

Welcome to the 148th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

KIDS TO GRIDS: JUNIOR RACING CURFEW

A measure that was introduced a number of years ago was a curfew on all junior racing at Speedway Australia tracks. This is in place to ensure that younger children in particular are still able to perform at their peak, and in a safe manner.



No matter that the circumstances on the night, all junior races must have commenced by 11pm local time. There are no exceptions to this rule, which can be located on page 25 of the current Speedway Australia rulebook.

Rule 2.4.1. Clubs, Associations, Promoters and Speedway Venues cannot allow any Junior Events (practice or racing) to commence after 11.00pm.

Thanks to everyone for your assistance in ensuring that juniors are able to complete their racing before they start to feel the effects of a long day at the track.

BURNOUTS ARE SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA RECOGNISED

With This is a friendly reminder that burnouts are a type of motorsport activity sanctioned and licensed by Speedway Australia. If you are conducting burnouts then the relevant Speedway Australia rules and regulations apply, and the event must have the correct permit.

See Section 11 of the current rulebook for all the details on how burnouts operate at a Speedway Australia track.

For example, the regular speedway infield area is a no go for anyone other than competitors and officials – just like a normal race meeting.

It's not that long ago that 11 spectators were critically injured at a burnout event in the Northern Territory (not at a speedway track), and we know that a speedway facility is a great place to ensure crowd and participant safety when compared to non-speedway burnout venues.

The salient point to take away from this update is that burnouts are a legitimate source of enjoyment and income at many tracks, but there are a set of rules and regs that must be adhered to for the benefit of the sport as a whole.

If you have any questions please contact Liz Weaver (Track & Safety) or your relevant Sport Development Officer.

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CONCUSSION TESTING IN TASSIE

A few weeks ago we advised that we'd been lucky enough to secure state of the art technology that indicates the presence of concussion far better than existing protocols.

With three tracks that co-ordinate between each other, the state is a obvious candidate for a trial of the system, which will commence this weekend at Latrobe.

The CBS system provides a multi-faceted test when a competitor crashes, to ascertain the potential level of capacity degradation. If the competitor has completed a prior screening test their results are compared to that earlier test, and if not they are compared to the "dynamic mean" of results across the community as a whole.

The screening tests take a few minutes and we'll be looking for volunteers from all divisions to get involved. And in the event of an on-track incident, the equipment will be used to help medical staff and officials make decisions about whether a competitor is fit to return to racing.



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