

Welcome to the 54th 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.

AUSTRALIAN AWARDS & HALL OF FAME: NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Nominations are now open for the 2019 Australian Speedway Awards and Hall of Fame Ceremony, to be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre on June 22. This will be the fourth time we have hosted the annual Awards night, which will also see the 8th induction to the Australian Speedway Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame ceremony will recognise and pay tribute to the legendary figures in the history of Australian Speedway, while the Australian Speedway Awards will reward the top performers of the year across 12 categories, engaging many of the stakeholders within our sport including Clubs, Venues, Officials, Media as well as competitors.

Last year witnessed over 250 nominations across all categories, which were open to every competitor, volunteer and administrator in the country. Categories for this year's awards will once again include;

- Track of the Year
- Most Improved Track of the Year
- Official/Volunteer of the Year
- Photographer of the Year
- Promotional Item of the Year
- Innovation of the Year
- Competitor of the Year – Open Wheel
- Competitor of the Year – Sedan
- Competitor of the Year – Modified
- Competitor of the Year – Karting
- Competitor of the Year – Youth
- Sportsperson of the Year

Nominations close April 30 so be sure to get yours in quick. You can nominate for both the Australian Speedway Awards & Speedway Hall of Fame [here](#).

INFIELD SAFETY

We all know that the infield of a speedway track is a dangerous place, with statistics for this decade showing it to have the greatest risk of injury or death than any other part of a venue. Keeping everyone on the infield safe is the joint responsibility of both the venue and the racing division whose cars are out on the track at any time.

Officials need to be alert, safely positioned and aware of their surroundings so they can react quickly in the event of a worst-case scenario. They should always be on the inside of cars turning left (or right in the case of a reverse direction race), both on the track and where any infield has a chute for direct access to the pits.



Infield barriers are not compulsory across the country but are a requirement in South Australia and are common at many other tracks. We do ask that Stewards advise us of any near misses to us in their post-event reports, so we can continue to closely monitor this high-risk part of the speedway complex.

JUNIOR OFFICIALS

Several clubs have raised the question regarding the minimum age for Stewards and Scrutineers, with several young people showing interest in taking an active part in organising Speedway meetings.

As Stewards and Scrutineers are endorsed by the Divisions, and licenced through us, there is no minimum age in the regulations to be a Speedway Official (aside from the Junior licence requirements) Age should be no barrier at either end of the spectrum for Speedway Officials. Rather, these individuals should be selected on merit for their skills, capabilities and level of maturity shown toward the task at hand.



With the current average age for Speedway Officials in excess of 60, we are working hard to encourage development and learning pathways for all Speedway Stewards and Scrutineers to improve and develop their skill levels to the highest level of recognition. Together with initiatives such as the Rising Star Officials Program, we hope to encourage many more Junior Officials to the sport in the coming years.

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