

## SPEED ENEWS EDITION 33 | 2 NOVEMBER 2018

Welcome to the 33<sup>rd</sup> 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.

#### NEW RULEBOOK OUT NOW!

The November 2018 edition of the Speedway Australia rulebook is out, with several additions that affect a small number of competitors. The main change is tidying up safety apparel for Junior Formula 500's, who are a rapidly growing division on the East Coast. Full list of changes is as follows:-

- Junior Formula 500 Safety Apparel
- WA Junior Quarter Midget age of eligibility
- Mirrors in QLD Stockcars
- Demolition Derby Spec additions

You can download the <u>latest rulebook here</u>

#### THERAPEUTIC USE EXEMPTIONS

At times there are cases where licence holders in our sport are prescribed by their doctor medications that are listed in our prohibited substances list. It is important that all tracks and divisions join Speedway Australia to help educate everyone on the importance of obtaining a Therapeutic Use Exemption long before heading to an event.

Every licence holder, either on track or off, fills out the Speedway Australia health statement when completing their licence application and competitors also file medicals. These are the perfect place to list any prescribed medications.

If we see substances declared that we are aware are prohibited,

we do proactively contact licence holders suggesting that they obtain a Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE). However, it's important to remember that If anyone's medications change throughout the course of the year, or if they start taking new medications, it's crucial that they organise a TUE.

Speedway Australia conducts random drug testing at events around the country. If someone selected for this testing produces a non-negative result that matches their prescribed medication on their TUE, they will be able to continue with their night. Secondary testing is also sent off to confirm the levels found match. If we do not have a TUE on file for the person tested, unfortunately they will be unable to continue with the event they're involved in. We can't stress enough for all Speedway Australia licence holders to ensure they read the rule book regarding medications, and if in doubt ask your doctor. We want to see everyone get through meetings without hassle!





### LICENSING AUTO EMAIL ISSUES

We are currently experiencing some temporary issues with automatic licence emails, particularly ones notifying clubs that licences have been approved.

Please utilise the club portal for any enquiries if you believe a licence should be heading your way. The system is being worked on and should be back to full service ASAP.

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#### Speedway Australia Contacts

Please see below for the relevant contacts for all your Speedway Australia requirements.

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