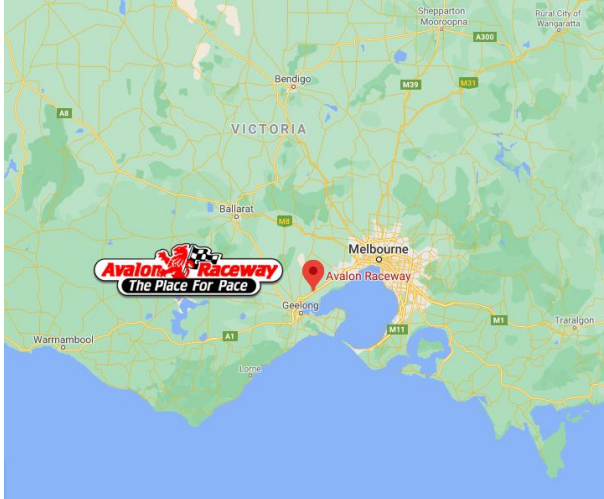


Welcome to the 147th edition of Speedway Australia's Speed eNews.

AVALON SETTING THE PACE



Located a mere 50km from the heart of Melbourne CBD, next to the bustling Avalon Airport, Avalon Raceway has been a mainstay of Victorian Speedway since its inception in 1976. Originally constructed by brothers Doug and Norm Drew as a Speedway Motorcycle venue, the venue now caters for all aspects of Speedway competition from Quarter Midgets and Karts, right the way through to Street Stocks and Sprintcars – even RC Scale racers! It is for this reason why Avalon is affectionately known by many as 'The Place for Pace'.

Government regulation may have put a dampener on their early season calendar, with a harsh COVID-19 lockdown and event restrictions preventing competitors from attending their early season events, however the venue is pressing on undeterred, with major events returning in earnest.

This Saturday night's event will feature the return of Sprintcars and Modified Sedans to the venue after a long hiatus. Track operator, and former Speedway Australia board member, Jeff Drew anticipates the event will be one of the biggest seen in a long time, with huge interest expressed by competitors and fans, all excited by the prospect of witnessing Speedway at the venue after the extended break in racing brought upon by the

COVID-19 pandemic.

Avalon Raceway head into the remainder of 2020/21 season with renewed enthusiasm thanks to an easing of restrictions, allowing for the return of the much-vaunted Presidents Cup which also forms the opening round of the VIC/SA Sprintcar Super Series.

As long-time owner and patron of the venue, Jeff's focus has been to establish Avalon as a favorite for competitors and fans alike. A number of upgrades to the 45-year-old venue are in the pipeline, including providing more fixed seating areas for patrons, replacement of the catch fence and debris mesh, and an overall 'beatification' of the facility to ensure it continues to 'set the pace' for Victorian Speedway venues for many decades to come.

More info about Avalon Raceway, including ticketing information for this Saturday night's event can be found via their [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

We wish Avalon Raceway all the best ahead of their much-anticipated return to racing!

WHAT'S IN THE 'KIDS TO GRIDS' BEGGINER LEVEL?

With the launch of the new Kids to Grids website, we have seen a fantastic uptake in the amount of youth and parents utilising the platform. It's important for all clubs and venues to promote this new FREE service to any youth as it will ease the workload for volunteers handling new drivers at events.

If you haven't had a chance to look through the program, it is divided into three tiers, each focusing on different aspects of the sport. The most important level is that for beginners, which will help speed up the learning process and knowledge base of rookie drivers.



Topics in the beginner level include.

- Program introduction
- Licensing & memberships
- Race gear
- Flags & Raceceiver's
- Driver fitment
- Speedway terms & keywords
- Track conditions
- Basic car control
- The role of parents
- Respect for coaches
- First race meeting guide

In addition to the above topics, there is also the ability for the competitor to select a 'class specific controls' video (as seen in the photo) relevant to class they're driving. This shows them the very basic controls and things to be aware of when operating their race car or kart. Competitors are also able to go back and complete multiple of these if they race more than one class. Just in case you've missed it, the KTG program is now available via www.kidstogrids.org

QUICK NOTE

If you are promoting the program to parents of your competitors, please also give them a quick note to make sure they use the child's name during sign up. If not, it will affect the name on their certificate when completed. Of course, parents are encouraged to also use the platform either shadowing their child's progress, or separately.

MEDICAL FORM UPDATE

Medical Standards are available at www.speedwayaustralia.org. As per rule 2.2.2 (b), if a person submits a fraudulent medical form, they will be unable to obtain a licence for 6 months.

Applicant's full name: _____ Licence No: _____ ID Sighted (tick): ☐

Racing Division: _____ D.O.B: _____

Height (cm): _____ Weight (kg): _____ BMI: _____ Pulse: _____ Blood pressure: _____

Please see Medical Standards at www.speedwayaustralia.org
Please attach separate page(s) if space is not sufficient

		Normal	Abnormal	Comments
2.1	History suggesting heart disease?			
2.2	Heart sounds			
2.3	Peripheral circulation			
2.4	History suggesting respiratory disease?			
2.5	Respiratory system			
2.6	Abdomen/gastro-intestinal system			
2.7	History suggesting psychiatric or neurological problems?			
2.8	Cranial nerves			

With restrictions easing and tracks across Australia going back racing, many drivers will be looking to renew their Competition Licence. It serves as a timely reminder that some may require an in-date, and legitimate Medical Examination to accompany the Health Statement – using the latest version of the Speedway Australia Medical form.

Medical examinations MUST be conducted in accordance with a licenced General Practitioner. In the past, some competitors have sought to circumvent rules through

providing false declarations – often re-submitting previous years forms. With the Speedway Australia Medical document changing every season, previous years forms are no longer accepted when submitting a licence renewal.

Breach of these rules may result in a penalty as per the current Speedway Australia Rules and Regulations:

- Rule 2.2.2 (b) If a person submits a fraudulent medical form, they will be unable to obtain a licence for 6 months.

CHILDREN IN THE PITS

Clubs and Tracks are reminded children ages 12-15 and up **MUST** be in possession of either a Junior Competition Licence, or Junior Crew member licence. Should a child be between the ages of 5-11 and possess a Junior Competition licence, they are only allowed in the pits if they are competing at that event.

Parents need to be reminded that children under the age of 5, particularly babies are not permitted in the Pit Area, regardless of them being under adult supervision.



18.1.11. 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

Some venues have a variation of this ruling, so clubs are urged to check with the track operator in regard to their particular venues' regulations.

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