



# **VSC Racing Rules and Regulations**

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## DUTY OF CARE STATEMENT

It is the Victorian Speedway Council's (VSC) duty to advise you of the following:

Motor racing can be a dangerous sport and you and/or your crew may suffer serious personal injury or death. Your car and/or equipment could be damaged or destroyed.

If there is any aspect of a race meeting that causes you concern for your personal safety or for that matter any member of your crew, whether that concern be with the track, the venue, the officials or in the manner in which the meeting is being conducted, then it is your obligation to bring those concerns to the attention of the Clerk of Course or Chief Steward.

If after doing this, those concerns are not addressed to your satisfaction, you are advised to withdraw from the race meeting. It is the responsibility of the Driver and his/her Crew to understand their obligations and rights in this regard.

It is the VSC duty to advise you that a track official may, at a time during a race meeting request a random drug and/or alcohol test. If you have any doubts as to your ability to pass such a test, you should withdraw from the race meeting IMMEDIATELY.

It is the Drivers responsibility to ensure that he/she and their crew behave in a professional manner at all times during the meeting. Any offensive and/or discriminatory behaviour towards officials, competitors, crews and the general public will not be tolerated, and penalties will be enforced.

Does everybody understand their obligations in this regard?

Any Questions?

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**VICTORIAN SPEEDWAY COUNCIL**  
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**RACING RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## **1. FORWARD**

The Victorian Speedway Council has adopted these racing rules and regulations for all classes.

These Racing Rules and Regulations are binding on all VSC member clubs, registered officials, licenced drivers, and pit crews and must be read in conjunction with all other policies of the Victorian Speedway Council.

Any person who wishes to participate in any VSC approved event shall abide by these Racing Rules and Regulations. Any person in control of a race car shall not participate in any event unless they are duly licenced and registered by the Victorian Speedway Council or by recognised body.

No VSC member shall compete on any speedway circuit other than on those circuits approved by the VSC.

VSC registered race vehicles must display a current VSC Decal where applicable.

The VSC shall permit non VSC registered cars to compete with VSC registered cars of the same and/or similar specifications provided the non VSC licence/registration is recognised by the VSC.

Recognised state/national classes and Associate Members as per state policy.

In the case of a club or promoter or official refusing to comply with VSC rules and specifications, they will be notified in writing, and if their compliance is not forth-coming in the time specified, disciplinary action will be applied to the body/official concerned which will encompass and restrain all parties involved.

As speedway racing is a non-contact sport, the rules and regulations contained in this book are designed with this in mind, unless approved supplementary regulations apply.

The VSC State Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and of the By-Laws and regulations made hereunder, and the decision of the VSC State Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the VSC and not provided for by these rules and or By-Laws and regulations made hereunder shall be final and binding.

Every meeting conducted upon a complex hosted by a VSC affiliated club shall be under these regulations and any other VSC Council approved supplementary regulations when VSC licenced drivers and VSC registered cars are competing. The control of every meeting conducted upon a complex hosted by a VSC affiliated club is vested in the registered officials who must be a member of a VSC affiliated club and/or member of an Associate Member and/or recognised national/state body.

The word racing contained within these rules and regulations is deemed to include all VSC recognised classes.

The VSC Inc. shall recognise approved personal accident cover suitable for speedway, however, the Australian Speedway Accident Fund is the preferred cover.

- 1.1 The Victorian Speedway Council Incorporated herein after called the VSC is dedicated to the highest degree of safety and sportsmanlike conduct in Speedway racing. It is expected that all drivers, owners, officials and crews conduct themselves in a manner to promote this concept.
- 1.2 The VSC is constituted by affiliated member clubs.

- 1.3 The VSC Committee is the body who shall direct the enforcement of these rules and the specifications in all aspects. It may charge any person involved in the sport, with any breach of the rules or specifications, through the State body, member clubs, State technical committee, or registered officials.

## **2. CONTROL OF RACING**

- 2.1 Racing shall be conducted between VSC registered and/or recognised drivers on VSC recognised tracks, officiated by VSC registered and/or recognised officials, but at all times in accordance with VSC Racing Rules and Regulations and specifications.
- 2.2 Any VSC official who knowingly allows an unlicensed driver or an unregistered race car to compete, or who knowingly allows a driver under suspension or with an outstanding fine to compete, will be penalised.
- 2.3 Any VSC licensed driver who knowingly competes in a VSC registered car against unlicensed drivers or unregistered cars may be penalised.
- 2.4 Failure to comply with the rules as contained in this book will result in disciplinary action and/or a penalty.
- 2.5 The VSC Committee may charge any person with conduct prejudicial to the interest of the sport. That charge will be referred to VSC Appeals Tribunal who will determine the charge and if found guilty of the charge, that person will be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the body hearing the charge. The person charged shall be entitled to the benefit of the rules of natural justice.

### **2.6 SOCIAL MEDIA/NETWORKING**

Any form of Social networking (this includes Twitter, Facebook, Snapchat/Instagram texting etc.) by a Driver, Pit Crew or Official that is used to INTIMIDATE or HARRASS any other Driver,

Pit Crew or Official will have the matter investigated.

If the matter is deemed to be proven and correct, those considered involved may be required to appear before the relevant State Tribunal. Proven offences will carry a minimum three-month suspension from Speedway for the first offence.

It should be noted that where the responsible persons are not directly involved with the VSC Inc. but are clearly family members or friends then it will be the competitor who shall suffer.

### **2.7 CODE OF CONDUCT**

Conduct unbecoming to the VSC will not be tolerated. Driver/crew discussions with the Chief Steward and other competitors are to be conducted through the Drivers Representative of the night.

Any driver/crew member entering the space of another driver/crew member resulting in an altercation will be deemed responsible for the altercation. A penalty/fine for conduct unbecoming will be issued by the Steward with the penalty/fine to be served/paid before the driver or crew can compete at the next event.

## **3. LIQUOR AND DRUGS**

- 3.1 Any person involved in the competition or running of a race meeting shall not have consumed any intoxicating liquor or used any illegal drugs for at least 12 hours prior to the start of that meeting.

- 3.2 The carrying or consumption of intoxicating liquor or illegal drugs in the pit/racing area is prohibited, whilst the meeting is in progress. All other restrictions are at club/promoter discretion.
- 3.3 Blood alcohol content tests may be part of the race meeting and the Chief Steward may order any person to undergo such a test. The maximum blood alcohol content permitted 0.02%. Any person found with, a reading over this limit shall not be allowed to take any further part in the meeting and may be subject to further penalty.
- 3.4 Random drug testing may be carried out on drivers/crew/officials at anytime.
- 3.5 If any official is of the belief that another official, crew or Competitor is under the influence of Drugs or Alcohol, The Police will be contacted to administer the appropriate tests.

## **4. RACING RULES AND REGULATIONS BOOKS, CLASS SPECIFICATION MANUALS.**

- 4.1 The VSC will supply one free copy of the racing rules and regulations book (“the rules”) to each licenced driver, to each member club and to all registered stewards at each issue.
- 4.2 The VSC will make available a digital copy via website or a printed copy by request of the class specification manual to each registered owner in that class, 2 to each member club (1 club copy: 1 Chief Scrutineer’s copy), at each issue.
- 4.3 It will be the responsibility of each member club to provide the remaining officials with any new issues of the rules and regulations or class specification manuals.
- 4.4 Extra copies of these manuals/books can be downloaded at any time by any person or club from the State body via the website.
- 4.5 It shall be the driver’s responsibility to have a racing rules and regulations book and the appropriate class specification manual and be fully acquainted with the regulations contained therein.
- 4.6 If any changes are made to the rules or the specifications, the VSC will advise of those changes via the minutes and made available on the VSC website.

## **5. LICENCES, REGISTRATIONS and LOG BOOKS**

- 5.1 Deliberate destruction of a VSC Licence or log book may incur a penalty.
- 5.2 A lost log book or licence can be replaced by filling in an application form, available from the Club Secretary at a cost to the driver/owner.
- 5.3 A filled log book will be replaced by forwarding that book to the Licencing Secretary, where it will be sent back with a new one.

### **DRIVERS LICENCES**

- 5.4 A VSC driver’s licence can be issued to any person, upon receipt of the appropriate fee, provided they can satisfy their club of their suitability.  
Licences are issued by the VSC State Office and are subject to age limits and medical certificates as required.  
A senior licence cannot be applied for unless the applicant is aged 17 years and over.  
A junior licence cannot be applied for unless the applicant is aged 10 years and under 17 years at

the time of the application. Drivers aged 10 and 11 years of age are restricted to 4 and 6 cylinder cars in approved classes for that age.

- 5.5 Only a current VSC recognised driver's licence, free of unpaid fines and outstanding penalties will be accepted as a legal licence for speedway competition in VSC Classes. It must be presented when requested by track officials.
- 5.6 A VSC driver's licence can only be deemed valid once all appropriate details in it have been completed.
- 5.7 Any unauthorised person found guilty of altering or mis-representing a race car, log book, licence will be penalised

### **LOG BOOKS AND DECALS**

- 5.8 Any person who is guilty of making a false log book declaration or knowingly provides wrong information for the registration of a race car may be penalised.
- 5.9 A VSC registration will be issued to a race car, upon receipt of the appropriate fee and paperwork, and provided that car conforms to the VSC specification manual for the class in which the car is to be registered. Following the passing of the pre-season scrutineering, a registration decal will then be forwarded which must be attached to a prominent position on the race car.
- 5.10 Log books are compulsory, and one will be issued for each race car when the car is accepted for registration. This log book will remain with that car for the season and is not transferable to another car.  
Log books and Decals are not transferable from car to car or body to body.
- 5.11 The appropriate pages in the log book must be completed as necessary before the book can be deemed valid.
- 5.12 Log books will be checked at scrutineering for validity and outstanding work orders. Entries in the form of work orders will be made in the book by the officials when the car does not conform to the appropriate specifications.
- 5.13 If a log book is presented at scrutineering with work orders not effected, the driver will be given the option to fix the fault/s. If the driver deems not to fix the faults, the car concerned is not given a clearance to race. The log book will be retained by the officials and be forwarded to the drivers' State Secretary.
- 5.14 A race car can be reshelled to the same model car, it will require a full daylight with daylight number to be entered in the log book and signed by Scrutineer. No new registration fee is required.

## **6. PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

- 6.1 Abuse of any safety equipment will be penalised.
- 6.2 Any person who is guilty of misrepresenting any safety attire/equipment will be penalised. Any driver who presents Safety Attire that is out specifications will have that gear confiscated and destroyed.
- 6.3 Drivers who intend to compete at a race meeting, in any or unofficial practice must have approved safety attire and equipment as per the relevant class specification book. This attire and equipment must be worn correctly at appropriate times.

- 6.4 The Chief Steward at his/her discretion may relax the rules for safety attire requirements for grand parades and driver presentations.
- 6.5 Approved Safety Attire/Equipment:
- HELMET: AS1698, Snell 2010, 2015,2020. Euro helmets approved to ECE 22.05 standard. Euro to be appropriately labelled on helmet and chinstrap.
- HELMET V8 Open Wheel Classes: SNELL 2010,2015 and 2020 FIA 8858–2010 FIA 8859-2015 FIA 8860-2010
- RACE SUIT: Minimum Standard SFI 3.2 A/1 or FIA 8856-2000
- UNDERWEAR: Minimum Standard SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000
- BALACLAVA: Minimum Standard SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000
- BOOTS: Minimum Standard SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000
- GLOVES: Minimum Standard SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000
- SOCKS: Minimum Standard SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000
- NECK BRACE: Minimum Standard SFI 3.3 or FIA 8856-2000
- HEAD and NECK RESTRAINT: Minimum Standard SFI 38.1 or FIA 8858-2010 FIA 8858 -2018
- EYE PROTECTION: Visor/Goggles
- Life span on equipment will be as per manufacturer or condition.
- All other safety equipment will require approval by the State Technical Committee.

## 7. FLAGS, BOARDS and LIGHT SIGNALS

- 7.1 The dimensions of the flags shall be 620mm x 620mm. The stripes on the flags shall be 80mm wide and the spots shall be 300mm in diameter.
- 7.2 Green Flag/Green Light  
START OF RACE OR RACE IN PROGRESS – The signal to start racing shall be when the Green light is displayed or when the Green flag is waved.
- 7.3 Yellow and Green flags crossed  
COMPLETE RE-START/FORM UP – Given for a complete restart or to form up ready to start.
- 7.4 Yellow flag/Yellow light  
CAUTION – When this is displayed the drivers shall slow to a reasonable pace and retain their position.
- 7.5 Red flag/Red light  
DANGER – Drivers are to stop immediately in the safest practical way.
- 7.6 Yellow flag with Red angled stripes  
FIRE FLAG – Drivers given this signal are to withdraw immediately in the safest practical way,
- 7.7 Blue flag with Yellow spot  
LAPPING FLAG – When displayed that vehicle is about to be lapped, and must maintain line and render no competition or interference when being lapped. When a driver receives the lapping flag that driver is to hold their current position on the track i.e. if mid track at the time, they should stay mid track until lapped, if high on the track, stay up high.
- 7.8 Black flag with White diagonal stripe  
ENQUIRY FLAG – When displayed, the driver is subject to an enquiry and must report to the Chief Steward (or delegated official) at the completion of the race Penalties may be issued during or at

the completion of the race. The driver may be advised of a penalty by One way communicator or a Chief Steward's Infringement notice within 1 hour of the race completion.

- 7.9 Yellow flag with Red vertical stripe  
SLIPPERY SURFACE
- 7.10 Yellow flag with Black diagonal stripe  
NOISE FLAG – Driver may continue to race, however if the noise level does not decrease on the next lap(s) then the Black flag will be displayed.
- 7.11 Black flag  
DISQUALIFICATION FLAG – Driver to withdraw immediately to the infield using caution whilst doing so and must report to the steward at the end of the race. **No appeals accepted on a black flag.**
- 7.12 Black flag with White spot  
MECHANICAL DEFECT – Driver to withdraw immediately using caution to the Infield, where officials shall inspect and/or rectify the fault. Driver may then rejoin the race, provided the official has given approval to rejoin the race.
- 7.13 White flag  
ONE LAP TO GO.
- 7.14 Black and White chequered flag  
RACE COMPLETION.
- 7.15 It is the responsibility of the driver to watch for signals given by the steward/officials.
- 7.16 Any driver who does fail to obey any signal or direction given by the stewards/officials will be penalised. Minimum \$50 per lap.

## 8. CAR IDENTIFICATION/ROOF PLATE NUMBERS

- 8.1 Numbers 1, 2 and 3 are reserved for the current State titleholders, with the defending State No. 1 taking precedence at State titles.
- 8.2 The number 0 shall not be used for any registrations, features or title events. 0 cannot proceed a number e.g. "05"
- 8.3 The use of roof numbers is mandatory for all race meetings and State titles.
- 8.4 The roof plate number is a number issued for identification of a car on race day and may be distinct from the car registration number. This number plate to be fitted as per State requirements.
- 8.5 The roof identification number shall be a metal plate, 30cm square with a 5cm right angle fold at the bottom where 2 holes, at 20cm centres shall be drilled to take 6mm bolts. The plate shall be bolted vertically on the roof of the vehicle at an angle from the left hand front to the right hand rear wheel arch, or parallel with the side of the car, depending on track lap scoring requirements. The plate shall be black background and white number/s, in plain font 20cm high. In lieu of above Open Wheel cars are permitted to attach plate to outside rear bar work (i.e. behind driver as high as possible).
- 8.6 All other requirements as per class specification book.  
Including state/club prefixes.

## 9. SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

Supplementary regulations for any long distance race, championship race, or feature race not covered by these rules must be submitted to the State Committee for approval.

- 9.1 The State Committee has the right to approve or reject all or part of the supplementary regulation/s included in the submission and may stipulate added safety precautions.
- 9.2 The submission must list the date(s) of the event, the name of the event and the promotional body who will be responsible. It must also list the supplementary regulations and why they are required.
- 9.3 The submission must not contradict existing safety rules.

### APPROVALS

- 9.4 If the supplementary regulation/s are endorsed by the State Committee, approval will be forwarded in writing at least 7 days prior to the event, which will clearly state:
  - a) The date(s) and the name of the event.
  - b) The full list of supplementary regulations, and an approval number for the event.

### NOTIFICATION TO COMPETITORS

- 9.5 The promotional body must notify all intending drivers and officials of the approved supplemental regulations.
- 9.6 The program for the event must state the VSC supplementary regulation approval number.

## 10. DRIVERS AND CREWS

- 10.1 All VSC drivers, owners and crew members must be financial members of a VSC fully affiliated club.
- 10.2 Drivers and crew members and officials shall be financial members of an approved ambulance fund. Proof required for licence/pit crew application.
- 10.3 Drivers, crew members and officials are to dress in a clean and tidy manner and are to conduct themselves in a professional and sportsmanlike manner at all times. Dress code may be subject to State, Club or Promoters by-laws. Dress code in pit area, from one hour prior to commencement of the race meeting until after the Chief Steward has given the all clear, all participants are required to wear no open footwear, all tops/shirts must have sleeves and cover the upper torso and all legs must be covered to the knees.
- 10.4 A driver is responsible for the conduct, actions and appearance of his/her pit crew from the time they enter the complex until 60 minutes after the Chief Steward gives the "All Clear". An infringement notice may be served upon the driver and/or pit crew member for any proven misconduct by the pit crew member.
- 10.5 A VSC driver must have the following items at **the** speedway track to be allowed to compete:
  - a) A current VSC driver's licence.
  - b) A current VSC registered speedway car.
  - c) A current VSC log book for that vehicle.
  - d) Approved VSC safety wear.
  - e) A current VSC approved Personal accident cover.
  - f) A current VSC Speedway Racing Rules and Regulations.
  - g) One Way Communicator (In working order)

- 10.6 A passenger on the track must also have items (a), (d), (e) and (f) as contained in Rule 10.5
- 10.7 Pit crew members must also have item (e) as contained in Rule 10.5
- 10.8 In the event of Items (a) (c) and (e) as contained in Rule 10.5 being unavailable on race day, and due to extenuating circumstances only a temporary issue form for those items must be completed and the appropriate fee paid before driver is permitted to compete. These forms are available from the race day secretary or pit marshall and can only be used providing items (a), (c) and (e) have already been issued. Form must be forwarded to the State Secretary.

### **JUNIOR DRIVERS**

- 10.9 When Junior racing is programmed, the Junior must nominate a “Chief Crew Person” prior to the commencement of the race meeting. Responsibility of the nominated Chief Crew Person is to be available at all times for the Junior, exception: whilst Junior is on the track. Juniors must at all times have the nominated Chief Crew Person with him/her when required to liaise with officials, first aid personnel, club personnel, at drivers briefing and at any dispute/appeal hearing etc. Chief Crew Person to be 18 years and over.
- 10.10 Drivers, pit crew and officials that are receiving medical treatment that may affect their ability to participate and/or officiate or whilst under Workcover, other Compensation schemes or receiving benefits from an accident insurance policy shall produce a medical certificate stating they are medically fit to participate and/or officiate at a speedway meeting.
- 10.11 All registered Stewards and Scrutineers will hold the appropriate and current Working With Children certification.
- 10.12 Any person who abuses another person will be penalised. All incidents will be reported to the Chief Steward.
- 10.13 Any person found guilty of speaking in a derogatory manner or making obscene gestures to any person will be penalised.

## **11. RACE MEETINGS**

Race Meeting officially commences at the advertised scrutineering time, (Or when the first car is scrutineered), and finishes 60 minutes after the completion of the last event or 60 minutes after the steward gives the all clear.

### **DIRECTION OF RACING**

- 11.1 Direction of racing will be determined by the class specification book.
- 11.2 Any person found guilty of an act of violence i.e. physical, verbal or written during the course of a race meeting will be penalised.
- 11.3 Any person found guilty of speaking in a derogatory manner or making obscene gestures to any person during the course of a race meeting will be penalised.
- 11.4 No unauthorised person shall enter the track or infield area without the Chief Stewards permission. The Chief Steward will penalise any unauthorised person who enters the track or infield.
- 11.5 Any person riding on a moving car will be penalised. Exception: organised parade or presentation.
- 11.6 Any driver who drives in the Pit Area in an unsafe manner or uses excessive speed will receive a penalty.

- 11.7 Ambulance/first aid facilities, firefighting equipment and tow vehicles must be available within the complex before any practice or competition can begin. Minimum first aid requirements are:
- a) Stretcher.
  - b) Oxygen resuscitation equipment.
  - c) Min of 2 fully trained Ambulance/First Aid/Red Cross officers. Minimum qualification level 2 first aid.
  - d) Recognised state ambulance/state first aid facility and be suitably attired.
  - e) All infield officials to be suitably attired and trained.
- 11.8 All intending Drivers and race cars must be at the complex a minimum of one hour prior to the advertised starting time, unless otherwise advised by the organisers.
- 11.9 Drivers and pit crew will register their names at the appropriate sign-in area of the speedway.
- 11.10 Drivers competing at their first race meeting will be required to start at the rear of field and continue doing so until they have satisfied the Chief Steward, of their proficiency.
- 11.11
- a) During a race meeting, if through an accident or for any other reason a driver is considered to be unfit to continue racing the Chief Steward in consultation with the medical attendants shall not allow that driver to compete for the remainder of the meeting.
  - b) After any serious accident or roll over, the car must be checked by a scrutineer and passed to race. Appropriate forms are available through the Club Secretary or State office if required.

### **DRIVERS BRIEFING**

- 11.12 Drivers are required to be on site prior to the scheduled commencement of the drivers briefing and are to attend when notified.
- 11.13 Failure to attend the drivers briefing will incur a penalty.
- 11.14 At each race meeting the nominated drivers will elect a Drivers Representative over the age of 18, or confirm the existing drivers representative, provided that person is not a driver at that meeting. More than 1 drivers' rep may be appointed, if there is a conflict, or visiting Classes.
- 11.15 The drivers' briefing will be held in an area where all those in attendance can hear what is being said. Race cars in the area shall not be permitted to make excessive noise.
- 11.16 At the drivers' briefing the necessary officials shall be introduced.
- 11.17 The drivers' briefing will also give the following information to the drivers:
- a) Location of the various officials during meeting.
  - b) Information on the flag/light system
  - c) Location of fire extinguishers
  - d) Information on re-starts
  - e) Definition of the infield area
  - f) Explanation of any promotional laps or Grand Parades
  - g) Any other information or approved supplementary regulations that apply to the track.
  - h) Duty of Care Statement must be read out by Steward or authorised represented.

### **NOMINATION FOR A MEETING**

- 11.18 The promotion/organiser has the right to refuse any nomination.
- 11.19 Any driver who nominates for two or more race meetings, which are run at the same date and time will be penalised.

- 11.20 At tracks where drivers are required to nominate, any driver who is a late nomination, or arrives at a race meeting with the intention to compete, without nominating will be subject to a late nomination fee where applicable. Driver will also be required to compete from the rear of the field during any heats.
- 11.21 A driver who wishes to be a scratching from the nominations, must do so to the host club/promoter where the meeting is to be held. Scratching to be notified prior to the scheduled commencement of the meeting.
- 11.22 Failure to notify a scratching will incur a penalty.
- 11.23 In the event of a race meeting being cancelled, the driver's nomination money may be refunded.

### **SCRUTINEERING**

- 11.24 Scrutineering will commence at the advertised scrutineering start time, or when the first car is scrutineered. Scrutineering will close one hour before advertised starting time unless otherwise notified. Any scrutineering after this time will be by special arrangement.
- 11.25 Any person who is guilty of misrepresenting a race car or having an illegal engine or locked differential (Standard Saloon) or an illegal/restricted differential (Class Specific) or using "nitro" fuel, avgas or unauthorised fuels will be penalised.
- 11.26 Any driver late for scrutineering without making prior arrangements will be penalised.
- 11.27 All cars and driver safety attire will be inspected for conformation with the appropriate specifications and must be passed by the scrutineers prior to racing. Any safety attire presented that does not meet specifications will be confiscated and not returned.

Each driver or their representative will produce the log book and licence and current racing rules and regulations to officials concerned, upon request. The driver or representative and the scrutineer must sign the log book after scrutineering. The log book and licence will be retained until the completion of the meeting when it must be collected by the driver or representative.

### **DUMMY GRID LINE-UP**

- 11.28 Cars will take up their correct position on the dummy grid before entering the track. Any spaces left by a scratching will be closed up e.g. Criss crossed by the pit marshal. (If car No. 3 is a scratching then car No. 4 will take that place, and so on.)
- 11.29 Once the cars are on the track, prior to the start of the race, and there is a withdrawal, then the cars behind will file straight forward to fill the gap, e.g. car in position 4 will move up to position 2 etc.
- 11.30 Any driver whose car is not positioned on the dummy grid and who notifies the pit marshall that 2 minutes is required may take their place in the starting grid. Provided that the car is ready for racing at the pit gate before 2 minutes has elapsed since the last car entered the race track. **No work is to be carried out on the dummy grid.**
- 11.31 Drivers are responsible for knowing their original starting position before a race and maintaining that position until the race has started, unless directed otherwise by an official.
- 11.32 Any driver who does not stay in the proper handicap or start position until the race starts may be penalised.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 11.33 A substitute car may be used by a nominated driver providing that:

- a) The substitute car has been nominated for the meeting (with appropriate fee where applicable paid).
- b) If the substitution occurs before the meeting has begun, the substitute car starts from its drawn positions in the heats. Official start of the meeting is at the advertised scrutineering time. If no advertised scrutineering time, then it is when the first car is scrutineered.
- c) If the substitution occurs once the meeting has begun, the substitute car starts rear of the field in its remaining heats.
- d) If the substitution occurs after all heats have been run, the substitute car starts rear of the field in the final. However, it must have competed in the heats.
- e) The Chief Steward has given permission for the substitution.
- f) In series events points (a) to (e) above will apply. However points in series events will be allocated to the driver.
- g) A driver can only have one substitute car per meeting. When a substitute car is used the driver must stay with that car and cannot revert back to the original car.
- h) Points to driver/car combination only. Points for original car and substitute car cannot be added together.
- i) Roof plate (and Transponder if used) to be changed to the substitute car.
- j) State Titles substitute cars must nominate prior to the event or as a late nomination and appropriate fee paid. They must also go through title scrutineering prior to scrutineering closing.

11.34 A driver must complete the race to be eligible for points and/or prize money, exception rule 11.35. Driver must gain heat points to be eligible for Final.

11.35 A driver having completed half of the advertised laps and wishes to finish the race after receiving a mechanical defect flag or voluntarily withdrawing, may re-join the race after the last running car has finished, receive the chequered flag and be eligible for prize money and/or points.

11.36 Points are allocated to a driver and car combination, not to the driver alone. Exception: - series events.

11.37 One-way communication from Chief Steward or nominated official to competitors will be used. Devices and the frequency must be approved by the VSC. A One-way Communicator, in working order is part of the dress code and must be presented at scrutineering. Noncompliance will incur a penalty. No other form of radio communication may be used.

11.38 Any driver who is awarded a prize that becomes a disputed prize within 14 days of that race meeting, is responsible to return that prize to the body who notified the driver. The driver is to be notified of the reasons for the return of the prize. There shall be no grounds for the return of any prize if 14 days has elapsed since the running of the meeting concerned.

## **STATE TITLES**

11.39 No new driver is eligible to compete in a State Title.

11.40 The previous years champion shall be allowed to defend the Title but must compete in the heats. However, if the champion fails to qualify by this means, a Rear of Field start is permitted in their own, or a substitute car.

11.41 Point Score for State titles are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
36	28	23	17	13	10	8	6	5	4	3	2

All other finishers, 1 point.

- 11.42 The meeting officially commences at the advertised scrutineering time and finishes 60 minutes after the completion of the last event.
- 11.43 To be eligible to compete in a VSC Inc State Title a driver must have competed in the division racing for the Title Event and have their licence.
- 11.44 A driver may compete in more than one State Title provided it is not in the same car with the exception of dual registered cars. Standard Saloon, Ladies and Juniors each competitor may only compete in one (1) Standard Saloon Title per season. Either Open, Ladies or Juniors.
- 11.45 All cars (Including substitute cars) must be scrutineered by the official State appointed Title Scrutineers.
- 11.46 If a car is excluded from the event due to noncompliance of specifications, the competitor may not use a substitute car.

## 12. RACING RULES

### **STARTING RACES**

- 12.1 In rolling start events, the pole car shall bring the field around at a reasonable pace and all drivers are to hold their correct positions until the race commences. White line may be used.
- 12.2 Any driver who increases or decreases speed on approaching the start of a race, or breaks formation may be penalised.
- 12.3 When a race is about to start the yellow light will be turned off or the yellow flag withdrawn approximately two thirds of a lap prior to the start area. At the start area, the green flag will be waved or the lights will turn to green. Unless otherwise directed by the Chief Steward. Race starts may be aborted.
- 12.4 If the steward is not satisfied with the start, the yellow light will be activated before the lead car reaches turn 3. All cars must then reduce speed and proceed to form up again, in their original starting position, or as directed by the steward.

### **RESTARTING RACES**

- 12.5 If a race has a red or yellow light/flag stoppage before the last car has completed one lap, the race will be restarted as per the original grid positions or as directed by the Chief steward. Start will be as directed by the Chief Steward.
- 12.6 If a race has a red/yellow light/flag stoppage after the last car has completed one lap, the race will be re-started, in single file, as of the previous recorded lap. Lapped cars will be put to the rear of the field.
- 12.7 When a race is put under caution, the race will be slowed by the yellow light or flag. The drivers will retain their positions, or go to a position as directed by the steward/lap scorer. The yellow light will be turned off or the yellow flag taken down when the steward is satisfied that the track is clear. The race will then be re-started at the start area.

Cone re-start will be used. Definition of a cone restart: All cars must start single file and not pass or break formation or go under the cone until after they have passed the cone (between the cone and the Chief Steward). The Steward may go yellow if it is deemed an unfair start and put the offending car(s) to the rear.

Lapped cars will be put to the rear of the field.

Cars that hit the cone, pass before the cone or go under the cone will be put rear of field either at the next stoppage, or at the end of the race.

- 12.8 At any re-start, the race leader must be the first car to receive the green flag. White line may be used.
- 12.9 Laps under the caution flag will not be counted on the lap score sheets.
- 12.10 Any car that has an outside flat tyre during a race will be placed on the infield, if inside flat tyre it will be at the stewards discretion.
- 12.11 In the case of a re-scheduled final held at a later date or time, only those cars and drivers who originally qualified, will be eligible to compete. This will also include reserve cars.
- 12.12 Reserve Cars: A maximum of 2 reserve cars may be permitted on the infield for a final, and may only join the race if a stoppage occurs before the last car completes its first lap and if during that stoppage, cars have been eliminated.

### ***RACING INCIDENTS***

- 12.13 Any driver who is the primary cause of a race stoppage will be penalised.
- 12.14 Any driver who causes deliberate contact during overtaking or starting will be penalised
- 12.15 Any driver who engages in foul, unfair or dangerous conduct while competing on a race track will be penalised.
- 12.16 Any driver who becomes a source of danger to other drivers and spectators will be penalised.
- 12.17 If a driver is to spin of their own accord and the car is still mobile and the race is not stopped, the driver may re-enter the track as near as practical to the point of exit. All possible caution must be used when withdrawing or entering a race so as not to cause interference to other drivers.
- 12.18 Any driver who causes interference to other drivers when withdrawing from or re-entering a race will be penalised.
- 12.19 Any driver who forces a race stoppage by deliberately stopping the race car on the track will be penalised.
- 12.20 If a driver is to spin of his or her own accord and the car is stopped on the edge of the track, the race may continue if the car is not causing an obstruction.
- 12.21 If an innocent party is spun or disadvantaged by another driver, the race shall be stopped and the innocent party will be reinstated in their position as per the lap sheets.
- 12.22 Any driver who deliberately spins another race car will be penalised.
- 12.23 Any driver who unfairly gains a position from another driver during a race will lose positions gained, plus one further position or as deemed appropriate by steward.
- 12.24 Any driver who races with an arm or part of the body outside of the race car will be disqualified.
- 12.25 Any car that is involved in an accident during a race may be inspected by the scrutineers before continuing again in that race.
- 12.26 Any car that is involved in an accident and requires repairs to be made, will need to be inspected by the scrutineers prior to competing again. An entry will also need to be made in the car log book.

- 12.27 Any driver who continues to compete with excessive smoke exiting from the car may be penalised.
- 12.28 Any car losing a body part while racing:
- And cause a stoppage is not excluded from the event but must start rear of the field.
  - Though not their fault, causes a stoppage, may be restarted in their previous racing position.
  - If an engine cover is lost completely during a race, the race car will pull to the infield. Failure to do so will incur a penalty.
  - Any car that has an outside flat tyre during a race will be placed on the infield, if inside flat tyre it will be at the stewards discretion.
- 12.29 Once the seat belts, window nets or any safety apparel has been removed or broken whilst in the confines of the racetrack, the driver shall be excluded from the race, driver may not get out of the car - exception: unless ordered to do so by official.
- 12.30 Safety attire and equipment will not be loosened by a driver after withdrawing from a race to the infield area, unless there is a specified area where this is permitted. This area will be indicated at the drivers' briefing.
- 12.31 Any driver who drives on the infield area in an unsafe manner will be penalised.
- 12.32 Any person who obstructs the removal of a race car from the track will be penalised.

### **WORKING ON CARS**

- 12.33 The only work permitted on race cars once they enter the racing arena is to be done by infield officials, and they are limited to the following:  
Effect repairs using race tape and cable ties, remove or bend damaged panels or bumpers away using basic tools.
- Basic tools are considered to be hammers, chisels, hacksaws and crowbars.
- 12.34 A repair is ruled to be – returning the component to as near as possible to original, using basic tools.
- 12.35 Infield officials are not permitted to:  
Lift bonnet for repairs, add fuel, oil or water, change wheels, wash radiators or do any mechanical adjustment e.g. Kill switch or change any setting.
- 12.36 Any car with any part in danger of dislodging will go to the infield immediately after being shown the mechanical defect flag. Infield officials may then remove or secure the part and the car may re-join the race.
- 12.37 Should a race have a complete re-start and a race car requires any repairs, a time limit of 2 minutes can be allowed, commencing from the time the Chief Steward approves the request. If the repairs cannot be effected within the 2 minutes the re-start will not be delayed for the driver.
- 12.38 When a race is in progress, or yellow light situation, no work is permitted on any race car on the infield except when the car is in the designated infield safety area, which will be indicated at the drivers' briefing.
- 12.39 When a red-light stoppage is in progress, repairs by the infield officials may be done on the infield, only if directed by the steward.
- 12.40 Tyres and wheels must not be changed once a car has entered the racing arena.

- 12.41 When working on cars in the pit area, car is to be securely supported. If working under the car, each wheel off the ground must be supported by an approved jack stand.

### **COMPLETION OF A RACE**

- 12.42 When a car has passed under the chequered flag, it must stop racing and complete a slowdown lap at reasonable speed, before leaving the circuit.
- 12.43 When a race runs over more than the advertised number of laps, the Chief Steward shall declare the race positions in the order of the cars finishing at the Chequered flag.
- 12.44 The Steward may declare complete:
- a) Any race, when the lead car has completed the advertised number of laps, the chequered flag has been displayed and the last running car has passed under that flag.
  - b) Any race, in the event of extreme, dangerous or exceptional circumstances.
  - c) A final or championship, if a stoppage occurs with the lead car having less than one lap to be completed.
  - d) Any race, other than a final or championship, which is longer than 8 laps duration, that is stopped with the lead car having less than 2 laps to be completed.
- 12.45 When a race is declared the placegetters will be determined from the recorded laps or part thereof, with the exception that the Chief Steward may penalise any driver for any breach of the rules committed prior to, or after the lap on which the race was declared.
- 12.46 When a race is completed, the placings will be declared provisional until:
- a) The time for lodging protests/appeals has expired or such protest/appeals have been finalised.
  - b) The transponder/lap sheets have been checked.
  - c) The scrutineers have given clearance.
  - d) The Chief Steward has given the "all clear".
- 12.47 Half (50%) of the amount of advertised laps constitute a race.
- (a) If a feature race is declared with at least one half of the advertised laps completed, all prize money and series points will be fully allocated for placings scored as at the last completed lap, modified only by any exclusions or rear of field relegations.

## **13. PENALTIES AND FINES**

- 13.1 Any disciplinary action to be imposed arising from an incident at a race meeting shall be determined by the Chief Steward of the meeting.
- 13.2 When a Chief Stewards Infringement Notice is issued:
- Top Copy: To the Offender
- Second Copy: To the State Office
- Third Copy: To the Host Club
- Forth Copy: To the Steward
- 13.3 The maximum fine that can be imposed on a driver/person for a first offence, penalty is \$1000. Any further offence maximum penalty is \$2000.
- 13.4 Maximum suspension that can be imposed on a driver/person for any one penalty is twelve (12) months for first offence. Twenty-four (24) months for further offences.
- 13.5 A driver must be notified of any offence or penalty occurring during that race by either:
- a) Boards, or flags displayed by the Chief Steward or his/her appointed official, whilst the race is in progress

OR

- b) Verbal or written notification within 60 minutes of the completion of the race by the Chief Steward, or by an official appointed by the Chief Steward.
- 13.6 Verbal notification of any offence or penalty must include the Rule under which the driver has been penalised.
- 13.7 Any verbal notification of an offence or penalty, which occurred during a race, must be followed up by the servicing of a Chief Stewards infringement notice, no later than 60 minutes after the race is completed.
- 13.8 A driver must not leave the complex before 60 minutes has lapsed after the completion of the race, unless approval has been sought from Chief Steward.
- 13.9 If a driver, who has been penalised during a race, leaves the complex before 60 minutes has lapsed after the completion of the race;
- I. The Chief Stewards infringement notice shall be witnessed by the pit marshal or club official, with the time and date recorded on the notice.
  - II. The Chief Steward shall forward the notice by registered mail to be received within 7 working days of the meeting date.
  - III. The driver forfeits the right of appeal.
- 13.10 Other than during a race, a driver or official or person must be notified in writing, of any penalty or any alleged offence that occurred at a race meeting, within 7 working days of that race meeting, by the Chief Steward of the meeting. The notification must be by registered mail and the Driver or Official or Person shall have seven days, from receipt of the notification, to advise in writing, any intention to appeal the decision, exception Technical Inspections, any penalty arising as a result of a Technical Inspection must be forwarded by registered mail to the Driver within 7 working days from the completion of the investigation/inspection process.
- 13.11 With alleged offences other than at race meetings, that person shall be dealt with as per the requirements of club/VSC constitutions/policy or model rules.
- 13.12 Any fine paid at a race meeting must be paid with cash.
- 13.13 Any fines imposed will not be deducted from prize money but will be collected before that person is eligible to compete in any further events.
- 13.14 Unpaid fines and suspensions must be notified to the State Secretary within 7 days. Licence must also be retained and forwarded to State/Licence Secretary within 7 days.
- 13.15 Any person incurring a suspension is no longer permitted to act in the position they held, from which the suspension was imposed, until the time of the suspension has expired. All suspensions will expire at 11.59 pm on the end date of the suspension.
- 13.16 All fines imposed will be collected by either the Chief Steward or one of the following persons, who must forward the fines to the secretary of the body who sanctioned the race.
- a) At a State title; by the state appointed official
  - b) At any other meeting; by the host Club appointed official
- 13.17 Any fine imposed and paid will be returned if an appeal has been lodged and upheld.

- 13.18 Suspension period will commence from the date of incident, however recorded suspension time does not start until fine is paid. Drivers will be given a 30-day grace period to pay their fine. All fines must be paid within 30 days of the infringement. If not received the infringement extends until the fine is paid in full then the time of the suspension starts from the date of when monies have been received. Any Driver who chooses not to pay, will be suspended indefinitely.
- 13.19 Any paperwork that is filled out incorrectly by an official may be rectified at anytime.
- 13.20 If the driver agrees to the engine being checked but requests that it be done elsewhere, seal the engine with anything suitable, note in the log book that the engine has been sealed and by what and with what method. Arrange a time and place for the engine to be dismantled, this must be within 14 days and the driver, scrutineer must be in attendance. Technical Committee to be notified. Penalties will be issued to the car owner and driver if the car/engine/component is not presented.
- 13.21 Suspension Categories
- 13.21.1
- a) Suspended from holding a VSC Licence only.
  - b) Suspended from holding a VSC Licence and Pit Pass.
  - c) For more then one penalty, suspended from licence and pit pass, and must apply to the VSC Committee to be approved to re-apply for a Licence or Pit Pass.

## 14. PROTESTS

- 14.1 Any Driver who considers they have been aggrieved by the actions of another driver during a race may lodge a protest at the completion of the race with the Chief Steward, before leaving the track or infield area.
- 14.2 Protests must be presented in person, but the driver's representative may be present.
- 14.3 The Chief Steward will consider the case put by the driver and may interview other drivers where necessary, to arrive at a decision. That decision will be given to the drivers involved.
- 14.4 No fee is required nor is there a form to complete, to lodge a protest with the steward, over the actions of another driver.
- 14.5 The Chief Steward will serve an infringement notice if disciplinary action applies from a result of the protest.

## 15. APPEALS

- 15.1 An appeal is the right of recourse of every Driver or Official or Person, against the action, direction, judgement or decision of an official, disputes committee, club and promoter or State council.
- 15.2 Any Driver or Official or person who considers they have been aggrieved, may lodge an appeal. Any appeal paperwork that is filled out incorrectly by an official may be rectified prior to the appeal.
- 15.3 Appeals must be presented in person and not through an advocate, but this does not prevent a driver's representative being present at the appeal.
- 15.4 Ignorance of these rules shall not be accepted as grounds to support an appeal.

- 15.5 At an appeal, the appellant must be given the opportunity to make verbal and/or written submissions, and to call witnesses to give evidence to rebut allegations made by the Chief Steward or Technical Officer.
- 15.6 Any appeal lodged by a Chief Steward or the Chief technical officer of a race meeting shall have the appeal bond waived.

### **APPEAL PROCEDURE AT A RACE MEETING**

- 15.7 When the intention to appeal has been given, the appeals officer will then issue the appellant with the appeal form and the appellant must have the fully completed form returned to the appeals officer within 30 minutes of receiving the appeal form.
- 15.8 All appeals must be written out on a VSC recognised appeal form and must include the rule number(s) being used to support this appeal. Each appeal must be accompanied by the appropriate lodgement fee.
- 15.9 The appeals officer is to note on the form- the verbal lodgement time and to whom the verbal lodgement was made, prior to issuing the form to the appellant.
- 15.10 On receiving the completed appeal form from the appellant, the appeals officer will note the time of lodgement; amount of fee lodged and sign the form.

### **APPEALS AT A RACE MEETING**

- 15.11 Where a driver wishes to lodge an appeal against any decision by officials, signalled during a race, the intention to appeal may be notified to the officials, by the driver wishing to appeal, before leaving the track or infield, but must be issued with an infringement notice. A driver still has the right of appeal upon receiving the written notice of the infringement by notifying the official serving the notice. Failure to issue this infringement notice will result in no disciplinary action applicable.
- 15.12 The intention of any person, to lodge an appeal against any decision or disciplinary action at any other time at a race meeting, must be given immediately to the official who delivered the verbal or written notification, by the person wishing to appeal.
- 15.13 Where appeals are lodged in accordance with this section, any fines imposed must be paid before a person can continue to take part in speedway events.
- 15.14 Where an appeal is lodged against penalties or decisions made under Rules 2.5 or 11.2, further participation is not permitted.
- 15.15 Appeal lodgement fee **of \$200** cash must accompany the completed appeal form.
- a) If the appeal is upheld the lodgement fee is returned.
  - b) Appeal lodgement fees at a race meeting are retained by the host Club if the appeal is dismissed.
  - c) At a State title meeting the fees are retained by the State if the appeal is dismissed.
- 15.16 To appeal against any disputes committee decision, to the State Council/Tribunal, verbal intention to appeal must be given immediately to the official who delivered the decision, by the person wishing to appeal.

### **APPEALS TO STATE COUNCIL/TRIBUNAL**

- 15.17 The State Secretary must be notified verbally, within 24 hours, of any appeal arising from a disputes committee hearing, by the Chairperson of that Committee.

- 15.18 The written appeal by the appellant must be lodged with the State Secretary within 7 days of the verbal lodgement with the respective fee.
- 15.19 Appeal lodgement fee of \$500 must accompany the completed appeal form.
  - a) If the appeal is upheld the lodgement fee is returned.
  - b) If the appeal is dismissed the lodgement fee is retained.
- 15.20 Only a State Council/tribunal has the authority to increase or decrease any penalty that has been appealed against.
- 15.21 Any appeal from a racing incident up to the level of a State Council/tribunal, must be conducted in the state where the incident occurred.
- 15.22 The State Council/tribunal is the sole authority for VSC classes/drivers/members and officials. All decisions are final and no further appeal, dispute or action will be entered into.

### **APPEALS AT STATE TITLES**

- 15.23 At State titles, there will only be two avenues of appeal;
  - a) The first – To the disputes Committee appointed at the venue to hear all appeals for a fee of \$200 cash.
  - b) The second – To appeal against the decision of the disputes committee, verbal intention to appeal must be given immediately to the official who delivered the decision, by the person wishing to appeal. Following that notification, that official must notify the State Secretary within 24 hours. The written appeal by the appellant must be lodged with the State Secretary within 7 days of the verbal lodgement, with the required fee of \$500.

### **TECHNICAL APPEALS**

- 15.24 If a race car is passed to compete by a scrutineer and another driver wishes to lodge objection, that driver may lodge a technical appeal against the vehicle's eligibility, or the engine eligibility.
- 15.25 A Technical appeal can be lodged at any time during that race meeting. The appeal must state the specification(s) with which the car does not comply.
- 15.26 The appeal form can be obtained from the Appeals Officer and it must be fully completed and returned to the respective official within 30 minutes with the appropriate fee.
- 15.27 Appeal lodgement fee must accompany the completed appeal form. Appeal lodgement fee \$200; exception: engine eligibility which the appeal lodgement fee is \$500.
  - a) If the appeal is upheld the lodgement fee is returned
  - b) If the appeal is dismissed the lodgement fee is retained, unless engine disassemble was required, in which case, the Appeal lodgement fee is given to the respondent, to assist with re-assembly.
- 15.28 A Technical appeal cannot be lodged on a failed diff check for Standard Saloons.

## **16. DISPUTES COMMITTEE and ELIGIBILITY**

- 16.1 Any disputes committee will comprise a minimum of 3 persons over the age of 18 but must be an odd number of people.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- 16.2 At a race meeting: Any person is eligible except those persons who are participating in that class on that day or who have an interest in any of the persons or vehicles concerned.

- 16.3 At any State council/tribunal: Any person is eligible except those persons who were participating in that class on the day or who have an interest in any of the persons or vehicles concerned, or who were officials of the meeting or were a member of the disputes committee which made a decision on this matter.

## **APPOINTMENT**

- 16.4 For State titles - by the VSC State Representative in conjunction with the host club, who will endeavour to include members from more than one club.
- 16.5 For club competition - By the host club.

## **DUTIES**

- 16.6 To hear all appeals lodged at the race meeting either during the meeting or immediately after the last race.
- 16.7 To remain in the vicinity of the track and the public address system.
- 16.8 To appoint a chairperson to co-ordinate the hearing of an appeal.
- 16.9 To remain on duty until discharged by the chairperson and may be reconvened by the chairperson at a later date or time.
- 16.10 To note the time of receipt of any appeal and that the lodgement times are correct, and that the correct fee has been paid.
- 16.11 To dismiss any appeal if the proper documentation on the form, or proper lodgement procedure has not been followed.
- 16.12 To ensure that minutes are taken of the hearing and that the decision of the committee is written in motion form. Use the record of "disputes committee hearing" form.
- 16.13 To make sure that each party involved in the hearing is treated in an unbiased manner, and to conduct the hearing in such a manner so that any outside interference will not be prejudicial to their decision.
- 16.14 To uphold or dismiss any disciplinary action issued by a body or the Chief Steward.
- 16.15 The disputes committee cannot increase or decrease any penalty or set any new penalties, nor can it order the re-run of any race.
- 16.16 To call any person to give assistance or evidence.
- 16.17 To call the Chief Steward to give evidence at all appeal hearings.
- 16.18 To call the Technical officer to give evidence at all technical appeal hearings.
- 16.19 To have control over who is in the hearing room at any time.
- 16.20 To ensure that once a person is called to give evidence, then that person remains in the room during the hearing, and is able to be cross examined by all parties.
- 16.21 To notify the decision of the committee to all parties in the following order:
- a) The appellant
  - b) The other party involved
  - c) The Chief steward or Technical officer
  - d) The Judge
  - e) The pay-out clerk
  - f) The pit announcer/pit steward

- g) The public announcer
  - h) The drivers representative.
- 16.22 To advise any aggrieved person of their further rights of appeal.
- 16.23 To hand the minutes of the hearing and any lodgement fees to the official in charge of the meeting and advise that official of any future appeal being considered by any party.

## 17. OFFICIALS

- 17.1 The personnel required at a VSC conducted meeting will consist of the following:
- Chief Steward
  - Assistant Stewards
  - Disputes Committee
- For title events none of the above shall have any authority in the division that they are active as a driver, owner or pit crew member.*
- Clerk of Course Scrutineer/s Pit Marshall
  - Flag Steward/s Lap Scorers
  - Drivers Representative Timekeeper
  - Track Announcer Observers, Infield Officials
  - Any other Officials that may be necessary
- 17.2 VSC registered or approved officials must be a financial member of a VSC affiliated club or be employed by the promotion of the speedway.
- 17.3 The general duty of all officials is to report any breach of the regulations to the Chief Steward as soon as practical.
- 17.4 Officials shall not perform any duties other than those, which are attached to their position, unless directed by the Chief Steward.
- 17.5 Officials for a race meeting are usually elected or appointed by the club or the promotion. For State titles, the official representative, the Chief Steward, and the chief technical officer are appointed by the State body.
- 17.6 All officials should wear a distinctive uniform.
- 17.7 Any official who incurs a penalty is automatically suspended from that position until the penalty is paid and/or served. See section 15.14
- 17.8 All Officials to hold current Working with Children Check.

## 18. CHIEF STEWARD

Principal duties are;

- 18.1 To be accepted as a registered Chief Steward, a person must have completed requirement/s as per VSC State policy.
- 18.2 The Chief Steward shall be held responsible for the implementation of these rules and will order and facilitate all signals for the running of the meeting.

- 18.3 The Chief Steward shall not allow any persons to approach him/her whilst there is a race in progress.
- 18.4 The Chief Steward shall be in control of all drivers and vehicles, pit crew and officials from the time they enter the complex until 60 minutes after the "All Clear" is given by the Chief Steward.
- 18.5 The Chief Steward shall deal with all other incidents that may occur during a race meeting which are not specifically mentioned in these rules.
- 18.6 To have sole authority to penalise and be required to act on information brought to notice.
- 18.7 To be available during scrutineering, or appoint an assistant steward, and shall remain on duty until any protests or appeals have been resolved and the disputes committee has been dismissed.
- 18.8 To enquire into the circumstances of any incident occurring during the meeting and ask any person to report to them.
- 18.9 To authorise any required alteration in the official program in conjunction with the promotion.
- 18.10 To receive signals from other race day officials.
- 18.11 To reprimand officials who are not carrying out their duties.
- 18.12 To be the only official empowered to stop a race.
- 18.13 To order the removal of any person who is interfering with the efficient running of the race meeting.
- 18.14 To issue infringement notices.
- 18.15 To advise the Judge of any alteration to the provisional placings as a result of exclusions or disqualifications.
- 18.16 To complete a steward's report of the meeting, which is to be retained by the steward, and if requested forward copy to State office.
- 18.17 To sign the lap sheets when the "all clear" is given, and to sign any alterations to those lap score sheets.
- 18.18 Be responsible to appoint an infield official to check driver response on car withdrawing from event.

## **19. TRAINEES, ASSISTANT STEWARDS and OBSERVERS**

- 19.1 Shall perform duties as directed by the Chief Steward.

### **Observers principal duties are to:**

- 19.2 Observe the racing at a separate location to the Chief Steward, but to be in direct contact with the Chief Steward.
- 19.3 Report any detected irregularities or breaches of the rules to the Chief Steward.
- 19.4 Be available when requested for any enquiry into any incident.

## **20. CLERK OF COURSE**

### **Principle duties are to;**

- 20.1 To report to the promoting body and the Chief steward before the scheduled start of the meeting for information on the program and any alterations to the running of the meeting.

- 20.2 To ensure that all officials are at their posts and that the ambulance or first aid, and the fire and tow vehicles are present.
- 20.3 To be available to drivers, to receive verbal instructions about the lodgement of an appeal or protest, before the driver leaves the track or infield.
- 20.4 To assist other officials to form up vehicles on the track and to carry out any other infield duties requested by the Chief Steward.

## 21. JUDGE

### Principle duties are to;

- 21.1 To declare provisional placings on the final lap of the race, or when the race was declared, from the official lap score sheet, but only after checking with the Chief Steward.
- 21.2 To declare official placings, after the Chief Steward has given the “All Clear”, provided there are no protests or appeals lodged.

## 22. MACHINERY EXAMINER

Also referred to as Chief Scrutineer or Technical Officer

### Principal duties are to:

- 22.1 Be available on club registration day and to be satisfied that the vehicles conform to the specifications prior to registration and to ensure that the relevant registration forms are submitted to the registration official. If there is any doubt over a vehicle’s specifications, the State Technical officer shall be contacted, and the problem rectified before the registration for that vehicle will be approved.
- 22.2 Ensure that all vehicles have been inspected and passed, and that the driver’s safety attire and equipment is correct, prior to any practice or competition on race day. Vehicles may be inspected or impounded to determine eligibility at any time and will be excluded if they do not conform. Enter any details in the log book and sign the book in conjunction with the driver or driver representative at any time.
- 22.3 Recommend to the Chief Steward to exclude any vehicle from competition that has not effected the repairs or adjustments that have been noted in the vehicle’s log book. The Chief Steward will then issue an infringement notice, which will include the specification(s) to be adhered to.
- 22.4 Inspect any vehicle that has been involved in an accident to ensure that it is track worthy. In conjunction with the Chief Steward, the scrutineer can exclude any vehicle that may become a source of danger.

## 23. PIT MARSHALL

### Principal duties are to:

- 23.1 Remain in the pits for the duration of the meeting.
- 23.2 Carry out ballots to determine the starting positions for those races that have not been pre drawn.
- 23.3 Notify all drivers of their starting positions, to form up the cars on the dummy grid and to marshall the vehicles onto the track.
- 23.4 Notify the relevant officials of any alteration to the starting position of any vehicle.
- 23.5 Give directions to vehicles and drivers in the pit area.

- 23.6 Order the removal of any person from the pit area, in conjunction with the Chief Steward.
- 23.7 Check that all safety attire and equipment is in place before drivers enter the track.
- 23.8 Carry out any other duties as requested by the Chief Steward.

## 24. FLAG STEWARD

### Principal duties are to:

- 24.1 Ensure required flags are ready to be used.
- 24.2 Signal the drivers as requested by the Chief Steward.
- 24.3 Keep in close contact with the Chief Steward.
- 24.4 Assist other officials form up vehicles.

## 25. LAP SCORERS

### Principal duties are to:

- 25.1 Record the position of every competitor as they cross the start/finish line, regardless of being lapped or not. Lapped cars will be defined by the scorers.
- 25.2 Not permit anyone to alter the lap sheets except the Chief Steward, who must then sign the alteration.
- 25.3 At a red light stoppage, or when required provide a list of cars as of the last recorded lap, to the officials concerned.
- 25.4 Pass the lap sheets to the judge at the completion of each event. The lap sheets are to be made available to the State when requested.
- 25.5 To oversee the use of transponders. Assist Transponder Technician. Ensure the transponders are taking accurate readings and recording all cars.

## 26. TIME KEEPER

### Principal duties are to:

- 26.1 Record race times on approved equipment and provide that information to the judge and the announcer.
- 26.2 Assist other officials to compile the points or placings for a meeting.
- 26.3 Act as the race handicapper if required.

## 27. DRIVERS REPRESENTATIVE

### Principal duties are to:

- 27.1 Attend the drivers briefing.
- 27.2 Be readily accessible to the drivers for the duration of the meeting, and to assist them without bias or favour.
- 27.3 To be conversant with the rules and to be able to advise drivers on the best method of dealing with a protest and completing an appeal form.
- 27.4 Liaise between the promoter and the officials on all matters that have an effect on drivers.

27.5 To hold a current VSC approved personal accident policy.

## 28. OTHER OFFICIALS

**Principal duties are to:**

28.1 To be appointed for the safe and efficient running of the meeting. They will be advised of their duties by the club, or the promoting body, or the Chief Steward.

## 29. DEFINITIONS

The following terms where used in this book have this meaning:

### **VSC**

Victorian Speedway Council

### **“ALL CLEAR”**

When the Chief Steward declares the race meeting finished.

### **BASIC TOOLS**

Hammers, chisels, hacksaws and crowbars for removal. Race tape and cable ties for repairs.

### **CHIEF STEWARD INFRINGEMENT NOTICE**

The approved penalty form. Any administrative or typographical error or omissions in the Chief Stewards Infringement Notice does not alter the effectiveness of the notice and may be subsequently corrected.

### **COMPLEX**

All the various sections of the grounds on which a speedway is situated, which includes the pits, track, infield, spectator area and car parks.

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION/PENALTY**

Disciplinary Action/penalty may consist of but not limited to the following:

- suspension up to 24 months - disqualification
- sent rear of field
- loss of position/s

### **FINES**

Maximum fine \$2000

The penalty of a fine may be ordered by the Steward of the meeting. A fine(s) must be paid by the recipient prior to any further competition. Any fine that remains unpaid shall render automatic suspension upon the fined person for the period the fine remains unpaid.

Suspension period will commence from the date of incident, but however recorded suspension time does not start until fine is paid. Drivers will be given a 30-day grace period to pay their fine. Any Driver who chooses not to pay, will be suspended indefinitely.

### **DISQUALIFICATION**

Is exclusion from a particular event.

### **DRIVER**

A person licenced by the VSC to drive a registered/recognised VSC race car in competition.

### **ENGINE**

The definition of an engine includes all of the components that make the engine function.

**HANDICAP**

A method to equalise the chances of a driver.

**HEATS**

One of a series of races over a specified number of laps.

**INFIELD**

The area inside the track racing surface,

**INFIELD PIT AREA**

An area set aside on the infield for cars withdrawing from a race. Drivers may be permitted to get out of the car whilst in this area, depending on the Chief Stewards approval.

**LAP**

One circuit of the Track, which is completed when a car crosses the start/finish line.

**LAPSHEETS**

The official record of the positions of each race car on each lap of a race at the Start/Finish line.

**LICENCE**

Issued to a person to take part in competition under these rules, after the required fees have been paid.

**LOG BOOK**

Issued as part of the registration process, and is used to record various values of a race car.

**NOMINATION**

Is a contract between a club/promoter and a driver, by which the driver agrees to take part in an agreed competition. Often involving a 'nomination fee'.

**PERSON**

Is a financial member of a VSC affiliated club or a VSC recognised group.

**PITS**

A designated area of the complex for the assembly of race cars and/or tow vehicles

**PROGRAM**

A document prepared by the promoting body of a meeting, for the purpose of informing all parties of the relevant meeting details.

**PROMOTION**

The people, company, firm or club responsible for organising a race meeting.

**RACE**

A competition between race cars in which the order of finishing is the major factor determining the result.

**ROF**

Rear of the field.

**REGISTRATION DECAL**

Issued when a racecar is registered with the VSC and must be attached to a prominent location on the car.

**RE-SCHEDULED EVENT**

A re-scheduled event is classified as, when cars return to the pits and come back out at a later time.

**RULES**

Refers to these racing rules and regulations.

**ROLLING START**

A start of a race in which the speed up to the starting area is regulated.

**SECTION**

A category of race car as determined by the class specifications.

**SERIES RACING**

Multiple race meetings over a period of time and/or race tracks.

**STANDING START**

A start made when the cars are stationary on the track with the engines running.

**TRANSPONDERS/TIMING**

The official record of the positions of each race car on each lap of a race at the Start/Finish line.

## 30. BOOKS AND FORMS

The following forms and books are available from your Club Secretary:

- Licence application form
- Car registration form
- Medical form
- Lost licence or log book application form
- Temporary issue of licence or log book form
- Record of dispute committee hearing form
- VSC Serious Accident Car Check form
- Standard Saloon Diff Check record

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