

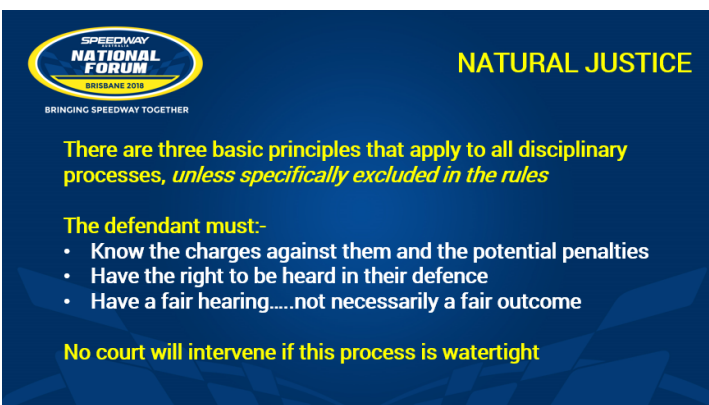
Welcome to the 21st edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, your weekly update on the sport, tips and points to remember. Over the previous 20 weeks we have covered a wide range of topics and have received some positive feedback from several of you.

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.

NATURAL JUSTICE IN SPEEDWAY

This is a reminder that the concept of natural justice applies to all rules and regulations across the entire sport, unless specifically excluded in the relevant rule. We discussed this at our National Forum in June, and are mentioning it again because we keep hearing about well-meaning committee's failing to adhere to this concept.



NATURAL JUSTICE

There are three basic principles that apply to all disciplinary processes, *unless specifically excluded in the rules*

The defendant must:-

- Know the charges against them and the potential penalties
- Have the right to be heard in their defence
- Have a fair hearing.....not necessarily a fair outcome

No court will intervene if this process is watertight

From time to time there are club members that do misbehave, and a period of suspension may be entirely warranted. However, if a committee makes a decision to penalise a club member without giving them a chance to know the charges against them or let themselves be heard in their defence, then there is a likelihood that the penalty could be overturned. Speedway Australia are happy to assist in this regard, providing advice to clubs to ensure they don't get into difficulty. It's

better to get the process right first time, rather than rushing to judgement at a committee meeting and having to back down later.

As an example, we utilise the concept of natural justice with our Social Media Misconduct process, issuing a please explain letter to the alleged offender before a decision is made. However, when the misconduct is severe enough that a harsh penalty could be in the offing, the licence holder is stood down in the interim as provided for in rule 7.6.6(f). This is a great example of natural justice being specifically excluded, and another is when a competitor is sent to the rear of the field during a race (Rule 4.11.6). That decision is specifically not reviewable in accordance with Rule 8.3.2.

Any questions on this – please ask!

CHANGE OF CONTACTS

As you will be aware from our previous eNews updates, our Accounts & Licensing Administrator Nicole is finishing up with Speedway Australia next Thursday 16th August.

This will mean a few changes in terms of contacts in the office. All tracks are now advised to please send any track permit requests to our Track & Safety Development Officer, Liz Weaver, from now

on. Liz will be looking after all track permits as part of her role going forward and her contact details are listed later in this newsletter.

Also, many of you are used to sending general information request emails to Nicole's email, so we'd love to remind you all of our admin@speedwayaustralia.net.au email address. This will be the best place to send any general enquiries going forward, so they can be passed on to the relevant person from there.

HELMETS WITH A FIVE YEAR LIFE

Some of the helmets permitted under Speedway Australia's rules have a requirement that they be no older than five years from the date of manufacture.

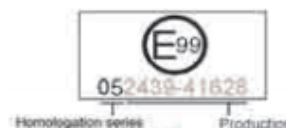
This is a reminder to check that the helmet does indeed have a date of manufacture, as if one isn't present it is impossible to verify the age of the helmet and thus it is unable to be used on the track.

The affected standards are:-

British Standard: BS 6658-85 Type A/FR

Australia/NZ Standard: AS/NZS 1698:2006

United Nations Standard: UN ECE 22.05



Helmets with the latter standard in particular could be affected by this, as it is not a United Nations requirement to include the date of manufacture as part of the helmet certification process.



SUSPENSION LIST REMINDERS

Several of you have enquired of late as to what the 'further notice' note next to some on the suspended list means. This simply means one of two things;

- The relevant person has yet to pay an outstanding fine and is suspended until such time as they do.
- There is outstanding information surrounding the suspension that has yet to be received by the Speedway Australia office, e.g. a disciplinary tribunal result.

It's also important to note that regardless of whether or not the suspended person holds a current licence with us, their name will still be listed until either of the above is sorted.

Finally, we have seen/heard a few occasions of this suspension list surfacing on social media or being openly talked about at events. As mentioned at the top of this newsletter, information in this is designed for track and club operators only and is not for general consumption unless posted by Speedway Australia. Put simply, we aren't posting the suspension list online, so we don't want to see it popping up anywhere else.

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