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1. Purpose

The Speedway Australia Safety & Rules Advisory Group (“the Advisory Group”) exists to provide expert guidance, recommendations, and technical advice to Speedway Australia on matters relating to competitor and spectator safety, rules and regulations, vehicle standards, risk management, and incident prevention.

Its objective is to support continuous improvement of safety outcomes and ensure rules are practical, evidence-based, and aligned with best practice in motorsport.

2. Scope

The Advisory Group will focus on:

2.1 Safety

- Review and recommend updates to national safety standards, policies, and guidelines.
- Assess emerging risks, technologies, and safety innovations relevant to speedway racing.
- Review incident data, accident reports, and investigations to identify trends and improvements.
- Provide input into safety training materials and education programs for officials, competitors, and clubs.

2.2 Rules & Regulations

- Conduct structured review of existing competition rules, technical regulations, and class specifications.
- Propose amendments, additions, or deletions where required for clarity, safety, fairness, or operational efficiency.

- Evaluate proposals submitted by industry stakeholders, race directors, competitor groups, and technical committees.
- Ensure rules remain consistent with Speedway Australia's strategic objectives and governance requirements.

2.3 Advisory Role

- Offer non-binding advice to the Speedway Australia Board and Executive.
- Provide specialist input into rulebook revisions, sanctioning frameworks, and compliance programs.

3. Authority

The Advisory Group is an advisory body and does not have decision-making authority.

All recommendations are submitted to the Speedway Australia Board for review and approval.

The Group may:

- Request data, reports, and subject matter presentations from Speedway Australia staff.
- Consult with external experts, member clubs, insurers, and motorsport bodies when appropriate.
- Establish working subgroups for technical or specialised tasks.

4. Membership

4.1 Composition

The Advisory Group shall consist of a diverse mix of individuals with relevant experience, including but not limited to:

- Technical, safety, and regulatory experts
- Senior officials and race directors

- Legal and governance
- Vehicle builders and engineering specialists
- Medical or emergency response personnel
- Competitor representatives
- Speedway Australia staff (non-voting)

4.2 Appointment

Members are appointed by Speedway Australia.
Terms are normally two (2) years, with the option for renewal.
Chairperson is appointed by Speedway Australia.

4.3 Expectations

Members are expected to:

- Act in the best interests of Speedway Australia and the sport.
- Maintain confidentiality where required.
- Declare conflicts of interest.
- Attend scheduled meetings (virtually).
- Provide written response and feedback for consideration via email

5. Election to the Advisory Group & Term of Appointment

5.1 Nomination and Election Process

Speedway Australia will call for nominations when vacancies arise or terms expire.

Nominations may be sought from:

- Accredited officials
- Member clubs
- Competitor groups
- Relevant expert bodies or industry stakeholders

A selection panel (appointed by Speedway Australia) will assess nominees based on:

- Skills, experience, and technical expertise
- Diversity of perspectives across divisions and roles within the sport
- Demonstrated commitment to safety and fair competition

Selections will be endorsed by the Speedway Australia Board.

5.2 Term Length

Standard membership term is two (2) years.

Members may be reappointed for consecutive terms, subject to performance and ongoing need.

Interim appointments (to fill mid-term vacancies) will serve the remainder of the original term.

5.3 Removal or Replacement of Members

A member may be removed or replaced if:

- They fail to meet attendance or participation expectations
- They breach confidentiality or conflict of interest requirements
- They conduct themselves in a manner inconsistent with Speedway Australia values
- They no longer meet eligibility criteria
- Any removal process will be undertaken by Speedway Australia.

6. Conflict of Interest

6.1 Principles

Members must act impartially and avoid situations where personal or professional interests could improperly influence (or appear to influence) their contributions.

6.2 Declaration Requirements

- Members must complete a conflict of interest declaration upon appointment.
- Members must disclose any actual, potential, or perceived conflict as soon as it arises.
- Disclosures will be recorded in the meeting minutes and conflict register.

6.3 Management of Conflicts

Depending on the nature of the conflict, Speedway Australia (or the Chair) may require the member to:

- Abstain from discussion
- Abstain from voting
- Leave the meeting for the relevant agenda item
- Recuse themselves from related subcommittees or working groups
- In significant or recurring cases, resign from the Advisory Group

6.4 Examples of Conflicts

Conflicts may include (but are not limited to):

- Financial or business interests in products or services affected by rule changes
- Competitive advantages for a class, team, or organisation the member is affiliated with
- Personal relationships influencing recommendations
- Employment or contractual relationships affecting impartiality

7. Meetings

7.1 Frequency

The Advisory Group will meet at least four (4) times per year, or more frequently as required.

7.2 Quorum

A quorum shall consist of 50% of voting members, including the Chair or Deputy Chair.

7.3 Agenda & Minutes

- Speedway Australia will provide administrative support.
- Agendas and papers will be distributed at least 5 working days prior.
- Minutes and action items will be documented and stored by Speedway Australia.

8. Decision-Making

- Recommendations will be made wherever possible by consensus.
- Where consensus cannot be achieved, a majority vote of attending voting members will determine the recommendation.
- Dissenting views may be documented where appropriate

9. Reporting

The Advisory Group will provide:

- Formal written recommendations to the Speedway Australia General Manager.
- Summary reports following each meeting.
- An annual overview of trends, issues, and improvement opportunities.

10. Confidentiality & Conduct

Members must:

- Handle information in accordance with Speedway Australia confidentiality policies.
- Avoid public commentary that pre-empts or contradicts official Speedway Australia communications.
- Conduct themselves professionally and respectfully at all times.

11. Review of Terms of Reference

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed every two (2) years, or earlier if requested by the Speedway Australia Board, to ensure continued relevance and effectiveness.