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FORWARD PLANNING

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At the recent ASCF Conference, a whole day was spent on forward planning for the ASCF Inc. The agenda was set, from answers received from a survey sent to all Clubs and Competitors. Our thanks to those who took the time to fill out the Questionnaire and return it to the facilitator, Sheppard Consulting. A list of responses has been placed on the ASCF Inc. Web Site. We used your answers to plan the direction the ASCF Inc. will take for the next five years. Among the subjects discussed were—unifying Speedway sedan racing divisions, uniformity of specifications, Junior development, risk management, common set of racing rules and accreditation of all Officials. One of the points to come out of the Meeting, was a name change for the ASCF Inc. to Speedway Sedans Australia. We would appreciate your input on this matter.

The ASCF Inc. has put together a rather ambitious document in regard to our future and this document—ASCF Inc. Strategic Plan 2004, has been circulated to all Affiliated Clubs, or can be viewed on the Internet—address on back page. Please obtain a copy and any input would be appreciated.

Special points of interest:

- Street Stock Specification Changes for new Manual
- Production Sedans
- Life of Specification Manuals extended for five years.
- Brief report on Council Meeting
- Production Sedan update.
- Shock absorbers.
- National Title Rotation System
- Junior Sedans
- Super Sedans



ASCF INC. NATIONAL TITLES FOR 2004/2005

JUNIOR TITLE:

The National Junior Title has been allocated to Riverview Speedway, Murray Bridge, SA on the 27th, 28th & 29th January, 2005.

SUPER SEDAN TITLE

The National Super Sedan Title has been allocated to Latrobe Speedway, Latrobe, Tasmania, on the 10th, 11th & 12th February, 2005.

STREET STOCK TITLE

The National Street Stock Title has been allocated to Bunbury City Speedway, Bunbury, WA on 4th, 5th & 6th March, 2005.

PRODUCTION TITLE

The National Production Title has been allocated to Brobenah Raceway at Leeton, NSW on 17th, 18th & 19th March, 2005.

MODIFIED PRODUCTION TITLE

The National Modified Production Title has been allocated to Lismore Speedway, Lismore, NSW on the 25th, 26th, 27th March, 2005.

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JUNIOR SEDANS

1. Junior Titles, where possible will be held during School Holidays.

Reason—not to interfere with Junior Drivers School commitments.

1. As of 1st July 2004, all ASCF inc. registered Junior Sedans throughout Australia will comply with the current ASCF Inc. Junior Specification Manual.

Reason—to clarify the position regarding KE70's from N.T., running with 1200 c.c. motors.

SHOCK ABSORBERS

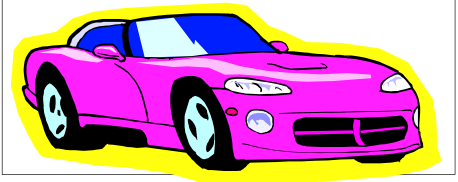
The following decision was made by the Technical Committee after numerous letters and telephone calls regarding adjustable shock absorbers -

FOR SUPER SEDAN, MODIFIED PRODUCTION & PRODUCTION CLASSES -

“That adjustable shock absorbers be permitted for use, provided that no adjustment can be carried out from cabin or from drivers seat or whilst on the dummy grid or race track.”

SUPER SEDANS

1. The following specification change has been implemented in regard to Bumper Bars - “Front and rear Bumper to be maximum of 38 CHS x 3mm W.T.”
2. The current system of weighing the cars prior to a race has now been changed to where the cars will be weighed after a race.



SPECIFICATION MANUALS SET FOR FIVE YEARS

Many Drivers and Car Owners have asked that the Technical Committee look changing the life of a Specification Manual from three years to five years. The following time frame has been put in place -

All Divisions – That the Specifications be set for 5 years and only changes be allowed for safety or introduction of new models or Government changes.

- 1st July 2004 -Street Stock Manual**
- 1st July 2005 - Production Manual**
- 1st July 2006 - Super Sedan Manual**
- 1st July 2007 -Modified Production Manual**



Below is the ASCF Inc. Policy in regard to Specification changes -

The ASCF Inc implementation dates for Specifications shall be as follows:

- Any specification changes for safety items will be effective immediately following the Technical Committee decision and National Council ratification.
- Any Specification changes for reason of unavailability of components, increased costs or exceptional circumstances will become effective as at the first day of July, upon ratification by the National Council following the Technical Committee meeting where such changes were made.
- All other specification changes will become effective as at the first day of July, following the expiry of the stated **five (5) year** period set for the Specification.



RESTRUCTURE



A whole day has been put aside at the September 2004 Conference to discuss the restructure of the ASCF Inc. from its current structure to a Board of Management. The aim of this restructure, is to improve the communications between the ASCF Inc., Clubs and Drivers. A copy of the Restructure Document has been put on the web site and forwarded to all Clubs. Please take the time to read this Document and have your input, through your Club to your State Branch, before end of June, 2004



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PRODUCTION SEDANS

1. Production Book is under review and will be available for the 2005/2006 Season. Your State Body will notify you regarding meetings to discuss any changes.
2. That we allow early model engines in late model bodies. U.L.P. must be used.
Implementation date 1/7/04.
Please contact Errol Baldwin, National Technical Director, if you have any questions.
3. That the age limit on the Production Class be no later than 5 years from the current year. This is for the later model body (to fall in line with the Street Stock Specifications).

ASC F INC. COUNCIL MEETING held MARCH 2004

STATE AND NATIONAL APPEALS:

Where feasible, all State and National Appeals are to be heard within 28 days. National Appeals, where possible, will be held in the State where the Appeal originated

STANDARD REGISTRATION FEE:

The ASC F Inc. is looking at having a Standard Registration Fee for all Classes. i.e. No matter which State your car is registered in, the fee is the same.

REGISTRATIONS:

To cut waste and costs, the ASC F Inc. will print Infringement Cards, Decals and Log Books without the year date stamped on the books/cards.

DISQUALIFICATIONS IN HEATS:

In previous State and National Titles, a driver who has been disqualified in a heat has been able to use that 0 point score as his worst heat. This will no longer be the case. A driver who has been disqualified in a heat, will have the lowest points from another Heat used as his/her lowest points.

NATIONAL TITLE DATES:

The ASC F Inc. will no longer schedule two National Titles to be run on the same date.

WORKING ON CARS ON DUMMY GRID:

Due to concerns expressed by the Victorian Workplace, Health and Safety, the decision was made not to allow any work or adjustments to take place on the dummy grid.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE:

The ASC F Inc. no longer has a monetary amount on the Public Liability Insurance held by affiliated Tracks. We feel that this is something that has been covered by the State Governments. However the Insurance held, must be APRA and/or Insurance Council of Australia approved.

LICENCING:

The drivers of all five sedan groups, Junior, Modified Production, Super Sedan, Street Stock and Production must obtain their licence and insurance through their State Branch.

RACING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Racing Rules and Regulations manual has been printed and will be available from your Club/State Branch, in June.

STEWARDS HANDBOOK:

A Stewards Handbook has been printed and will be distributed to all Stewards, in June.