

Welcome to the 99<sup>th</sup> edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

*This weekly communication serves to keep 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.*

*Please make sure that if you are the contact receiving this information for your organisation that you pass the information on to the rest of your committee as to keep them in the loop. You are also encouraged to distribute this newsletter to your members. Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or require a copy of one of the previous editions.*

## **ONE DAY LICENCES FOR DIRT MODIFIEDS**



In recent times, many competitors have utilised one-day licences to dip their toe in the water – often getting their first taste of Speedway action, sometimes in a leased or borrowed car before committing to the sport through the purchase of their own vehicle and ultimately, an annual competition licence.

We're pleased to announce Dirt Modifieds Australia have been granted approval for drivers wishing to take part in races as well as practice to do so using a one-day licence, with DMA looking to use this as a springboard to attract new drivers to their division. The

usual restriction of 2 x one-day licences for competition per season will apply.

## **VOTE FOR AN UNSUNG HERO**



Inside Sports annual Clubbies Awards are closing soon, as they are on the hunt for uplifting stories from the grassroots of Aussie sport, be that inspiring coaches, hard-working volunteers, athletes whose passion for competition defies age, or clubs that transform their local community.

There are eight categories to select from, including Best use of Media, Best Club, Best Administrator and Best Masters Performance amongst others. Nominees

go into the running for a share of prizes valued at more than \$10,000.

Speedway is often sparsely represented at such awards, so let's make the effort and ensure our unsung heroes don't go unnoticed. Nominations can be made by clicking [here](#), with entries closing on Friday, February 14.

## VINTAGE SEATBELT AND APPAREL COMPLIANCE



Speedway Australia works in partnership with the Australian Vintage and Classic Speedway National Body to ensure the demonstrations that take place are conducted in accordance with the relevant guidelines, protecting both the vintage participants and the rest of the sport.

In November we conducted a survey of all venues, as we gauged feedback around how vintage demonstrations are conducted, and issues which they feel may hinder the movement.

Overwhelmingly, the feedback indicated to non-compliance of the basic safety regulations relating to seat belts and apparel (namely 5-year rule on helmets) being the key issue, with many venues uncomfortable with the standard of safety and scrutiny offered by a select few of the vintage clubs. There is a misconception that seat belt and apparel regulations do not apply to Vintage, as they are a 'demonstration' division and not a racing division. This however is not the case. All Vintage competitors must adhere to the basic safety regulation set out in the Speedway Australia Rules and Regulations, in particular Section 14 (Seatbelts) and Section 16 (Apparel).

## STANDARDISED DEMONSTRATION RULES COMING



Whilst on the topic of Vintage, Vintage Demonstrations are a welcome addition to many Speedway events, providing the opportunity to display the machinery which has shaped our rich heritage, dating back over 90 years. At present, Vintage clubs have been responsible for formulating their own rules relating to the on-track conduct of Vintage demonstrations, which have resulted in differing interpretations of what constitutes a 'demonstration' throughout the country.

In consultation with the AVCSNB, we will be formulating a set of regulations in the coming months to manage the on-track conduct of Vintage Demonstrations, as the sport looks to ensure these events are conducted in the safest possible manner. These regulations will consider factors such as the

type of vehicle, and relative star rating of the venue, with the view that these rules be rolled out Nationally to ensure there is no confusion amongst Clubs as to how such events should be conducted.

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**\$25**

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a Licence Fee  
Increase



\$70,000 in Grants to Tracks in 2019

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A Dedicated Sport Development Officer  
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Eligibility to host SSA  
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Access to 8 full time staff



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to recognise your Venue, Officials and Competitors



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Access for your Competitors and Officials



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