

# Code of Conduct

Season 2013-2014

Sunraysia Dirt Karters encourages respect and good sportsmanship at all levels of competition. Here are the Codes of Conduct for you, your club, drivers, officials and parents.

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

## Social Media

Sunraysia Dirt Karters 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. Speedway Australia and Sunraysia Dirt Karters takes all cases of cyber bullying seriously and will treat online matters as it would 'real world' bullying. The penalties for these offences are severe.

**Sunraysia Dirt Karters would like to remind all Drivers, Crews, Patrons, Officials & Members of the Social Media Policy that we follow, which is in line with Speedway Australia's policy. Sunraysia Dirt Karters has a ZERO tolerance policy on negative or defamatory comments made on social media towards the club, venues or anyone directly involved. Any breach of the policy shall be dealt with accordingly. It will also be forwarded to Speedway Australia for their records and for them to impose further penalties if they see fit.**

Sunraysia Dirt Karters expects all members, competitors, crews, officials and parents to uphold the Code of Conduct and as such treats allegations of poor conduct and bringing the sport of Speedway into disrepute very seriously.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and its policies.

I will conduct myself in a manner befitting the best ideals of respect, sportsmanship and comradeship which the sport of speedway exalts.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

To be signed by a parent/guardian of a junior competitor in addition to that of the junior.