

SUBARU KX21 SPRINT RACING FUTURE

The committee has made no secret that running sprint racing events has restricted the ability for our club to grow. For those that attended our last AGM, a major topic of discussion was the viability of sprint racing at our race meetings.

The facts are that after running four rounds of sprint racing this year the club has made a net loss of \$4700 on sprint racing.

As illustrated in the table below we are not even close to making sprint racing a viable proposition.

	Round One Picton	Round 2 Canberra	Round 3 Newcastle	Round 4 Manning Valley
Entries Required to Break Even	40	37	42	43
Actual Entries Received	27	26	24	28

The club itself is not in trouble however the committee is in full agreement that the current situation cannot continue.

The endurance racing side of the club is profitable to the point that it is currently propping up sprint racing. Financially however the club bank account continues to flat line.

We are a non for profit association but we have equipment to maintain and bills to pay and on this basis alone, we must cease running sprint racing in 2018. Lastly, sprint racing participation numbers have dropped off from the peak in 2014/15.

The SKANSW Inc. Committee wish to announce, that the 2018 Racing calendar will consist of SEVEN SINGLE DAY events for Endurance racing only. The Events will be spaced at around five week intervals with a winter break.

March	April	May	July	August	September	November
Eastern Creek Sunday 2 X 4 Hours	Canberra Kart Track Sunday 6 Hours	Newcastle Kart Track Sunday 6 Hours	Picton Kart Track Sunday 6 Hours	Manning Valley Saturday 2 X 3 Hours	Lithgow Kart Track Sunday 6 Hours	Orange Kart Track Saturday 6 Hours

*Event lengths and venues are a guide at this stage.

Our vision to just run Endurance races in the future allows the club to reduce track hire costs, officials' costs and accommodation costs.

Running seven rounds of endurance racing (down from eight this year) will reduce the overall spend for our competitors and will allow everyone involved to concentrate on making the "Subaru Endurance Championship" bigger and better. **What we need is for every single event we run, to be well supported.**

For those that have made recent investments in equipment for sprint racing we'd encourage you to think about forming your own endurance team or pooling your resources and joining an existing team.

Remaining 2017 Sprint Cup Events

- The Picton round will be CANCELLED** – we need 40 entries to break even. The current bank balance does not allow us to make a loss on an event. We are already preparing for 2018 bookings that will require significant up front deposits at several venues.
- The Orange round WILL GO AHEAD AS PLANNED** and will be the **Grand Finale for Sprint Cup competition.**

Please forward any questions and offer feedback to skansw@hotmail.com or contact your favourite committee member.