

It's hard to believe but it's one year since the launch of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, which is distributed weekly to over 330 clubs and organisations involved in the sport throughout the country. By and large the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, as we've covered a vast range of topics that we think will be of interest to speedway administrators and volunteers.

Speedway Australia has continued to pursue its goal of adding value to the sport over the last twelve months, and this newsletter has been an important part of the education and communication goals that we strive for. Some of the other milestones that have recently been achieved include: -

- Competitor licence fees unchanged for 5 years
- Track permits an average of 38% cheaper than 2017
- Stewards & Scrutineers licence fees down 64%
- Rising Star Program doubled in size
- Youth Development role created
- Offices opened in Sydney & Perth
- Fantasy Speedway expanded



Still to be rolled out in 2019 are the training programmes for Officials, the "Kids to Grids" Youth Development Program, and electronic licences. There will also be more details next week on the National Forum and Annual Awards night, which will be open to all tracks and divisional bodies to attend.

Speedway Australia has a core group of staffers who are a fantastic team of experienced speedway fans, overseen by a balanced board of Directors who truly represent the sport in this country. We'll continue to oversee managed change in the way that we operate, to ensure the best mix of value and service for speedway stakeholders.

Thanks for being a part of the Speedway Australia family, and we wish you all the best for the upcoming months, whether your season is starting to wind down or just beginning in earnest.

Yours in Speedway,

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NEW RULEBOOK AVAILABLE NOW

There have been two rule changes approved in the first quarter of the year, necessitating the reissue of the rulebook. The latest edition that competitors and officials should be utilising is the March 2019 version.



A brief summary of the changes are as follows: -

1 Concussion/Loss of Consciousness

This is a replication of the SCCA rule already in force for Sprintcar and Wingless Sprint competitors, and now applies across the board for all forms of speedway racing.

2.2.13 (b) In the event of a driver being concussed/unconscious it is mandatory for that driver to obtain a written medical clearance before racing again.

The effect of this rule is that a competitor is placed on immediate stand-down and cannot race again at the meeting and thereafter until cleared, even if they only lost consciousness for a brief period of time.

2 Formula 500 Protest Rules

This class has its own separate protest rules, which have been clarified from a process perspective just in time for the Australian title at Goulburn in NSW next month. They are to be found in Appendix 5 of the rulebook, page 127.

The new rulebook can be downloaded here: - [March 2019 Rulebook](#)

BULLYING AT THE RACETRACK

Several emails have found their way to our inbox in recent weeks regarding the conduct of licence holders at Speedway events across the country. Often these complaints involve allegations of unsafe practices at a venue or bullying of fellow racegoers.

From the time the participants enter the Speedway Complex (including public areas and car parks) until 30 minutes after the completion of the last Event on the race meeting program, the chief steward is responsible for the control of all licenced people within the venue. The Chief Steward has the power to order the removal from the Speedway Complex of any person who is interfering with the efficient running of the race meeting. This doesn't apply only to drivers and crew members either – anyone holding a Speedway Australia licence at the event is answerable to the Chief Steward, including all other Officials, even Photographers and Media.

Speedway Australia rules include a zero tolerance for violence, threats or abuse of any kind. Should you bear witness to or be involved in any sort of bullying at the race track, we urge you to let your issue be known to the Race Secretary or directly to the Chief Steward so it can be dealt with swiftly and appropriately.

