



Drivers Briefing Notes

VCS Round 1 – South West Kart Club -Cobden

Permit Number: KV/PIN102268

General Instructions

1. You are reminded that Motorsport is Dangerous. So as to minimise risk and to ensure the continuity of the Race Meeting please ensure that you comply with the directions given by the Officials at all times.
2. Please familiarise yourself with the **2024 Australian Karting Manual National Competition Rules** and the **Victoria Sporting Regulations**.
3. **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 at the rear of the out-grid.
4. **Timetable** - The Event order and timetable is posted on the Notice Board. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the timetable and to be at the grid ready to race at the time stated. We will endeavour to run the Race Meeting to the timetable. Should the meeting run outside of the specified times you will be notified via the PA.
5. **Track** – The track for this meeting will be the 973m long circuit.
6. **Clerk of the Course** - Should you be required to report to the Clerk of the Course you will be required to present yourself at the Stewards Office. Access to Race Control is for officials or by invitation only.
7. **Camera** - A forward facing camera must be fitted & comply with Technical rules Ch1 rule 8 I)(iv) **from the start of the first practice.**
8. **No Entry to The Racetrack** - Entry to and exit from the Race Track Area can only be undertaken at the direction of the officials.
 - Parents, guardians and pit crew **must not enter the Racetrack Area** at any time unless with the specific permission of an Official and must be wearing **THEIR hi viz top.**
 - Breaching this Rule may result in penalties being imposed. (Ref. General Rules, Chapter 4, Rule 12).
 - Drivers, parents, guardians, and pit crew are not permitted to cross a live track except with permission from an official.



Red Flag Stoppage - In the event of a red light/flag stoppage, drivers are to safely stop on the main straight or as directed by an official. 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.

9. **Weaving To Warm Up Tyres during Qualifying and Racing** - You are permitted to weave only on your first lap out on the track. This will be the warm-up lap.

10. **Rolling Starts** – Ref. Competition Rules, Chapter 1, Rule 22. Drivers will be given one warm up lap prior to the commencement of the formation lap.

A Driver will have one (1) lap to clear the grid. The one (1) lap will end once the main group of Karts has passed the out-grid gate for the first time. The formation lap will commence once you have crossed the control line for the first time.

The Starts are to be conducted at a pace of approximately 45% of race pace as set by the Driver in pole position. The obligation on the driver on pole is to set the starting pace of the Race. If the Judges of Fact consider that you are running too fast, you will be penalised.

All drivers must drive at a constant speed in two lines – no acceleration and deceleration, no braking until after the commencement of the Race in normal racing conditions.

The signal of a no start is that the lights will remain yellow. If no start signal is given, all Drivers are required to maintain a reduced and constant speed until the end of the straight and remain in formation. Slow exit from out grid no weaving until on the race track.

11. **Code Of Driving Conduct** - Your attention is drawn to the Drivers Code of Conduct - Competition Rules, Chapter 3.

- All Drivers are expected to know what they are permitted to do on the Racetrack.

12. **Remaining in your kart after an accident** - Your attention is drawn to Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 15 and the Code of Driving Conduct Rule 11 – Stopping on the track / Stalled Kart.

Any Driver who is unable to restart their Kart and drive off within 15 seconds of an incident, without breaching any Rules, must as soon as it is safe to do so, exit their Kart and get themselves and their Kart to a safe position.

13. **Transponder** - Your Transponder must be fitted to the kart in accordance with the Rules and operating prior to leaving the out grid. Your attention is drawn to Technical Rule Chapter 1 Rule 8 i) (i).

It is the Driver's responsibility to confirm that your entry details are correct including transponder numbers.

The transponder must be fitted from the first practice session on Saturday.

14. **Alcohol and Drugs** - Your attention is drawn to General Rules Chapter 1 Rules 32 "Consumption of Alcohol / Drugs" and 33 "Alcohol and Drug Testing".

15. **Protests** - Your attention is drawn to **General Rules Chapter 12.**



As Officials we cannot see everything that happens at the race Meeting and on the Racetrack (no matter how hard we try.) It is for that reason that Competitors have a right of Protest. Chapter 12 outlines the process to be followed if you feel the need to lodge a protest. The process must be followed.

As a matter of principle, the lodging of a Protest is a serious matter. It will be taken seriously by the Officials and should be taken seriously by the Competitors. It is not an opportunity for a competitor to create mischief or grief for another Competitor. The right to lodge a protest is there for a competitor who is seriously aggrieved by something that has happened at the Race Meeting that has gone unnoticed by the Officials.

Your attention is drawn to **General Rules Chapter 12 Rule 8 – Vexatious Protests.**

Event Specific Instructions

1. Formation Line

YOU MUST FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES AND WITH THE LOCATION OF THE:

- **Red Formation Line**

You will be given one warmup lap, then a formation lap. The formation lap will commence the second time you pass the control line. It is on this lap that you need to slow down and form up at the formation line.

16. Race Control Full Course Yellow

Please refer to Article 23 of the PTSR. **YOU MUST FAMILIARISE WITH THE FULL COURSE YELLOW PROCEDURES PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF RACING.**

Procedure

- A. When the order is given to neutralise the Race, all Flag points will display yellow lights / waved yellow flags.
 - The order to neutralise the Race will be the words “FULL COURSE YELLOW”.
 - A “**SLOW**” board (yellow board with the word “SLOW” written in black) will be displayed at the Start Line and generally one other location around the Racetrack.
 - These will be displayed until immediately before racing recommences under Green Light/Flag conditions.
- B. When the Full Course Yellow order is given, and yellow lights/ waved yellow flags are displayed, all of the karts in the Race must:
 - Stop racing, slow down (Ref.: Competition Rules Chapter 2 Rule 4 e) and line up behind the lead kart in single file.
 - Overtaking is strictly forbidden.
 - The sole exception to this is if a kart slows down because of a serious problem and cannot keep up.
 - Once the line has formed and it is safe to do so, drivers are permitted to weave on the straights to keep their tyres warm.



- C. During the neutralised laps, the leading kart will dictate the pace of the other karts. All drivers should drive at a consistent, moderate speed.
- All the other karts must remain in a tight formation. (One (1) kart length between each kart.)
- D. When the Clerk of Course decides to end the neutralisation, he will order that the yellow lights be switched off and yellow flags will be held immobile (they will not be waved).
- **Note: This will be the signal to the Drivers that the Race will resume the next time that the karts cross the Start Line.**
 - The “SLOW” boards will continue to be displayed until immediately before racing is recommenced.
 - The leading kart will continue to set the pace, at a consistent, moderate speed.
 - The line of Karts shall proceed towards the Control Line by driving down the centre lane marked on the Track. For the sake of clarity, the centre lane is the section of the Track between the side by side start lanes that are marked on the Track.
- E. The Clerk of the Course will give the instruction to the Starter for the resumption of the Race.
- The “SLOW BOARDS” will be withdrawn from the Racetrack.
 - The Starter will switch the lights to Green to indicate the resumption of racing.
 - Drivers may accelerate only after the green light is turned on by the Starter.
 - Overtaking is prohibited until your kart has crossed the Start Line under Green Light / Green Flag conditions. The sole exception to this is if a kart slows down because of a serious problem.
- F. Each lap completed during the neutralisation will be counted as a racing lap.
- G. If the race finishes during the neutralisation, the karts will take the chequered flag as usual.

2. Finish of Race /Chequered Flag

Once you have received the Chequered flag signalling the end of the race, you are required to cease racing and at a reduced speed return to the In-grid.

Drivers’ must remain seated in the normal driving position in their Kart upon entering the In Grid at the completion of a session until a direction to exit their Kart is given by an Official. A Driver who leaves their seat before the instruction to exit their kart is given may receive a penalty - Competition Ch2 Rule 4m) vi)

Miscellaneous

As this meeting is a 100% under 18 event, **Victorian State Legislation** prohibits **Smoking/vaping** anywhere within the property including 10 metres of the boundary of the South West Kart Club.

Trolleys must be placed inside of the designated area.

No bikes, scooters etc to be used during the meeting, they may be confiscated for the duration of the meeting.

No pets, other than assistance animals permitted at the circuit.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation. Good Luck, may we all have a safe competition.

L’Argent Wilson – Chief Steward

Lisa Jones – Clerk of the Course.



Distribution To:

Competitors,
Official Notice Board, Stewards of the Meeting, Clerk of the Course