

Welcome to the 51st edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

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.

JUNIOR LICENCE HOLDERS

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This week we wish to remind Junior Clubs, Parents and Drivers of the rules relating to whether they may continue to compete in their respective division after their 17th Birthday.

Section 2.2.5 of the Racing Rules and Regulations states;

- all Juniors must be under 17 years of age at the time of applying for their licence

And;

- If a Junior licence is obtained at the age of 16 years old, the holder is eligible

to finish the season on the Junior licence, even if they turn 17 during the season.

What does this mean for Junior competitors wishing to remain in Juniors for the 2019/20 Season? If you were born June 30th 2002 or earlier, unfortunately you must obtain a Senior Licence for next season. However, if you were born July 1st 2002 or later, you may choose to remain in juniors – provided you renew your Junior licence **before** your 17th birthday. Alternatively, once you're 16 years old you may wish to step up into Senior competition.

Of course, if you're uncertain as to which licence you require, you can ask a staff member using the details in the contacts section below.

RACEWEAR MAINTENANCE

From time to time we receive queries regarding racewear and apparel with missing, faded or unreadable safety rating tags. Frustratingly, in cases where the SFI or FIA tag can't be read by a scrutineer, the racewear is rendered non-compliant. With the use of sublimated labels on the rise – particularly in FIA standard gloves and underwear, this is becoming more prevalent.

In many cases, it's the rigours of washing racewear week-in, week-out which causes this wear and tear to occur. Much like your car, racegear is a costly investment - one that requires proper maintenance to extend its use. Rather than spending money on expensive cleaning products or dry cleaning, there are a few simple steps you can take to ensure your racegear remains in good condition.

Items with sewn on or sublimated safety patches such as gloves, socks, balaclavas and underwear are the main cause for concern. Manufacturers recommend these items be washed using a wash bag. By washing these items openly in the machine, you expose the labels to abrasions with other items of clothing as they tumble.

A wash bag will keep them contained, preventing the labels from dragging and potentially tearing off over time. Reusable wash bags can be found at K-Mart or Big W for as little as \$2 each – a solid investment considering the cost of new apparel.

Further to this, it's recommended these items be hung on the line to dry. As easy as it is to throw them in the drier, this further adds to the tumbling/abrasions, and will wear out your garment over time.

It's worth noting, dry cleaning is quite harsh on racewear. Whilst this may be ok for a race suit (particularly an FIA suit with an embroidered label) it is not suitable for delicate items like gloves and underwear – especially with sublimated labels (I lost a pair of gloves myself due to this - pictured)

If you have an item which has a missing or faded tag, we urge you to speak with the retailer or manufacturer and alert them of the issue. Many leading racewear suppliers such as Revolution Racegear warrant their own products should safety labels wear out or fall off, and in many cases will repair the item for you should it become non-compliant.

As always, the minimum standards of apparel for your division are available at <https://www.speedwayaustralia.org/media.ashx/speedway-australia-rulebook-draft-july-2018.pdf> If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to call or email us using the contact details below.



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