

Welcome to the 143rd edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

Speed eNews is a weekly communication aimed toward keeping 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. Clubs are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.

CONCUSSION INITIATIVE A WORLD FIRST



Australian speedway is the safest in the world, and the next phase of preventative measures to maintain that position are about to be trialled at selected events this season. Speedway Australia has partnered with a world-leading Australian-based company to trial cutting-edge assessment and management technology, providing piece of mind for competitors and their loved ones.

Concussion is a hot topic in all forms of sport at present, and motorsport is not immune from these risks. Of particular importance are issues such as second impact syndrome - described as occurring when an individual sustains a second head injury before the symptoms associated with the initial injury have fully cleared. Speedway also has a high proportion of female competitors competing on an equal basis with males (of all ages), and research indicates that in sports with similar playing rules, the reported incidence of concussion is higher in females than males.

ConcussionPRO Baseline System (CBS) is a breakthrough medical system developed in collaboration with the United States military and field tested in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. The CBS system provides real time, accurate and fast assessments for the analysis of concussion, head trauma and cognitive/balance disorders. The CBS system is the only two-factor (balance and cognition) concussion management system in existence today that uses gold standard force plate technology.

The CBS suite of products, software and algorithms, through a series of three non-invasive assessments (duration less than 5 minutes), securely record and analyze data allowing results to be compared against an individuals pre-determined baseline or a system generated "dynamic mean" based on gender and age demographic. All data is securely stored in the CBS fully encrypted and patented online site for historical review, accessible when required in the event of a competitor on-track incident, to assess whether they are fit to return to racing.

With two of these systems out in the field on a trial basis, there's a good chance you'll see them in action sometime this season.

For more details, take a look at [this link](#) to the A Current Affair article from August

VANZETTI AWARDED FOR A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

On the weekend Speedway Australia were pleased to present a special award for Meritorious Contributions to Speedway.

Michael Vanzetti is a well-known and loved member of Moora Speedway who on the weekend celebrated his 80th birthday, a perfect opportunity to recognise Michael's dedication to our sport.



Michael is a foundation member of the Central Midlands Speedway Association in Moora, having helped build the track and race at the first meeting held in 1967. Over the years he raced an FJ Holden, Ford Mainline Ute, XL and XK Ford Falcon's. He was Vice President and took over as President when the incumbent left early. He was the club Handicapper for 8 years and helped start up Junior Sedans in 1975/76. All his 4 kids raced Juniors plus he provided cars for his nephews to begin their racing careers.

He left speedway for a while to race Sport Sedans at Wanneroo Park (bitumen racing) from 1981 to 1987.

When his grandkids came along, he helped them into speedway, providing cars, mechanical assistance, towed cars all over the state and mentored his kids, nieces, nephews and grandkids about mechanics, race craft and sportsmanship.

Michael's race number was 100 and we are now up to 123. From his legacy and love of speedway, 23 family members have raced all over Australia at State and National Titles, plus 3 have represented Australia in New Zealand, representing Moora Speedway and the Vanzetti racing name.

Through his loyalty and dedication, he has grown a proud culture across the family and encouraged a wealth of long-standing members who are just as committed and dedicated to the sport. Outside the family he has fostered and supported many other drivers, lending tools, providing car parts and sharing advice.

His continued positive promotion of speedway, wherever he goes, has long-lasting benefits for the sport. Michael Vanzetti is highly deserving of acknowledgement from Speedway Australia.

Congratulations Mick!

MANDATORY USE OF AXLE-STANDS



It's always important as a sport that we are constantly keeping an eye on general safety throughout speedway events and continually educating wherever possible. The Speedway Australia rulebook covers a wide range of general health and safety rules which need to be followed at events.

One rule in particular is around the use of axle stands, or lack thereof anytime someone is positioned under a race car.

Rule 18.1.5. Axle stands must be used at all times if a person is working under a Race Car.

On our travels to venues throughout the country we have recognised varying levels of compliance with this rule. Some teams are fantastic with safety first thinking, while others sometimes need a push in the right direction. As divisional and track leaders, we need you all to keep an eye on this as you walk through the pits. If you see a team not using axle stands, please give them a heads up on the rules and help spread the word before we see any unfortunate & unnecessary accidents.

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