

Welcome to the 102nd 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.

SPEEDWAY AWARDS SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Australian Speedway Awards continue to gain acceptance throughout the speedway community, with some of the category winners attracting widespread mainstream media attention. We think there is some value in supporting a specific award, so are offering stakeholders the opportunity to get more involved in the 2020 awards night.

A total of 16 awards sponsorships are up for grabs, and we welcome partners who wish to make a financial contribution of \$500 for naming rights of a particular award. They are also eligible to present the award in person at the Gold Coast Convention Centre on June 20. The marketing package includes:-



- **Naming Rights to the specific award**
- **Inclusion in pre-event promotion**
- **Logo on the trophy and all print/electronic media during and after the ceremony**
- **Can present the award in person on the Gold Coast, with an optional brief interview with the MC**

This is great opportunity to get involved in celebrating success in speedway, and we are giving Speed eNews readers the first opportunity to grab the available spots on the 16 awards detailed here:-

- Australian Speedway Hall of Fame x5
- Competitor of the Year Awards x5 – Sedan, Open Wheel, Modified, Kart and Youth
- Track of the Year
- Most Improved Track of the Year
- Photographer of the Year
- Official/Volunteer of the Year
- Promotional Item of the Year
- Innovation of the Year

If you are interested in supporting the awards or know of someone who is, please get in touch with your relevant Sport Development Officer – Adam (QLD, NSW, VIC) or Ross (WA, NT, SA, TAS). Contact details are at the back of this edition.

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)

TRACK INSPECTIONS – WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?



In the coming weeks a few of the Speedway Australia team will be conducting track inspections at various venues throughout Victoria and New South Wales. These inspections provide us with a fantastic chance to follow up on any areas of work identified in our previous visits whilst allowing Clubs to put names to faces of our Speedway Australia staff, and ask what we may do to assist your venue into the future.

Speedway Australia has a commitment in place with our insurer that we will undertake track inspections as close to a bi-annual basis as possible (annually in NSW), with the structure and

condition of catch fences our major area of focus across all our Speedway venues. Data gathered across over a decade of injury claims clearly show that debris from the track making its way into the crowd is responsible for the majority of public liability incidents and claims in our sport. We encourage tracks (and divisions when attending events) to take notice of the current condition of your catch fences regardless whether a track inspection is due or not. If you have any enquiries on how to improve yours, please get in contact with us – or speak to us at our next visit!

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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.





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WE ARE THE ONLY NATIONAL LICENCING BODY DEDICATED SOLELY TO AUSTRALIAN SPEEDWAY



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Venues Licenced



The most comprehensive and value for money competitor and track licensing in the country

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Years without a Licence Fee Increase

\$25

new Officials Licence Fee (down from \$140)



\$70,000 in Grants to Tracks in 2019

ALL SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA TRACKS RECEIVE



Access to Kids to Grids - a world first junior development programme



A Dedicated Sport Development Officer to assist with funding, regulatory and administration requirements



Eligibility to host SSA National Title Events



Access to 8 full time staff



Australian Speedway Awards Eligibility to recognise your Venue, Officials and Competitors



Rising Star Program Access for your Competitors and Officials



- **FREE** Track Operators Manual
- **FREE** Venue signage
- **FREE** Track Inspections
- **FREE** Practice Permits
- **REFUNDS** in the event a race meeting is cancelled



Access to our grant programmes over \$400,000 per year across tracks and divisions



Pay as you go Public Liability Insurance 24/7, 365 day cover to the value of \$50,000,000