



2026 AUSTRALIAN SPEEDWAY SENIOR & JUNIOR SIDECAR CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATE:	Qualifying	Friday 24 th April 2026
	Championship	Saturday 25 th April 2026
	Rain Day	Sunday 26 th April 2026
VENUE:	Olympic Park Mildura	
TRACK NUMBER:	Senior & Junior Track	Senior track 00903 Junior track 00904
MA PERMIT NUMBER:	MA1567	
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	Clerk of Course:	Ken MacLeod
	Race Secretary:	Hannah Holmes

1. ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mildura Motorcycle Club, hereafter called the Promoter will conduct both the 2026 Australian Speedway Senior Sidecar Championship & 2026 Australian Speedway Junior Sidecar Championship on the following date and at the following location.

Date	Location
Friday 24 th & 25th April 2026	Olympic Park Speedway

2. JURISDICTION

2.1 The above-mentioned event has been authorised by Motorcycling Australia which has issued the MA Permit Number MA1567 and open to holders of current Motorcycling Australia Senior & Junior National Licenses. One event licences are not permitted

2.2 The Event will be held in accordance with the 2026 General Competition Rules (GCR's) contained in the Manual of Motorcycle Sport available at www.ma.org.au or www.australianspeedwaychampionships.com.au, these Supplementary Regulations and any final instructions approved by MA. By entering this event all parties agree to comply with these rules, supplementary regulations, by-laws and instructions.

3. EVENT OFFICIALS

The following officials will be overseeing the Event:

Referee	Clerk of Course	Scrutineer	Race Secretary
Angus Bugeja	Ken MacCleod	TBA	Hannah Holmes

4. NOMINATIONS

4.1 Nominations are now open and close **4.45pm AEDT Wednesday 25th March 2026** **Late entries will not be accepted.**

4.2 If a rider wishes to withdraw, you must do so in writing to Motorcycling Australia via events@ma.org.au PRIOR to the selections being announced. If a rider wishes to withdraw after the rider selections has been announced, that rider will require a medical certificate. If a medical certificate is not supplied that rider may be penalised including but not limited to suspension of Motorcycling Australia licence and or fine.

4.3 In the case of postponement or abandonment of the event, Rain off day will be Sunday 26th April 2026.

4.4 Only nominations received via Ridernet [CLICK HERE](#) will be accepted.

4.5 Once nominations have been accepted, any rider needing to withdraw from the Championship must do so in writing to Motorcycling Australia at: events@ma.org.au

5. ENTRY FEE

Entry Fee and MA rider levies will be \$27.50 per Rider & Passenger payable on the day at sign on.

6. ENTRY PASSES / CREW LICENCES

6.1 Each Rider and Passenger will receive ONE pass and TWO licensed mechanic passes. **Any mechanic who wishes to enter the pit area is required to hold a current Motorcycling Australia crew (mechanics) license or Senior National License and sign on. Any person who does not hold a current license will not be granted access into the pit area and will not be covered under MA Insurance.** Guardians for Junior riders will require a Crew or Senior National Licence to enter the pit area. – One event crew license will be available on Ridernet.

7. INSURANCE

7.1 National Personal Accident Scheme provides basic cover for death and permanent disability.

7.2 Ambulance Insurance is compulsory for licensees.

It is strongly recommended that competitors consider taking out weekly benefits insurance.

8. MEDICAL SERVICES

Rural Ambulance Victoria will be in attendance

9. SCRUTINEERING

9.1 Scrutineering will be held at the following times:

Friday 24 th April: 3:00pm – 4:30pm
Saturday 25 th April: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

9.2 Machines entered in the competition must have successfully passed a machine examination. prior to taking part in practice, qualifying or racing. An MA decal will be placed on the front number. plate to indicate that it has been successfully examined.

9.3 Current competition licences and full riding gear must be presented at scrutineering. Eligibility checks can take place at any time during the event. Machines which suffer accident damage in practice or race sessions must be re-examined before participating again.

9.4 In addition to supervising the pulling down and checking of machines after official protests have been received by the Clerk of Course in accordance with the GCRs, the Referee can order that any machine be measured and if this occurs the Scrutineer will supervise a team member to pull down any machine that has taken part in the event. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in this matter being referred to the Clerk of Course for further action.

9.5 Machines will not be sealed for later checking after the event. All machines that are to be pulled down and scrutineered will take place at the circuit before the machine is released by the Scrutineer. A member of the rider's team must be always available to carry out the strip

down under the control of the Scrutineer. Failure to comply with this regulation will result in this matter being referred to the Clerk of Course for further action.

9.6 All machines and rider Apparel **MUST** comply with the 2026 GCR's for Speedway Competition.

10. RACE FORMAT

For the Australian Speedway Senior Sidecar Championship:

10.1 The event will be run over Twenty (20) heats and Two (2) Finals with Four riders in each heat and final.

10.2 The Race Format will be as described in the 2026 GCR's.

10.3 ALL heats and finals will be over four (4) laps. Qualifying will run over 4 laps.

10.4 Scoring will be as Per GCR's

10.5 Starts

Competitors must be ready for the start when called upon to do so by the relevant official.

a) If a rider touches the starting tapes, they will be excluded from that heat, plus receive an official warning for the remainder of the Event.

b) If a rider is judged by the referee to have moved before the tapes are lifted, they are given an official warning.

c) If the same rider moves or touches the tapes again during the same Speedway Event, they are automatically excluded from that Heat.

d) Race Starts: The countdown to race starts begins when the referee starts the two-minute clock, at the end of this two-minute deadline, riders must be at the tapes and ready to race – otherwise they face exclusion – as per GCR 12.10.12.1.

10.6 **FINALS**

A Final

The top three-point scorers will go direct to the A Final plus the Winner of the B final.

The place getters in this Final will determine who is 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the Championship.

B Final

The riders for the B Final will be the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th point scorer's after 20 heats.

The winner of the B final will go to the A Final, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in this final will determine who 5th, 6th and 7th in this event.

10.6 If rider's tie-on points for the A or B finals, the count back system will determine any ties.

For this championship the total distance of the final must be run in its entirety.

For the Australian Speedway Junior Sidecar Championship:

10.7 The event will be run over Sixteen (16) heats and Two (2) Finals with Three riders in each heat and final.

10.8 The race format will be as described in these Supplementary Regulations

10.9 All heats and finals will be over four (4) laps.

10.10 Scoring will be as per 2026 GCR's

10.11 FINALS

A Final

Event 18 will be the A final.

The top 2-point scorers will go direct to the A final, plus the winner of the B final.
The place getters in this final will determine who is 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the championship.

B Final

Event 17 will be the B final.

The riders for the B final will be 3rd, 4th, 5th point scorers after Sixteen Heats
The winner of the B final will go to the A final, 2nd, 3rd in the B final will determine who is 4th, 5th in the Championship.

10.11 If riders tie on points for the A or B finals, the count back system will determine any ties.

For this championship the total distance of the final must be run in its entirety.

10.12 Format for 12 Rider 16 Heat plus 2 Finals

Heat Number	RED	BLUE	WHITE	Heat Number	RED	BLUE	WHITE
1	1	3	2	9	8	1	5
2	6	5	4	10	1	2	6
3	9	7	8	11	1	3	7
4	10	12	11	12	4	9	10
5	7	10	1	13	1	4	11
6	2	11	5	14	1	7	2
7	3	6	9	15	5	10	3
8	4	8	12	16	8	6	9

11. POINTS

11.1 Heat points will be.

First, Three (3) Points, Second, Two (2) Points, Third, One (1) Point, Fourth*, 0 (0) Points

** For Australian Speedway Senior Sidecar Championship only*

Note the following:

Fourth Finisher's will receive no points (0) *

Non finisher's will receive one of the following alongside their name on the score sheet.

M Excluded due to 2 minute rule.

R Retired from the Race

F Fall but not excluded

T Excluded for false start or touch of tapes

D Excluded

N Non Start

12. SCHEDULES

12.1 Event Schedule

	Friday 24 ^h April – QUALIFYING	Saturday 25 th April – CHAMPIONSHIP
Gates Open	3.00pm	4 :00pm
Sign on & Scrutineering	3:00pm - 5.00pm	4.00pm – 5.30pm
Practice	5.30pm - 6.30pm	NO PRACTICE
Riders Briefing	5.00pm	6.00pm
Event Commences	7.00pm (juniors & seniors)	7.00pm (seniors only)

12.2 Qualifying Time

Scrutineering	3.00pm - 5.00pm
Practice	5.30pm
Qualifying	7.00pm

12.3 Qualifying for Australian Speedway Senior Sidecar Championship will be 16 Riders selected by the MA Track Commission, will be 20 Heats 4 Riders Per Heat NO FINALS.

12.4 Practice for **ALL Riders** will be Friday 24^h April 2026.

There will be NO PRACTICE on Saturday 25^h April 2026

For the purposes of drug and alcohol testing, the commencement of the event will be deemed to be Saturday 24th April at 12pm.

13. ENTRIES TO CONSTITUTE A CHAMPIONSHIP

To constitute a class for the purpose of gaining Championship status, the number of contestants entered for competition shall be:

Australian Speedway Senior Sidecar Championship	Sixteen (16) with two (2) reserves
Australian Speedway Junior Sidecar Championship	Minimum of Nine (9)

14. AWARDS AND PRIZEMONEY

14.1 Trophy and sashes will be presented to the first Three (3) place getters for Australian Speedway Senior Sidecar Championship and the first three (3) place getters for the Australian Speedway Junior Sidecar Championship. MA medallions will be presented to the first three place getters in both Championships. For the Australian Senior Sidecar Championship, the winners will be presented with the Duke of Edinburgh Trophy.

14.2 Prize Money for the Australian Speedway Senior Sidecar Championship to be paid as per below:

Place & Prize

1st	\$3,000.00	5th	\$1,500.00	9th	\$1,000.00	13th	\$700.00
2nd	\$2,500.00	6th	\$1,300.00	10th	\$900.00	14th	\$700.00
3rd	\$2,000.00	7th	\$1,200.00	11th	\$800.00	15th	\$700.00
4th	\$1,700.00	8th	\$1050.00	12th	\$750.00	16th	\$700.00

Qualifying Event \$40.00 a point, NO Bonus Money, NO FINAL. **NO TOW MONEY PAID FOR EITHER EVENT, the top eight (8) teams will be seeded into Championship.**

Australian Speedway Junior Sidecar Championship does not attract prize money.

15. PAYG

PAYG Withholding affects the payment of prize money. If you do not provide an ABN or declare the sport is a hobby, the Promoter must withhold 46.5% of prize money over \$50.00 which is otherwise payable to you. Please tick one of the boxes on the entry form and if appropriate provide your ABN to ensure the full amount of prize money is paid to you.

16. PRESENTATIONS

Trophy presentation will be held after the A Final. Place getters – machines and competitors must attend the presentation. [For 2026 the podium will be for the top 3 riders/passengers.](#)

16. MACHINES AND RIDERS

All machines and Rider Apparel **MUST** comply with the current GCR's for Speedway Competition.

17. ENVIRONMENTAL MATS

An absorbent mat that measures a minimum of 500mm x 500mm must be placed underneath the engine/gearbox and fuel tank of any sidecar while parked in the pit, paddock or work area.

18. SELECTION OF RIDERS AND STARTING POSITIONS

Selection and starting positions will be carried out by the MA Track Commission for the Championships at close of nominations on 25th March 2026.

19. RIDERS' BRIEFING

A riders' briefing will be held prior to the commencement of racing, which **ALL competitors MUST attend**. Details will be included in the final instructions.

20. CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

PROMOTER	TRACK	TRACK SURFACE
Mildura Motorcycle Club	Olympic Park Speedway	Stone Crushed River Sand

21. FLAGS

As per the GCR's

22. TRACK INSPECTION / DISSATISFACTION

All competitors will be given the opportunity to walk and inspect the track prior to any on track participation. This inspection must be done on foot and competitors are reminded that service vehicles may be in operation the circuit at this time. If any competitor has a safety issue with the track, this should be taken up with the Clerk of Course. If those concerns cannot be resolved, the competitor will be invited to withdraw from the Event without penalty.

23. FACILITIES

Showers, Toilets Canteen,

24. SOUND

Sound testing may take place at any time at the discretion of the Referee, Clerk of Course or Scrutineer. Refer to GCRs for details.

25. TYRES

Speedway Tyres / Block pattern trials tyres. Refer to the GCR's

26. ANTI-DOPING POLICY

26.1 All competitors and officials are advised that drug testing may take place in accordance with MA's Anti-Doping Policy, under the authority of Sport Integrity Australia.

26.2 Athletes are advised to download the Sports Integrity Australia app. If athletes have any doubts over Sports Integrity Australia requirements, they should visit the website www.sportintegrity.gov.au

It is recommended athletes contact the Drugs in Sport Hotline (1300 027 232) for further information. When drug testing takes place, the payment of prize money or awards may be delayed, at the discretion of MA, until the results of the tests are known.

27. DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROCEDURE

All competitors, parents, support personnel, mechanics and officials are advised that random breath-testing may take place during the competition. Refer to MA website for details on the safety policy – drug and alcohol testing.

28. CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

All competitors, support personnel and officials are reminded of MA's Codes of Behaviour contained within MA's Member Protection Regulations, found at www.ma.org.au, which is a guide to appropriate behaviour at all motorcycle race events. These Codes of Behaviour apply to this Event and will be enforced.

29. SUPPORT CLASSES

All support classes are at the promotor's discretion, nominations are to be directed to the promotor.

30. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

All riders should have a minimum 2kg, dry powder A:B (E) class, working fire extinguisher in their pit area.

31. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

All competitors, mechanics, official, support personnel and parents are reminded of MA's Electronic Communications and Social Media Policy, found at www.ma.org.au, which sets out a framework for acceptable online behaviour where communications involve fellow MA members, volunteers, officials, coaches, sponsors, partners, staff and any other connected persons.

32. TEAM CLOTHING

Team Clothing is encouraged, such as a team shirt.

33. ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

All teams and riders are responsible for the removal of all items including rubbish from their pit area as they vacate the premises. Penalties may apply as per the GCR's.

Used tyres cannot be left on site. Any rider found to have left tyres at the venue will be fined for the cost of their disposal.

34. SPECIAL NOTES AND WARNINGS:

34.1 NO Thongs/Sandals or open shoes to be worn in the pit area.

34.2 NO Smoking in the pit area

34.3 The carrying or consumption of alcoholic beverages in the pit area is strictly prohibited.

34.4 NO animals allowed. Guide dogs and registered assistant animals excepted.