



2024 Victorian Kart Championships – Drivers Briefing
Karting Victoria /Go Kart Club of Victoria – March 8-9-10 , 2024

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL
CHANGES FOR 2024 IN THE KA MANUAL**

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO READ AND
UNDERSTAND THESE BRIEFING NOTES**



General Instructions

- **MOTORSPORT IS DANGEROUS**

You are reminded that Motorsport is Dangerous. To minimise risk and to ensure the continuity of the Meeting please ensure that you comply with the directions given by the Officials at all times.

- **VICTORIAN KART CHAMPIONSHIP**

It is your responsibility as a Driver, Participant and Competitor to know and understand the Rules and Regulations under which Competition is conducted.

- **TIMETABLE**

The Event order and timetable is attached with these Driver's Briefing notes. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the timetable and to be at the Out Grid ready to race at the time stated. We will endeavour to run the Race Meeting strictly to the timetable. Should the meeting require significant alteration you will be notified via an announcement over the PA system.

- **BULLETINS**

The adjustment / amendment of any official document will be issued in the form of a Bulletin which will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Notice Board is located at the front of the canteen.

- **RACE CONTROL**

Access to the Race Control Section of the Control Tower is prohibited. The only people permitted to enter are Karting Australia Officials or those who are invited by Karting Australia Officials.

- If you are required to report to the Officials you must go to the **Stewards tower**, located at the bottom of the main straight.

- **NO ENTRY TO THE TRACK**

From 10 minutes prior to the commencement of on-track activity until the completion of Competition each day, only Officials are permitted within the Track Area unless specific permission is obtained from either the Race Director, a Clerk of the Course or the Stewards.

- **RED FLAG STOPPAGE**

In the event of a red flag stoppage, drivers are to stop in single file on the main straight in front of the control tower and before the control line. You must remain there until instructed otherwise. Unless approval is provided from Race Control, no one other than the Officials are to approach the karts.

ALL Drivers MUST REMAIN SEATED in their Kart until told to exit their Kart by an Official.



Important Things To Note

1. RECENT RULE CHANGES

It is the responsibility of the Driver to ensure that they are familiar the Rules. There have been several rule changes for 2024, please ensure that you are familiar with the latest rules and any updates to the Manual by viewing it here <https://www.karting.net.au/administration/rules>

2. APPENDIX 1: CODE OF DRIVING CONDUCT INCIDENTS & PENALTIES

In particular your attention is drawn to clause c) of Appendix 1 of the Championship Sporting Regulations.

*“Unless it is clear that a Driver or Drivers were **wholly or predominantly to blame for an incident, no penalty will be imposed.**”*

3. OUT GRID AND IN GRID ACCESS

Access to the Out Grid and In Grid is STRICTLY limited to ONE (1) Driver and ONE (1) mechanic per Kart for the designated Class on the Out Grid at all times throughout the Meeting.

The person accompanying the Driver MUST hold a current Driver’s Licence or Mechanic and Pit Crew Licence.

4. TECHNICAL INSPECTION

Prior to and at the completion of each Race, the major place getters and karts selected at random may be impounded for inspection and technical compliance checks. As per Technical Rules Chapter 6 Rule 1 a) & b) (i) Karting Australia reserves the right to carry out inspections at any time and on any item.

As soon as the chequered flag is displayed (Finish), the Parc Fermé regulations will apply for the area between the Finish Line and the entrance to the Parc Fermé. No repairs, replenishments, servicing or other work may be carried out on any competing Kart within Parc Fermé unless explicitly provided for and then only under the supervision of the Officials.

The Technical Areas are Restricted Areas.

You must have either a KA Driver’s Licence or a Mechanic and Pit Crew Licence to enter.

Only these Licence Holders and Officials are permitted to enter and then **only by invitation.**

FRONT FAIRING (Technical Rules, Chapter 1 Rule 8 g) (iii):

The Front Fairing Fitment Rules Will be used at this Meeting.



5. EQUIPMENT SCANNING

All chassis, engines and tyres are to be scanned upon entering the Out Grid for qualifying. Throughout the remainder of the meeting, Competitors will be subject to random scanning at any time their karts are located within the Restricted Areas. **For the avoidance of doubt, this means that engines and tyres may be scanned on the Out Grid, In Grid or Parc Fermé area at any time during the event.**

Anyone found without the appropriate seals or barcodes in place may be sanctioned in accordance with the Rules. Your attention is drawn to **Technical Rules Chapter 6, Rule 6 d)** – The tails on the chassis seals must be left at full length.

6. STARTING OF ENGINES

A Kart Engine may be started for a maximum of one period of ten (10) seconds in a pit area

7. PARKING

There is to be NO vehicles inside the complex that aren't directly incorporated into a pit area.
ALL VEHICLES ARE TO BE PARKED IN THE AREAS PROVIDED ON COOK STREET OR TODD ROAD.
DO NOT EXPECT TO DRIVE IN AND DROP OFF EQUIPMENT EACH MORNING.

7. RACE STARTS

Rolling Starts

Your attention is drawn to: Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 22d).

The speeds and formation of drivers during the Start Procedure and as they approach the Start will be closely monitored at this Meeting. **Any Driver/s considered to be in breach of the Start Rules will be penalised.**

Race Restart

Your attention is drawn to Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 26 – Race Restart Procedure.

Your attention is particularly drawn to:

1. Rule 26 c) – Race that is Stopped on the first lap.
2. Rule 26 d) – In addition to the requirements of Rule d), the following additional procedures will apply to the Race Restart Procedures:
 - i. From the time that the lead kart crosses the Formation Line on the Formation lap, the safety lights will change from flashing yellow to a solid yellow; and
 - ii. The "SLOW" boards will be withdrawn.
3. Rules d) (viii), (ix) and (x) will then apply.
4. The **Restart signal will be the display of the Green Flag** at the Starter's Position.
5. Restart Infringement Penalties are outlined in Appendix 1.



8. KARTING INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK

As Drivers, Participants, parents, family members, Team members, Officials – everyone at this Meeting, you have a responsibility to our sport, and to each other to always conduct yourselves while participating in karting with INTEGRITY.

At the end of 2022, the KA Board approved our new and updated **KARTING INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK POLICIES**.

Please [download the Guide](#) (its only 3 pages long).

- **Parents**, we want you to discuss it with your children.
- **Adults**, we want you to abide by it.
- **Team Principals**, we want you to have a discussion about this with everyone in your team.

As a sport, we are serious about integrity matters. We want to provide you all with a great experience in an environment that is free of antisocial behaviors. Everyone has a role to play in this.

I N T E G R I T Y W A R N I N G

If you have content on your phone, devices, chat groups (even if you think they are private) that offends the KIF (in particular, if it relates to karting and others in our sport), **GET RID OF IT.**

YOU MIGHT THINK ITS 'FUNNY', **BUT IF IT OFFENDS THE KIF**, IT COULD GET YOU INTO SERIOUS TROUBLE.

DO NOT BRING IT TO THE TRACK, DISTRIBUTE IT, SHOW IT TO OTHERS OR UPLOAD IT.

DON'T THINK IT'S SAFE IN A 'PRIVATE CHAT GROUP' – THEY ALMOST NEVER STAY PRIVATE.

MISCONDUCT, INTIMIDATION ABUSE AND THREATS

Your attention is drawn to **General Rules, Chapter 8, Rules 5 m) and u)**

Officials have been instructed not to tolerate improper, unacceptable, or disrespectful behaviour towards our Officials and other Competitors. This includes but is not limited to the use of foul language, swearing and/or abusive conduct directed towards or at our Officials.

Event Specific Instructions

1. Kart Retrieval

Kart trolleys will be permitted to enter the Track when directed by an Official through the In/Out Grid for the corners closest to that section of the track. A Kart damaged on track **MUST REPORT** immediately to the Technical Area to be inspected by the Scrutineers prior to returning to the pits.

2. Tyre Disposal

- a) There are to be NO tyres left at the Circuit.
- b) Significant penalties will be issued to Drivers if their tyres are found to have been left at the Circuit.



3. Video Recording Device / Transponders

A camera must be fitted in accordance with the rules from the start of practice Friday morning.

Transponders must be fitted in accordance with the rules from start of practice Friday morning.

Trackside Assistants

Authorised persons to assist a Driver in accordance with General Rules Chapter 4 Rule 12) (Trackside Assistants)

- a) For all **Cadet 9, Cadet 12, KA4 Junior and KA2 Races**, a minimum of six (6) and maximum of ten (10) Trackside Assistants are required to be located on the inside of the Track.
 - General Rules Chapter 4 Rule 12 a) applies other than when they are rendering assistance in accordance with point b) herein – “All Officials and any other person permitted inside the Circuit must remain behind protective barriers at all times during on Track activity.”
- b) The Trackside Assistants are required, when safe to do so, to assist any Driver to remove their kart/s from an unsafe position in the event of an on-track incident or breakdown.
 - **Under no circumstances should a Trackside Assistant be filming or taking photographs during a Warm-up lap, Formation lap or the Race.**
- c) The nominated Trackside Assistants, and any self-nominated Trackside Assistants, are to collect an Orange Trackside Assistant Vest from the Grid Marshall.
- d) This vest is to be worn by the Trackside Assistant for the duration of the nominated Race ONLY
- e) Once the Out Grid gate has been opened by the Grid Marshall, the Trackside Assistants are to enter the Circuit following the karts
- f) The Trackside Assistants are to spread evenly across the inside of the Track and be located behind a tyre barriers, or in a safe area as determined by the Officials, for the duration of the Race.
- g) At the completion of the Race, once all Karts have exited the Track the Trackside Assistants are to return to Pit Paddock via the Out Grid and return the Orange vest to the Grid Marshall, or the allocated area.

**SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DIRECT THEM TO THE CHIEF STEWARD
PRIOR TO THE START OF PRACTICE**