

Welcome to the 172nd edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

Speed eNews is a weekly communication aimed toward keeping 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. Clubs are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO OFFICIALS TRAINING PROGRAM

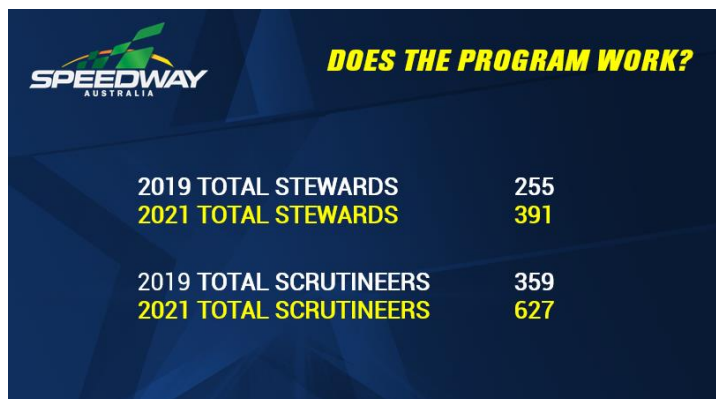
Our national Racing Officials online Training Program has been in place for almost two years and has led to some fabulous outcomes for the sport.

We provided a summary at the recent National Forum, some of which we've replicated here. A massive increase in the number of accredited Officials and a large drop in the average age of Stewards and Scrutineers is future-proofing the sport, especially in areas that are recording large increases in competitors, and remote regions where it's impractical to travel thousands of kilometres for in-person learning.

Over 1000 people have registered for the free program, which is a mix of a speedway-specific curriculum and a number of generic Sport Australia modules, aimed to provide a broad base of skills for Officials.

The Sport Australia modules were always a bit of a challenge and they've now made the decision to remove them as part of an overhaul of their training. We're in the process of evaluating other options to replace them in conjunction with our provider eTrainu (as are many sports in the same position), so in the meantime the training platform doesn't require the completion of anything other than the nine Speedway Australia modules.

We'll advise when this changes, but in the meantime we are expecting a bit of a rush as there were a number of people who had completed most aspects of the training other than the AIS modules!



DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

2019 TOTAL STEWARDS	255
2021 TOTAL STEWARDS	391
2019 TOTAL SCRUTINEERS	359
2021 TOTAL SCRUTINEERS	627



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AVERAGE AGE OF OFFICIALS

2019 - 57 years old
2021 - 51 years old



THE PROGRAM

13 9 TRAINING MODULES

- 9 x Speedway Specific
- 4 x Sport Australia

Comprehensive Stewards Training, together with the basics for Scrutineers

LICENCE FEE ADJUSTMENTS NOW IN FORCE

Speedway Australia has released an updated schedule of fees effective from the start of the 2021/22 season, with important adjustments for some sectors of the community to take note of.

A combination of external and internal pressures has led to unavoidable increases, but many licence holders will notice no change to the amounts that they pay. The entire industry has worked hard over recent years to increase efficiency and reduce risk, and it's still pleasing that this is the first time that fees have altered since 2015.

Most adult licence holders will notice a \$5 or \$10 increase when they licence from today, but we are pleased to advise that all Officials, Pit Crew and Pit Entry licences are unchanged, as are all Junior divisions other than Formula 500's and SKAA Karts. To encourage drivers to take advantage of learning in a lower-stress environment, one day licences for practice events are also unchanged.

Speedway Australia has operated a tiered competition licensing system for many years, based on the premise that a division with a V8 engine option would pay a higher licence fee. That risk assumption has been proven to be in need of refinement, and we've now moved to adjust some particular divisions to a higher licence category. Competitors in both Formula 500's and SKAA Karts will now require the equivalent of a Speedway Australia AA licence, and Junior licences have also been increased for these categories.

This decision has not been arrived at lightly and is the result of more than two decades of detailed real-world analysis. Full details of the fee structure now in operation are as noted in the graphic.

SCHEDULE OF LICENCE FEES EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 2021

Licence	Licence Type	Old Price	New Price
AA	Driver	\$305	\$310
A	Driver	\$250	\$255
AA	Formula 500 Adult - move to AA	\$250	\$310
SSA	SSA Driver	\$215	\$220
B	Driver	\$210	\$215
AA	SKAA Kart Adult - move to AA	\$210	\$310
JD	Junior Driver	\$120	\$120
JDSSA	Junior SSA Driver	\$120	\$120
JDJQMA	Junior Quarter Midget Driver	\$120	\$120
JDOWK	Junior F500/SKAA Driver	\$120	\$150
C	Mechanic / Pit Entry	\$140	\$140
D	Official – Steward & Scrutineer	\$25	\$25
D	Official – All other	\$25	\$25
E	Extraneous Events Competitor	\$145	\$155
V	Vintage Events Competitor	\$145	\$155
JM	Junior Mechanic	\$95	\$95
JO	Junior Official	\$25	\$25
DL	One Day Licence - Practice	\$40	\$40
DL	One Day Licence - Competition	\$40	\$60
DP	One Day Pit Entry Licence	\$10	\$10

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