

Welcome to the 160th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.



## **AUSTRALIAN SPEEDWAY EXPO HEADLINES 2021 NATIONAL FORUM**

Speedway Australia's National Forum weekend is the only event of its kind in Australia – a once a year gathering of the entire Australian Speedway community, from tracks to divisions, big or small, all represented and working together to shape the future of the sport.

2021 will see a new addition to the National Forum – the inaugural Australian Speedway Expo. For the first time ever, the Speedway Industry will be on display *en masse*, with parts suppliers, national divisions, tracks, and other speedway related businesses showcasing their products and services.

We will be reaching out to a number of suppliers, national divisions, and tracks in the coming weeks to extend an invitation to host a stall free of charge, with entry on Saturday open to the public for the entire speedway community to enjoy.

On top of Saturday's expo, this year's National Forum Sunday will feature a number of 45-minute workshops aimed at assisting tracks and divisions across a wide range of areas. Face-to-face training sessions will be made available for new Officials and Junior Trainers, with workshops also available for at-track safety, applying for and securing grants, together with discussion relating to insurance and an open forum with the Speedway Australia board and staff.

Here's what you can expect from the 2021 forum.

### **FORUM SUPER SATURDAY**

#### **10:30am – Forum Opening**

Speedway Australia review the 2020/21 Season, including industry trends and future direction.

#### **13:00pm – Australian Speedway Expo**

The first ever Speedway Industry Exhibition. Open by invitation to Speedway parts suppliers, National Divisions and tracks who wish to showcase their products and services to the wider Speedway community.

#### **5:30pm – Australian Speedway Awards & Hall of Fame**

2020 & 2021 Australian Speedway Awards & Hall of Fame gala dinner.

## **SPEEDWAY WORKSHOP SUNDAY**

### **10:00am – Workshop Sessions and Debrief (conclusion at 2pm)**

Sunday workshops will cover a number of topics and are free to all participants.

- Insurance Q&A
- Discussion around difficulties faced by club promoters, with a view of creating training platform.
- Officials Training Session
- Finding and Applying for Government Funding workshop
- Kids to Grids and Junior Trainer workshop
- Speedway Australia Safety Training Update
- Open Forum discussion with the Speedway Australia committee and staff

Once again, every track and divisional body in the country are welcome to send two representatives (per track or division), who only have to pay their travel and accommodation expenses to get to the venue. Speedway Australia is taking care of the costs for Saturday and Sunday's day sessions, including morning tea and lunch.

For tracks or divisions who wish to confirm their attendance, or for assistance in booking accommodation, contact your relevant Development Officer below as soon as possible.

## **FIELD SIZES CLARIFIED**



We're quite often asked what the maximum field sizes are at various tracks around the country, with many divisions and tracks uncertain as to what their limits may be.

Generally, Open Wheel and Modified maximum field sizes are 20 cars unless a venue has specific approval to go to 24. These venues know who they are, so if you don't have something in writing from us then it's safe to

assume your limit is 20. We also allow one extra car in the case of a written supplementary rule stating the defending champion may start from the rear, so effectively the limit is 20+1 at blue ribbon events.

Sedan maximum field sizes are 24 cars nationwide, providing the relevant divisional body is comfortable with doing so. This is an absolute maximum so if supplementary regulations provide for a defending champion to start at the rear of the field for example, then it's 23 qualifiers +1.

From our perspective the above limits apply whether the race is a heat or a feature, although we know that many bodies have their own maximum field sizes that are lower than this (16 cars in most cases). Some tracks also have other lower limits depending on their star rating, e.g., 1 Star tracks can only run a maximum of 10 cars in certain open wheel categories. If this applies, you'll find the information noted on the relevant meeting permit.

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