

## **NASR/Speedway Australia (SA) Membership???? The real story**

Having recently purchased a NASR/Speedway Australia licence, I contacted NASR/SA to clarify if I was a member of NASR. I was informed that “the licence does not make you a member of our organization”.

Since 1998 when NASR was introduced, many cars owners, drivers and crew purchased a NASR License/membership in good faith, believing they were becoming NASR members. They were all happy to play their part in funding the sport that we all love.

Sadly, these good hearted people have never been members. NASR shareholders and the Board of Management are the only members.

No one else has ever had any right of influence on how the licence fees have been spent.

In 2004, NASR was advised that there was confusion about membership to NASR and were asked to clarify this. Sadly this was not clarified and confusion still remains today.

NASR continue to disseminate information that licence holders are members of NASR. This applies to both one day and annual licence holders.

Most legitimate sporting bodies are established by the members, for the members.

Organisational members write their rules and appoint their governing representatives.

Unfortunately, this is not how NASR was established as the NASR private company was established prior to the Incorporated Association.

If you wish to clarify your current or previous membership status, please contact NASR Pty Ltd office in South Australia on (08) 8139 0777.

If NASR’s membership practices are found to have been dishonest and deceptive, people who paid monies to NASR/SA previously, believing it was for membership may have some further recourse.

The way NASR has promoted memberships may have major implications for their ability to continue to operate as a peak body in the future.

Possible considerations for the sport’s future could include;

- A National organization that represents all clubs and competitors.
- Clubs to have an affiliation with the National body but retain their current rules, regulations, licencing arrangements including licence fees.
- Development of a data collection/reporting model on key issues including; Safety, Participation (competitors and spectators), Economic value to Federal and State Government's economy and jobs profile within the sport of speedway.
- A National Organisation that focuses on the high level goals of the sport; building relationships with State and Federal Government Departments (Australian Sports Commission), work towards obtaining Government funded "state of the art" venues in each State and the development of events that will be promoted as major events by the respective Governments, in each state.
- You may want to look at other National sporting organizations such as; Athletics, Swimming, Netball, Basketball, Tennis, Football, Hockey. All of which have Government funded "state of the art" venues in each State. You may also wish to review the qualifications and expertise of the people on the Board of Management of these organizations.
- You are encouraged to circulate this information and talk with your friends about the difference between speedway memberships and memberships in other sports.

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