

Welcome to the 134th 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.

THE CAPITAL WORKS



Canberra's ACT Speedway looks to celebrate almost two-decades of racing through hosting one of Australia's most prestigious National Title events. The Speedway Sedans Australia National Junior Sedan title will take place at the Fairbairn Park venue in January 2021 – the first time in history a bonafide National Title will take place in the nation's capital.

Having undergone many alterations to the tracks layout over the years, Canberra's 400m oval provides many unique challenges to drivers, owing to its sandy/clay based surface and undulating back straight. The 3-Star venue is a favourite of many Southern-NSW competitors, having featured everything from Sprintcars and Late Models, through to Production and Junior Sedans.



Despite the venues changing shape over time, the biggest change came in 2018 with approval from the ACT Government to host night races for the first time via a series of trial events to ensure neighbouring residents were not adversely effected by noise. Canberrians had been left without a night-time speedway racing circuit since the closure of Tralee in 1997 (ironically, located metres across the border in NSW.) Since hosting their ultra-successful first night race, the ACT government are continuing the trial, with a further four events planned in 2020/21 – the highlight of which will be the National Junior Sedan title on January 15-16.



New club president James Hodak is confident this coming season will lay the foundations of a bright future for the Canberra speedway scene, with the venue enjoying strong support from a host of NSW divisional bodies and clubs.

A number of further working bees are planned in the coming weeks, with new handrailings for the grandstands and a height extension to the primary concrete barrier highlighting the improvements competitors and fans will see ahead of the upcoming season.

More info about the venue, including upcoming dates can be found via their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

We wish ACT Speedway all the best ahead of their much anticipated 2020/21 season, which kicks off Saturday, October 31 with Late Models, Production Sedans and Street Stocks.

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SECTION 9 – MEDICAL EXAMINATION (COMPLETED BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER)

Medical Standards are available at www.speedwayaustralia.org. As per rule 2.2.2 (b), if a person submits a fraudulent medical form, they will be unable to obtain a licence for 6 months.

Applicant's full name: _____ Licence No: _____ Sighted (tick):

Racing Division: _____ D.O.B: _____

Height (cm): _____ Weight (kg): _____ BMI: _____ Pulse: _____ Blood pressure: _____

Please see Medical Standards of www.speedwayaustralia.org
Please attach separate page(s) if space is not sufficient

	Normal	Abnormal	Comments
2.1			History suggesting heart disease?
2.2			Heart sounds
2.3			Peripheral circulation
2.4			History suggesting respiratory disease?
2.5			Respiratory system
2.6			Abdomen/gastro-intestinal system
2.7			History suggesting psychiatric or neurological problems?
2.8			Cranial nerves
2.9			Upper limbs - power, tone and reflexes
2.10			Lower limbs - power, tone and reflexes
2.11			Skeletal system and joint system
2.12			Hearing/vestibular system
2.13			Co-ordination
2.14			Urine testing
2.15			History suggesting visual problems?

A timely reminder to Clubs with drivers looking to renew their Competition Licence - some competitors may require an in-date, and legitimate Medical Examination to accompany their Health Statement.

Once again, Speedway Australia offers licence applicants the choice of submitting a Speedway Australia medical examination, or a Motorsport Australia medical examination, together with the Health Statement.

For non-SCCA and AWSR drivers UNDER 40 years of age, a medical examination is required:

- Every 2 years if submitting a Speedway Australia Medical, or
- Every 5 years if submitting a Motorsport Australia Medical

For drivers over 40 and all SCCA Sprintcar/Wingless Sprint competitors, the medical is required annually.

Rule 2.2.2 (b) If a person submits a fraudulent medical form, they will be unable to obtain a licence for 6 months.

Regardless of whether competitors use the Speedway Australia Medical Examination, or the Motorsport Australia Medical Examination, each **MUST** be conducted in accordance with a licenced General Practitioner. Not doing so will result in the above penalty as per the current Speedway Australia Rules and Regulations.

We have taken steps to avoid competitors using previous medicals and altering the date, through moving to a pre-dated annual form with watermarks that change frequently. Medicals using prior versions of the form will not be eligible for submission.

WA STATE CALENDAR AVAILABLE NOW

Hot on the heels of last weeks 2020/21 event calendar announcement, West Australian venues have locked in their dates with a pdf calendar now available to all competitors for download through the Speedway Australia app, and website.

Just like last weeks NSW Calendar, these handy guides allow competitors to plan their season ahead, with as many as 114 events across 22 tracks to choose from – meaning there's no shortage of racing despite the closed border.



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2020/21 CALENDAR

Click the image below for a full sized version



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2020/21 CALENDAR

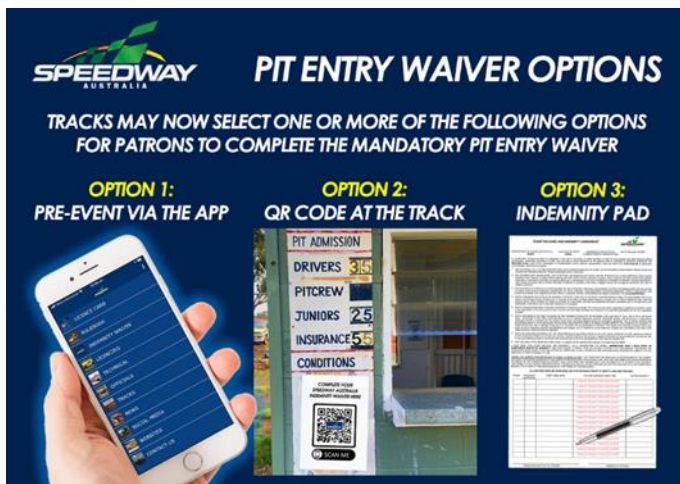


Keep an eye out in the coming weeks, as we continue to release updates on state-by-state activities as soon as the majority of tracks in each state have firmed up their plans.

Download the [calendar here](#).



PIT LICENCE AND WAIVER EMAILS RESUME



We've received feedback from some venues in recent weeks regarding issues with pit licences and waiver emails not making their way to the tracks email account. Those venues will be pleased to know those niggling problems have been resolved, with pit licences and online waiver confirmations now operating as normal.

Issues relating to the Telstra Bigpond network had resulted in many of our emails bouncing back. Hours of work to solve the dilemma have gone on behind the scenes, which resulted in a successful resolution yesterday.

For those venues with COVIDSafe practice in mind, the alternative online methods to the existing hardcopy waiver pads can be implemented by tracks as they see fit. The new alternatives – in the form of the app or the QR code at the gate, have the added benefit of alleviating pit-gate queues, whilst also being contact-free.

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91 Venues Licenced



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

\$25

Officials Licence Fee (down from \$140)

6

Years without a Licence Fee Increase



\$100,000 in Grants to Tracks in 2020

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