

Welcome to the 52nd edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

This weekly communication serves to keep 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.


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 as to keep them in the loop. You are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to your members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

ELECTRONIC LICENSING: NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE

We haven't mentioned the new electronic licensing system for a while, mainly because we didn't want to jinx it by making any predictions about when it would be coming online. However, we can now confidentially predict that it's getting fairly close to being rolled out so here are a couple of tips that can help you prepare for this exciting initiative:-


- 1) With licence applications to be coming through to all clubs by email the moment a licence holder completes the process, make sure your club email address for your licensing officer is up to date on the club portal.
- 2) If you can, enter as many of your club membership expiry dates on the system as per the example below left. If a licence holder is confirmed as a current club member, we can issue licences almost immediately, but if not, the club will have to manually approve (or decline) any applications they receive by logging onto the portal. This will replace the current process where a licence is posted to a club who release it once membership is confirmed. If you need help with this process, please contact the office.

Club Membership Details

Club: Sprintcars SA 
Expiry Date: 30/06/2019

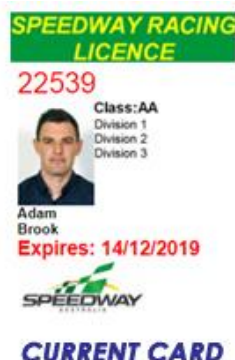


Club Membership Details

Club: Speedway Sedans SA 
Expiry Date:



Initially we'll roll out electronic licences and keep the hard cards too, ensuring there are no issues for venues while the new way of life becomes embedded into the sport. Once we're 100% sure that things are working efficiently the cards will cease to be the main source of licence verification.



GENERAL COMPLIANCE

A reoccurring theme of the past few weeks has been one of general compliance relating to vehicle safety items and apparel. Whilst the Speedway Australia rules and regulations go into great detail regarding items such as belts, helmets, suits and other items of racewear, there are many safety items which are divisional specific that are often covered by a classes individual technical regulations.



Using an open wheel car as an example, many divisions mandate a minimum height from the top of the drivers helmet, to the upper most point of the safety cage structure. Whilst not explicatedly written in to Speedway Australia rules, technical items such as this still form critical safety items which scrutineers and officials should check as part of the general compliance of a race car. The same can be said for items such as rock screens, containment seats (where mandatory) or in the case of many sedan divisions sedans, white painted tail shafts and anti-spear plates on the roll cage structure.

The past 10 years have seen an enormous reduction in the number of injuries in Speedway racing nationwide. There is no silver bullet when it comes to safety however - it's a culmination of many '1 percent' items, which when working together raise the safety standards across the board. Scrutineers checks are still the best way to educate competitors in general compliance of their machines, and whilst many consider items such as head clearance and rock screens to

be common sense – sometimes common sense isn't so common! A demonstrated commitment to health and safety through a proactive and consultative approach is the key to continuous improvement.

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