis. "I can't apologise enough for putting you all through this as I know it wouldn't be easy to suspend someone's licence on the spot."

We thank Louis for his honesty and commitment to putting things right. And we urge all competitors to ensure that they obtain the necessary permission if required. If you're not sure about your medication you can check the suitability of a substance via the following Australian government website:-

<https://www.asada.gov.au/substances/check-your-substances>

A FEW LOOSE ENDS

We hate having to tell people off, but there are a couple of points of housekeeping that we need to mention.

- From time to time we end up in a situation where people or groups owe us money. While we are fairly reasonable in most instances, when it gets to the point where the outstanding amounts are beyond a joke, we will stop people from renewing their licences, or tracks from having any further permits.
- We include a sentence at the top of each newsletter that the information contained within is not for distribution...and we do mean it. Last week a couple of groups shared something (for what they thought were the right reasons) but we had kept the information on this newsletter for a specific purpose. You'll notice later today one of the newsletter items will be published by us, and that's part of the plan for this particular topic.



The very last thing we want to have to do is take people off the distribution list because they can't play ball, so please respect our wishes in this regard.

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

To ensure Speedway Australia's continuous service to all Stakeholders, our office will remain open throughout most of the Holiday period, with limited staff available to assist with Licensing and General Enquiries.

Christmas Eve will see our office closing at 1pm, with regular hours resuming Boxing day, December 26th. Keep an eye out in next weeks eNews for contact details of all available staff throughout the Christmas and New Year period.



E-MAIL ISSUE RESOLVED

A few weeks ago we advised that there was an issue with some of the automated licensing emails not being received by clubs. We are pleased to report that this should all be fixed now, but the IT contractors have asked if we can double check that they are now being received.

If you know of any licence emails you should have received but haven't please drop Kirsten a line at kirsten@speedwayaustralia.net.au