

Welcome to the 162nd edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

## NEW RULEBOOK OUT NOW!



An updated version of the Speedway Australia rulebook is now available for download via the website or app. There are no general rule changes that impact on all competitors or officials, rather a number of tweaks that apply to various forms of the sport, and these are noted below

**SSA Sedans** – Junior age of eligibility (effective July 2022) and vehicle suspensions: Pages 23, 68, 123

**SKAA Karts** – Head & Neck restraints (effective July 2021) and Helmets: Pages 112 and 113

**Burnouts** – Nitrous Oxide and general operational requirements: Pages 92-95

The July 2021 rulebook can be [downloaded here](#).

## TRACK INSPECTION CERTIFICATES



With 70 track inspections due this year, it's easy to see how a backlog can develop with the detailed inspection reports that are put together by Track & Safety Development Officer Liz Weaver. As a result, this week in Western Australia we're unveiling our new Track Inspection Certificates, which complement the full reports that arrive in due course.

The certificates will be available to venues in both hard copy and electronic form, and detail both the star rating of the track and when the most recent inspection is valid to (12 months in NSW, 24 months everywhere else).

The aim of these is twofold – firstly to make it transparent to those at the venue that the facility has passed its most recent inspection, and secondly to enable venues to supply a copy of this confirmation to other relevant parties if they wish. On occasion there's a need for a local council or other government agency to receive this information, and it can also be handy when applying for grants and national title hosting. By having this information readily at hand, it will make these processes easier for venues to co-ordinate.

Track inspections are a vital part of Speedway Australia's brief, but we work with venues on a consultative basis to ensure matters are raised and dealt with for the overall benefit of the sport. There has been an unprecedented investment in venue infrastructure in recent years, with a massive list of improvements that we should all be proud of.

A two-yearly inspection by Speedway Australia is one of the requirements for ongoing public liability insurance, and they are necessary every 12 months under NSW legislation – but no federal, state or territory legislation requires an inspection from any other organisation.

## NSW INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS OPEN NOW!



The NSW Government has opened the latest round of the Community Building Partnership fund, providing NSW Speedway venues with a great opportunity to secure funding toward important infrastructure projects to continuously improve their facilities.

Last year, this very program resulted in NSW tracks receiving over \$130,000 in funding toward infrastructure projects including control towers, concrete walls and catch fences, amenities blocks, right down to a ride on lawn mower.

In 2021, there is a maximum of \$300,000 to allocate in each electorate. Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations and local councils are eligible to apply for grants of between \$5000 and \$150,000, with the average grant awarded around \$20,000. Generally speaking, projects with contributions from their own, or other sources, are considered more favourably than others, with applications assessed against other proposed projects within the same State electorate.

Given the success of last year's applications, we hope to see applications on behalf of each and every NSW track this time around. Applications close in just over 20 days' time, so get in contact with Sport Development Officer, Adam Brook as a matter of urgency to discuss how we may best assist with your submission.

## STOOD DOWN FROM COMPETITION DOESN'T HINDER PIT ACCESS

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Suspended 28 June 2019 2:03pm

**Adam Brook**  
22539  
Licence Expiry: 11 February 2020

**Driver Class SSA** SSA Street Stocks  
SSA Prod Sedans  
SSA National 4's

**Driver Class B** RSA Street Stockers

**Club Steward** Demo Derby

**Official**  
Expired 11 Feb 2019

On the odd occasion, a competitor may be stood down from competition, be that for an infringement of Speedway Australia rules or after an accident whilst awaiting a medical clearance to compete.

When this happens, a licence holders' digital card will turn red, indicating a suspension of their competition licence. Whilst they are unable to compete on-track when stood down, this does not preclude them from participating in Speedway events in another way, shape or form. Licence holders who are stood down from competition are still permitted to undertake Official duties or enter any Speedway venue as a pit crew member, with their licence still valid for such tasks.

Should a club or track be uncertain of the status of a competitor's licence, be sure to refer to the .pdf 'stand-down' list issued each week, which indicates each competitor currently stood down from competition.





## NSW VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Each year, the NSW Centre for Volunteering hosts the NSW Volunteer of the Year Awards, celebrating the efforts of our state's volunteers across seven different award categories. More than 3,000 special guests, families and friends attend ceremonies at 25 locations across regional and suburban centres to celebrate the regional winners of these awards, and this year we hope to see Speedway volunteers well represented amongst the nominees.

Finalists are invited to the Gala State Ceremony in Sydney to announce the final winners and overall NSW Volunteer of the Year.

More than 118,000 people from over 500 organisations were recognised with awards and certificates at last year's awards, with special messages of support received from the Prime Minister and the NSW Premier.

Speedway is often sparsely represented at such awards, so let's make the effort and ensure our unsung heroes don't go unnoticed. Nominations close 5pm Friday, 9 July 2021 and can be submitted by following [this link](#).

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