

Welcome to the 183rd 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.

REGIONAL NSW AND VIC BACK ON TRACK



Recent developments in NSW and VIC have seen restrictions ease in regional areas, affording clubs to start planning practice and competition events ahead of the upcoming season.

In NSW, areas deemed a 'General' LGA (those not under a stay-at-home order) allow Motor Racing Facilities to host patrons at 1 person per 4sqm, to a maximum of 5,000 people. An information pack with this, and further requirements has been

sent not only to venue operators, but clubs/divisions in NSW, with many venues expressing their interest in hosting events in the coming weeks.

In Victoria, regional areas, with the exception of Greater Shepparton, have been released from lockdown restrictions, and the five reasons to leave home have been removed.

Despite the easing of restrictions in regional Victoria, competitive community sport is still not permitted to take place across the state, which means clubs are unable to run competitive events for the time being.

However, other non-competitive activities such as Practice or Test and Tune days can be permitted for regional Victorians. Residents residing in metropolitan Melbourne or Greater Shepparton must continue to abide by their local restrictions and must not travel to otherwise open areas of Victoria unless they carry authorisation to travel.

Spectators are not allowed to attend venues, with the exception of one parent to supervise participating children.

Should you have any queries regarding COVID restrictions, be sure to contact Track & Safety Officer Liz Weaver in the first instance, using the details in the Contact section below. More information can also be found in the COVID-19 Resource page of our website at <https://www.speedwayaustralia.org/covid-19>

JUNIOR OFFICIALS



Several clubs have raised the question regarding the minimum age for Stewards and Scrutineers, with several young people showing interest in taking an active part in organising Speedway meetings.

As Stewards and Scrutineers are endorsed by the Divisions, and licenced through us, there is no minimum age in the regulations to be a Speedway Official (aside from the Junior licence requirements) Age should be no barrier at either end of the spectrum for

Speedway Officials. Rather, these individuals should be selected on merit for their skills, capabilities and level of maturity shown toward the task at hand.

With the average age for Speedway Officials falling from over 60 to 51 in the past three years, coupled with a 50% increase in the number of stewards and scrutineers, it is clear the strategies in place to encourage development and learning pathways for all Speedway Officials are working as planned. With new initiatives in the works, and further assistance from our Divisional Bodies and clubs we hope to encourage many more Junior Officials to the sport in the coming years.

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