

Welcome to the 39th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, your weekly update on the sport, tips and points to remember. 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.

With the suspension list attached to the document, this is not information every licence holder or club member should be receiving. However, 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 to make sure your team can also be kept aware. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

FIELD SIZES CLARIFIED

We're quite often asked what the maximum field sizes are at various tracks around the country, so at our Board meeting earlier this week a simplified policy was signed off which we can publish here:-

Open Wheel and Modified maximum field sizes are generally 20 cars unless a venue has specific approval to go to 24. These venues know who they are, so if you don't have something in writing from us then it's safe to assume your limit is 20. We do also allow one extra car in the case of a written supplementary rule stating the defending champion may start from the rear, so effectively the limit is 20+1.



Sedan maximum field sizes are now 24 cars nationwide, providing the relevant divisional body is comfortable with doing so. This is an absolute maximum so if supplementary regulations provide for a defending champion to start at the rear of the field for example, then it's 23 qualifiers +1.

From our perspective the above limits apply whether the race is a heat or a feature, although we know that many bodies have their own maximum field sizes that are lower than this.

Some tracks also have other lower limits depending on their star rating, e.g. 1 Star tracks can only run a maximum of 10 cars in certain open wheel categories. These are noted on the relevant meeting permit.

Hopefully this clarifies the situation for everyone. Please direct any feedback on this to Tim directly.

JUNIOR LICENSE RENEWALS

From time to time we receive enquiries from Junior Competitors, 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.



We urge clubs to make certain competitors with a license due to expire before the end of the current season, submit their renewal prior to their 17th birthdays to ensure they are eligible to see out their racing calendar.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS DURING CHRISTMAS

Last week we advised that the organisation won't be closing over Xmas, primarily so that licences will continue to be processed as usual.

What we can't yet do is provide contact numbers for that time period as it's likely to be the Sydney-based team holding the fort between Xmas and New Year. We are waiting for our new landlines to be installed at the NSW Sports House, and once that happens, we'll let you know the details. If they don't arrive before Santa does then mobile numbers will be the main point of contact. Stand by for a further update next week!



GET THOSE PERMITS SORTED EARLY

In addition to wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Mark Holmes from Marsh has asked us to remind venues that to ensure uninterrupted service throughout December and January, the January invoices should be paid in full.

Transaction receipts are to be emailed to Mark via Mark.Holmes@marshadvantage.com
Thanks to everyone for your assistance with this.

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