

Welcome to the 56th 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.



## YOUR INVITE TO OUR BIGGEST WEEKEND OF THE YEAR

Planning is well underway for the biggest industry gathering in the history of the sport, with Speedway Australia inviting every track and divisional body in the country to Adelaide on the weekend of June 22 and 23.

We've organised a number of important events that will be held across the two days at the Adelaide Convention Centre, starting with the informative and interactive National Forum on Saturday. The Australian Speedway Awards and Hall of Fame induction follows on Saturday night, with Sunday seeing the National Safety Conference and Australasian Speedway Promoters Association Conference held simultaneously.

### **Saturday 22 June**

**National Forum** – we've hosted this twice previously as a chance for competitor groups to get together and interact with Speedway Australia. This year we've taken the next step and are inviting all 88 affiliated venues to participate in the Forum. Two representatives from each track and competitor group are welcome to attend at no charge.

**Night of Champions** – the Australian Speedway Awards and Hall of Fame Induction will take place on the Saturday night, with 17 awards up for grabs that honour current and past achievements by competitors, venues, volunteers and administrators. Nominations are open until April 30 via [this link](#), and tickets can be [purchased here](#).

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### Sunday 23 June

**National Safety Conference** – hosted by the Speedway Australia Safety Committee, this will be an opportunity to proactively review the latest safety trends and make recommendations to further enhance safety in the sport. All Forum attendees are welcome to attend, again at no cost to your organisation.

**Australasian Speedway Promoters Association Conference** - a self-funded organisation with the mission to share knowledge and ideas between venue promoters. All tracks are welcome to join the association and share in the benefits of working together for mutual benefit.

All events across the weekend are taking place at the modern and spacious Adelaide Convention Centre. Accommodation is available at the new Holiday Inn Express, just a 200m walk from the venue, with other options also nearby. Awards Night ticket pricing is as per last year (\$150 each or \$1300 for a table of 10), with complimentary refreshments thanks to Marsh Advantage.

Who's already coming? The Speedway Australia Board and Staff, the national Safety Committee, experienced industry safety trainers, the Australasian Speedway Promoters Association Executive and Marsh Advantage representatives. But we also need your organisation to attend in order to make this weekend as successful as possible!

If you are interested in taking part in any or all of the events, please contact your relevant Sport Development Officer to make the necessary arrangements.

Open Wheel, Karting & Vintage Divisions – Adam Brook  
Sedan & Modified Divisions – Ross Kirby  
Tracks in WA, SA, NT and TAS – Ross Kirby  
Tracks in QLD, NSW, ACT and Victoria – Adam Brook

More details will be released in the coming weeks, but please act now to ensure you're at the front of the grid on this special weekend for the sport.

## ROMA JOINS SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA



Situated 355km inland from Toowoomba in South Queensland, the bustling regional hub of Roma is the birthplace of one of Australia's best-loved actors, Ray Meagher who plays Alf Stewart in a popular soap opera. The town also boasts a modern and progressive speedway venue that has joined the Speedway Australia community just in time for their Easter Stampede on April 20.

Having visited the venue in 2018, Speedway Australia is pleased to be able to welcome on board Club President Austin Wells and the rest of the team from the Roma International Motor Speedway. With a lively Sedan community in the region, the track is keen to host competitors from both Home....and Away.

We would like to wish the club the best of luck for their Easter event, and the upcoming meetings on their 2019 schedule.

For more information, check out the clubs Facebook group [here](#)



## HEAD AND NECK RESTRAINT TETHER CLARIFICATION



As far back as Issue #37 we covered Head and Neck restraint tethers, and the timeframe by which they need to be replaced. We have since spoken to many suppliers and manufacturers regarding these products and wish to clarify some information to assist competitors and scrutineers. With multiple products on the market, and different certifications for each, we'd like to clear up a few misconceptions and hopefully make things simpler to understand.

Devices solely carrying an FIA Standard, such as Stand 21 engineered HANS *do not* require recertification, nor do the tethers need replacing.



Should a device carry an SFI 38.1 rating, such as Zamp Z-Tech, the entire device must be recertified or replaced every 5 years from the date on the SFI label. This includes the date found on the tethers themselves. In many cases, replacing tethers and sometimes padding forms part of the recertification process. Regardless, the tethers will need replacing once they meet their expiry, 5 years from the date of manufacture.

Safety devices carrying both the FIA rating and the SFI rating (like Simpson engineered HANS Devices) need to adhere to requirements of each rating – meaning the entire device must be recertified or replaced every 5 years from the date on the SFI label. Once again, the tethers themselves will need replacing once they meet their expiry, 5 years from the date of manufacture as listed on their label.

It is also recommended that tethers on any device be replaced after any accident in excess of 50km/h. These tethers as can stretch in excess of 25mm beyond their standard length, after which they will no longer provide adequate protection in the case of a frontal impact.

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## HELMET LABELLING



Last week's article regarding the differences between AS/NZ, UN/ECE and Snell/FIA standard helmets proved to be an eye opener for many, with a lot of feedback from divisions and competitors who were unaware of the points of difference between each.

Following on from the discussion over helmets, many scrutineers

have contacted us in recent months with difficulties in identifying labelling on helmets – in particular UN ECE labels.

Whilst AS/NZ and Snell Helmets have a clearly identifiable label, either on the shell or inside the helmet lining, many scrutineers have found the UN/ECE label to be more difficult to find. Some helmets may have a sticker on the outer shell referencing the UN/ECE 22-05 standard, however this is NOT the label.

All UN ECE standard helmets will have a label sewn into the chin strap, carrying detailed information relating to the country of homologation, test batch numbers and so on. If a helmet claiming to be of UN/ECE 22-05 standard doesn't have the chin-strap tag similar to the one shown, it's not UN/ECE 22-05 compliant, despite any other labels that may appear on the helmet.

It's worth noting, the chin strap label does not contain any information relating to the date of manufacturer, which in many cases cannot be found on a UN/ECE helmet as it's not a requirement under UN legislation – thus rendering it ineligible for competition.

## ASSOCIATION LIABILITY INSURANCE – QUICK SURVEY



In this day and age, it's important that everyone involved in the sport is protected as best as possible from liability arising out of their speedway activities. We have been asked to consider the co-ordination of a national scheme to assist clubs and associations with a cost-effective Associations Liability Insurance.

Association Liability Insurance incorporates elements of professional indemnity cover and management liability cover to protect the organisation, office bearers and employees against legal costs and damages expenses that could arise from allegations of misconduct, breach of duty, mismanagement and more.

In order to assist Marsh Advantage with approaching insurance companies on behalf of the sport, we need to gather data about the operations of the 267 clubs and divisional state branches that we currently recognise.

This is anonymous survey that we would appreciate someone at your club taking the time to fill out. There are only 5 questions, but they do need to be answered accurately in order to help us help the sport.

[Here is a link to the survey](#), and we appreciate your assistance in advance.



# ASSOCIATION LIABILITY INSURANCE

## What is Associations Liability Insurance?

Associations, office bearers and employees are exposed to a variety of risks arising from the services they provide and the management of the association. Association Liability Insurance incorporates elements of professional indemnity cover and management liability cover to protect the organisation, office bearers and employees against legal costs and damages that could arise from allegations of misconduct, breach of duty, mismanagement and more.



## Why should Associations take out this cover?

Over the years there has been an increase in the number of associations created in the community to meet a wide variety of needs. Despite their good intentions, many of these associations and their officers have found themselves at risk of expensive litigation arising from provision of services to their member or to the public.

With not only the increased risk of litigation but also the increased litigation costs and corporate governance requirements, associations and their officers cannot take the risk of operating without the security of proper cover.

## Examples of Association Liability claims?

- ➔ A volunteer coach alleges the Association via its officers wrongfully denied a request to volunteer based on false and unfounded allegations that he had previously been convicted of child molestation charges.
- ➔ A former member gives notice of legal action following suspension from a club on the basis of false allegations of making threats against other members.
- ➔ Member, employee, or volunteer alleges they were sexually harassed by a Coach and that the board members were negligent in the selection of the coach and in failing to supervise his/ her activities.
- ➔ A competing Association alleges the Board allowed materials to be distributed which damaged the reputation of the Association and caused it to suffer reputational and /or financial loss.
- ➔ A director, officer, employee or volunteer alleged to have used the organisation as a business conduit to benefit themselves.
- ➔ In a prosecution by a 'Work Cover Authority' a workplace death is held to be caused by an inadvertent accident. An officer pleads guilty to charges of failing to provide a safe workplace, training and supervision. Defence costs exceed 6 figures.
- ➔ Directors are sued for failing to conduct routine audits and failing to supervise the Treasurer once it discovers a dramatic shortfall in the Association's bank account.

