

Submitter Name	Section / Sub-section / Provision	Submission number / Point Number	Position	Summary of Submission	Relief Summary
Dionne Best	NOISE - Noise /NOISE - Noise /General	278.1	Amend	<p>Submitter provides background and context for the Meeanee Speedway, located at Papakura Domain, Sandy Road, Meeanee, which has been a fixture since 1961, serving as the home of the Hawkes Bay Speedway club. Notes that the speedway operates consistently from October to May, with no intention of expansion but notes concerns about proposed restrictions in the District Plan. Considers that restrictions could negatively impact the viability of the club and the speedway's operation, potentially leading to its closure. Notes that the club has provided correct information to address potential noise issues but remains unclear about the reasoning behind the proposed limitations in the District Plan.</p>	<p>No specific relief sought. See additional submissions or original submission for full details.</p>
Dionne Best	NOISE - Noise /NOISE - Noise - Rules Table /NOISE-R17: Noise generated by Meeanee Speedway	278.2	Amend	<p>Considers that the conditions for rule Noise-R17A could have significant negative impacts on the operation of the speed way. Considers that condition 5 does not accomodate for meetings in may which are weather dependent, and allows the Club to ensure it is able to meet its obligations around the number of events offered to each class across the season, and to allow for National and Regional Title events to be completed. Also considers the condition would also result in competitors preferring to contract to alternative out-of-town tracks – to see local competitors, their supporters, and many spectators travelling out of our region to race (rather than attracting visitors to our region), which would have a downward spiral effect on the long-term viability of Meeanee Speedway. Considers that condition 6(a) is inconsistent with the typical speedway season which would consist of around 20 pre-scheduled events or more (accounting for a National Title or other major event). Also considers that weather events/ rainouts may increase number of noise events that take place throughout the season. This restricts Meeanee Speedway to operating at a level less than it currently does.</p> <p>Considers that condition 6(b) does not accomodate for title events which run over two or three nights (it's not possible to run them in fewer nights), and are also typically held in January and February, which is also the busiest time on the racing calendar. Condition 6(b) has the effect of limiting the events Meeanee Speedway can host at the time such events are traditionally hosted, and reducing the operation of the track, to a level below that at which the track currently operates. Considers that this would compromise long-term viability. Considers that condition 6(c) fails allow Meeanee speedway to meet requirements set by Speedway New Zealand, to run a minimum of three practice events per season. Notes that common practice has been for practices to run for around three hours, and to be held on any morning or afternoon of a weekend day (sometimes one in the morning and one in the afternoon of the same day), or on weekday evenings (usually between 5.30pm – 9.30pm). Notes the influence of availability of staff, availability of St Johns personnel, the needs of the other organisations who share Papakura Domain with, and the weather.</p> <p>Also notes that driver training sessions and mentor sessions for new or inexperienced drivers (a requirement of Speedway New Zealand) – which can also take place several times a season. These events are very similar to practice events in terms of running time and noise levels. Notes that if Meeanee Speedway cannot meet these requirements, we cannot receive a Track License and cannot operate. Considers that condition 7 fails to account for Friday and post-Christmas midweek racenights. Notes that Meeanee Speedway also has a long-standing history of running on both Friday and Saturday night of Easter weekend, and hosts a large number of Regional Title or series events across all classes over these two nights. Considers that this restriction would effectively remove every feature event from Meeanee Speedway's calendar, and would eliminate us from hosting any Title event. Considers that the implications of this would mean they be forced to remove from our calendar almost all events that generate notable income, and local competitors would be forced to contract elsewhere so that they could freely compete in such events. The financial and membership implications of this restriction would be seen fairly quickly, and would likely render Meeanee Speedway unviable – it would force the fairly swift closure of the track. Also notes that the condition fails to recognise the impacts of daylight savings on racetimes which keeps the speedway family friendly and accessible. Supports the objectives and policies of the PDP but considers that all of these rules, as they are currently drafted, would significantly cut back the operation of Meeanee Speedway. Some would create immediate unviability and closure of Meeanee Speedway, while others would cause a comparatively slower but nonetheless inevitable diminishment of our operations resulting in eventual closure due to unviability. Refer to original submission for full reasons.</p>	<p>Amend condition 5 so that noise events and noise practice events are limited to the racing season (1 October to 31 May inclusive), so that Meeanee Speedway may continue operating as it currently does.</p> <p>Amend condition 6(a) to increase to 25 events per season (not including practice noise events) to enable Meeanee Speedway to continue to operate as it always has.</p> <p>Amend condition 6(b) to make this requirement no more than five noise events in any 4-week period to more accurately reflect current practice, and more reasonably allow Meeanee Speedway to operate as it currently does.</p> <p>Amend condition 6(c). to allow for six three-hour practice events, to be run on any day of the week between the hours of 9am and 9pm, at any time throughout the season to accommodate what happens currently and meet obligations to Speedway New Zealand</p> <p>Amend condition 7 to allow for eight events to take place on days other than Saturday and amend to allow for a four hour window of scheduled racing starting any time between 4pm and 6pm, with a 45 minute allowance for overruns, and provision for races to be started during the 45 minute allowance if it were necessary to do so to complete an event.</p>