

Welcome to the 179th 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.

SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA WELCOMES DARREN TINDAL



Following on from the recent announcement that previous General Manager, Tim Savell stepped down in August, we are pleased to advise that Darren Tindal will fill the void, taking over as the new General Manager from 6 September.

Darren has spent most of his life in the corporate world, both in Australia and internationally. Having worked as a senior leader across several large corporations in the USA, Europe and Australia, in the last 15 years, his primary focus has been on people development and helping to create leaders of the future. In the past 5 years, Darren has spent most of his time working with our First Nations people to increase health literacy and meaningful employment opportunities across Indigenous communities in Victoria and Queensland.

Darren has been involved in Speedway for the past 30 years as a competitor, Tech Officer, Club President and is the current National President of Dirt Modified Australia (DMA). Darren is always at his most comfortable at the Speedway track and has developed lifelong friendships and memories through Speedway.

Darren's passion for the DMA has been a large focus of the past five years. The opportunity to work in such a wonderful space and have the ability to create real change across the Speedway community has been amazing. Darren is now looking forward to the opportunity to work with a well established workforce and an engaged Board of Directors to strengthen the strategies and position of Speedway Australia moving forward.

Contact details will be available in eNews in the coming weeks, however in the meantime we'd like to congratulate Darren on his appointment, and look forward to a bright future for both himself, and everyone in the Speedway Australia family.

PRACTICE AND TEST & TUNE DAYS



Practice Days and Test & Tune sessions have become increasingly popular in recent times, with competitors eager to keep their eye in despite COVID restrictions often limiting venue capacity, and with it the ability to conduct proper racing events.

Quite often, such days are organised by the club or host venue, with competitors invited to attend much like they would a normal racing event. However, in some instances an individual may request to hire the venue from the club for the purposes of private testing.

Regardless of how they are organised, a Speedway Australia practice permit is required to protect your venue from a Public Liability perspective (e.g., trips and falls, infrastructure issues), any time Speedway activity takes place on the racetrack. Speedway Australia provide one free practice permit for each race meeting held throughout the course of the racing season (e.g., ten scheduled race meetings = ten free practice permits) with any extra days being available through speaking with Marsh.

QUESTION: WHAT CAN A SUSPENDED COMPETITOR DO?

Answer: Anything but compete

We often hear that a suspended speedway competitor is supposedly banned from pit areas or unable to participate in any other duties they may have as an official or crew member. This assumption is incorrect, with the suspension relating to competition only. This is specifically highlighted in the wording on Infringement Notices, which means they can still undertake other duties at a track while suspended.

Many competitors undertake other roles, so suspension from their duties outside the cockpit would effectively constitute a penalty on others. For example, if a mother is suspended from competition and couldn't enter a pit area it might preclude her children from racing while Mum is serving a ban.

Ironically, if an official is suspended in the line of duty, they are unable to act as an Official or Competitor in any capacity for the length of their sentence (Rule 7.1.13)

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