

Welcome to the inaugural edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, a newsletter being distributed to tracks, divisions and clubs on a weekly basis.

This is a part of our strategy to improve communication and the flow of information throughout the sport, and is in addition to the quarterly newsletters that are sent to all licence holders. In general, the contents of this email will be more administrative, so we don't expect to see this appear on club or track Facebook pages. If something in this newsletter needs to enter the public arena, we'll get it out there!

Generally, if one track or division are asking a question then others out there will be wondering the same thing. So if you have any suggestions or comments about the topics within the newsletter, please get in touch.

Tim Savell

General Manager



NEW LICENSING SYSTEM

We've had plenty of feedback in the last week about the changes to the licensing system that will be rolled out over the next few months. To try and alleviate some of the concerns, please be assured that plenty of training and support will be provided as the time approaches. We've spent more than two years firming up our approach to this challenge, and are determined to make a real difference to both the admin requirements for divisions, and the on the day processing of licence holders into the venue.

There will be no additional costs for either divisions or tracks, but plenty of improvements to get excited about. For instance, venues will no longer have to prepay for one day pit licences, while divisions will have far more access to information about their licence holders without having to deal with physical cards.

Any queries about this can be directed to either Nicole, James or Tim in the office, who are the team handling the transition phase of this project.

STATE BRANCH CLOSURES



It was announced last week that Speedway Australia's state branches are to close by July 1, with functions to be co-ordinated out of Speedway Australia's Head Office. We are working with the respective leadership teams in each branch to ensure a smooth handover, but are also happy to hear from divisions and tracks about any tasks or initiatives that may have been overlooked.

The main driver for this change is to ensure that training of volunteers, officials and competitors is conducted on a national basis – there will be more information distributed on this in the months ahead. In the meantime, the affiliation fees that some states charged will no longer

apply and we can confirm that the money used for the replication of tasks at a state level is being channelled into training and development. Any queries about this can be directed to Tim.

DIVISIONS NOT RECOGNISED BY SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA



We do get the odd enquiry about tracks being approached to run speedway divisions that are not approved by Speedway Australia. Just to reiterate that the only classes that can run at your track are those on the approved list on our website [HERE](#).

Excluded from this list are the likes of V8 Non Winged Sprints, West Coast Speedcars, WA Pro Modifieds, non SKAA-speedway karts, VSC Juniors etc.

There is a pathway for all of the above divisions to achieve approved status within the Speedway

Australia family, but at this point they are choosing not to be involved for whatever reason.

Running these classes puts everybody's public liability insurance at risk, and with over 70 approved options there should be an ability to put a race programme together without resorting to unapproved divisions. Other non-speedway activity can be approved in consultation with Speedway Australia and Marsh Advantage so please get in touch with either Head Office if you have any queries.

PETS AT SPEEDWAY

We do get enquiries from time to time about the status of dogs at the race track, and have checked with both the insurer and the Australasian Speedway Promoters Association for their advice.

As a venue operator, when confronted with how to deal an issue like this, a good starting point is to imagine what would happen if a worst-case scenario unfolded. The potential for a dog to get off its leash and disrupt proceedings is there, so we recommend that the only dogs permitted at the track are approved guide dogs.