

Welcome to the 71st edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

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.

OFFICIALS UNDER 40 – APPLY NOW!



Applications are now open for the 2019/20 Speedway Australia Rising Star Officials Program

The Officials Rising Star Program will take place in conjunction with the highest-pressure road trip in Australian speedway – World Series Sprintcars Speedweek!

Starting in Murray Bridge on Boxing Night, four selected Rising Stars will be involved in a variety of experiences and learning situations. During the week each individual will buddy up with a

different administrator each night, rotating around the roles to ensure a full immersion. Those roles include the Chief Steward, WSS Race Director and Assistant Race Director, WSS Race Secretary, Social Media Co-ordinator and more. The four successful candidates will receive flights to and from Adelaide and Warrnambool, and accommodation from Dec 26 to January 2, with all other expenses covered – even their uniform.

We want to hear from Speedway Australia officials who are willing to come on the road during Speedweek and meet the following criteria: -

- A Speedway Australia licenced official as at 31 August 2019
- Under the age of 40 (in keeping with the Rising Star philosophy of developing young talent)
- Have a direction and desire to achieve within the sport
- Show a history of involvement with tracks or divisions
- Be able to endure the physical and mental strain of Speedweek, with long days and constant travel
- Have a driver's licence (to share the rental car driving duties)

We will be reaching out to all Licenced Officials under the age of 40 in the coming weeks with an invitation to apply for the Rising Stars Program. If your club knows of someone who meets the above criteria, but isn't currently a Speedway Australia Licenced Official, we insist you encourage them to become an official now for the chance to be involved in the officiating experience of a lifetime!

Applications can be made online, using the form via the link below. In addition to the personal details, applicants are also required to submit a brief presentation outlining their achievements and goals off track within the sport.

To apply, see here: <http://www.risingstars.org.au/nominate>

Applications close August 31.

GET YOUR TRACK GRANT APPLICATION IN NOW



A fortnight ago we launched the latest Track Grant Scheme, setting aside \$50,000 for immediate improvements at Speedway Australia venues with a focus on safety, in particular items that can lead to a reduction in public liability claims.

The response has been overwhelming, with many venues having made submissions for items including smaller mesh for safety fences, improving the structure and strength of pit gates, and improvements to catch fences and wire ropes.

Track & Safety Development Officer, Liz Weaver is in the process of getting in touch with venues we think could benefit from this scheme, particularly those with issues around flying clay. However, all venues are also encouraged to apply if they have a desire to upgrade their facility in terms of the criteria above.

The application process is simple. An email or letter outlining what upgrades you wish to undertake at your venue and the benefit it will bring, together with quotes for materials to undertake the work, bearing in mind we will not fund the labour portion of any upgrade. There are no guarantees as \$50,000 is a drop in the bucket of what could be spent on venue upgrades, but it is a start and we fully intend to derive maximum benefit from it – so make your application count!

We can approve a maximum of \$10,000 to any one venue, but it's more likely that grants will be in the region of \$3000 - \$5000.

For venues which may require upgrades over and above what we can afford, we strongly suggest you get in touch with your relevant Sport Development Officer who can help you apply for external funding through various State and Federal Government Programs. If you're in QLD, NSW or VIC your contact is Adam Brook, while in WA, SA, NT and TAS it's Ross Kirby who can be of assistance.

NATIONAL CALENDAR – SEND US YOUR DATES



The 2019/20 season is taking shape, with venues in the process of finalising their plans for coming summer.

We are looking forward to once again putting together an electronic version of the almost 90 track calendars as an easy to read .pdf for competitors to access either online, or

via the upcoming Speedway Australia App.

We would appreciate venues emailing through their upcoming race dates as soon as they are finalised. A word document is preferable as it means we can cut and paste the information as required. Dates can be emailed to the relevant Sport Development Officer listed below.

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

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WE ARE THE ONLY LICENSING BODY WITH THE NATIONAL INTERESTS OF SPEEDWAY AT HEART



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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)



40%

Track permit fees have dropped since 2017

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