

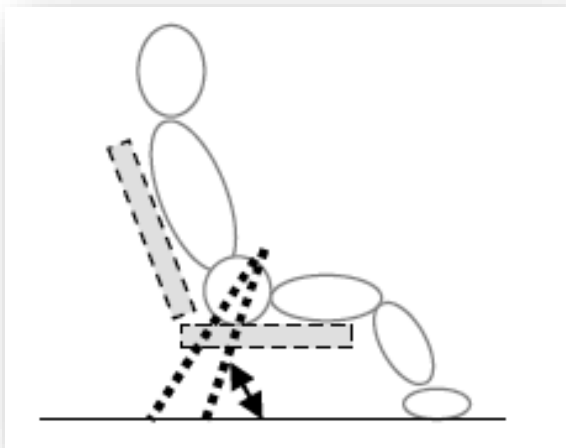
Welcome to the 149th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

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.

KNOW YOUR HARNESS – THE CROTCH BELT

The SFI Foundation are world leaders in the testing and compliance monitoring of motorsport belts. The correct installation and fitment of belts is also vitally important, so they've also compiled a "best practice" guide to this important part of the process. Speedway Australia provides a link to the guide in the rulebook, and over the coming weeks we'll feature the relevant sections so that a general understanding of the principles and effectiveness of the entire harness system can be attained.

We start with the crotch belt, and for example the five-point harness crotch belt should be mounted to the following specifications:



Shell type and aluminium seats with a single crotch belt hole forward of the inside seat back from 11 to 13 inches (279mm to 330mm):

- Crotch Belt Angle: Chest line to 20° through the hole
- Crotch Belt should never wrap around the front of the seat – there should be a pass through
- Crotch belt is used only to maintain position of the lap belt

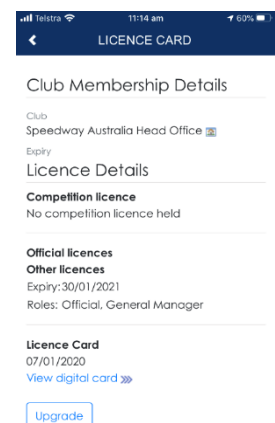
You can find the full SFI documentation and seatbelt installation guide [here](#)

DRIVERS RACING MULTIPLE DIVISIONS

A reminder to Clubs and Divisions to make drivers aware of their licencing requirements when they plan on competing across multiple divisions.

Should a driver wish to compete in more than one division, for example – SSA Production Sedans and Super Sedans, they will be required to hold the licence Class relevant to their highest chosen division (in this example, an AA Licence). They will also be required to have each of their chosen divisions listed on their licence card.

Listing multiple divisions is simple and doesn't cost anything extra. It is recommended these be selected when renewing a licence, however, should you already hold a licence and need another division added for an upcoming event, this can be done via the licence portal using the 'Upgrade Licence' tab.



LIVE STREAMING & VIDEO COVERAGE: THE VENUE OPERATORS RIGHTS



We all know that video footage is a useful tool for all facets of the industry, but it's important to note that the ultimate decision around the use and distribution of video footage of a race meeting rests with the venue operator. Divisions, race teams and fans turn up to a track that is managed and guided by a venue operator who has to balance their own needs and requirements to generate income versus the desire for instant availability of information. And therefore, they are entitled to make their own decisions around the use of Facebook Live, a free or paid livestream that they or a divisional body provide, or any other form of information transmission out of the venue.

For example, this week Latrobe and Hobart Speedway's in Tasmania have clarified their position as follows: -

You may film the races, but you can only post them to a public forum or social media at the end of the meeting. No live streaming.

Clear and simple, and also enforceable. If you are unsure of what a track offers in this regard, or what their policy might be then get in touch with them directly.

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