



WA Speedway Commission

Organisation Profile

*Governing structures, safety roles and
responsibilities for the WA Speedway Industry*



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Who we are

The WA Speedway Commission is a non-profit sporting association appointed as the governing body for speedway in Western Australia. The Commission is a democratically formed body, made up of a Board, Advisory Committees and office administration support.

- The Commission is directly answerable to the WA State Government through the Department of Sport and Recreation
- The Commission is responsible for delivering safety oversight and training processes for the sport of Speedway in WA
- The Commission provides services to a broad range of speedway stakeholders, including:
 - Clubs/ promoters
 - Associations and racing divisions
 - Local government and/ or land owners
 - Government insurers (local and state level)
 - Industry insurers

What we do

The role of the WA Speedway Commission is to:

- Promote and assist in delivery of safe speedway across WA
- Provide independent and impartial advice, and work with speedways to continually improve safety
- Provide advice and information to Clubs and Associations, but also to local government land owners and other stakeholders about risk and possible areas of liability
- Develop and promote systems, specifications and guidelines for consistency in speedway safety procedures across WA
- Deliver speedway training and accreditation programs across WA for stewards, officials and scrutineers.

Our business is to implement the Four Pillars of Safety developed in the Speedway Safety Governance Framework, 2010 (see diagrams below).

The four pillars of safety

1. Track Grade Assessment	2. Annual Track Licence	3. Event Permits	4. Training and Accreditation
Principles			
<i>All racetracks will undergo a safety and grading assessment at least once every two years</i>	<i>All tracks will operate under a valid Track Licence issued annually</i>	<i>Each event will have a valid WA Speedway Commission Permit, with a post-event Stewards' Report provided</i>	<i>All officials and scrutineers will hold valid WA Speedway Commission accreditation</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Track Assessment for venue safety (2 yearly) • Safety Improvement Plan issued for Club Risk Management processes • Land owners informed of safety improvement needs • Track Grade issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check that critical safety improvements are completed • Annual check that risk assessments are undertaken • Currency of Public Liability insurances checked • Ready to operate at Track Grade issued 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racing divisions are consistent with Track Grade • Accreditation of officials is checked • 1st Aid, emergency and safety features in place for an event • Drivers licences and vehicle log books are checked at events, and the Chief Steward returns a report for each event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stewards/ Officials & Scrutineers accreditation and development program delivered annually • Accreditation program reviewed regularly to reflect industry changes • Safety processes advised and understood • Other training needs identified

Oversight system – The Safety Governance Framework

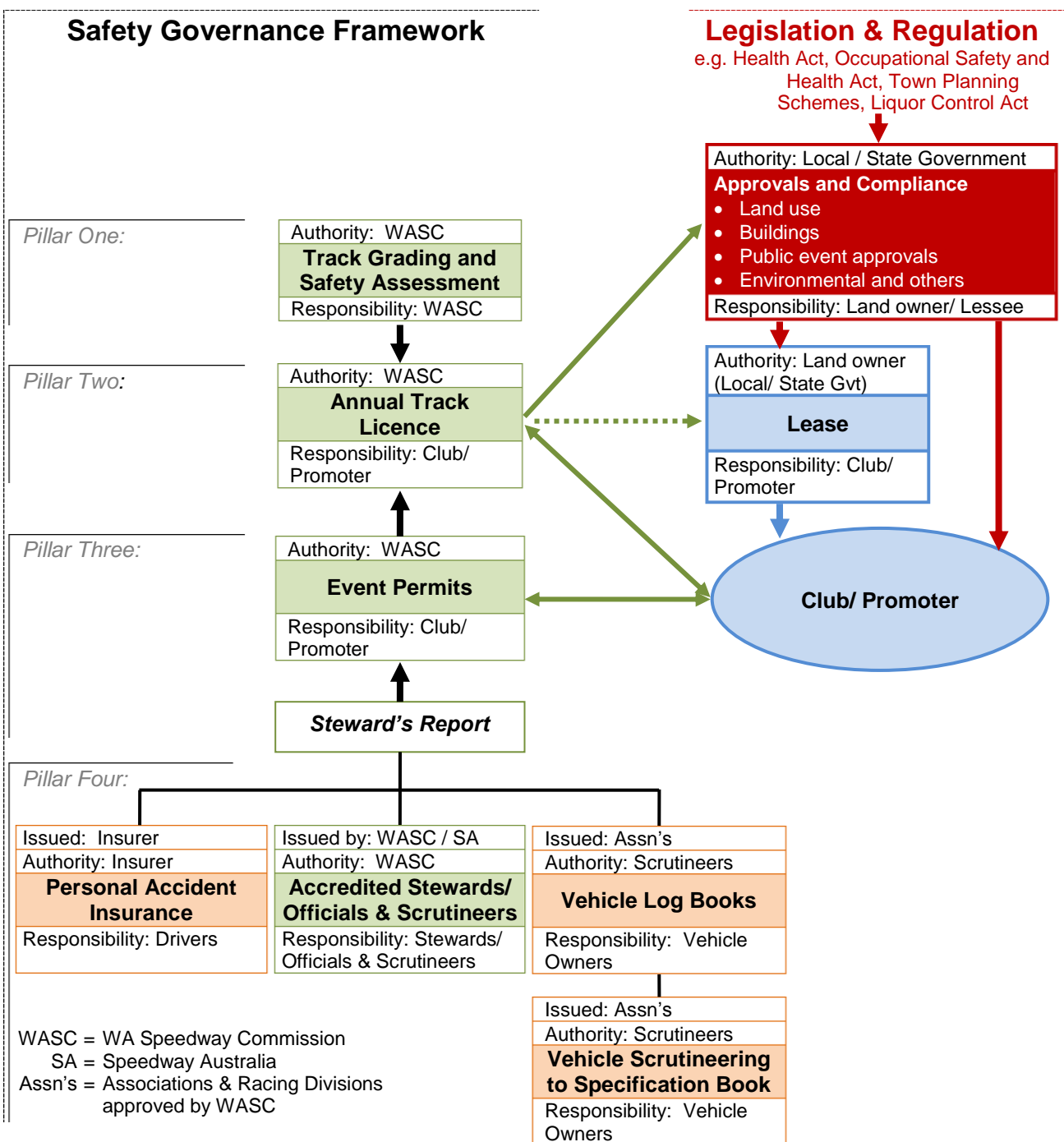
In 2010, a group of speedway stakeholders assisted RiskCover, the WA government insurer, to produce the *Safety Governance Framework*. Updated in 2013, the Framework guides *self-regulation* of speedway for the benefit of all stakeholders.

The Safety Governance Framework is the government accepted regulatory process for speedway in WA. It coordinates safety activities between all stakeholders and the application of existing legislation, regulations and approvals. The Safety Governance Framework:

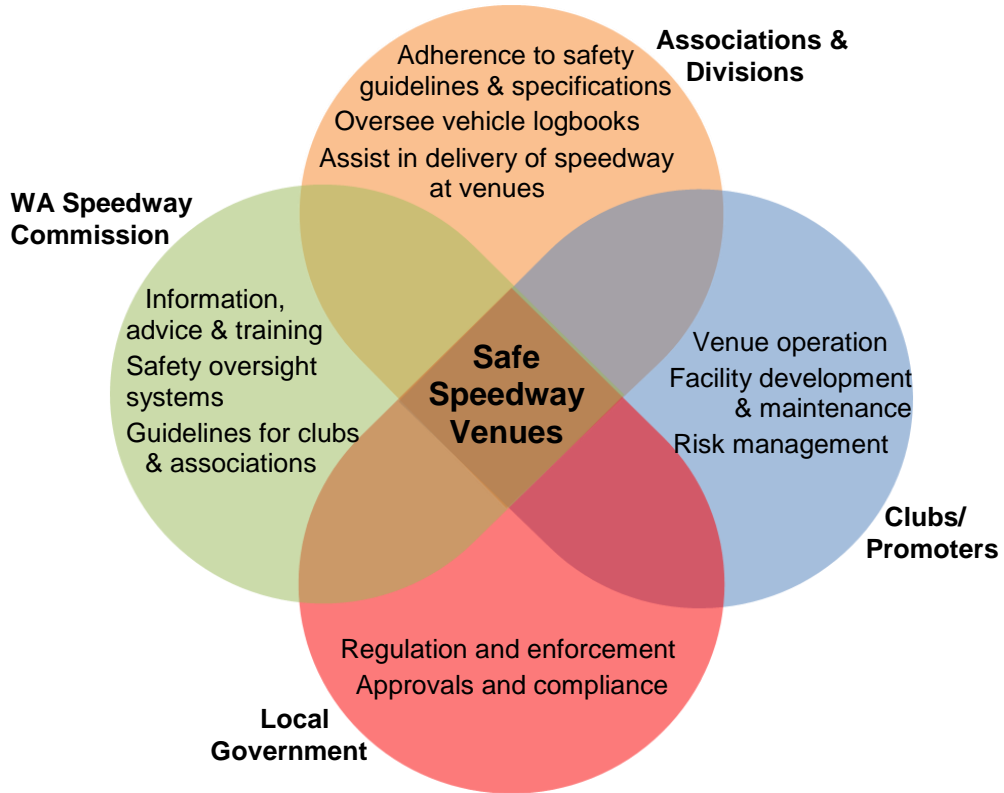
- Is relevant for every speedway venue in WA
- Provides a systematic process of safety checks and balances to give confidence and consistency.

The majority of tracks across the state successfully use the Framework, contributing to:

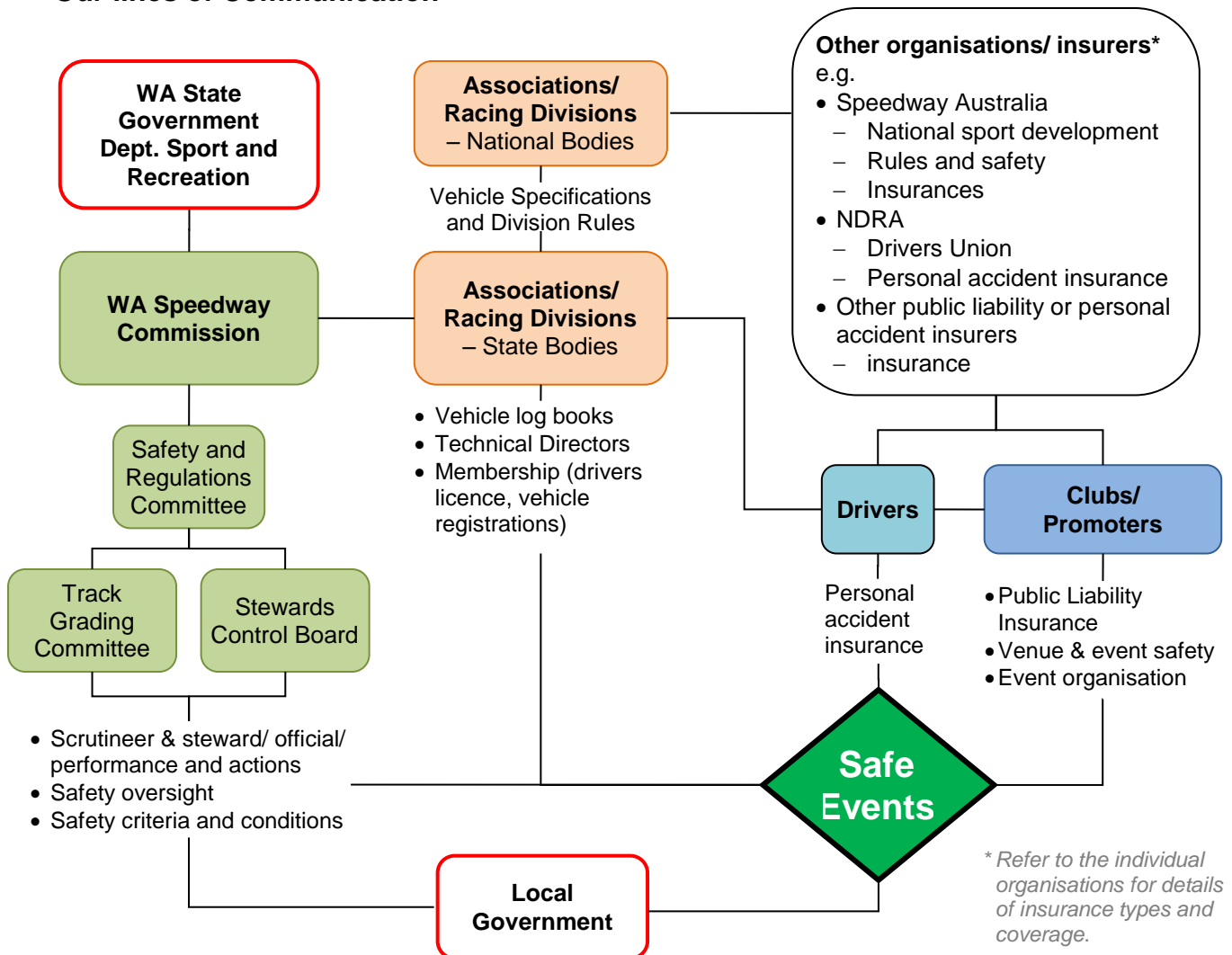
- A stronger more coordinated speedway community
- Development of best practice safety for the sport.



How we work with Stakeholders



Our lines of Communication



Shared Responsibilities

All stakeholders have responsibilities to support the delivery of safe speedway as part of their duty of care.

Stakeholder	Responsibilities
Clubs/ Promoters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain government approvals and adhere to conditions • Develop and maintain the speedway venue to minimum standards set for WA in the WA Speedway Commission Racetrack Safety Guidelines • Obtain annual WA Speedway Commission Track Licence and Event Permits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – adhere to the conditions of licence and permits • Ensure use of only appropriately accredited officials, stewards and scrutineers at events • Ensure the Chief/Club Steward provides a post-event report • Maintain suitable public liability insurance that covers speedway racing activities • Coordinate and deliver safe events, adhering to rules and specifications
Associations/ Racing Divisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribute to development of national racing division Specifications and Rules • Ensure vehicle logbooks are issued and maintained • Ensure vehicle scrutineering is conducted in accordance with Specifications and Rules
Stewards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a post event Stewards Report for every event and return it to the WA Speedway Commission • Liaise with 1st Aid and Emergency personnel and other officials to deliver safe events • Maintain accreditation through WA Speedway Commission training and seek opportunities to improve/ refresh skills • Maintain logbook of officiating duties
Scrutineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain accreditation through WA Speedway Commission training and seek opportunities to improve/ refresh skills • Maintain logbook of officiating duties • Undertake duties and work with other officials to deliver safe events
Drivers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain personal accident insurance • Adhere to rules of racing, codes of conduct, and instructions of accredited officials, stewards and scrutineers
Local government/ Land Owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve venues for speedway use, issue leases where required and ensure compliance with conditions • Ensure compliance with legislation and regulations, such as Public Buildings, Health, Environmental Protection • Act on safety and risk information provided by WA Speedway Commission, including enforcing safety requirements • Support WA Speedway Commission in assisting clubs to achieve good practice in safe operations, and maintenance of minimum standards
WA Speedway Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administer the Safety Governance Framework on behalf of the WA Government • Conduct biennial Safety Assessments at all WA speedways in accordance with standard safety criteria • Issue a Track Safety Assessment report and Track Grade to the Club/ Promoter and the Local Government Authority, identifying required improvements and recommendations for risk management • Issue WA Speedway Commission Track Licenses and Event Permits to Clubs/ Promoters • Communicate the status of track licensing and permitting to Local Governments and Department of Health for issuing Health Certificates • Provide independent and impartial advice and information to stakeholders about safety, risks and possible areas of liability • Develop and promote systems, specifications and guidelines for consistency in speedway safety procedures across WA • Deliver Training and Accreditation programs across WA
WA Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports speedway safety through funding and program initiatives with WA Speedway Commission

Shared Benefits

The Safety Governance Framework provides a number of benefits for speedway clubs, promoters, associations, government and their stakeholders. Some of the benefits include:

- Provides a systematic process of safety checks and balances
- Provides confidence that safety measures are in place
- Provides for a consistent and coordinated state-wide system
- Safety is assessed by people with specialist speedway knowledge
- Independent of any insurer or insurance product
- Provides an avenue for sharing the latest safety information and useful tips
- Specialist training is delivered in regional centres
- Assistance for clubs/ promoters with risk management systems and information to meet Duty of Care obligations
- A body of knowledge is collected that can be used to identify trends and emerging issues in the sport
- Provides a back-up to a club's record keeping on events (e.g. if a claim was brought and an incident on a certain night needed verifying)
- Information about venue safety advised to land owners by people who understand speedway
- Source of independent information for local government and their insurers to understand their assets and assess risks and liabilities
- Single source of information about the sport for state government (e.g. health department reporting, a consideration as part of Department of Sport and Recreation grant assessments)
- Confidence that speedway as an industry is self-regulating and self-managing.

Where to go for help

<i>When you have queries on...</i>		<i>Contact...</i>
Rules or technical machine issues	⇒	Technical Director for your racing division
The actions/ performance of a steward/ official or scrutineer	⇒	WA Speedway Commission
Driver insurance	⇒	Insurance provider
Steward and scrutineer training programs	⇒	WA Speedway Commission
Public liability insurance	⇒	Club/ Promoter
Venue safety	⇒	Club/ Promoter or WA Speedway Commission
Venue design guidelines/ specifications	⇒	WA Speedway Commission

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