

Welcome to the fifth edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews, a newsletter being distributed to tracks, divisions and clubs on a weekly basis. Over the previous four weeks we have delivered this newsletter with the aim of improving communication and the flow of information throughout the sport. We have now covered a wide range of topics and have also received some fantastic feedback from many of you.

Please feel free to get in touch if you haven't seen or can't locate any of the previous four editions.

Just a reminder that 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 through our social streams. If you have any suggestions or comments about the topics within the newsletter, please get in touch.



INFRINGEMENT NOTICES

A reminder that all infringement notices must be sent to the Speedway Australia office for them to take effect. We will continue to inform everyone the status of currently suspended licence holders via the suspended list in these eNews documents. If a licence holder is not on our suspension list, we are obviously unable to recognise them as suspended.

For the infringement process to work efficiently, we need you all to work with us in following the correct processes.

If we don't receive the infringement notice, we don't know about the incident and can't enforce any penalties. It's also important to remember to correctly fill out the infringement notice in line with our latest rules & regulations. They must also be delivered to the licence holder in the correct manner and in the appropriate timeframes.



DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING

Speedway Australia implements a drug and alcohol testing program at race events throughout the country, across many different divisions. These tests can take place at anytime, anywhere and competitors/officials need to be reminded of this.

We would like to remind everyone about the importance of licence holders following the correct procedures in regard to the use of prescription drugs. As per rule 6.3.2 copied below, licence holders are required to present Speedway Australia with a written request from a qualified medical practitioner for the use of prohibited substances.

In conjunction with Speedway Australia's medical assessor, if the substance is deemed to be for therapeutic purpose and will not affect the Licence Holder's judgement, approval may be granted for the licence holder to compete.

Please see the relevant rules below;

6.3. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

6.3.1. While Speedway Australia reserves the right to change the list of Prohibited Substances the broad classes of substances prohibited in speedway include:

- a) THC (marijuana, hashish)
- b) Methamphetamines
- c) Amphetamines
- d) Cocaine
- e) Benzodiazepines
- f) Opiates (opium, heroin, codeine, morphine)

6.3.2. Licence Holders are required to present to Speedway Australia a written request from a qualified medical practitioner for the use of Prohibited Substances. Speedway Australia will then be the sole authority, in conjunction with their Medical Assessor, to approve the use of the Prohibited Substance. Such approval may only be given if use of the Prohibited Substance is for a therapeutic purpose and will not affect the Licence Holder's judgement. In this respect, it should be noted that most of the psychiatric medications are liable to cause some degree of drowsiness or diminished concentration on performance and the individual response to these drugs is very difficult to predict and the drugs may be taken for many different conditions and in varying dosages.

Please also note, the process for the handling of drug and alcohol testing at tracks is organised and structured by Speedway Australia staff in conjunction with the Steward of the meeting. It's highly importance that this process is undertaken correctly, but with minimal disruption to the racing.



SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA LICENCE APPLICATION & MEDICAL FORM

Please retain a duplicate of this application as a Tax Invoice
Licence Enquiries: (08) 8139 0777

- A valid Speedway Australia licence card must be produced at all racing events.
- Allow a **minimum** of five business days to process this application from the date received at Speedway Australia.
- Licences required sooner than above may attract a fast track fee (\$75).
- Licence is not valid until it is issued to you by your nominated/relevant association or club.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS FORM

Please complete this form using black or blue pen. *Where requested, tick the appropriate boxes. Ensure checklist is completed.*

Speedway Australia Licence Applications may be lodged in the following ways:

1. Posting this application to the Speedway Australia Head Office (incurs an additional \$25 administration fee).
2. Emailing or Faxing this application to the Speedway Australia Head Office (incurs an additional \$25 administration fee).

NEW LICENCE FORMS

Licensing via the electronic system accounts for around 96% of all licence applicants every year. However, for people who still wish to use the paper forms we have made some minor changes to these.

It is important that the latest forms are used, with several people using old copies of these, it creates a lot more back and forth before making sure everything is correct before the licence can be approved.

Please pass on the message to your competitors and officials who still use paper option to make sure they redownload a new form each year. The standard licence form can be found [here](#).

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q: What is the reason behind certain licence holders having a 'further notice' note attached to them instead of a date in the suspended list?



A: The further notice licence holders are subject to fines still to be paid or penalty terms not yet confirmed. An example of the latter could be a social media misconduct where the licence holder is immediately suspended until the rule book process has decided a final penalty. The licensing system requires that we use a proper date to define the suspension term, so this was originally published as the year 2020. We now report these as 'further notice' and are looking towards providing more information regarding their status in future eNews updates.

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