

Welcome to the 137th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

SPEEDWAY CLUB RECOGNITION



From time to time we receive requests from individuals seeking affiliation with Speedway Australia for a new Speedway club. In most cases, they're looking to establish a club to service their racing division at their home track, however sometimes these requests are an attempt to breakaway owing to disagreements or a falling out of members from another club.

Organisations which Speedway Australia recognise as affiliated associations include all the associations managing the Racing Divisions that are approved and endorsed by Speedway Australia. These include each of the nine national

divisional bodies, and all state-based divisions listed on our website, and in our licencing system.

For a club to provide membership, licencing and logbooks to its members, it too must also be recognised and affiliated by the racing division which it plans to service.

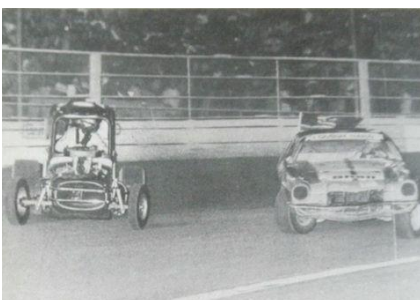
Racing divisional bodies invest significant time and energy in the creation of bespoke technical rules and constitutional frameworks for their class of racing, of which they own the intellectual property rights to. Attempting to create a club to race an existing divisional bodies cars without their permission, would result in a breach of a number of copyright and intellectual property laws designed to encourage and organisations who invest their time and money in the creation of new material.

Think of it like starting a new fast-food store – you couldn't sell 'McDonald's' without having a franchise agreement in place, as you'd be opening yourself to all kinds of litigation!

It is our intention to assist our divisions in enforcing their rights – which may include enforcing protections offered under copyright law for their intellectual property. Speedway Australia welcomes clubs who affiliate with existing divisions but set the bar for the creation of new divisions deliberately high to discourage breakaway organisations, as we wish to avoid splintering of the sport into smaller separate groups of similar vehicles.

CAN DIFFERENT CLASSES RACE TOGETHER?

A question we're asked all the time is 'can different speedway classes run together on the track at the same time?'



We can confirm that yes, this is in fact permitted with examples going back as far as the Early 1970's as you can see pictured. Such practices have no effect on the competitor's personal accident insurance - provided that the classes have similar safety standards.

If the safety standards are similar, then the decision to allow divisions to run together depends on approval being forthcoming from the host track, and the respective divisional governing body (For example, such practice is not permitted with Speedway Sedans Australia Classes).

WHO'S ROLE IS IT TO CHECK LICENCE VALIDITY?



At a typical race event, there are a number of officials and volunteers present to ensure the smooth operation of the event, from sign in and scrutineering right through to the podium at the nights end.

A question often asked is, who's responsibility is it to check a competitor's licence is in-date, valid for the relevant racing division and free from suspension?

Speedway Australia Rules and Regulations specify; -

5.6.2 (a) During scrutineering, the Scrutineers duties and responsibilities are to check the validity of the Driver's Licence.

Where a competitor is racing under a one-day licence, these rules also include a limit to the amount of one-day licences which may be used for competition purposes; -

2.2.17 (c) Only two One Day Licences can be purchased per Competitor per season for competition purposes. After the 2 Licences have been used the Competitor needs to upgrade to a full licence.

The penalties for not holding the appropriate licence consist of a \$500 fine, and 3-month suspension.

Clubs are reminded that competitors are only required to purchase the licence applicable to their highest rated division, however it is a requirement when obtaining or renewing a competition licence that ALL relevant racing divisions be listed to ensure a driver holds the appropriate licence. Whilst not only a requirement under Speedway Australia rules, it is also invaluable as the funding and National Status of a division are all derived from licencing data. If drivers who compete in your division don't have it listed on their licence, their participation is not reflected in our data.

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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.





WE ARE AUSTRALIAN SPEEDWAY

WE ARE THE ONLY NATIONAL LICENCING BODY DEDICATED SOLELY TO AUSTRALIAN SPEEDWAY



91 Venues Licenced



The most comprehensive and value for money competitor and track licensing in the country

\$25

Officials Licence Fee (down from \$140)

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Years without a Licence Fee Increase



\$100,000 in Grants to Tracks in 2020

ALL SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA TRACKS RECEIVE



Access to Kids to Grids - a world first junior development programme



A Dedicated Sport Development Officer to assist with funding, regulatory and administration requirements



Eligibility to host SSA National Title Events



Access to 8 full time staff



Australian Speedway Awards Eligibility to recognise your Venue, Officials and Competitors



Rising Star Program Access for your Competitors and Officials



- **FREE** Track Operators Manual
- **FREE** Venue signage
- **FREE** Track Inspections
- **FREE** Practice Permits
- **REFUNDS** in the event a race meeting is cancelled



Access to our grant programmes over \$400,000 per year across tracks and divisions



Pay as you go Public Liability Insurance 24/7, 365 day cover to the value of \$50,000,000