



Drivers Briefing Notes

Portland District Kart Club Victorian Country Series Rd 3 - Permit PIN19950 Date : 20th-21stJune 2026

General Instructions

DRIVERS BRIEFING WILL BE HELD AT 7.40 AM Saturday 20th June 2026 for all Classes

- 1. Motorsport Is Dangerous.**
You are reminded that Motorsport is Dangerous. So as to minimize 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. Race Order.**
The Race Order will be placed on the Noticeboard by 1 pm Friday 19th June 2026. It is the Driver's responsibility to be familiar with the Race Order and to be at the Grid ready to compete.
- 3. Official Documentation.**
The Supplementary Regulations, Addendums and any Bulletins are official documents that will be posted on the Official Notice Board. The Notice Board is located at the clubhouse adjacent to the Out Grid.
- 4. Race Control.**
Access to the Race Control Tower is prohibited. The only people permitted to enter are Karting Australia Officials or those who are invited by Karting Australia Officials.
- 5. Reporting to Officials.**
Should you be required to report to the Officials you will be required to present yourself to the Officials room at the Western end of the clubroom amenities.
- 6. Entry Confirmation.**
In lieu of an administration checking session, an Official Entry List including class, race numbers, endorsement request and transponder numbers will be posted on the Official Notice Board the afternoon of Friday 19th June 2026. It is the responsibility of the Competitor to ensure that all information on the Official Entry List is correct. Any inaccuracies or discrepancies are required to be notified to the Chief Timekeeper by 7.00 am on Saturday 20th June 2026
- 7. Lightning Protection Standard**
In the event of lightning in the area, once determined all persons must retreat to a safe place. **Lightning Safe Shelter: A suitable lightning strike protected and signed building or hard-top metal vehicle. Tents, marquees, open grandstands, trees, and unprotected structures are not Lightning Safe Shelters. * You must remain in this safe place until determined by the officials it is safe to resume racing. Please see appendix 8 in the 2026 KA rule book for clarification**
- 8. No Entry to The Race Track.**
From 5 minutes prior to the commencement of the Drivers Briefing on the Saturday and 15 minutes prior to the commencement of competition on Sunday and until the completion of the Competition each day, including breaks, only Officials are permitted to enter the Race Track Area unless specific permission is obtained from either a Clerk of the Course or the Stewards.
- 9. Grid Entry**
Drivers must accompany their respective kart when entering the Out grid. Only drivers and their guardian or pit crew may enter the Out grid in readiness for their event, no spectators permitted.

10. Start Procedure.

Rolling starts as per Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule: 22 Start Procedure: e) Rolling Starts. Your Particular attention is drawn to e) (xvi). A driver will be permitted to accelerate only after the Start Signal has been given.

11. Cut Through.

The short-cut of the Circuit is not being used at this Event.

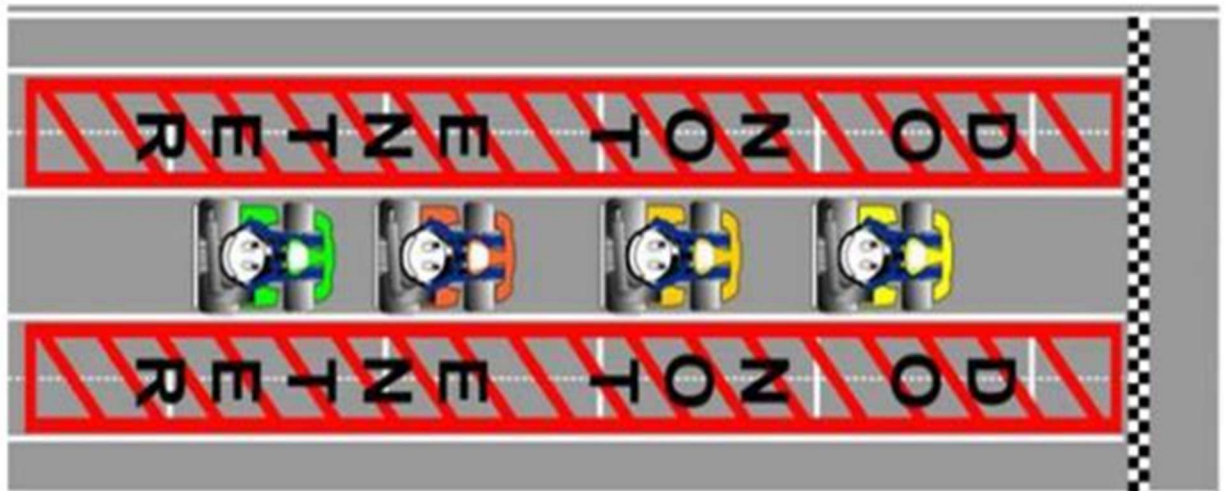
12. Aborted and Recalled Start.

If the Starter decides that a Race Start should be recalled; the following procedure will be implemented:

- a) Flashing yellow lights/waved yellow flags will be displayed at all light/flag points around the Racetrack.
- b) The Green with Yellow Chevron Flag will be displayed at the Starters Podium prior to the completion of the first lap by the Race Leader. This will be a signal to all Drivers that the Race will be restarted.
- c) For Rolling Start Re-starts:
 - i) The new formation lap will commence the time you pass the start line with the Green and Yellow Chevron Flag displayed.
 - ii) It is on this lap that you need to slow down and form up in preparation for a start. Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rules 22 e) (viii) to (xxi) will apply from this point forward.

13. Full Course Yellow.

Your attention is drawn to Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 24 - Race Restart Procedure. A diagram summarising the where the karts should be positioned on the restart can be found below.



14. Red Flag Stoppage.

In the event of a red flag stoppage, drivers are to put their hand up and stop slowly and safely in front of Race Control on the main straight unless otherwise instructed by an official. You must remain there and remain seated until instructed otherwise. Unless approval is provided from Race Control, no one other than the Officials are to approach the karts.



15. Returning to the In Grid

Karters returning to the In Grid during a session or at the end of a session, must move to the left hand side of the circuit, raise their hand, slow and remain to the left of the circuit to enter the In Grid.

16. Track side Assistants.

For all Cadet 9, Cadet 12 and KA3 Junior events a minimum of 8 (Eight) trackside assistants are required to be located on the inside of the track. * General Rules Chapter 4 Rule 12

- **Applies other than when they rendering assistance in accordance with point d) herein, “All Officials and any other person permitted inside the Circuit must remain behind protective barriers at all times during on Track Activity “**
 - a. 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.
 - b. Under no circumstances should a Trackside Assistant be filming or taking photographs during a Warmup lap, Formation lap or a Race.
 - c. Under no circumstances should a Trackside Assistant be monitoring the progress of their driver, or any other driver, on electronic media during Qualifying or a Race.

Under no circumstances should a Trackside Assistant coach by hand signals or in any other manner their driver, or any other driver, during Qualifying or a Race.

- d) Any registered Participant, or parent/guardian who refuses to fulfil their Trackside Assistant duties, except for a reason approved by the Stewards, will result in a two-place starting grid penalty for their competitor in the next section of the event, if the next section of the event is not a Final. If the refusal to fulfil this duty occurs in a Final, there will be a two-place finishing position penalty applied.
- e) e) The Grid Marshall(s) and The Clerks of the Course are Judges of Fact for this matter.

All assistants must wear one of the provided VCS high visibility vests and stay in a safe position unless assisting to retrieve a Kart. A roster of Trackside Assistants will be posted on the notice board at the Southern end of the clubroom amenities block.

Assistants must return via the Out-Grid unless instructed by an official. VCS vests are to be returned to the Grid Marshall at the Out-Grid.

17. Kart Retrievals.

Mechanics and Parents, if your driver fails to finish a race, please be ready with your trolley at the out-grid gate to help remove karts promptly. Drivers, if you do not have a mechanic and need to retrieve your kart yourself, please move your kart to a safe position and return to the Pit Area to be ready to retrieve it after the completion of the next race as directed by the Officials.

18. Crossing the Track.

A reminder that crossing the Track without permission from the Stewards or Clerk of Course, is NOT permitted. At no time is a Driver, Mechanic or Parent to enter the Track without permission.

19. Questions and Contact.

Contact Sarge Wilson (Chief Steward) or Anthony Taylor (Clerk of Course) at the Officials Room.

20. Leaving Out Grid - Competition Rules Chapter 1 Rule 21 j)

21. Misconduct, Intimidation, Abuse and Threats

Your attention is drawn to General Rules, Chapter 8, Rule 5. 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 our Officials and competitors and their Pit Crew, Participants, or Family Members.

22. Blue and Red Double Diagonal Flag. May be displayed at this event.



23. Balaclavas and Long Hair

Anyone with long hair must comply with the 2026 rules.

“c) Long hair must be securely retained. A Driver whose hair extends below shoulder length must wear a racing balaclava at all times while driving a kart to prevent the risk of entanglement or scalp injury.

(i) The balaclava and hair must be retained within the Helmet.

(ii) The balaclava must prevent any part of the hair from being exposed below the helmet line or outside the driving suit.”

24. High Visibility Safety.

General Rules, Chapter 4, Rule 12 Safety of Drivers and Officials e) When inside the Circuit, a high visibility safety vest must be worn on the upper torso as a minimum standard. Photographers and other persons authorized and/or accredited by KA are to wear the designated media vest. **The club will not be supplying High Visibility Safety Vests, it is the responsibility of participants to provide their own vests.**

25. Scales.

Do not drive on the scales, please get out and push your kart onto the scales as directed by the scale marshal.

26. Gridding.

Any errors in the grid sheets must be brought to the Clerk of Course's attention 5 minutes before the karts are released onto the track.

25. Exiting Kart Post-Race

All Drivers **MUST REMAIN SEATED** in their kart (not sitting on top of the seat) upon entering the in-grid at the completion of a race until direction to exit their kart is given by an Official.

Any driver who leaves their kart before the instruction to exit is given may receive a penalty. Recommended Minimum Penalty - two (2) places. This is a Judge of Fact Decision by the Chief Scrutineer, Scrutineers and Scales Marshall.

26. Parent/Guardian's Not Attending Race Meeting with Minor.

General Rules, Chapter 1, Rule 5 d)

If a Participant is unable to be present in person at the Competition, they must nominate a representative in writing who is the holder of a valid Participant's License or is a person over the age of 18 years who is the holder of a valid Driver's License. The Participant's Licence Holder must notify the Stewards in writing, using the prescribed form, before the meeting starts. The person having charge of an entered kart during any part of a Meeting Competition is responsible jointly and severally with the Participant for the respect of all the provisions of the Rules, the ISC, the Technical Regulations, Championship Regulations, Series Regulations, Supplementary Regulations, Addendums and Bulletins pertaining to that Meeting. The form required is available to be downloaded under the forms section on www.karting.net.au under the admin tab.

27. Pit Crew/Participation Licences

Any persons who seek or require access to the circuit, the in grid, the out grid, scrutineering and parc ferme areas must hold either a current Pit Crew/Drivers licence or a Participation licence if the driver is a minor.



28. Miscellaneous

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

Subject to any applicable laws which may govern the access of animals, including but not limited to guide dogs, all other animals will not be allowed within the facility.

Solid fuel (e.g. wood) fires will be permitted in fire drums. NO FIRES ARE ALLOWED ON THE GROUND.

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

Chief Steward: Sarge Wilson

Clerk of the Course Anthony Taylor