

Welcome to the 144th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

ONLINE WAIVER ENHANCED

We rolled out the online indemnity waiver in March at the onset of the COVID-19 crisis, and it forms one of the options for tracks to utilise to get people into their venues while also minimising the risk of a public liability claim.

Your Role At The Race Meeting

Role:

Racing Division:

Race Number:

Transponder Number:

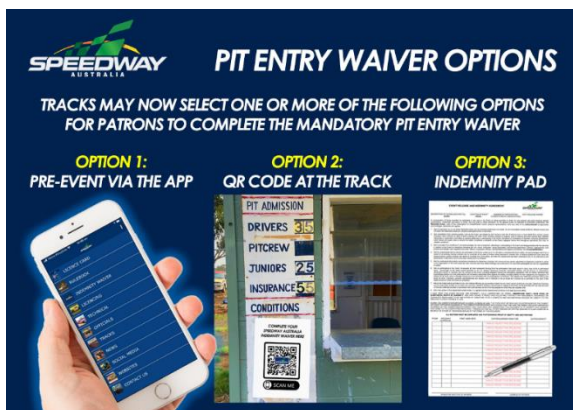
Your Role At The Race Meeting

Role:

Competitor Crewing For:

Many tracks are taking advantage of the technology which is fantastic, and we recently got some feedback which has led to a mild tweak. When someone identifies that they are a competitor, the options for them to complete now include transponder number as at least one venue intends to use the form for nomination purposes. This has also led to this information being included on the auto-generated emails, while we've also included the information when a crew member fills out the form too.

And just a reminder that some form of waiver must be completed by everyone entering the pit area, with venues able to choose which they'd prefer to utilise.



OPTION 1 – SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA APP

The latest update of the Speedway Australia app sees a button on the main screen dedicated to the pre-event waiver. People planning on attending any race meeting may now pre-fill the waiver from the comfort of their own home, days (even months) in advance of the next race meeting. The track will receive confirmation of this courtesy of an email.

OPTION 2 – QR CODE AT THE VENUE

Tracks are able to print and laminate a QR code provided by Speedway Australia to be placed outside the pit gate or entry point, much like what you'll find at your local café or McDonalds. This QR code, which may be scanned by the camera on most modern mobile phones, provides a direct link for patrons to the online waiver form, with confirmation sent directly to the venue in the same manner as the mobile phone app.

OPTION 3 – INDEMNITY WAIVER PADS

The old-style hard copy pads are still available, with COVIDSafe regulation requiring strict protocols relating to the use of pens, and social distancing measures around the sign-in area.

OPTION 4 – NOT SIGNING A WAIVER

This is not an option! Signing the indemnity waiver is of vital importance to venues, divisions, and participants, protecting the sport and ensuring people entering the pit area are aware of their obligations and risks. Should your venue require any hard copies of the old-style 12-person form or have any queries regarding the new alternatives to pit indemnity waivers, don't hesitate to contact us using the details below.

KIDS TO GRIDS WEBSITE LAUNCHED



Speedway Australia is excited to launch the brand new website and home of youth Speedway training, Kids to Grids (KTG). This new site will act as a platform for all youth training, at-track coaching and important informational links.

Additionally, the Speedway Australia Rising Star program now moves under the KTG banner, becoming the highest level of

youth training available to competitors. Currently, the website offers a three-tier video Q&A training platform and in early 2021 will also include dates of Rookie training sessions, held in various locations.

The Kids to Grids platform will evolve over time, based on feedback from competitors, parents & coaches. A focus on in-person further development and high-performance training will also be a welcomed addition, giving more experienced competitors greater guidance and bridging the gap between beginners and Rising Stars.

For now, youth competitors and their parents/guardians are encouraged to sign up and experience the FREE video Q&A training available via the website, which includes content for rookie competitors, through to those soon to move into senior classes.

www.kidstogrids.org

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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.



VALE STAN KEELER

It is with a heavy heart Gunnedah Speedway announce the passing of one of our Speedway stalwarts, Stan Keeler, having succumbed to illness in the early hours of Friday, 11 December.

Stan was a racer, chief steward, and a dedicated speedway lover.

Stan's fascination with speedway began in the late 80's, piloting his Chrysler Centura to success at his local Gunnedah and Narrabri tracks. Stan was a regular fixture at the front of the field in a number of sedan classes, including Street Stockers and Fender Benders, always adorning his favourite number #29.

Stan's passion for the sport extended to him leading his local Gunnedah Sedan club, together with his role as Gunnedah's chief steward – a position he would hold for an incredible 33 years. This culminated in the Gunnedah club honouring Stan with life membership for his continued dedication.

Stan's love of speedway proved addictive, with his son Keven and his grandchildren Trent and Todd continuing the family lineage with Super Sedan's, Outlaw Sedan's, and a Street Stocker all proudly wearing Stan's original #29.

Stan's Funeral was held on Thursday 17th December at Boggabri. As a gesture for his dedication and commitment to the sport and his local track, the flags that Stan proudly waved at each meeting were buried along with Stan.

Members of Gunnedah Speedway Club, through long term secretary Joy Darcey and the Gunnedah track team extend their deepest condolences to Stan's wife of 61 years, Beryl Keeler, together with the whole Keeler family,

Stan turned 83 on September 15th. Forever missed but never forgotten.

Vale Stan Keeler.

