

FROM DREAM TO REALITY

GETTING STARTED IN SPEEDWAY



WELCOME

With more than 600 events a year and 275 clubs racing at 100 venues Australia wide, Speedway Australia are proud to facilitate speedway racing at all levels, ranging from dirt karts to 410 Sprintcars!

Speedway racing is an exhilarating sport with a long and rich history enjoyed by people of all ages and genders no matter your experience.

Kids can suit up and begin their speedway journey as young as 5 years old in a Junior Quarter midget right through to many competitors racing well into their 70's!

In comparison to other forms of motorsport, speedway is an affordable way to get into racing and be involved in the friendly environment.

This booklet is designed with you in mind, to help you **MAKE YOUR DREAM A REALITY**, so let's get started!

STEP 1 - DOWNLOAD THE SPEEDWAY AUSTRALIA APP

Check out our website at www.speedwayaustralia.org.au or download the app from the app store and search the venues that operate in your state. The app also has the full rulebook, specific technical specifications for our major associations and can also store your active license card to present at the pit gate when you attend a race track!



STEP 2 - VISIT YOUR LOCAL SPEEDWAY

Finding the tracks that operate in your area is vital, so find your closest venue and check their website to see when they're holding their next event. Then, purchase a one-day pit license for that event on the Speedway Australia app or website under the "LICENSING" tab so you can enter the pits and familiarise yourself with all the classes that are racing.

Talking to competitors and club officials will help you understand and help with your decision on the racing class that suits you best. Keep in mind your budget, the racing calendar and how far you want to travel. Asking questions about cost to purchase, parts usage, cost of license, nightly running costs and the like will help you to pick the best class for you.

If you'd like to further discuss your options, call your state based Speedway Australia Sports Development Officer as they are willing to help in whatever way is needed. (Details at the back of this brochure.)



STEP 3 - JOIN A CLUB

Once you have decided on a racing division there are a few steps to follow before getting on the track. You will need to become a financial member of the club for the class you wish to compete in and may want to join a track based club also, to help your local venue thrive.

Once you have joined the club, the specifications for that class will be provided by the divisional body. The Speedway Australia Racing Rules and Regulations are also available on the Speedway Australia app and website which you need to be familiar with before competing in the sport.

The information in the rule books is not just extremely important for competitors, but for crew members and family too. Safety is of the highest priority for competitors crew officials, venues and divisional bodies.

STEP 4 - SUIT UP

Safety equipment is vitally important in any form of motorsport and we recommend going to a respected safety equipment retailer and being fitted out professionally.

- Anyone competing at a Speedway event must wear the approved safety equipment and protective clothing that complies with the minimum safety standard for each racing Division
- Items such as helmets, gloves, boots and fireproof underwear will be certified by the manufacture. This certification is the level of protection and needs to meet the safety standards of the division you choose.
- As more knowledge and testing happens all around the world with Motorsport, Speedway likes to be at the forefront of safety and are always looking at ways to keep its competitors safe.
- Speedway has brought in the use of small one-way radio receivers systems for all competitors. These receivers keep the competitor informed throughout the race.



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STEP 5 - GET LICENSED

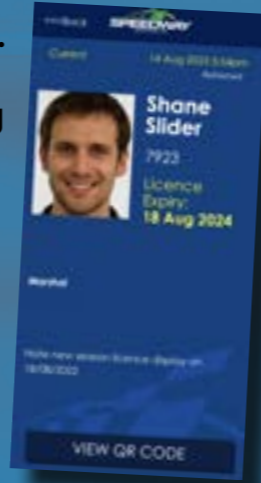
One of the most important steps is to obtain a Speedway Australia competitors Licence.

You will need to go on the Speedway Australia website or app, click on the Licensing tab and follow the instructions for a first time competitors license.

You will require a clear head shot picture with no glasses or hat. Most but not all Speedway Australia Licenses will require a medical certificate. They can be found in the download section on the Speedway Australia webpage.

If you require crew to assist you at a race meeting, they will also need a yearly Mechanic/Pit License.

Our Adelaide licensing staff are available during business hours to handle all your enquiries on (08) 8139 0777



STEP 6 - BUY A RACECAR

Now it is time to acquire a vehicle and relevant equipment.

It's a very important purchase, and you want to buy the right vehicle for you, your needs and budget.

And also keep in mind, you will need a trailer or transporter and appropriate tow vehicle.

There are many ways to find vehicles for sale. Some of the common avenues are, talking to the racing club and getting the word out that you're in the market to make a purchase, as well as social media pages like Facebook Marketplace and Speedway buy and sell pages, Gumtree and My105.

Once your vehicle is purchased and all together and race ready, a technical racing official must look over and make sure the vehicle is to the required safety and technical rules.

Now it is time to go enjoy what we think is the best Motorsport in the world!

Let's go shopping!



JNR QUARTER MIDGET

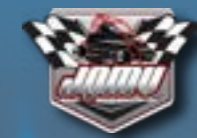
A safe and affordable way for kids as young as 5 years old to get a taste of speedway racing, Junior Quarter Midgets offer a low-speed introduction to the sport. A quarter midget is a 1/4 scale version of an actual open wheel Speedcar (midget). The cars are built around chrome-moly tubular frame powered by single cylinder engines providing around 5 horsepower.



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QUARTER MIDGETS

SPEEDWAY KART

Boasting over 400 competitors nationwide, Speedway Karting offers more than ten categories from Sub Juniors through to the 125cc Pro Class.

National and State Title events are held annually and the strict engine capacity and chassis rules ensure competitive racing that isn't decided by budget!



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OUTLAW KART

Relatively new on the Australian speedway scene, Outlaw Karts are gaining widespread interest for adults and kids from as young as six, offering the added safety of a roll cage and safety belts, as well as an overhead wing. They look great and provide very competitive racing, with four classes of engine capacity and body panels creating the look of a mini-Sprintcar!



Photo: Peter Roebuck

- [NSWOutlawKarts](#)
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- [OutlawKartRacingVictoria](#)
- [WestCoastOutlawKarts](#)
- [SouthAustralianOutlawKartAssociation](#)

DIRTY HARRIES

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JUNIOR SEDAN

The birthplace of many of Australian Speedway's modern day stars, Junior Sedans are available in front and rear wheel drive with strictly governed specifications to ensure the emphasis remains on safety, participation and skill development over results, with competitors starting as young as 10 years old.



STREET STOCK

A Street Stock is essentially a former road-driven car that has been stripped down to the bare chassis and shell, with a roll cage added and fibreglass or composite panels replacing the majority of the steel body for weight reduction and damage control. Street Stocks can also have a passenger seat to take licensed friends racing!



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PRODUCTION SEDAN

The next step up from a Street Stock, a Production Sedan still uses road tyres and bridges the gap between Street Stocks and Modified Sedans to restrain the increasing budgets of sedan racing. "Proddies" as they're affectionately called still maintain the silhouette of a road going car, but offer excellent "bang for buck" in motorsport.



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MODIFIED SEDAN

The elite 6-cylinder sedan class of Australian Speedway, Modified Sedans have become a fan favourite around the nation and have established major events with large crowds and impressive prize money. The key to their popularity is their relevance to the average Aussie fan, with everyday cars turned into race cars with racing tyres!



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SUPER SEDAN

A Super Sedan is a purpose-built full chassis race car enclosed by a complete body, mostly powered by a ground pounding V8, but also allowing Rotary and Turbo aspirated 6-cylinder engines. Super Sedans are primarily fabricated in Australia and maintain our right-hand drive tradition, while still allowing body work to resemble American cars.



Photo: Blake Jones

LATE MODEL SEDAN

Featuring a left-hand drive seating position and unlimited engine capacity, Late Model racing has a growing fan and competitor base nationally. The enormous competitor numbers in America also mean parts and second hand cars are easily accessible, providing great value motorsport for anyone who wants to get started in a V8 division.



Photo: Jason Sutton



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Australian Late Models

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AMCA

Under the banner of the "Australian Motor Contest Association," AMCA race cars are purpose built left hand drive vehicles that are the most economical way to get into V8 racing in Speedway. AMCA's embrace a wide range of budgets but still provide close racing at an affordable price, with racing around Australia.



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AMCA Nationals

MODLITE

The mini version of a V8 Dirt Modified, Modlites are a lightweight, short wheel base purpose built race car powered by a 1000cc motorcycle engine that offer excellent value for money. Racers of all ages have gravitated to Modlites for their drivability and relatively easy maintenance schedule, along with ease of repair after an incident.



www.modlitesaustralia.com.au

Modlites Australia

LEGEND CAR

Legend Cars offer the unique advantage of being able to be raced in dirt track speedway as well as circuit racing with a simple change of tyres! Exclusively running Yamaha powerplants from XJ, XJR, MT09 and FJ lines, Legend Cars have strict rules and very limited setup adjustment which gives the best chance of competitive racing!



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 Legend Cars Australia

V8 DIRT MODIFIED

V8 Dirt Modifieds established a solid presence in Northern NSW in the early '90's and have steadily expanded across Australia. With a centre steer position, Dirt Mods are something of a cross between a sedan and an open wheel racecar and offer a new and second-hand car and parts market due to their immense popularity in the USA.



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 Dirt Modifieds Australia

COMPACT SPEEDCAR OR LIGHTNING SPRINT

Utilising the same chassis as Speedcars, Compact Speedcars and Lightning Sprints use a smaller engine capacity to restrain budgets. They offer excellent entry level racing, allowing you to bolt on a front and top wing to have a car that can race in two classes!



Photos: Scott McNicol/Pacemaker



f Lightning Sprints

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FORMULA 500

Formula 500's have evolved in the modern era to accept 600cc engines mounted in a small chassis with the appearance of a mini Sprintcar. F500's are still one of the most popular classes and offer a dedicated Junior Development division that allows young drivers to get started and then simply remove an engine restrictor plate to move in to senior competition.



Photo: Peter Roebuck



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f Australian Formula 500 Facebook Page

OPEN WHEEL

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WINGLESS SPRINT

Powered by a V6 Buick engine in a Sprintcar chassis, Wingless Sprints are the most popular open wheel speedway division, offering great value for money and relatively easy parts acquisition. Wingless Sprints are a great entry point for racers eyeing a career in Sprintcars, teaching drivers how to maximise car speed with limited horsepower.



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Australian Wingless Sprint Racing

SPEEDCAR

Speedcars are the most time-honoured division in Australian Speedway, with their earliest Australian Title being traced back to 1935! Also known as "Midgets" overseas, Speedcars have a huge fan following here, NZ and the USA, with the highest respect for the drivers who can master one of the most unpredictable and exciting machines known to man!



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PRO SPRINTCAR

FORMERLY 360 SPRINTCARS

The stepping stone to the elite level, Pro Sprintcars offer a great introduction to Sprintcar racing, while utilising a limited and more economical 360 cubic inch or LS engine to keep costs down. And if you want to make the leap to the open 410 ranks, you already have a complete rolling chassis ready to bolt in the higher performance engine.



Photo: Pirate Media



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Sprintcars Australia

410 SPRINTCAR

Sprintcars are one of the most aggressive and thunderous race vehicles on the planet! They are the elite level of the sport, but even the biggest budgets still represent excellent value compared to other elite forms of motorsport, with the bonus of impressive prizemoney at major events that draw huge crowds and media attention!



Photo: Noah Thorley



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Sprintcars Australia

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JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Getting Started as a Junior racer in Speedway has never been easier!

Three national associations offer national junior competition - Speedway Sedans Australia's Junior Sedans, Speedway Karting Association of Australasia's Sub Juniors, Juniors and Junior Standard and Formula 500's Australia's Junior F500's.



There are also state associations that offer junior competition. Junior Outlaw Karts operate in WA, QLD, NSW, VIC, SA and TAS, while Junior Quarter Midgets compete in VIC, WA and QLD. Racing Sedans Australia provide Junior Sedan racing in NSW and QLD.

Speedway Australia has three dedicated Junior Development Programs.



Based on a "come and try" experience, the Kids to Grids program tours the nation with a custom designed and built SSA Junior Sedan, SKAA Dirt Kart and Junior Formula 500, where interested youth and families can sample the sport of speedway in a safe, controlled and non-competitive environment.

Imagine the thrill of driving a purpose built racecar and getting the adrenaline rush that only comes with gripping the steering wheel on an actual speedway track!

Check out the Kids to Grids Facebook page for info of when the experience is coming to a speedway venue in your state!



Speedway Australia's Speed Clinic is a national Junior development program available for ALL junior competitors, across ALL National associations. The program is focused on developing each competitor's personal skills, allowing the junior to develop at a pace that is comfortable for them with the primary focus about building relationships, having FUN and enjoying their speedway racing.



Designed with the career hungry racer in mind, the Rising Star program takes our sport's emerging talent to the next level, preparing them for the physical, mental and emotional requirements to be a star at the highest levels. The program is planned to re-emerge in 2024, where every junior racer nationally will have the opportunity to apply for limited spaces in a centralised, hands on, challenging group environment.

DEVELOPMENT

THE SPEEDWAY LIFE

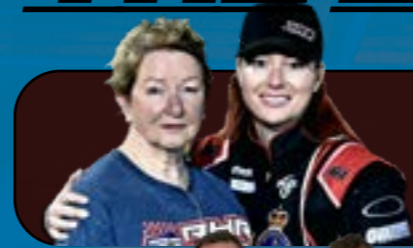
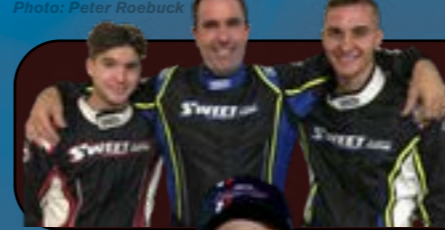


Photo: Peter Roebuck

"I can't imagine a life without speedway. I'm so grateful to my parents for starting me in Junior Sedans when I was 12, and ever since then it's been my world. Speedway has given me opportunities I'd never be offered in other sports."

Veronica McCann Late Models



"If there was ever an example of an unlikely success, it's me. I grew up watching my uncle race and thought I would never be able to do that. But a few decades later, we've enjoyed some amazing results and built a business in the sport, and now my boys are starting to have success of their own. It's been an amazing ride."

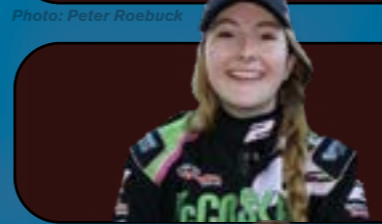
Matty Pascoe SSA Super Sedans



Photo: Peter Roebuck

"Win or lose, speedway has been an amazing sport for me. It's taught me so much, and the speedway industry was where I was able to build the foundations of my shirt printing business. I'm very grateful for everything the sport has given me."

Jock Goodyer Sprintcars



"Speedway has shaped the person I am today, developing my resilience and teaching me the power of community. Beyond the track, speedway has been the foundation of my professional network, providing me with endless opportunities for career and personal growth."

Abi Meehan Modlites

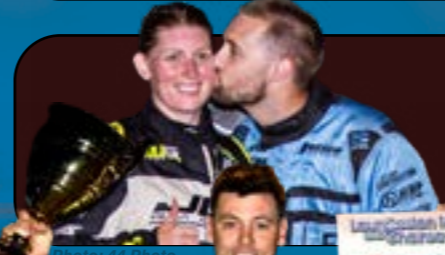


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"Speedway has quite literally given me a life of success, love and livelihood. While the success of winning has been great, the lifelong friendships, meeting and competing against my wife Kristin, starting our family together and running our motorsport inspired family based business, it all started from a passion to race speedway."

Leam & Kristin Williams Formula 500

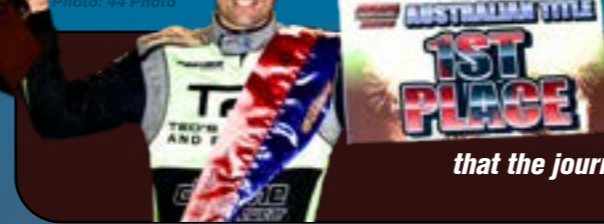


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Taking all the travel opportunities that speedway offers has created memories for a lifetime for me. Speedway has provided me the ability to go to every corner of the country and has taught me that the journey can be the most memorable part if you let it be!"

Tim Reidy AMCA Nationals



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