

Welcome to the sixth edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, your weekly update on the sport, tips and points to remember. Over the previous five weeks we have covered a wide range of topics and have received some positive feedback from a number of you.

It is our intention to continue this weekly form of communication and we look forward to providing you this support in the weeks to come. Just a quick reminder that if any of the information in here needs to find it's way to social media, we will do so via our Speedway Australia channels only.

Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.



LESSON'S FROM MAC'S SPEEDWAY

Macs Speedway near Mackay in Queensland is a family operated venue that had a serious incident occur on 21 May 2016. The end result saw two injured spectators and a \$60,000 fine imposed on the venue for a "cavalier approach" to safety.

A grandstand that had been earmarked for demolition was still able to be accessed by patrons, and collapsed. Signage, plywood and shade cloth had been previously installed to restrict spectators from the area, but the magistrate ruled this was not sufficient and witnesses on the day stated there was no blockade and no signage.

"It seems the defendant was satisfied to take the action they did, but were not prepared to adequately police the area to ensure those precautions were holding up and preventing members of the public from using the grandstands" said the magistrate.

RobnJosh Pty Ltd pleaded guilty, were fined \$60,000 + \$1092 in costs, and no conviction was recorded.

The salient lesson for all Tracks is that safety is paramount. More particularly:-

- 1) No-go areas must be securely marked and secured with effective barriers that must be maintained.
- 2) In addition, restricted or "no go" areas must be policed by the insured venue.
- 3) If detected, ask persons to leave restricted areas immediately.
- 4) Take steps to demolish or repair any dilapidated or unsafe structures, rather than securing them with warning signage

More details on the Macs Speedway incident are available [here](#)

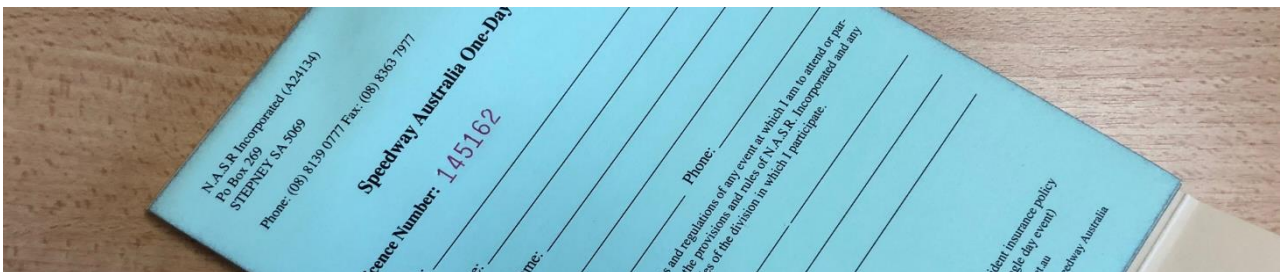


TRACK INSPECTIONS CONTINUE

Over the past month, the Speedway Australia team has been conducting track inspections at various venues around the country. There is a commitment in place with our insurer that we will undertake track inspections as close to a bi-annual basis as possible (annually in NSW), so we have continued to put a program in place to achieve this.

This round of track inspections provides us a fantastic chance to follow up on any areas of work identified in our previous visits and also continues help putting faces to the names of our Speedway Australia staff. The team are already committed to further track inspection tours over the upcoming months so we look forward to seeing a lot of you during this process.

As always, a major area of focus for us is in regard to the structure and condition of catch fences through all our Speedway venues. Our statistics clearly show that debris from the track making its way into the crowd is responsible for the majority of public liability incidents and claims in our sport. We encourage tracks (and divisions when attending events) to take notice of the current condition of your catch fences regardless whether a track inspection is due or not. If you have any enquiries on how to improve yours, please get in contact with us.



ONE DAY PIT LICENCES

It is becoming more frequent that tracks aren't ordering enough One Day Pit Licences to get them through an event or forgetting to order them all together. It is also not recommended that you issue licences on a piece of paper.

We cannot confirm whether the insurer will approve a claim if the licence has been issued on a piece of paper so please don't assume it will be okay. We're sure tracks don't ever want to be the reason why somebodies claim is rejected.

In the future One Day Pit Licences will be available online but until this happens we need you to continue following the current process.

One another quick reminder, a One Day Pit Licence is valid for ONE day. If it is a two day event they need to complete two licences. All green copies of the licence need to be returned to PO Box 269 STEPNEY SA 5069 within 7 days of completion of the event.

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