

WEST COAST SPEEDCARS

A DIVISION OF ASDRA

Australian Speedway Drivers and Riders Association Inc.
Reg. No. A1012010B

22 June 2010

Attention: Ms Monica Bourke
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
GPO Box 3131
Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Monica,

Re: Exclusive Dealing Notifications N93304-N93305 lodged by Placide Pty Ltd (Perth Motorplex) and Corio Park Pty Ltd (Avalon Raceway) - PRE DECISION CONFERENCE

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the conference in Perth on 17th June,2010.

We would like to point out a few relevant details in support of revoking the above notifications.

You will find attached a copy of our membership form. Fees for a driver member were \$55.00 (including \$30.00 Licence fee) plus car examination fee of \$30.00. A total of \$85.00. This was the season of 2008/09.

Drivers had to supply a current medical certificate.

Cars were built to Speedcars Australia specifications and examined by our own qualified mechanic. We were not registered with Speedcars Australia because we did not have NASR licences and Speedcars Australia would not accept us without them. We could not obtain NASR licences because NASR would not accept us as a club because they would only recognise one division of speedcars in WA. We did not wish to join this division (WASDA) because of their high fee structure and their cars are prohibitively expensive (\$15,000 and upwards to around \$100,000 whereas West Coast Speedcars, being a budget B Grade club typically have cars to a value of less than \$15,000).

Last season 2009/10, we were forced to affiliate with West Australian Speedcar Drivers Association (WASDA) in order to get our cars registered by Speedcars Australia and obtain NASR licences, otherwise we found ourselves banned from

tracks due to lies and insinuations spread by misinformed people with an interest in promoting a NASR monopoly. (A result of the flow on effect that we described in our letter of August 02, 2009).

You can see by the attached Membership Form that this has driven up costs considerably, and has prevented some people from racing with our club.

NASR has had a very detrimental effect also on the smaller tracks and their ability to remain viable. Using RDA Ellenbrook Speedway, i.e The Racing Driver's Association of WA Inc. as an example:-

Prior to NASR (not decades ago but immediately prior to NASR when a medical certificate was already a requirement for drivers) -

- People would pay a small fee to become members of RDA (typically whole families would join).
- Members would then help with the running and maintenance of the track facilities.
- Elected officials (qualified mechanics) would thoroughly examine cars on Examination Day to ensure that the car was built to specifications.
- A Rule Book and specifications were supplied to every driver.
- Drivers would be supplied with a Log Book which would have to be presented to an examiner before every race meeting so that the car could be checked before being allowed to go out on the track.
- With that same Log Book and being an RDA member the driver could then race at any race track in WA.

The club looked after their drivers and the drivers and their families and friends looked after the club.

Since NASR -

- There is no longer an incentive to join the club so membership is down and funds are down. People have to pay to join a car club for their division, plus NASR licence and insurance fees, so they see no reason to join RDA as well.
- This makes it difficult to get the volunteer support that the track needs to run the meeting and maintain the track and facilities.
- We still have a Rule Book and a Log Book and specifications to comply with so nothing has actually been made safer. With the NASR policy of allowing car owners to assess their own cars instead of having them examined, the opposite could be true.

In WA volunteers are covered by the State Government, but NASR are telling our people that volunteers must have NASR insurance. Volunteers are often retired people who can't afford to pay for the privilege of volunteering so they stop volunteering. This has had a devastating effect on smaller tracks as they rely a lot on volunteer help.

Another issue that we have is the bundling of Insurance with Drivers' Licences. We do not agree with this policy at all and believe it to be totally unnecessary. It forces people to pay for an insurance that they don't need, don't want and in the event of an

accident, would not be entitled to use. People affected by this are Self-employed (they have their own insurance), Pensioners and others on Centrelink payments, and self-funded retirees. We advise that anyone having a Centrelink card needs only to take out Ambulance cover as other medical expenses are already covered by the government. NASR don't have Ambulance cover.

I hope this will give a fuller understanding of our concerns.

Yours sincerely

Alan Meakins
President, West Coast Speedcars



West Coast Speedcars

Membership Form

MEMBER DETAILS

NAME: _____	CAR NO: _____
ADDRESS _____	
POST CODE _____	
PHONE (H): _____	MOBILE: _____
FAX: _____	EMAIL: _____

FEE STRUCTURE

Ordinary Member/OR	\$25.00	
Driver Member	\$55.00	
Car Examination	\$30.00	
NASR Driver Licence	250.00	
NASR Pit Crew (or other)	\$90.00	
Speedcars Aust. Car Reg.	125.00	
TOTAL PAID		

MEMBER DECLARATION: (To be read and signed by member).

By payment of the appropriate fees above, I recognise that I am duly bound by the Constitution of West Coast Speedcars, their Code of Conduct, Rules and Regulations. I agree that the continuation of my membership of this club is subject to my compliance at all times with this declaration.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Return to Secretary by email:
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