

SPEED ENEWS

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Welcome to the 46th 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.

WE'RE HEADING WEST

Western Australia will be a major focus for Speedway Australia in the coming weeks, with multiple visits planned as part of our regular programme of activities. With World Series Sprintcars wrapping up in Albany and Perth, followed by the Australian 360 Sprintcar title in Kalgoorlie, we're taking the opportunity to under track inspections for most venues in the state and to hold an Open Forum in Perth.

Track Inspections: We'll be in touch with the relevant tracks shortly to advise of proposed dates and times. We also inspect non-Speedway Australia venues so that the complimentary personal accident insurance that licence holders enjoy can continue to be valid. These will occur from mid-February through to mid-March.

Open Forum: The Open Forum on Monday 25 February will be an opportunity for speedway stakeholders to come along and meet both the Speedway Australia Board, and insurance specialist Mark Holmes from Marsh Advantage. The Forum will be held at 7pm at the Crown Casino/Burswood on Swan complex, with the exact venue to be determined based on number attending.



Venue operators, divisional bodies, competitors, crew and other stakeholders are more than welcome to attend. If possible, please let us know if you are planning to attend by Monday 11 February, so we can organise an appropriately sized room and refreshments.

Geraldton: There's a possibility we could organise a second Forum in Geraldton if there's sufficient demand. This would be a night or two later, with GM Tim Savell and Sport Development Ross Kirby available to answer any queries. Let us know if you're interested in that proposal too.

If you have any queries regarding the above, please get in touch with Ross Kirby (Perth Office) in the first instance.

A REMINDER ABOUT LICENCES

Competitors at a race meeting conducted under the Speedway Australia rulebook, using Speedway Australia accredited officials, and with a Speedway Australia permit in place **MUST** have a Speedway Australia licence.

Other organisations may suggest differently, but the rulebook is clear, and we've recently had friendly discussions with the ACCC to confirm our position. Competitors are free to obtain multiple licences (just as they are free to go and play cricket or footy), but a Speedway Australia licence won't get you very far at Bathurst and likewise other licences are not acceptable where a Speedway Australia permit is in force. The penalty for non-compliance is also spelt out in the rulebook: -

2.2.1. All Drivers participating in any Event must be in possession of a current Licence in the relevant Racing Division and hold an Infringement Card (where applicable) that is free of unpaid fines and/or current Suspensions. All Officials participating in any Race Meeting must also be in possession of a current Licence.





2.2.2. If:

a) A person competes in a Race Meeting and subsequent to that Race Meeting it is confirmed that the person did not at the time of the Race Meeting have a Licence to drive in the Racing Division in which the person raced they shall be disqualified from that Race Meeting, suspended for three (3) months (suspension begins from date of licence renewal) and fined \$500;

SOCIAL MEDIA MISCONDUCT

It seems to be the time of year when improper comment is starting to rear its head again. We've put over 130 people through the Social Media misconduct process outlined in the rulebook in the last 12 months, and are happy to keep dealing with the problem for as long as it takes to eradicate this kind of behaviour from the sport.



We know it gets difficult dealing with these kind of issues at a track or divisional level, so please don't hesitate to pass on any complaints for Speedway Australia to deal with.

Contact Adam (East Coast) or Ross (West Coast) if you need to lay a complaint. Their details are at the back of the newsletter.

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