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This response has been prepared by the NOS Sprint National Committee in support of the work done by NASR towards presenting Speedway Racing in a professional format.

Responses to ACCC Public Consultation Questions

- 1. How important is it to hold a NASR licence if you are a speedway driver? What other race controlling bodies provide licences and/or manage speedway events that drivers can attend instead of NASR approved events?*

The NOS Sprint National Division recognises the NASR Licence as the licence all drivers must have to compete in the division.

The NOS Sprint Division does not recognize any other Licence other than the NASR Licence.

The NOS Sprint Division is a new National Division but has derived from a division that was not projected on a National basis and did not provide the professionalism currently exhibited under the NASR Banner.

The NOS Sprint Division supports the risk management undertaken by NASR and welcomes the improved safety standards that have followed.

The NOS Sprint Division supports the National structure provide under NASR, for Racing Divisions, Drivers and Mechanics licences and race track safety.

If a track is a NASR track is a NASR approved track the insurance and safety are not a concern, while other tracks require clarification of such before a meeting for the NOS Sprint Division can take place.

It make sense for all of the speedway to be under one body for cars drivers and tracks ensuring a unified approach is available in management and safety Standards, provided this body is the voice for the participants involved.



2. NASR advise that it has negotiated a group personal injury insurance policy which provides coverage to licensees as a member benefit at no additional cost. NASR advise that licensees/members remain free to obtain appropriate personal injury insurance from other providers. Do drivers obtain their own insurance? Why or why not? How difficult is it to obtain personal injury insurance as a speedway driver or track/venue operator? Who are the main providers of insurance? What is the approximate cost for obtaining insurance for speedway racing?

The insurance cover provided by NASR works, and it is reasonably priced.

Insurance is a complex issue while in some cases an insurer may be able to provide a cover for a reduced price to NASR the track record and ability to cover claims can be difficult to dissect at the time of quoting.

Drivers rarely provided their own insurance and this usually only occurs when a person is self employed and has a policy in place to cover what ever they are doing.

Most people in speedway especially in the NOS Sprint Division go to speedway as a part time enjoyment and have no interest in obtaining insurance separate to the NASR system.

The National Divisions like NOS sprints are responsible for the Car Specifications and rely on the input from the insurance providers to date safety specifications if required.

The Driver Safety Wear and safety equipment are dictated by NASR Safety Committee of which the NOS Division has a voice as do other National Divisions.



3. *NASR advise that should a licensee/member obtain their own insurance instead of/in addition to the insurance provided as a member benefit of the NASR licence, the licence fee paid by that member is not adjusted. Does this prevent licensees/members from taking out their own insurance? Why or why not?*

The NASR Insurance is provided to all competitors and this bulk purchase provides the basis for a large coverage at a minimal cost, higher levels of insurance cover are available via the NASR system and a competitor can purchase this or obtain their own additional insurance.

4. *NASR advise that licensees/members may obtain licences from other associations and may therefore race at non-NASR approved tracks and events. However, NASR's group personal injury insurance provided as a member benefit does not apply to non-NASR approved races, events or tracks. Do drivers race at both NASR and non-NASR approved events and venues? Does this deter a driver from racing at non-NASR approved events and tracks? Why or why not?*

The NOS Sprint Division will only accept the NASR licence for a driver before they are able to race.

NOS Sprint do race at non NASR approved racing facilities but only after the facility has demonstrated its insurance coverage and safety standards are acceptable and similar to the NASR Standards.



5. *How important is it for a venue or track to be NASR approved? Can you outline what the effect of not being NASR-approved might have on these tracks?*

The NOS sprint Division would like for all tracks to be NASR approved as it ensures the insurance and safety standards and reduces the work load of the division, and set the bench mark for a professional race meeting for all concerned.

The NOS Sprint Division is concerned with drivers racing on NON NASR approved tracks especially in NON NASR approved divisions, fearing an accident will place undo stress on the competitors and in turn increase the licence fees in the for coming years.

6. *How important is it for a sprint car driver, saloon car driver or V8 dirt modified car driver to be a member the SCCA, ASCF or the DMA? Are there alternative racing body organisations that operate events and/or tracks in these categories of racing?*

While this question is not directed at our division the NOS Sprint Division is the fastest growing division and the newest National division in speedway and is targets towards the average person in the street providing an ideal situation to create an ideal structure.

The only way the NOS sprint Division can be operated as a national professional structure is to be under the NASR banner and supports the working of the NASSR organizations towards total coverage of speedway racing in Australia.

Drivers and Car owners in the NOS Sprint Division are all members of the division and have ownership of the specifications.