

## **Code of Conduct**

The Esperance Speedway encourages ALL members to adhere to the following code to promote a healthy and welcoming club for all to enjoy.

- Treat all participants in your sport as you would like to be treated yourself.
- Control your temper: verbal abuse, threats and physical violence are not acceptable behaviours.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their ability, gender or cultural background.
- Be a good role model: be safe, responsible and set a good example outside of organised racing events, especially when on the road.
- Act within the rules of the sport at all times.
- Respect the decisions of officials at all times.
- Remember to treat with respect and thank fans, fellow competitors, coaches, volunteers, team members and officials. Without these people, the sport could not exist.
- Adhere to Speedway Australia Pit Rules & Regulations and the Speedway Australia Drug & Alcohol Policy.
- Respect track operators by adhering to the rules and guidelines of each track.
- Be environment conscious: keep your area clean and treat spills appropriately. Leave your area as you would like to find it.

### **For Racers**

- Always comply with the rules.
- Always compete to the best of your ability, with honour and integrity.
- Avoid arguing with stewards and officials – most stewards have volunteered their time and services to ensure your race runs smoothly and efficiently.
- Treat all competitors as you would like to be treated – do not interfere with, bully or take advantage of any other participant. This includes using email or social media to bully or slander competitors.
- Avoid the use of coarse or derogatory language.

### **For Officials**

- Be impartial, consistent and objective at all times.
- Place the safety and welfare of all participants above all else.
- Ensure the spirit of competition is maintained.
- Be understanding and co-operative in the interpretation and application of rules and penalties.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all competitors.

## **For Parents**

- Encourage children to participate to the best of their ability.
- Focus upon the child's performance rather than the overall outcome of the event.
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory.
- Encourage your children to follow the rules and respect the work and decisions of officials and stewards.
- Remember that children are involved in Speedway for their enjoyment – not yours.
- Set a good example by avoiding the use of derogatory or abusive language, respect officials and stewards and never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition.
- Don't be an ugly parent. If you see 'ugly parent syndrome' behaviour, visit [www.playbytherules.net.au](http://www.playbytherules.net.au) and help to solve the problem.

## **Social Media**

- The Esperance Speedway encourages participation in online social media in a positive manner. The accessible nature of the internet however, can lend itself to the posting of threatening and derogatory material in the heat of the moment.
- Once your thoughts and comments are published to the internet they are visible to the world - and they are permanent. The Esperance Speedway, and more importantly, Speedway Australia takes all cases of cyber bullying seriously and will treat online matters as it would 'real world' bullying.
- Breaching the code of conduct or bringing the sport into disrepute online can lead to serious consequences, including tribunals, suspensions and the cancellation of the offender's Speedway Australia licence.
- If you have questions about what constitutes acceptable content, please contact Speedway Australia on (08) 8139 0777.

## **Photography**

- By purchasing a membership, you agree to the use of all and any images of you and/ or the other persons listed on the membership on all Esperance Speedway social media platforms.

**For further information, please contact the club at [esperancespeedway@live.com](mailto:esperancespeedway@live.com)**