

Welcome to the 166th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

Speed eNews is a weekly communication aimed toward keeping 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. Clubs are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.



SPEEDWAY AWARDS GALA DINNER – TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

Tickets are on sale now for the 2021 Australian Speedway Awards and Hall of Fame Ceremony, to be held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre on June 19.

The Gala dinner includes a three-course meal, a drinks package comprising of a selection of quality wines, beer and soft drinks and an evening of celebration with host, Ryan Harris. Tickets are just \$150 each and can be purchased at by following this link.

This year's Hall of Fame ceremony will recognise and pay tribute to the legendary figures in the history of Australian Speedway, while the Australian Speedway Awards will reward the top performers of the year across 12 categories, engaging many of the stakeholders within our sport including Clubs, Venues, Officials, Media as well as competitors. Nominations for this year's event have well and truly exceeded previous years, with a huge outpouring of support for a number of venues, competitors, and volunteers from their achievements throughout a difficult period in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NATIONAL FORUM WORKSHOPS – REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



Speedway Australia's National Forum weekend is just four weeks away, with a huge number of tracks and divisional bodies having already expressed their interest in attending this once-a-year industry event.

The Forum Sunday, 20 June will feature a number of informative workshops and events, with a face-to-face training session for new Officials (or those looking to renew their training) together with a similar session for people interested in becoming a Junior Trainer. For divisional bodies, this is a perfect opportunity to get a head start on 2021/22 through training up new Stewards, Scrutineers or Junior Trainers to assist into the future.

For those groups interested in having members or volunteers who aren't already coming to the

forum attend these workshops, get in contact with the relevant Sport Development Officer (Ross Kirby for Officials, James Hadley for Junior Trainers) using the details in the contacts section below.

REPORTING CONCUSSION EVENTS



Concussion is a hot topic in all forms of sport at present, and Speedway is not immune from the risks and issues that arise from such injuries. Just like other sports, particular importance are issues surrounding second impact syndrome - described as occurring when an individual sustains a second head injury before the symptoms associated with the initial injury have fully cleared.

Speedway also has a high proportion of female competitors competing on an equal basis with males (of all

ages), and research indicates that in sports with similar playing rules, the reported incidence of concussion is higher in females than males.

With this in mind, we remind divisional bodies – in particular, their Stewards, of the importance in having a driver checked should a suspected concussion event occur. Many medical staff present at events are trained in diagnosing the signs of a suspected concussion and can refer a driver to have further checks should this be the case. In these instances, it is the Stewards responsibility to make note of this in a Stewards/Incident report, so a driver may be stood down from competition until such time as they are given the ok to return to racing by a medical professional.



SPONSOR/MECHANIC DRIVE DAYS



The end of season is approaching for many tracks and you might start looking at holding a come and try for your sponsors, mechanics, and officials to say thank you for their assistance over the past 12 months.

For venues seeking to host such events, a Sponsors / Mechanics Day can be run under a Practice Permit which needs to be obtained from Speedway Australia in the usual manner. Please note, note that these events can only include practice sessions. If there is any racing taking place, a full meeting permit needs to be obtained.

As per a usual practice day, all participants are required to obtain a Practice Day Licence for the relevant division via the Speedway Australia or app.

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