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# CLUB RULES AND BYLAWS FOR ALL MEMBERS of EASTERN STATES SPEEDWAY.

**THIS OUTLINES SOME OF THE THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW TO GET AND HOLD A CLUB MEMBERSHIP AT EASTERN STATES SPEEDWAY**

## MEMBERSHIP

The club has three different levels of membership.

Full Financial Member – Drivers must have this level of membership to allow them to obtain an SNZ license, which entitles them to full voting and speaking rights at all meetings

Social member – The Club requires all people in the pits to be members of the club, a cheaper membership was introduced for pit crew and supports, and it does however still have full voting and speaking rights at all meetings.

Volunteer members – The Club requires all people in the pits to be members, a token membership was introduced for volunteers. Volunteer's members have no speaking or voting rights.

Volunteers who complete three meetings as a volunteer will be gifted a social membership for the season in return for their services to the club. This social membership will remain in place as long as they are a volunteer. The volunteer will be entitled to all rights of a social member including voting rights.

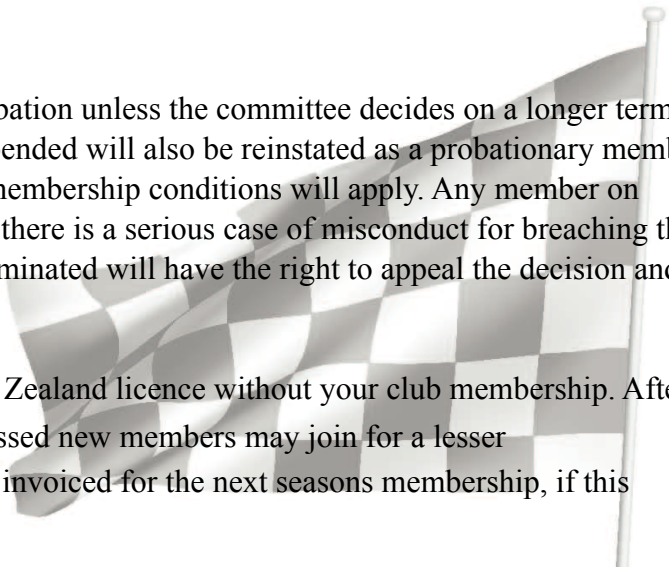
## MEMBERSHIP OF EASTERN STATES SPEEDWAY:

Once we receive your completed club membership form; your application will go before our committee to be confirmed. This can take up to a month.

### Probationary Membership

All new members will be on standard one-year probation unless the committee decides on a longer term on an individual case by case basis. Any member Suspended will also be reinstated as a probationary member at the end of suspension period and all probationary membership conditions will apply. Any member on Probation can have their membership terminated if there is a serious case of misconduct for breaching the club rules and constitution. Any membership so terminated will have the right to appeal the decision and if need be take the matter to a general meeting

You will not be able to obtain your Speedway New Zealand licence without your club membership. After approximately 60 percent of the race season has passed new members may join for a lesser fee set by the committee. Each August you will be invoiced for the next seasons membership, if this





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is not paid by December then your membership will be deemed to have ceased and you will have to reapply for membership. As a member of eastern states speedway you are governed by the club constitution. It is your responsibility to be familiar with this document, if you cannot view it through the Incorporated Societies website, please request a copy from the club.

YOUR CLUB CONTACTS can be found on the Eastern States Website:

[www.easternstatesspeedway.net.nz](http://www.easternstatesspeedway.net.nz)

### CANCELLATIONS

Will be broadcast through The Rock, The Edge and The sound and More Fm as well as being notified on the website and on the Eastern States Facebook page

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Each committee members has an area for which they are responsible, they should be contacted if you have an issue that falls within their area. This can be done via your class rep who will have monthly meetings with the club captain or direct to the person concerned. Who is in charge of what area can be found on the Website or Facebook Page. Should you ring a committee member about a matter we ask that you give them the opportunity to deal with the matter rather than contacted other committee members as well. Committee members have a lot of issues to deal with and would prefer contact to be in writing by mail or email where possible if you wish to have something bought up at a committee meeting on your behalf.

#### Tender Staff

This Includes Security Staff, Crowd Gate Staff, Ambulance and the Commentator

#### Administration and Financial

This includes membership, correspondence, meetings, financial matters

#### Volunteer Staff

This includes Flagman, Breakdown crew, Push vehicles, Gate Staff Pit, Dummy Grid, track Gate Staff, Lapscorers, Safety Van and Crew and the Pit marshall

#### Social –

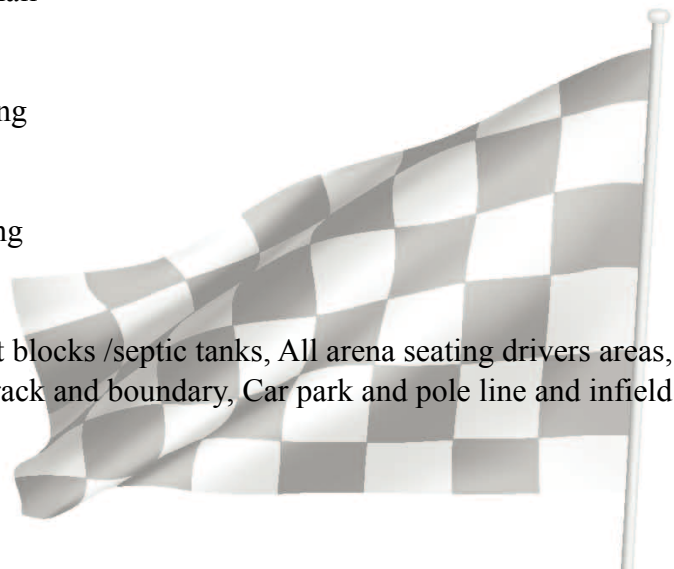
This includes Bar, Social Functions and Prize Giving

#### Sponsors Signage and Advertising –

This includes stadium signs and program advertising

#### Maintenance Track –

This Includes Clubrooms, All water systems, Toilet blocks /septic tanks, All arena seating drivers areas, Track lights over head and traffic lights , Fences track and boundary, Car park and pole line and infield





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#### Maintenance Equipment –

This Includes Tow trucks, track vehicles, tractor, water truck, grader and all tractor implements

#### Health and safety –

This includes all hazards and accident reports

#### Club Captain

Should a Competitor or volunteer wish to question anything or raise any concerns it will be directed to the club captain.

#### Promotions & Marketing

Organisation of race meetings and promotions of the club.

If you are a Driver your first port of call should always be your rep, they will then advise you of the best course of action or deal with issues on your behalf. If you feel you are not being heard or that an issue or portfolio is not being dealt with correctly then the President is the best person to speak to.

No Driver, official or volunteer should feel unheard or unimportant or ever be abused. So please if there is an issue tell someone so that it can be fixed. If the committee is not aware they can't help.

#### ARRIVING AT EASTERN STATES:

When arriving at the track the DRIVER and ONE pit crew will be admitted free of charge, you must have your membership card with you or you will pay for all pitcrew. All others in the tow car will pay a fee set by the committee and is relevant to their status i.e. student, member, non-member or other.

As a volunteer of the club you will be required to be at the track at a set time. As you enter the pit gate there will be a sign in sheet for you to sign. You will also be required to read the Health and Safety manual of the club. Please ensure you are aware ho you report to at the track.

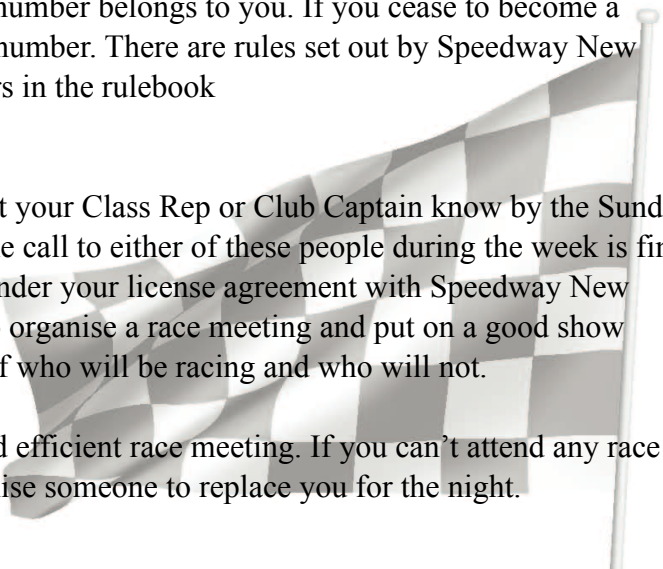
#### RACING NUMBERS:

To obtain your racing number contact David Allan to make sure the number is available. While you are a financial member of Eastern States Speedway, this number belongs to you. If you cease to become a financial member, you forfeit your right to run this number. There are rules set out by Speedway New Zealand on the minimum size and colour of numbers in the rulebook

#### UNAVAILABILITY:

If you are unable to attend a meeting, you MUST let your Class Rep or Club Captain know by the Sunday prior to that meeting. In usual circumstances a phone call to either of these people during the week is fine. As a driver you are obligated to let the club know under your license agreement with Speedway New Zealand if you are unable to race. It is really hard to organise a race meeting and put on a good show For the public if the committee is not made aware of who will be racing and who will not.

As a volunteer you are vital to the running of a good efficient race meeting. If you can't attend any race meeting please let Maryellen know so we can organise someone to replace you for the night.





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#### SPEEDWAY NEW ZEALAND RULE BOOKS:

When you obtain a SNZ licence you will be issued with a rulebook. If you need another copy of this, there is a charge. Any additions, alterations or deletions to any rules will be sent to all licensed drivers in the affected grade. Please check that your licence states the correct grade that you primarily race in. Please check the SNZ website regularly to insure you are up to date with an rule changes.

#### THE SOCIAL SIDE OF RACING:

Our clubrooms are licensed and offer a full range of both refreshments. Because we hold a liquor licence, you are unable to bring your own alcohol into the clubrooms. Our bar prices are comparable to that of a Public Bar. A full range of food will be available after the meeting from the clubrooms. The clubrooms are open to all members and we encourage all drivers, pitcrew and volunteers to enjoy a drink and something to eat after each race meeting.

#### APPEARING AT EASTERN STATES SPEEDWAY:

The pit gates will open at approximately 3.00pm. You must have your car vehicle checked at least 1 hour before start time. Once you have had your car vehicle checked, you will go to the officials shed, where you must present to the steward your overalls and footwear and have your helmet and gloves with you. YOU will also have your SNZ licence (with current photo of you) and your logbook (with current photo of your car), for the steward or his/her assistant to sign.

#### RACING OUT OF TOWN:

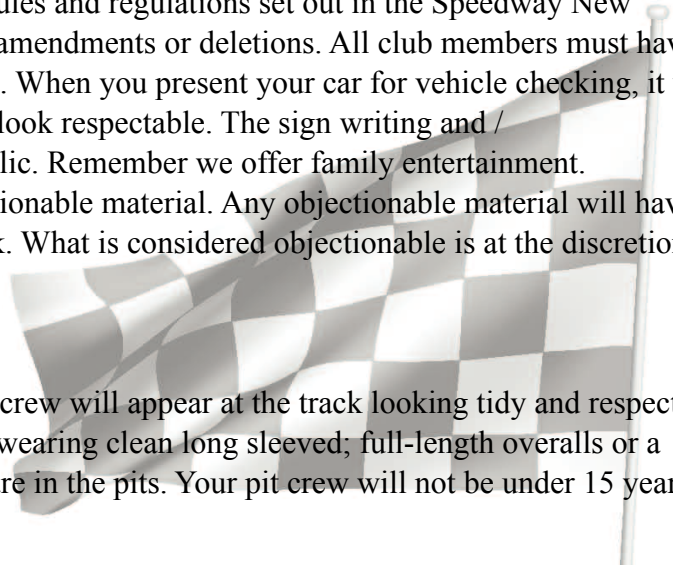
You will be required to get clearance from the promoter before you can race at another track on the same day as we are racing or within 24 hours of any race meeting held here. It is your responsibility to get clearance. When you arrive at the Out-of-town track you must present the clearance to the steward. The rule is No Clearance No Race. If you say you are going to attend a meeting at another track, and then cannot, you must phone the Promoter of that track and let them know as you will not be able to race back at home without a clearance from the away track releasing you to race at home.

#### YOUR RACE CAR:

Your car will, of course, comply with all relevant rules and regulations set out in the Speedway New Zealand Rule Book and any additions, alterations, amendments or deletions. All club members must have their vehicles vehicle checked 1 hour before racing. When you present your car for vehicle checking, it will have been washed from the previous meeting, and look respectable. The sign writing and / or graphics will not be offensive to the general public. Remember we offer family entertainment. Management will deal with any offensive or objectionable material. Any objectionable material will have to be removed before your car can appear on the track. What is considered objectionable is at the discretion of the committee and their decision is final.

#### PITCREW

Like your race car, each meeting, you and your pit crew will appear at the track looking tidy and respectable. Your pit crew is your responsibility. They must be wearing clean long sleeved, full-length overalls or a recognisable team uniform at all times when they are in the pits. Your pit crew will not be under 15 years of





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age. At no time will your crew, friend's family, supporters etc be seen wearing jandals, or open toed footwear in the pits. Offensive language or behaviour by you, your pit crew or your supporters will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by Management. Your pitcrew have to get armbands so they can get back in the pit.

#### PARKING IN PITS

All classes have designated areas and must park in the appropriate place. Only tow vehicles, trailers and race vehicles are allowed in the pits during race meetings.

You must be on the Dummy-Grid and not hold up the racing trying to figure it out. You may be too late to get on the track. You should also know the number of the car you should be behind. If that number is not on the back of the car in front of you, chances are you are in the wrong place. Any driver speeding or driving dangerously in the pits will be fined.

#### SPEED IN THE PITS

Speed in the pits must be kept to a minimum at all times. There are a number of people working and walking in the area. Any Speeding (determined by the committee) in the pits will result in the driver being fined \$50.00 by the committee. This will be payable before the driver can race at the following race meeting. Repeat offences will force the committee to look to the misconduct clauses as we must ensure the safety of everyone at the track. The decision of the committee is final.

#### SPEED ON THE INFIELD

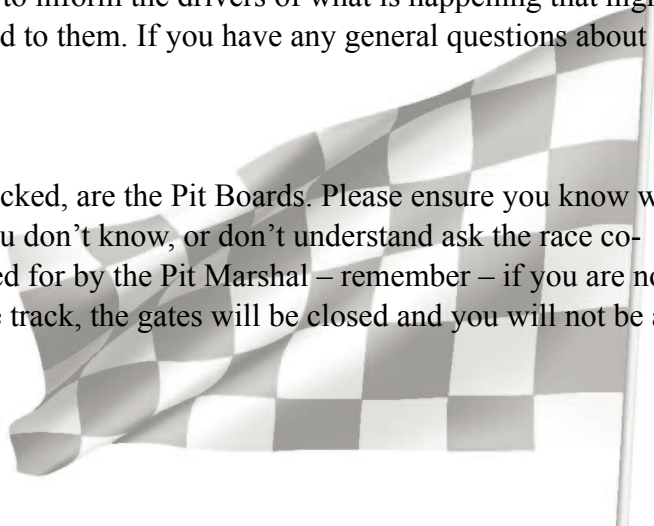
Speed on the infield must be kept to a minimum at all times. There are a number of people working in the area. Any speeding (determined by the committee) on the infield, including donuts, will result in the driver being fined \$50.00 by the committee. This will be payable before the driver can race at the following race meeting. Repeat offences will force the committee to look to the misconduct clauses as we must ensure the safety of everyone at the track. The decision of the committee is final.

#### DRIVERS BRIEFING:

The drivers briefing will normally be held approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour prior to the start of the meeting. Every driver must attend drivers briefing. If you do not attend the drivers briefing, you may not be able to race that night. The object of the drivers briefing is to inform the drivers of what is happening that night. If we have any visiting officials you will be introduced to them. If you have any general questions about the race meeting, this is the time to ask.

#### PIT BOARDS:

Located in the pits, where your car gets vehicle checked, are the Pit Boards. Please ensure you know where on the dummy grid (and track) you should be. If you don't know, or don't understand ask the race coordinator. Be ready to race when your grade is called for by the Pit Marshal – remember – if you are not there by the time the cars leave the pits to go on the track, the gates will be closed and you will not be able to compete in that race.





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The other Pit Boards will contain your finishing positions. These will be posted as soon as possible after the lap scorers have completed their continuity check. If you wish to dispute your finishing position, please contact your class Rep, immediately. You have 10 minutes after the results have been posted to protest. The time the results are posted will be written directly under the results.

### VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are the heart of our club. They give up their time so that we can go racing. Respect them. Any abuse of a volunteer will not be tolerated and will be deemed as serious misconduct.

### MISCONDUCT

A driver is responsible for the behaviour of their pitcrew per SNZ regulations. Any unacceptable behaviour can be reported to Speedway New Zealand and may result in a fine / stand down of the driver.

As a member of Eastern States Speedway you are expected to behave in an acceptable manner. Should a Member or any other person make a complaint alleging that a member has acted in breach of the club rules or constitution the committee must initiate action to deal with the complaint.

Letters will be written to all involved within 10 days of the incident asking for explanations. Failure to reply to a request for an explanation from the committee, within the time frame stated in the requested, will result in the membership being suspended until an explanation is received. A committee meeting will be held and those involved may be asked to attend. Members may be suspended pending an investigation for anything the committee warrants as serious misconduct

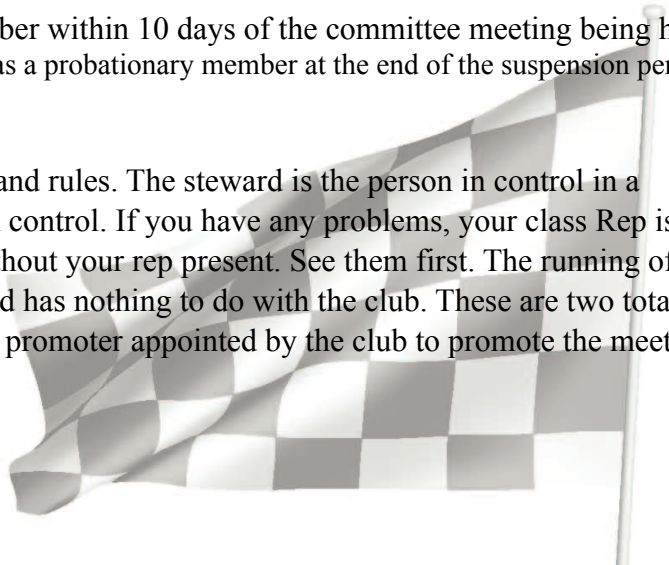
The committee reserves the right to make one or more of the following orders:

- a. That such Member be expelled from the club (through general meeting of the members)
- b. That such Member be suspended for any period.
- c. That such Member be reprimanded or admonished.
- d. That such Member pay a fine to the club
- e. That such Member be warned, that the behaviour not be repeated
- f. That such Member be put on probation (probationary member) for any length of time as deemed suitable by committee.

Any disciplinary action will be notified to the member within 10 days of the committee meeting being held. Any person suspended will automatically be reinstated as a probationary member at the end of the suspension period.

### RACE MEETING:

Race meetings are held under Speedway New Zealand rules. The steward is the person in control in a supervisory capacity. During a race the referee is in control. If you have any problems, your class Rep is the mediator. No official should be speaking to you without your rep present. See them first. The running of a race meeting is a Speedway New Zealand affair, and has nothing to do with the club. These are two totally separated identities. Eastern States Speedway has a promoter appointed by the club to promote the meeting, not run it. Any problems see the Club Captain.





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#### DRINKING AND DRUGS

There will be no alcohol in the facilities before or during a race meeting. Any driver or pit crew found to be drinking before or during the race meeting will be severely dealt with.

Drugs will not be tolerated on the premises at any time. Failing to submit to any form of drug or alcohol testing will be taken as an admission of guilt.

#### BECOMING A COMMITTEE MEMBER

Any member of the club can become a committee member, if you would like to become involved in the running of the club it is as simple as being nominated by two members of the club, when forms and AGM information are sent out in April. All nominations received are voted on at the AGM.

