

Welcome to the 13th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, your weekly update on the sport, tips and points to remember. Over the previous 11 weeks we have covered a wide range of topics and have received some positive feedback from several 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.



## AWARDS AND FORUM NEXT WEEKEND

The biggest weekend of the year from Speedway Australia's perspective is almost upon us. We've mentioned a number of times about the National Forum and Australian Speedway Awards, but there are a number of other activities taking place throughout the weekend. This is to maximise the benefit of having so many speedway stakeholders in the same place at the same time.

The Australasian Speedway Promoters Association have moved their Annual General Meeting to the Friday at the same venue, and a two-day Speedway Australia Board meeting will take place on Sunday and Monday. The venue for all of the festivities on Saturday 23 June is Rydges Southbank in Brisbane.

The Australian Speedway Awards will see 12 high achievers from the 2017/18 season recognised for their efforts, while another five legends will be inducted into the Australian Speedway Hall of Fame. We have a limited number of tickets for the gala dinner still available via [this link](#).

Doors open to the 12th floor function room at 6:30pm, with proceedings kicking off at 7pm sharp. Dress code is cocktail for Ladies and shirt & tie for gents, with complimentary beverages until 10:30pm.



**SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA**  
**NATIONAL FORUM**  
BRISBANE 2018

**SATURDAY 23 JUNE**

  
**RYDGES**

Rydges South Bank, 9 Glenelg St, South Brisbane

Start: 10am  
Estimated finish: 4:30pm

Two delegates per division may attend the forum

Please RSVP to [james@speedwayaustralia.net.au](mailto:james@speedwayaustralia.net.au)  
to confirm your attendance

The Australian Speedway Awards & Hall of Fame will  
be held at the same venue from 6:30pm

## SOCIAL MEDIA PROCESS

Late last year, Speedway Australia introduced a standardised process for dealing with potential social media misconduct within the sport. The aim was to ensure consistency in penalties, with a byproduct being the ability for clubs and divisions to offload a potentially fractious situation within their organisation to Speedway Australia.

In brief, if potential social media misconduct is identified, it is graded according to severity as follows:-

Severity	Explanation
1 - Mild	Single post - throwaway remark, e.g. "Speedway Australia are a bunch of clowns"
2	Single post - personalised abuse, e.g. "John Smith/Car 49 is a clown"
3	Single post - extreme threat, e.g. "John Smith is a [profanity] clown"
4	Multiple posts - throwaway remarks at a Level 1 severity
5	Multiple posts - personalised abuse at a Level 2 severity
6	Sustained severe abuse &/or racial, cultural, gender identity or sexual orientation
7 - Severe	Death threats

Over 30 licence holders have been through this process in the first half of the year, with a number of penalties issued. After a number of months utilising this process, we can report that the vast majority of social media referrals to Speedway Australia are not licence holders, and therefore outside our jurisdiction. This can be viewed in a positive light, as it shows that the vast majority of competitors are aware of their responsibilities when it comes to social media.

However, it does mean that clubs do still need to have to have their own policy to deal with potential misconduct by others within their group. Obviously, we'd recommend utilising the same process that Speedway Australia does. This involves issuing a please explain letter before a decision is made on any penalty, ensuring the provisions of natural justice are adhered to.

Complete details of the social media rules can be found on page 65 of the current rulebook, available [here](#).

## NEW RULES ENFORCED JULY 1ST

This item is a repeat from last week's newsletter, but with additional clarification as noted in bold below.

A quick reminder to everyone that rule changes in regard to Horse Collars, Socks & Arm Restraints come into effect as of 1 July 2018, as advised in the Speedway Australia Racing Rules & Regulations. Please ensure Scrutineers are checking all items of safety gear and that competitors are educated to ensure compliance with these rules.

*Note: All foam Horse Collars must be SFI 3.3 Spec. **The top two labels are examples of collars that are non-compliant from this date. The bottom label is the only approved standard for helmet supports.***

To view the current Speedway Australia Racing Rules & Regulations, please [click here](#). Relevant rule changes can be found starting from page 104.

