

Welcome to the 29th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, your weekly update on the sport, tips and points to remember. Over the previous 28 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 its 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.



Left: Example above of no neck brace being used in a derby. **Right:** Open faced helmet instead of a full faced with visor.

DEMOLITION DERBIES, COMPLIANCE WITH THE RULES – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Following several instances of non-compliance being witness by both Speedway Australia and its licence holders, this is a timely reminder for all venue operators regarding Demolition Derby rules & vehicle specs.

The Demolition Derby rules & vehicle specifications are listed in the Speedway Australia Racing Rules & Regulations starting on page 74. These are the rules that all venues must be following and enforcing when hosting a Demolition Derby. Full compliance of all these rules is required whenever a Demolition Derby, Ramp Race, Figure 8 race etc is conducted to ensure activity is conducted safely

This includes (but not limited to):

- One-piece driving suit or one-piece cotton drill overalls with covered footwear – no nylon clothing. No pants/jumpers/hoodies!
- Full face helmet with visor must be worn. This means no open faced or motorcycle helmets.
- A neck brace must be worn.

We are consistently seeing evidence of non-compliance and it is critical that we are all doing the right thing for the safety of everyone involved.

In addition to the checking of safety gear, venue operators also need to ensure that scrutineering is taking place for all vehicles and competitors entered in the event prior to the derby starting. Of course, stewards also need to be aware of the racing rules as listed and ensure these are abided by.

LINK TO OUR RULEBOOK HERE: <https://www.speedwayaustralia.org/media.ashx/speedway-australia-rulebook-draft-july-2018.pdf>

ANOTHER OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE REMINDER

Sadly, we once again need to advise around the importance of all clubs, stewards and divisions knowing the rules when it comes to outside assistance. The below was posted in our eNews two weeks ago so we have once again included this as a reminder.

Speedway Australia puts heavy importance on fair & safe competition in the sport of Speedway, with this being achieved using our comprehensive rule book.

We can also advise than any recognised instances of outside assistance that Speedway Australia receives will be investigated by the office with please explain letters sent to relevant individuals or organisations, with any penalties determined by the Speedway Australia board.



It's important for all divisions and Officials to remember the rules when it comes to outside assistance in the form of communication devices.

The only form of communication permitted during a race event is from Chief Steward to competitor via the one-way receiver system.

We have inserted the relevant rule below, which highlights the severity of a penalty for breaking this rule.

A minimum 12-month suspension will apply to any driver and race car owner if found guilty.

We have inserted a photo taken of the Late Model class which gives an example of outside assistance in play. Teams are communicating with drivers by the way of waving sticks in certain motions on the infield. This is clearly a form of outside communication and it also brings further personnel onto the infield who do not need to be there. We're sure everyone can understand the further risks involved being on the infield.

We haven't included this photo to pick on Late Models, but instead as example to all divisions and tracks on the importance of this rule.

Please see below for the relevant rule:

- 3.4.4. *No additional communication equipment, including mobile phones, is permitted to any Driver in a Race Car on the Race Track. A minimum penalty of 12 months suspension will apply to any Driver and Race Car Owner (where the Driver is not the Race Car Owner) if found guilty of using an unauthorised communication device.*

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