

GET INVOLVED IN **SPEEDWAY**

BECOMING AN OFFICIAL

Another option may be becoming a Speedway Official. Becoming a Speedway Official at grass roots events is an inexpensive way to experience the sport first hand, while learning what goes on at a Speedway track Rules, regulations and what competing is all about – who knows, you just might be officiating National Speedway Events!

Junior Official licences are available for applicants as young as 14 years of age.

BEFORE YOU START COMPETING

To ensure that every Speedway competitor is fit and capable to compete all competitors must be licensed. This means that they have applied to Speedway Australia for a Speedway licence and have satisfied the licensing criteria by:

- Becoming a member of an association or club,
- Applying for a Speedway Australia Licence,
- Submitting a health statement,
- Undertaking an approved medical examination,
- Agreeing to abide by the Speedway Australia Drug & Alcohol Policy,
- Agreeing to abide by the Speedway Australia Code of Conduct.

WHERE TO START

SSA Junior Sedans compete at a range of venues in most states throughout Australia.

Competitor Associations are a fantastic source of information. The best way to get involved in racing is to visit an association, club or track and ask them for advice or visit their website for further information!

Currently Horsham Motor Sports Club runs SSA Juniors, Street Stocks, 3 Litre Sedans, V8 Trucks and SSA Ladies events at nearly every racemeeting. By joining your local club you will meet people who can assist you to get into the sport and it can be a great place to buy spare parts or even your first vehicle.



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GET IN THE FASTLANE

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Attending different types of Speedway racing events will help you work out which of the several classes of the sport you would like to become involved in.

Speedway events are run on almost every weekend of the year, depending on which state you're in and range from grass roots events to major events such as World Series Sprintcars or the National Super Sedan Series.

As a Speedway competitor you'll experience the thrill of being in the driver's seat at high speeds in intense competition.

The cost of competing varies depending on the type of Speedway racing you would like to participate in – from varying licence costs to the cost of a car, travel and spare parts. Here are a few pointers to get you started in Speedway!

JUNIOR SPEEDWAY: A BRIEF HISTORY

Australian junior motor racing began at the Forest Hill Speedway Association in 1971, hosting fields of unmodified cars (mostly Prefects, Angler 105s and Triumphs) that were perfect for junior racing thanks to their low entry cost.

In 1978, 1200cc stock cars with roll cages, welded drivers seats and virtually no other modifications became popular. In 1998, Speedway Sedans Australia (SSA) took junior racing national, with approximately 60 WA competitors and smatterings of other competitors across the rest of the country, holding their first national title in 2002.

MINIMUM AGES

Minimum ages for competition vary between Speedway divisions. Generally, junior competitions facilitate drivers up to the age of 16 years. After turning 17 the driver can enter senior competitions. To compete in SSA Junior Sedans, children must be aged between 10 and 16 years.

ENTRY COSTS

Entry costs also vary between Speedway divisions. SSA Junior Sedans, another popular entry point for junior racers, can be cost effective and one of the safest forms of junior competition. Vehicles are limited to 1200cc in sedan, coupe or hatchback, enabling older and cheaper vehicles fitted with rollcages such as Datsuns, Escorts and Charades to compete.

To get started as a senior driver can seem daunting. After all, going up against experienced campaigners on the track is a big step. Many Speedways have participation or come-and-try days where you can try out Speedway without fully committing yourself financially. Speedway Australia also offers One-Day Licences to competitors, so you can get out on the track without paying for a full season of racing. One-Day Licences are also available for junior drivers.

BLUE RIBBON RACEWAY JUNIOR DRIVER PROGRAM

The Horsham Motor Sports Club has conducted Junior Development programs at its Blue Ribbon Raceway. Many of the Juniors and Adults racing at our track today completed the training program before going racing. The program is conducted over three, three hour sessions and covers:

- Training lectures including race rules and regulations
- Safety gear
- Conduct on and off the track,
- On track training in Club Junior cars and Club safety race gear
- Track procedures and Race meeting procedures
- Aspects of racing equipment including safety harness, brake systems, ignition kill switches, fuel taps etc,
- Discipline is strict at all times
- All participants learn at their own pace, and commence with training appropriate with their individual experience.

The Horsham Motor Sports club is very keen to help Junior Drivers to begin racing. The club is prepared to help with advice on the purchase of cars, purchase of racing gear and provide information on membership, licensing and registration.

At present we have a few new junior names on our waiting list and we are about to commence another program. Anyone interested in participating in the Junior program, please contact the Club Secretary Emma Bansemer on 0439 911 560 or email sec@blueribbonraceway.com.au



1200 Junior driver Gemma Horrocks