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Formula Motorsports Group Pty Ltd.

The Formula Motorsports Group team drivers, Paul and Chris Solomon could not compete at Avalon on Saturday the 12 of November due to the ridiculous licensing fiasco that currently exists at Avalon and at other tracks in Victoria and around Australia.

Chris and Paul both have Sprintcar Control Council of Australia (SCCA) licenses (SCCA) as arranged by the Sprintcar Racing Association of Victoria Inc (SRA).

Avalon Raceway's "Requirements for Competitors" indicate that that they may accept other National Licenses such as the SCCA licence, however the only license that is accepted currently by Avalon is the Speedway Australia licence (previously NASR). It is unclear whether the SRA and the SCCA have made any formal representation to Avalon Raceway or any other tracks to gain acceptance of the SCCA licence.



The current situation is that SRA drivers have to purchase two licences from two different suppliers to enable them to compete in an SRA Series round at Avalon as neither licence (NASR or the SCCA) individually enables an SRA driver to compete.

Ironically, the SCCA benefits are two fold from this arrangement, as they are the supplier of SCCA license to SRA members, but also as a shareholder of Speedway Australia (NASR) who provides the other license. How can this be allowed to continue!

One has to wonder what good are the SRA or the SCCA when they allowed this situation to have ever been implemented originally and what real value is the SCCA licence now given that it is not accepted at most track that promote rounds of the SRA series.

Given the above, I call upon the SRA/SCCA, as a matter of urgency, to make formal application to all speedways in Victoria for their acceptance of the SCCA license so that this ridiculous situation is not allowed to continue.

Furthermore, I call upon the SCCA to:

- a) Make formal application to all tracks in Australia to arrange the acceptance of the SCCA licence.
- b) Publish on the SCCA web site, which tracks do or do not accept the SCCA licence.
- c) Adopt rules whereby any event sanctioned by the SCCA, or its member clubs, mandate the acceptance of the SCCA licence **only**.
- d) Resolve any possible conflict of interest arising by the fact that this “double licensing” scenario could benefit the SCCA.

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