

Welcome to edition 202 of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

KEEP YOUR CLOTHES ON!



A timely reminder for track operators and officials to keep your eye on competitors wearing the appropriate safety clothing.

A recent track visit revealed drivers not wearing the appropriate clothing, claiming they didn't need it to run in the division and they were ok to just have a long sleeve shirt and jeans as it was "just a demonstration."

As an official or scrutineer, make sure you know the safety minimums for the classes that you are attending to, so that you're not left embarrassed by a driver who tries to outsmart you with claiming to know the rule book better than you. We recommend doing a refresher of section 3 of the Speedway Australia Rulebook, which is available [here](#).

3.1. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

3.1.1. Drivers participating in any Event at a Race Meeting or official practice, **must wear all approved safety equipment and protective clothing complying with the Speedway Australia minimum standards for safety apparel** for the relevant Racing Division.

THE TOP 5 REASONS...



With the long list of volunteers or staff that every track needs to hold an event, sometimes our venues are left short-staffed forcing operators to choose where best to post their staff.

Your pit gate (separating the pits from general admission) is a vital point for having human supervision, and here's the top 5 things that your gate official should be checking for...

- 1) pit pass armband
- 2) closed shoes – no open shoes are allowed in the pits
- 3) smoking – no smoking is permitted in the pit area
- 4) alcohol containers – no alcohol containers are allowed in the pit area during racing.
- 5) according to the Speedway Australia Rulebook;

3.7.7 Children in the Pits

Children under the age of 16 years are not permitted in the Pits. The exceptions are:

- a) Children aged 12 to 15 years who possess a Speedway Australia Licence and/or Personal Accident Insurance; and
- b) Children aged **5-11** years who possess a Speedway Australia licence and/or Personal Accident insurance and are actively competing in the race meeting.

Please prioritise this role to make sure we are protecting our sport as effectively as possible!

NON-SPEEDWAY EVENTS AND TRACK HIRES



(Prepared by our appointed insurance brokers Arthur J Gallagher)

We strongly recommend that you contact us for advice well in advance before committing or agreeing to enter any hire or lease agreement.

Speedway venues are often ideal for arena type events other than Speedway. We are aware that Track owners and operators are approached with hire propositions that can be a welcome source of additional income.

However, if hires are not managed correctly, they can bring about unexpected and potentially

catastrophic legal liability consequences to Track owner/operators, boards, committee, members and employees.

Such events may include but are not limited to,

- ▶ Funfairs and sideshows
- ▶ Rodeos
- ▶ Concerts
- ▶ Monster Truck Events
- ▶ Motocross shows
- ▶ Circuses
- ▶ Farmers markets/fun fairs/swap meets
- ▶ Come "n" Try days
- ▶ Television Events

Generally, a hirer may hold their own policy of insurance covering their activities, however this does not Provide cover for your Track as you may be joined in legal action arising from something the hirer does. There have been instances and circumstances where Tracks conducting non-speedway events have mistakenly assumed they were fully insured under the hirers' policy of insurance.

Occurrences have also arisen recently where promoters of non-speedway events have not held public liability insurance at all.

Track Operators should be also be aware an agreement to hire a venue is a legally enforceable contract and as such, any proposed contract must be vetted thoroughly to ensure no prejudicial terms are unwittingly accepted by the Track, you could be assuming more liability than you are otherwise exposed too.

In some instances, unsustainable, uninsurable and open indemnities granted by your Track to a hirer are not likely to be supported by your insurers.

Should a Track operator contemplate hiring or leasing of their facility in whole or in part to a promoter, evidence of the promoter's Public Liability insurance cover must be obtained prior to agreement to hire.

A Certificate of Currency issued by the promoter's insurers evidencing cover for their business. The Certificate should note your Track's legal entity name as an interested party and be current at the date of the event.

We ask that forward us a copy for checking. You can always contact us for advice.

Insurance and indemnity issues are complex and Gallagher Insurance Brokers are available upon request to review a hirer's policy (subject to receiving a copy of the policy wording and schedule) on your behalf and provide advice on any important coverage gaps based on our experience as insurance brokers.

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