



# **Information Booklet for new Drivers / Members**

**Woodford Glen  
Speedway Association  
Incorporated**

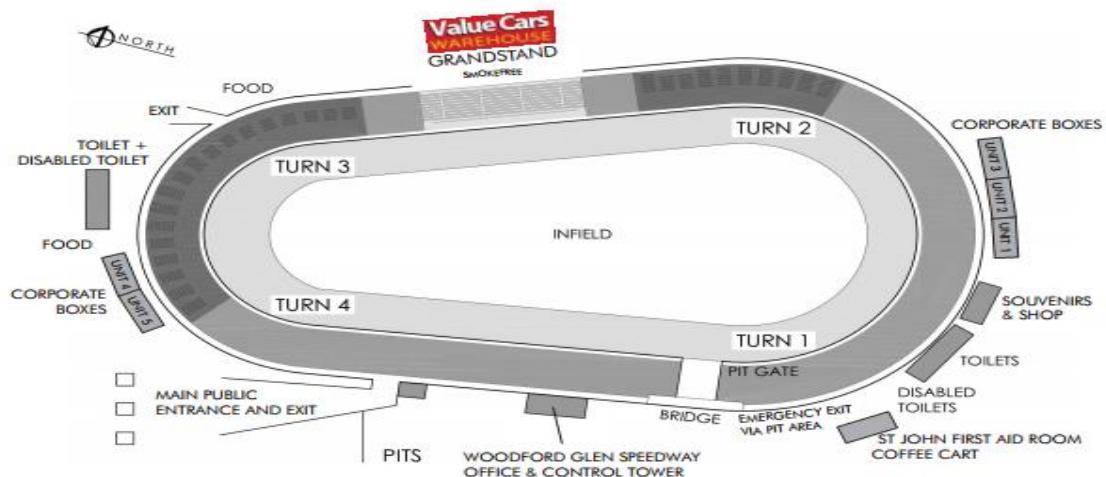
## The Club

The name Woodford Glen was derived by combining parts of the founders surnames (Errol Inwood & Ron Rutherford). The word 'Glen' was included due to their liking of the famous Watkins Glen track in the United States. Errol and Ron first opened the speedway in 1974. It was incorporated as a non-profit organisation in June 1977.

Woodford Glen Speedway Association Incorporated or the (Club) purchased the business in the early 1980's. Woodford Glen Speedway is situated north of Christchurch near Kaiapoi. The Club prides itself on bringing to its public "family" entertainment.

The Club was built by a band of drivers, volunteers and supporters. To this day most of the work around the complex is carried out by volunteers. This goes to prove the strong loyalty the Club enjoys. Without their help the Club would not be in the position it has today.

Working bees are often held, especially in the off-season and if you are able to attend one please let your grade rep know.



## Membership

To become a member of Woodford Glen Speedway you must complete a Club membership form which are available by downloading from our website [www.woodfordglen.co.nz](http://www.woodfordglen.co.nz) or picking one up from the Woodford Glen Shop at the Corner of North Avon Rd & North Parade, Shirley.

Return the completed club membership form with your membership subscription. Your membership form must be signed by an existing member of the association.

Once we receive your Club membership form, your application will go before our Board to be confirmed. Your name will be published on our web site and or via newsletter for current club members to view and lodge any objections.

**This process can take up to 30days. Note: *You cannot obtain a Speedway New Zealand licence without Club membership.***

When you apply for a Club membership, with the intent to race at Woodford Glen Speedway you will be allocated a car park (subject to availability). Your designated park will be with the class you have indicated you are racing with.

Your car park is for your race car and tow vehicle only. No Race car, No Park. You should be parked in your designated car park and be ready for racing at least one (1) hour before the meeting starts or we will assume you are not racing and may give away your park for the night.

**Note:** *If you do not have an allocated car park and use another Club member's park, that member has the right to expect you to move. If you want to use an already allocated park please check with the Class rep to ensure it can be used on that night.*

Once your membership card is received you should contact the Head Scrutineer responsible for your class to have your car "green sheeted" to ensure it conforms to all relevant Speedway New Zealand rules and regulations.

If you have not held a Speedway New Zealand licence in the last 5 years you will be required to undertake the mentor program. This program is for new drivers and returning drivers to better understand the latest rules and safety procedures. Your class representative will advise you who to contact in this regard.

## Racing Numbers

When you obtain a club membership, a racing number will be issued to you for the class you are registered to race in. While you are a financial member of Woodford Glen Speedway, this number belongs to you. If you cease to become a financial member (by 1<sup>st</sup> September each year) or cease racing for a full season you may forfeit your right to run this number.

There are rules on the minimum size and colour required for the number set out by Speedway New Zealand in their rule book. It is in your best interest to make your vehicle numbers as visible as possible.

Numbers with "0" in them (except 10) are **not** permitted, and numbers 1, 2, 3 are reserved for New Zealand Championship titleholders. Triple numbers must be requested in writing for approval by the Club. They must also be available on Speedway New Zealand's national triple digit register.

## Arriving On a Race Night

The pit gates open 3 hours before the scheduled start time of a race meeting.

**Admission Cost:** Your membership card will gain access for yourself and one other in your tow vehicle on scheduled race nights. All other persons must pay the usual entry cost. This means that if you do not come out to the track with your race car, you will have to pay to enter the complex. **Note:** *There is no pedestrian access via the pit gate therefore any additional crew must enter the stadium via the main public entry gate.*

When you enter the pit gate you will receive a Scrutineering card. This is to be legibly filled out in all areas, and handed to the Scrutineer, along with your vehicles logbook when you go through scrutineering. You are required to have your car scrutineered at least one hour before the scheduled start time.

Once you have completed scrutineering, you are required to sign in with the Speedway New Zealand Stewards. Upon signing in you are required to have all of your driver safety gear inspected by the Steward. You are also required to have your Speedway New Zealand Licence and vehicle logbook for the Steward to check and sign. Remember your footwear must be leather or approved racing footwear.

## Your Race Car

Your race car must comply with all relevant rules and regulations set out in the Speedway New Zealand rulebook.

When you present your race car for scrutineering, it must be clean and presented to a high standard. The sign writing and/or graphics will not be offensive to the general public.

Remember we offer family entertainment; any offensive or objectionable material will be dealt with by the Woodford Glen Board. Any objectionable material will have to be removed before your car can appear on the track.

All race cars must be fitted with a Speedway New Zealand approved electronic transmitter which may be obtained from Speedway New Zealand direct or from the Woodford Glen Shop.

The Transmitter must operational when you turn up for racing each night. If your transmitter is not operational you will not be able to race.

## Drivers Briefing

The drivers briefing will normally be held approximately 45 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. As per the Speedway New Zealand rule book all drivers **must attend** the drivers briefing. If you do not attend 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.

## Race Meetings

Race meetings are held under the control and rules of Speedway New Zealand. The Steward is responsible for the safe running of the race meeting, before, during and after the meeting. During a race, the Referee officiates and applies the rules as per the Speedway New Zealand rule book. If you have any problems, your Class Representative is the mediator and is there to represent you should the need arise.

Woodford Glen Speedway is the Promoter of all race meetings. The club works with Speedway New Zealand to ensure the smooth and safe running of all race meetings.

Please ensure you obtain a copy and read the Speedway New Zealand rule book before you start racing.

## Class Representatives

Each class at Woodford Glen Speedway has a 'Class Representative'. Please make yourself known to that person however in most cases your Representative will introduce themselves to you. If you have any problems, they should be directed to your Class Representative. **Note:** *Your Class Representative may not always be the race night representative.*

## Pit Board and Grid Positions

Located in the pits (where your car gets scrutineered), is the 'Pit Board'. This is where you will find your starting position for each race. Please ensure you know where on the dummy grid (and track) you should be. If you are unsure, or don't understand the Pit Marshall is there to help you. Please ask him/her for help to avoid holding up the race meeting.

Race Grids and Results are also available on a Mobile Friendly device at <http://woodfordglen.info> . Grids are available from about 10 minutes before racing starts, and results are posted to the website once they are signed off by the referee.

You should also know the number of the car you should be behind on the grid. If that number is not on the back of the car in front of you, chances are you are in the wrong place. You must be on the dummy grid and ready to race as soon as the Pit Marshall calls for your class.

Remember - if you are not there by the time the cars leave the pits to go on to the track, the gates will be shut and you will not be able to compete in that race.

The Pit Board will also contain your finishing positions after each race. These will be posted as soon as is possible after the lap scorers have completed their continuity check. If you wish to dispute your finishing position, please contact your class representative immediately. As per the Speedway New Zealand rule book you have 10 minutes after the results are posted to protest. The time the results are posted will be written directly under the results.

## Pit Crew

Your pit crew are your responsibility, they must be in **clean**, long sleeved full-length overalls, or a recognisable team uniform at all times when they are in the pits. They (and you) will all be issued with wristbands each race night that must be worn at all times until racing is finished. No wristband - no entry to the pits once racing commences.

Your pit crew will not be under 14 years of age however you are able to make a written request to the club for approval of pit crew between 12 –15 years of age. There must be a valid reason for your request.

The maximum number of pit crew you are allowed in the pits is five (5), any more than five must be by prior arrangement with the Board of the club. Please remember you are responsible for the actions of your crew whilst at the complex. Both the club and Speedway New Zealand have a zero tolerance policy towards any verbal or physical abuse.

## Alcohol & Drugs

Alcohol is prohibited in the pit area before or during a race meeting and cannot be consumed until 30 minutes after the conclusion of the meeting. Any driver or pit crew found to be drinking before or during a race meeting will be severely dealt with. Speedway New Zealand will carry out random breath testing of drivers, crew or staff before or during a race meeting. Drugs will **not** be tolerated on the premises at any time. Speedway is a drug free sport and like alcohol will be tested randomly.

## How Everyone Can Help

Remember – if you leave rubbish or drop a can on the ground, someone has to pick it up, so we ask that you “do your bit” and please put your rubbish in the bins provided. At the end of each meeting we ask that drivers scrape up mud in their car park area and leave in a pile for ease of cleaning.

## You and Your Supporters

Just like your race car, each meeting you and your pit crew will appear at the track looking clean, tidy and respectable. Remember we have the public wandering through the pits before and after the race meeting. No jandals or open footwear is permitted in the pits.

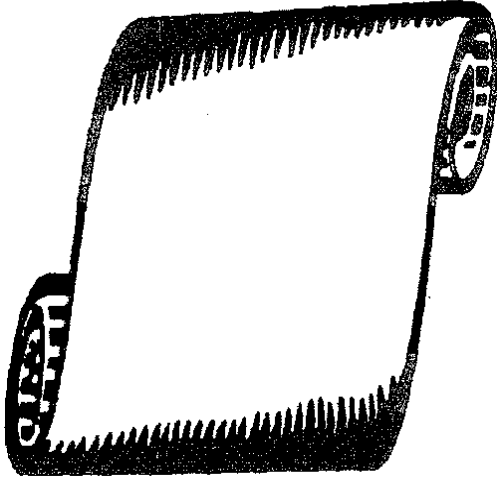
We are here to offer entertainment, not intimidation. We will not tolerate gang patches, chains, studs etc on clothing in the pits at any time. Offensive language or actions by you, your crew, or supporters will not be tolerated and will be dealt with by the Club Committee.

These people are your responsibility so you need to advise them of our rules.



## General Behaviour

We are here to promote family entertainment and any behaviour to the contrary will not be tolerated. If a member of the public approaches you, or your pit crew, chances are they are interested in what you are doing. Remember, without the public we do not have a sport. To take 5 minutes out to talk to an interested person does more PR for Woodford Glen and speedway in general than anything else.



## Driver Profiles and Photos

We ask that you fill out a driver profile and provide a photo of yourself and your car. When you fill the profile out, please provide respectable answers as this information is for our web site and race programme, and will be read by many people. Driver profile forms can be found on our website and filled out online.

## Prize Money

Normally prize money will be direct credited to your bank account. This is done during the week following racing.

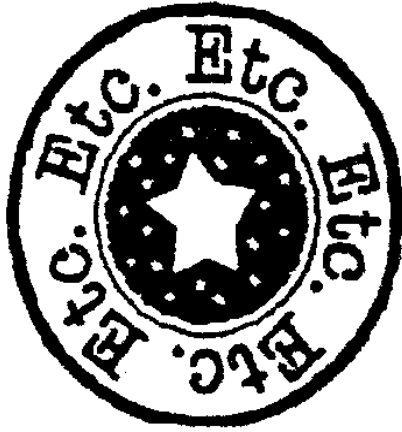
We strongly encourage being paid by direct credit, but if being paid in cash, this is paid out in the clubrooms when you go to get your gear checked. It is only available between 5 o'clock and the start of drivers briefing each race night.

You cannot get someone else to pick this up for you unless previously arranged with the Treasurer or Secretary.





## Unavailable to Race?



When you purchase your Speedway New Zealand license, you are entering into an agreement with Woodford Glen Speedway. This means you have agreed to contract to the Club for that season. You are required to attend all meetings that have been scheduled for your class to race at. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you need to let your Class representative or the Promoter know at least one week prior to that meeting. Please don't make a habit of this. If you fail to show at 3 meetings in a row, without letting either of these people know, we will assume you are no longer racing, and you may lose your pit park.

All drivers are required to complete the "Enter to Race" form on the Woodford Glen Website ([www.woodfordglen.co.nz](http://www.woodfordglen.co.nz)) no later than the Monday night prior to a race meeting. If a driver arrives at the track without completing this form, they may not be included in the grids for that night.

## Racing out of Town?

You will be required to get a clearance from the Promoter before you can race at another track on the same day/night as we are racing. It is your responsibility to get a clearance. When you arrive at the out-of-town track, you must present the clearance to their Steward. **The rule is - No Clearance, No Racing.** If you say you are going to attend a meeting at another track, and then cannot do so, you must phone the Promoter of **that track** and let them know as soon as possible.

## Speedway New Zealand Rule Book



When you obtain a Speedway New Zealand licence you will be issued with a rulebook. If you need another copy of this, there will be a charge for it. Any additions, alterations or deletions to any rules will be sent to all licensed drivers in the effected class. Further to this all updates are also available on the Speedway New Zealand website – [www.speedway.co.nz](http://www.speedway.co.nz)

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## Social Side of Racing

It should be noted that as per Speedway New Zealand rules alcohol may not be consumed until 30 minutes after the last race to allow sufficient time for protests etc.

Our Clubrooms are fully licensed and offer a full range of both liquor and food refreshments. Because we hold a liquor licence, you are not permitted to bring your own alcohol into the Clubrooms, which also extends to the entire pit area. Therefore no alcohol is to be consumed in the pit area at any time.

A range of food will be available after the meeting in this area. Non-club members must be signed in as guests. As well as alcoholic beverages, we offer non-alcoholic drinks for the sober driver.

Following the bigger meetings, there may be some sort of entertainment in the Clubrooms. **Note:** *The Clubrooms are also smoke free.*

## Junior Members Club

The Junior Members club is a great way for the whole family to be involved. Each Junior Member receives a season pass and their name will appear in the season race programme to receive a gift. Each Junior Member will also receive an Easter treat among other things. Joining is easy via the online form on the Woodford Glen website or by contacting either the Club Secretary or the Woodford Glen Shop.

Further to this, the Club will also hold a Christmas party for all club members and their children; the date, time and venue are posted to each child with their invitation.



## Awards Dinner – Prize Giving

Our Annual awards dinner is usually held in May and is an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate our drivers and club members for their efforts on and off the track. This is a semi-formal occasion with a dress code. Unless approved prior, attendance to collect any award due to you is compulsory

## Club Newsletter

We endeavour to send out up to five newsletters a year to our members. This helps to keep members informed of anything of interest happening as well as keeping up with rule changes etc. Our website and facebook is a great way to get information to our members and fans alike.

As a club member it is vital you advise the Secretary of any changes to your contact details – you can email these to [racing@woodfordglen.co.nz](mailto:racing@woodfordglen.co.nz)



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