

ACCC Issues

- We run all the divisions competing at BIS under the NASR rule book – if we are not able to enforce NASR licensing and as such penalties in the rule book – what is your alternative?
- We do not rely on clubs, as they are not professional bodies, nor, in our experience, are they competent to administer licensing.
- If we do not have NASR as a licensing body, who do you propose would check the medicals and run the administration side of our sport? We certainly don't have the staff nor expertise in our office.
- We had the instance of a young girl (said she was 16years of age) attempt to go out on the race track as a co-driver in a senior division – no licence, no medical, no parental authorisation. She claimed to have a licence, however we were able to check with NASR and confirm that the young lady had not provided any such paperwork. The car was disqualified and the driver (who was NASR licensed) was subsequently fined under the NASR rule book.
Without NASR licensing, we would not have been able to check on the girl, nor would we be able to penalise the driver, as we would not have a rule book to enforce any penalties. The legal costs involved in drawing up a rule book, to the quality etc would be prohibitive, not to mention that we would not have a set of national rules to run by.
- We would suggest you look at the NASR rule book before making any decision, as if you do not allow us to enforce NASR licensing and subsequently the NASR rule book ,we will have no racing rules, safety guidelines not to mention regulations to direct the racing. Is the ACCC going to provide this intellectual property? And as mentioned in the previous point, pay for such.
- We do not force crews to hold a NASR license, as they are not required to submit medicals, nor are they required to prove they are medically fit to drive a car, however, we do encourage that they hold a NASR mechanic's license, as in the event they should be injured working on a racecar or even heading to and from the race track, they are covered by an insurance policy – they also receive a \$5 membership discount at the pit gate – which if they attend 18 BIS events, they will have already received their license money back in discounted entry.
- NASR not only provide licensing to the competitors, but also provide tracks with risk assessment and safety updates. We suggest you have a look at this folder before making any decisions, as again, if NASR does not provide this for us – what legal costs etc are involved to have something similar drawn up.
- NASR has taken the sport from flannelette shirts and thongs and turned it into a professional workplace. And under workplace safety, we are ensuring our obligations of risk and safety are paramount.
- To provide the same benefits and standards of safety at our venue, without NASR, we would have to charge every competitor at least \$500 each per year to cover new administration, expertise and consultation. Not to mention that this would then only cover them to race at our track, and would not be recognised at other venues. As we would not recognise licenses from other tracks, once again due to the reliability of clubs/club run tracks.

The benefits far outweigh the drawbacks.

We ask that you do not destroy the sport of speedway racing, as without NASR as our National body, you will be undoing at least a decade of hard work, and taking us back to the backyard philosophy of speedway.

On related issues regarding insurance:

- When my daughter plays netball, we have to pay \$160 to the netball association to enable her to play club netball. We do not get to choose which insurer that she should be insured with, the insurance comes as part of the registration fee. The same goes for our son with soccer and football. They could both choose to play in the country in a "sub-organised" competition, and not have to pay any registrations, but they choose to play in the city competitions, and thus have to join the national bodies to compete.
- When our kids attend their private school, insurance is included in their school fees, we are not able to dictate to the school which insurer we want, as it is a benefit of the school fees.