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Dear Ms. Bourke,

RE: EXCLUSIVE DEALING NOTIFICATION LODGED BY NASR AND OTHERS

On behalf of the WASCF I submit the responses below as an interested party in the public consultation process in relation to the above notifications

1. A NASR Licence has many member benefits which are of advantage to speedway drivers, these include but are no limited to, the ability to compete in NASR approved events, which have the minimum safety and risk management standards applied to them also discounts on a various range of products and services.

There are other bodies which attempt to provide similar services as NASR, however these bodies do not offer the same values or securities as offered by NASR. NASR offers a formatted range of training, safety standards, presentations and performances for speedway. NASR also promotes the sport to increase the public profile of speedway racing.

2. It is believed that most speedway drivers do not obtain their own personal injury insurance, drivers and venue operators are satisfied with the cover offered by NASR as a member benefit. It is felt that most drivers are not required to by their employers to obtain insurance for themselves.

Insurance of equal coverage as provided as a member benefit, would be quite difficult to obtain as an individual driver or venue operator. Insurance of a lesser coverage may be able to be obtained. There is a limited number of insurance providers willing to provide personal injury insurance to speedway drivers or

venue operators.

3. NASR members are free to purchase their own personal accident insurance, in the event that they do they are still covered by the insurance offered as a member benefit by NASR.

The Membership fee is not solely based on the insurance benefits offered and the premiums are not directly passed onto the drivers or venue operators. There are other governing bodies who provide personal accident insurance as one of there member benefits and to my knowledge there members are not discounted if they choose to take out additional insurance.

4. NASR personal accident insurance does covers members for their participation in events that are NASR approved, it can also apply to events that are held at non-NASR approved tracks that are holding NASR approved events.

Drivers do race at both NASR Approved and non-NASR approved events and venues. Some drivers may be deterred from racing at no-NASR approved tracks or events, as they have lower levels of public liability insurance, leaving the driver open to substantial personal liability.

5. It is very important that venues are NASR approved as this shows them to be a serious participant in the speedway racing industry.

6. It is important for drivers to be members of the relevant and respective competitor organisations, the main competitive events are organised and operated by these organisations. These organisations are also responsible for controlling the specifications and safety standards for there respective divisions.

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