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LATEST COVID UPDATES BY STATE

All updated this week















Welcome to the 116th 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.

NEW: ELECTRONIC INDEMNITY WAIVERS ARE COMING

With the resumption of racing next weekend, now is the time to roll out a massive improvement to the efficiency of venue entry at Speedway Australia tracks.

Signing the indemnity waiver is of vital importance to venues, divisions, and participants, protecting the sport and ensuring people entering the facility are aware of their obligations and risks. And while COVID-19 has hastened the demise of the sign-in sheet that you've probably filled in hundreds of times across the country, it is now in an electronic format and can be completed in advance.

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You can have a sneak peek here: -

https://www.speedwayaustralia.org/forms/SA_Indemnity.aspx

Our line of thinking at this stage is that there will be an automated process to advise the track when a form is completed, via an email that contains an up to date list in alphabetical order.

However, there is likely to be a bit of trial and error in this process so please bear with us and don't hesitate to provide feedback on the experience. We get the fact that there will potentially be hundreds of people to sign off via this process, but it's COVID-friendly and also most importantly, your insurers are delighted with it.







FLASHBACK: HOW EXPENSIVE INSURANCE USED TO BE

We recently stumbled across a reminder of how far the sport has progressed in the couple of decades. It became extremely difficult for insurance companies to operate in the

aftermath of September 2001, which led to massive premium increases and in some cases the complete inability to

obtain public liability insurance.

On top of that external issue, Speedway was also averaging around 60 personal accident and public liability claims per year, which meant a massive increase for the 2002/03 season. According to a 2002 press release, the average cost of race meeting insurance was \$4250 per night, more than double the year before.



Thankfully, venues now pay a fraction of that cost, and one of the major reasons that insurance is more affordable today is the continuing decline in the number of claims. As a sport, we are down about 75% from the 1997 peak, which is something we should all be proud of. A massive focus on vehicle and venue safety, improved scrutineering standards and the implementation of numerous personal safety equipment rules have all played a part.

FUNDING FOR UPGRADES AVAILABLE TO WA TRACKS



The Western Australian Government has announced a \$12 million fast-tracked community sport grant programme to assist clubs with infrastructure projects in the wake of COVID-19.

The grants allow for not-for-profit sporting groups to develop sustainable infrastructure to increase participation in sport, while supporting local economies by creating jobs.

Examples relevant to Speedway include building or replacing concrete walls, catch fences, lighting upgrades or improvements to club room facilities.

With several notable projects being discussed by WA Speedway venues, this is the perfect opportunity to secure funding to assist future-proofing venues. Tracks looking for assistance in applying for these grants should contact Sport Development Officer, Ross Kirby and get the ball rolling prior to the September 11, 2020 cut off.

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA CONTACTS

Please see below for the relevant contacts for all your Speedway Australia requirements. These now include mobile numbers for all staff, so you can contact them directly whether or not the office is open.

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