



BMX BULLETIN #4

News and information following the BMXA Board Meeting 7 February 2009

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Championships entry is now open.

- Online entry is now available to members. Log-in and enter through the link on the BMXA home page. *(Mastercard & Visa accepted)*
- A manual form is also down-loadable from the website. Complete and mail to the office with payment
- Closing date for entries is Friday 13 March.

The Board received an update from Ian North, BMXA Event Manager, and planning is on target for what is anticipated to be the biggest National Championships in a long time. All state championships have been receiving an excellent response in terms of entry numbers.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Board of BMX Australia held its recent meeting in Adelaide and joined 2009 World BMX Championships Event Manager, Darrylin Wood for a site visit of the Adelaide showgrounds.

BMXA President, Barry Knight was complimentary of the venue facilities and the overlay plan. The Board extensively reviewed all aspects of the Championship operations and now look forward to the year's premier event next July.

BMXA acknowledge the significant and valuable support of the South Australian Tourism Commission in staging this event.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTNER AND SPONSOR- EVENTS WORLDWIDE

The Board of BMX Australia are pleased to announce Events Worldwide as the official travel partner and sponsor of BMX Australia. Events Worldwide provide a one stop travel shop and will offer competitive rates and a broad range of travel options for all the BMX community to utilise.

All members will receive discounted flights, accommodation and car hire when travelling to BMX events or planning your next get away. For more information contact:

Events Worldwide: 1300 788 666

Or visit www.events.com.au and follow the cycling links

LEVEL 4 OFFICIATING COURSE

The level 4 officiating course was held in Brisbane on 30-31 January. 22 delegates attended the course to become accredited level 4 officials.

BMXA would like to thank everyone who attended the course. A special thanks goes to Andy Mellish, BMX Australia National Officiating Director and also Ian North BMX Australia Events Manager and Level 4 official for holding the conference and giving up their time to run the course.

COACHING

Level 1 BMX Coaching Course

The roll-out of BMXA's coach education program continues to roll-out under the guidance of Coaching and Development Coordinator, Nicola Tyre.

The Level 1 BMX Course has been updated and is now being reviewed by the Australian Sport Commission for registration under the National Coaching Accreditation Scheme. A Level 1 course is being planned for roll-out in conjunction with the Nationals in May.

A pilot course was held last December and was attended by at least one representative from each state. There has been extremely positive feedback regarding the format of the course and the direction that BMX coaching is now moving in.

The "**Cycleskills**" course remains an important entry-level requirement for coaching and these courses are regularly being conducted by CA affiliated States with presenters from the BMX community being progressively trained for future delivery. For more information go to www.bmxaustralia.com.au

FREESTYLE GAMES

The Long weekend in January again saw the staging of the annual BMX Freestyle Games at Melbourne's Docklands. Despite Melbourne throwing up some challenging weather conditions the event continued to grow in profile and attracted big crowds and record entries – the result of a lot of hard work by BMXA Freestyle Coordinator Dinny Spicer and his team.

PROMOTERS LICENCE

The BMXA Board agreed to the introduction of a Promoter's License – based on a model that has successfully been in operation with Cycling Australia for many years. The intent is to encourage private promoters in the BMX Community to organise BMX events to help in the promotion of the sport. Any member of BMX Australia can apply for this licence and will assist promoters in organising events and competitions. A specific information memo will be distributed shortly.

Meetings – Advanced Notice:

- Saturday 29 August – Mid Year Conference (Sydney)
- Sunday 30 August – National Officiating Conference (Sydney)