



WOODTHORPE KART CLUB



Club Rules 2024

1. ALL drivers must **BOOK-IN FIRST** via your online signing-on via Alpha.
Entry cut off is 9.00 pm Friday of the race event. Anyone entering after this time will incur a £5 fee and may result in you going off the back of the grid but entries will remain open till 7.00am Sunday morning.
2. Drivers **MUST** be signed-on before they go out for practice on Saturday.
ALL drivers must be signed on **BEFORE 10.00am SATURDAY & 7.00am SUNDAY**.
Not signing on will result in you not being allowed on circuit.
3. **ALL SENIOR DRIVERS MUST SIGN-ON THEMSELVES**. Drivers under the age of 18 must have their entry signed by a parent or Guardian.
4. All Race Day/Practice days details should be checked before the days runnings. No grid amendments past 8am Sunday mornings.
Entrants are responsible for their entries.
5. ALL new members must race as a Novice / Off the back of the grid for Four (4) meetings unless competence can be demonstrated in practice. The Clerk of the Course can, at his discretion, sign you off before. You may be asked to wear a Hi-viz vest so the Clerk of the Course can identify you on the track.
6. Take your kart in race worthy condition to the scrutineering area as soon as possible before your practice session or the race day starts . Have your helmet, race suit and boots with you. ALL 125 and 250 Gearbox karts must have three working brakes.
7. **No Driver may allow any person who is not a member of the Club to race or practice in their Kart**. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in the Member and/or Driver involved being expelled from the club. Any person driving a Kart on Club premises must sign-on and pay the appropriate fees.
8. **KART NUMBERS**: Championship positions (1-5) will be reflected in their class the following year. Drivers have the option to retain their race number from the previous season upto round 1 after this all numbers will be made available.

9. **CLUB CHAMPIONS.** Each class champion will have their overall/end points (incl. deduction) compared to find the Senior and Junior Champion.
10. Championship trophies will only be awarded if at least **FOUR (4)** meetings have been attended throughout the year in any class.
11. There must be at least 4 race entries to start up a championship in a class. once a championship is started a minimum of two karts in the same class must be signed on and race in at least one session at an event for Championship points to be awarded for that event. **Woodthorpe Kart Club has the right to pull any championship that doesn't have 4 entries on a regular basis.**
12. Ten out of Eleven meetings (incl. Bank holiday Monday) will be counted towards Championship points; Drivers will drop their lowest points meetings. The G.P and 'O' plate meetings may be counted towards their overall points.
If less than 8 meetings are held, all meetings will count.
13. If a Driver has not raced in 3 Meetings in the current season, (not incl. the G.P. meeting) they are not entitled to win the G.P. plate for that class.
14. **Timed Races:** Championship races to be a time period PLUS 1 LAP, rather than a set number of laps.
15. The Club championship points scoring system for all heats and finals will be:
1 st =20pts. 2nd =17, 3rd =15, 4th =13, 5th =11, 6th =10, 7th =9, 8th =8 etc.
In the event of a tie, the highest finisher in the first race will be awarded the result.

For meetings planned to be two heats and a final, points awarded will be:
Heats: 26,22,20,17,14,13,11,10, 9,8,6,5,4,2,1
Final: 28,24,20,18,16,14,12,11,10,9,7,6,5,3,2,1
(For abandoned meetings,including those planned to be two heats and a final, the existing rule 16 still applies)
16. Once event points have been published, you only have **5 days** to dispute the allocated points. **Points cannot be changed after this period of time.**
17. **ABANDONED MEETINGS:**
 - 1) One race completed = No Points awarded.
 - 2) Two Races completed = Final two will be an average of the First Two.
 - 3) Three races completed = Average of first Three awarded to Fourth race
18. Children are the responsibility of their Parents / Guardians and must be supervised at all times throughout the weekend.
19. All dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

20. The buildings and land surrounding the track are private property and therefore out of bounds to all, Drivers and Parents are reminded that they are responsible for everyone in their party.
21. Drivers/Parents/Guardians must ensure Erected Awnings / Gazebos are adequately secure to prevent them coming dislodged OR dismantle. Said Driver/Parent/Guardian must fully reimburse 3 rd parties for any damage caused by the structure becoming insecure.
22. Ball Games, Playing on Bicycles, Scooters and Ride-on Toys are not permitted in the paddock during racing.
23. The Lap-scorers Building is "Out of Bounds" during racing.
24. Standing in the Pit Lane area bottom of the dummy grid or Ambulance bay is not permitted. These must be kept clear at all times. If you are not in the race, you are classed as a spectator, even if you have signed on to race that day.
25. The Dummy Grid is a Restricted Area. Only One Race Team = One (1) driver and a maximum of Two (2) mechanics/pushers.
26. **Beyond the Fence / Dummy grid gate is out of bounds.** Parents / Guardians of all the Junior Classes wishing to enter that area must sign-on, wear the appropriate Hi-vis and be 16 or over and able to push-start any Junior who comes off the track. They may only enter that area for the appropriate race and when indicated it is safe to do so.
27. Eating, Drinking, Smoking, Vaping and the use of Cameras (Except for Official Photographers) is not permitted on the dummy grid or on the infield.
28. **The Pit Lane is OUT OF BOUNDS** to All Public, Children and Pets. Only Drivers, Mechanics and Officials are permitted in this area.
29. **NO PUSHING BEYOND THE FAILSAFE LINE.** Drivers should be aware of the presence of pushers on the grid. All drivers must be seated in their karts on the dummy grid except for those push starting their own kart.
30. **If you come off once you have started racing, you Can not receive outside assistance unless you are a junior driver.** You may restart again, unassisted, provided you do so safely, otherwise please remove yourself and your kart to a safe area when safe to do so or as instructed by a marshall.
31. Driving is not permitted in the pits under any circumstances e.g. Karts, Motorbikes or Quads. Except for Club Officials.
32. On official practice days please help to get the circuit ready, as practice will not commence until this has been done. Before leaving on Sunday, please collect all

rubbish (cable ties, cans etc.) and place them in your bin. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE LITTER.**

33. Persons are only allowed on site during official race weekends and official clean-up days. Anyone found running karts outside race weekends will have their membership revoked.
34. Always keep your visor down when racing and during practice, including the slowing down lap, until you enter parc-fermé. You must ensure that your helmet and race-suit are fastened before setting off.
35. All Karts must have four (4) number plates, which correspond with the class rules, One at the back, at the front and on both sides. If the lap-scorers cannot record their numbers, drivers may be omitted from the results. Please check throughout the day's racing.
36. Plastic side pods and plastic front bumpers must be fitted to all Karts. 125 and 250 Gearbox Karts and f100 karts pre 2000 may use metal nerf bars.
37. All karts must have an enclosed chain guard and must have disc & sprocket protectors if protruding below chassis rail.
38. Kart race numbers should be on the front, rear and both sides of the pods. These should be clear and able to read at all times. Sticker numbers minimum of 15cm high.
39. **TYRES: ALL CLASSES** are restricted to **ONE SET of SLICKS** (as specified) on Race Day. Tyres **MUST** be registered at Scrutineering and can only be changed in exceptional circumstances with the scrutineers approval.
40. The use of Tyre softener or enhancer is strictly prohibited.
41. Only unleaded pump fuel (max. 100 octane and purchased from a public fuel station not a race circuit) can be used.
42. Lead ballast must be secured with a minimum Two (2) bolt fixing.
43. Rear wheels must extend beyond the side pods and not exceed a maximum width of 1400mm.
44. The use of Pit to Driver Radio communications is Prohibited.
45. The Club has a Breathalyser and Prohibited Drugs Test Kit which officials may use at their discretion. Any driver refusing to provide a sample or found to be over the alcohol limit / proving positive for prohibited drugs, will not be allowed to race and may be banned. **TESTING WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT RANDOM DURING RACE WEEKENDS.**

46. **Drop Down Bumpers:** All classes except Bambino, Senior open and all Gear box classes.
- 1 Block in : warning (receive more than one warning during a day will result in a 5 second penalty)
 - 2 Blocks in : 5 second penalty
47. Obey all orders given by marshalls without argument. Marshalls should not be expected to pushstart karts which have come off near their post. For safety reasons and your well-being, they are required to observe at all times.
48. The Clerk of the Course is the sole judge of "Weather": i.e. 'Wet Meeting' means no one can race without Wet tyres.
49. The Clerk of the Course's decision (during racing) is Final. (Subject to written appeal to the Committee). They may consult other officials i.e. lap-scorers and marshalls, before making there decision.
50. Competitors only have 30 minutes to appeal any penalties from the results being published.**After this time results are final and declared by the Clerk of the course or assistant Clerk**
51. Lifting the rear of Karts on the Dummy grid with the engine running and/or warming tyres is prohibited.
52. **ALL Junior, F100, OPEN and MAX classes must use the Bus-stop on the start / finish straight.** Penalties will be enforced for any driver missing the Bus-stop. If, for safety reasons, you miss the Bus-stop, you must raise your hand and rejoin your previous position. If a place is gained, you may be deducted Two (2) places at the end of the race.
53. ALL starts are to be orderly. No grid jumping when out on warm-up lap (**Weaving / tyre warming is prohibited**). Anyone not in their grid position when entering the 'D' must stay in that position - NO Overtaking. If correct speed and positions are not obtained after Two (2) laps, offending drivers may be placed at the back of the grid and the number of laps reduced.
54. **START PROCEDURE (all classes)** either a standing start with engines running, or a rolling start. In the case of a rolling start, Karts will proceed round the course in grid formation at a steady pace to await the starting signal. The Driver in No.1 position will control the speed. When the starter is satisfied that the karts are approaching the start line in correct formation, the starting signal will be given by the Red light going out. If a further lap is required the red lights will remain on or the flag will not be raised. For standing starts, Karts will stop on their correct grid positions. When the starter is satisfied the start signal will be given.
55. Drivers, who Hang-Back at the start more than one Kart length, causing a disadvantage to the driver behind, may be penalised at the end of the race.

56. All karts involved in a serious accident must have another safety check before going out on track again, if requested by the Clerk of the Course.
57. Any Kart that leaves the track during a race and wishes to re-join, must do so in a Safe & Controlled Manner.
58. Stricken Karts Must be removed from the Track A.S.A.P. The Incident Marshall **MAY** assist a Driver getting their Kart to Safety, **Only when safe to do so.**
59. Drivers who do not respect the circuit boundaries and cut corners to gain advantage may be penalised during or at the end of the race.
60. **Drivers must obey all Flag Signals.**
You must learn All Flags and their meanings before you go out on track.
- **RED does not mean Stop** – it means Stop Racing and proceed with caution to where you are directed.
 - Mechanical Flag, you must come into the pits. If something has fallen off or is hanging off, it may be deemed unsafe.
61. Drivers who receive a Black Flag (Excluding Mechanical) cannot drop that meeting from class championship listings.

BLACK FLAG PENALTIES: 1 ST BLACK FLAG = Exclusion from Heat/Final
2 nd BLACK FLAG in one season = *Whole meeting points cancelled *
3 rd BLACK FLAG in one season = *Min. 3 month ban.
Note. Depending on the nature of the incident / at committee's discretion.

62. **BATTENBERG FLAG** The Black & Yellow quartered flag indicates Simulated Safety Car Status at the discretion of the Clerk. All Karts must immediately slow down in single file behind the leader. They must continue with no overtaking until the Race Resumes/Union Flag is shown by the starter OR a result is declared.