

Welcome to the 80th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

LEAD IS DEAD (AND ILLEGAL)



Although it's not widely used in Speedway, some classes of car – particularly those using engines imported from the United States rely on leaded racing fuel from specialist suppliers such as VP Racing Fuel, and Elf. While phased out of general road use in the year 2000, it wasn't until 2017 when the Federal Government announced a total ban on the use of leaded fuel for competition use, which finally came into effect on July 1 2019 having given competitors and suppliers two years' grace to find a suitable alternative.

What does this mean for us as Speedway competitors? With the Federal Government ban having taken effect on July 1, vehicles relying on leaded fuel will need to find a suitable alternative before competing in the coming season. With such bans having already taken place across some US States and Europe in the past decade, unleaded alternatives are available which contain lubricity additives, negating the need for expensive engine rebuilding or tuning to accommodate the change in fuel supply. Bear in mind, the penalties for being caught using leaded fuel in your racing vehicle are quite hefty, so best to speak to your supplier about a suitable alternative.

HOLDING THE APPROPRIATE LICENCE

SPEEDWAY RACING LICENCE

5942



Class:AA
Super Sedans
Production Sedans
SSA Street Stocks

Rowdy
Burns

Expires: 29/08/2019



As the new racing season draws closer, we're seeing an influx of new competition licences, and licence renewals coming in. For the most part, drivers obtaining or renewing a licence will list the sole division they wish to compete in across the upcoming season, however there are some competitors who may race across multiple divisions.

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, this also proves invaluable for us as feedback provided to divisions, together with funding and divisions National Status are all derived from licencing data. If drivers don't who compete in your division don't have it listed on their licence, their participation is not reflected in our data.

A further reminder that current **Speedway Australia Rules and Regulations** specify it is the responsibility of the division **Scrutineer** to check these licences at events, ensuring the relevant racing division is listed on that licence. The penalties for not holding the appropriate licence consist of a \$500 fine, and 3-month suspension.



SHORT ON OFFICIALS?



If there's one thing that upsets us, it's race events being cancelled for any reason other than inclement weather. One such example of this, is when tracks cancel an event because they are unable to obtain a Chief Steward to preside over a particular division.

Under Speedway Australia rules and regulations, it is the responsibility of the divisional body to provide the Stewards and Scrutineers for their respective racing division. Speedway Australia is investing heavily in increasing the number of these Officials nationwide, with reductions in the costs of Officials licences, together with a national training program in the

works, making it easier for Clubs and Divisions to engage new (and younger) people into becoming actively involved in our sport, removing the burden of travel, and time away to conduct race officials training.

Should your venue find itself in a situation where it can't find Stewards for upcoming events, before you cancel please don't hesitate to contact your Sport Development Officer, as we may find someone suitable to assist. Speak to Adam Brook for venues in QLD, NSW and VIC, and Ross Kirby for WA, SA, NT and TAS using the contact details below.

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Please see below for the relevant contacts for all your Speedway Australia requirements.

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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.

Please make sure that if you are the contact receiving this information for your organisation that you pass the information on to the rest of your committee as to keep them in the loop. You are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to your members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.





SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA
WE ARE AUSTRALIAN SPEEDWAY

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

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Venues Licenced



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

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Years without a Licence Fee Increase

\$25

Officials Licence Fee (down from \$140)



\$70,000 in Grants to Tracks in 2019

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