



**North West Kart Championship
2025 Official Regulations
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1. REGISTRATION

1.1 The championship requires all drivers to be members of NWKC and register for the championship. The cost of this is £49.95, you will also receive a t-shirt, cap and 20% off Arrive & Drive sessions at TeamKarting.

1.2 Each round has a cost of £44.95 or £400 if paid upfront, you will also get free entry into the Race of Champions.

1.3 One guest entry is permitted, where a non-championship driver can participate in x1 event without registering or purchasing a membership, however for the heat races they will start at the back of the grid regardless of where they qualified. Guest entries are not permitted at the final round in November. If a membership is then purchased afterwards but on the same day as the event the rounds point can count towards the championship.



2. FORMAT

2.1 The Championship will consist of nine rounds, one round a month running from March to November, with dates to be published separately.

2.2 7 of the 9 highest scoring rounds count towards the final championship table, meaning there will be x2 drop rounds.

2.3 If you have a DQ (disqualification) in any of the competitive sessions, Timed Qualifying, heat race or final this round can not be counted as a drop round and will form part of the final championship scoring.

2.4 Each round will consist of an 8-minute qualifying session, x2 8-minute heat races and a 12-minute final.

2.4.1 In the unlikely case of the drivers setting identical lap times in the timed qualifying, the driver setting the quicker 2nd fastest lap will take the higher grid position, if the 2nd fastest lap is identical then the 3rd fastest lap will be considered and so on.

2.5 All drivers are to turn up 30 minutes before sessions are due to start for a briefing.

2.5.1 Drivers will all be rounded up and asked to pull a number out of a hat, the numbers being 1 or 2, if a 1 is selected you will be in group 1, if a 2 is selected you will be in group 2.

2.5.2 These are the groups that the drivers will do qualifying and the heat races in.

2.5.3 For the Final the top 5 drivers from each group heat races will come together to form the A Final and the bottom 5 drivers from each group will form the B Final.

2.5.4 You will score points in all races and finals, a breakdown of points will be found further down this document.

3. COMPETITOR ELIGIBILITY

3.1 Entrants must have a valid Motorsport UK K-I licence or have taken part in and passed the TeamKarting academy (minimum level advanced).

3.2 Drivers may only compete in the championship from their 12th birthday onwards until the year of their 16th birthday. (Competitors may turn 16 in the year of the championship) but if 16 before the championship starts you are not eligible.

3.3 Drivers must be able to satisfy the minimum height and weight requirement to drive the senior karts in accordance with TeamKartings regulations.

3.4 Competitors must provide us with their accurate height and weight for us to allocate the driver to the correct class, we also have the right to corroborate this information by performing our inspections. Information provided will be kept private and confidential within championship management.

3.5 Ballast will not be added to the karts.



4. TRACK REGULATIONS

The venue is operated by TeamKarting, a live circuit considered to be dangerous therefore normal TeamKarting operating procedures will apply. All of the following are considered to be a breach of the regulations and will be subject to the clerk of the course taking action.

4.1 Karting is a non-contact sport and it is the responsibility of all drivers that they drive respectfully and avoid contact with other karts and barriers.

4.1.1 Drivers deemed to be gaining an unfair advantage or driving in a manner incompatible with general safety will be subject to a penalty/penalties.

4.2 Attempts to directly or indirectly influence the event staff and management in performing their duties will be deemed a breach of the regulations.

4.3 Any contradiction to flag signal, light or official instruction.

4.4 Misbehaviour, unsporting and foul play.

4.5 Abusive, Threatening, disruptive and negative behaviour, whether verbal, physical or online/on-site at an event or when discussing the championship, Its staff or other competitors.

4.5.1 Any slanderous behaviour online or while at an event against the championship, staff member, or competitor can result in your exclusion from the championship.

4.6 The championship will authorise a clerk of the course and his/her deputies to impose penalties or not in accordance with the track regulations, championship rules and sporting guidelines.

4.6.1 The clerk of the course has the right to review all competitors' camera footage and circuit CCTV to make an informed decision when applying a penalty.

4.6.1.1 Personal phone or camera footage from a spectator will not be taken into consideration

4.6.2 The clerk of the course can also take into account what he/she saw himself/herself and other circuit staff.



4.6.3 His/her decision can be protested for a fee of £35 and reviewed by an independent panel of management, this fee will be refunded if his decision is overturned.

4.6.3.1 A protest needs to be raised 10 minutes after the end of a round/race, after this period all decisions are final. If the competitors' next heat race has started then it is too late to protest. For the avoidance of any doubt, if you fail to log a protest in heat 1 and heat 2 has started then it is too late to protest.

4.6.3.2 All protests will be dealt with within 15 minutes of the complaint being received however the clerk of the course has the right to extend this period to investigate if required.

4.6.4 All protests need to be made in writing, which must include grounds for the protest, a clear and concise description of the incident and the enclosed £35 fee which must be paid in cash. This form needs to be submitted within the time frame set out in the regulation.

4.7 NWKC will be running the ABC penalty system on a 2 tier penalty system, Tier one will be a 5 second penalty added to the final result, tier 2 will be a 10 second penalty, If any driver get 3 or more Tier 1 or 2 penalties they will be disqualified from the sessions and will not be allowed to race again on the day.

4.7.1 Tier 1 includes nudging a driver under breaking and gain an advantage, turning in to a driver and gaining an advantage and bumping in to other drivers.

4.7.2 Tier 2 includes spinning another driver out and causing a deliberate crash by brake checking, weaving across the track and any other means of intentionally causing a collision.

4.8 Driving in aggressive or dangerous manor will result in you being disqualified from the event and will not be allowed to race again on the day.

5. FLAG SIGNALS & TRACK-SPECIFIC RULES

5.1 Yellow Flag/Lights: Incident on Track.

5.1.1 All drivers are to slow to a walking pace. Overtaking is prohibited. Full circuit yellows are used. Drivers deemed to have gained an advantage under yellow flag conditions may be subject to a penalty.

5.1.2 There will be a minimum of 3 marshal posts dotted around the track along with all the lights, in the event of a driver ignoring the yellow or red flag they will be handed with a 5 second penalty for each incident which occurs if they have 3 or more incidents they will be disqualified from the event and will not be able to race again during this day.



5.2 Red Flag/Lights: Race has been stopped.

5.2.1 All drivers to stop in a controlled manner on track. Drivers deemed to have gained an advantage under red flag conditions may be subject to a penalty.

5.2.2 Red Flags can be issued for injury to the driver or marshal, mechanical failure, full track blockage, system failure and any other occurrences that would be considered to pose a danger to competitors, officials or spectators.

5.2.3 In the event of a mechanical failure or red flag within the first 3 laps, the session will be red flagged and broken kart will be replaced, to get the event back underway with a full restart.

5.2.4 In the event of a mechanical failure or red flag in the final 80% of the session, the session will be stopped and the results will be published from the lap before the mechanical failure.

5.2.5 In the event of a mechanical failure or red flag during the session, the session will be red flagged and stopped so the crew can address the problem.



5.3 Green Flag/Lights: The circuit is clear for racing.



5.4 Black/White diagonal flag: Warning.

5.4.1 A warning to a competitor that their behaviour is suspect and they may be subject to sanction or further reports.



5.5 Blue Flag: Allow the driver behind to pass.

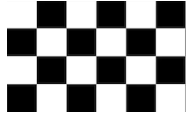
5.5.1 The driver must make way for the race leader(s) as soon as safely possible.

5.5.2 There will be a minimum of 3 marshal posts dotted around the track, in the event of a driver ignoring the blue flag they have another 2 opportunities to respond to the flag. Failure to respond to the flag within the 3 opportunities results in the driver being given a 5 second time penalty which will be added to the final result.



5.6 Checkered flag: End of race/session.

5.6.1 Safely and slowly return to the pits at a walking pace.



5.7 Black Flag

5.7.1 Given to a competitor to inform them that their behaviour is dangerous and doesn't comply with general driving standards. They should return to pits and await marshal instructions.

5.7.2 There will be a minimum of 3 marshal posts dotted around the track, in the event of a driver ignoring the black flag they have another 2 opportunities to respond to the flag failure to respond to the flag within the 3 opportunities results in the driver being disqualified from the event they will not be allowed to race again during this day.



5.8 Teamkarting has a no overtaking zone which is marked out with white diagonal lines along the floor, the person on the racing line (left side) has the right of way, if you overtake during the white lines the driver overtaking will be disqualified from the session and will not be allowed to race again this day.

6. PRIZES

6.1 1st Place: An experience day with XKART or a Sparco / OMP race suit and gloves or 12 months XKART Driver Development Programme

6.2 2nd Place: Simulator Steering Wheel and Pedals supplied by Scan

6.3 3rd Place: Race boots and gloves supplied by Sparco or OMP

6.4 Round Trophies to be given to the top 3 and a driver of the day award.

6.5 Championship trophies to be awarded to the top 5.

6.6 TeamKarting reserves the right to substitute the prizes with another prize of a similar value in the event a prize is no longer available.

6.7 Winners may be required to take part in promotional activities in relation to the championship.

7. POINTS

7.1 Points will be awarded as per the allocation below following the finishing positions:

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Heat Points:					
1 st	15	6 th	10	11 th	5
2 nd	14	7 th	9	12 th	4
3 rd	13	8 th	8	DNF	0
4 th	12	9 th	7	DNS	0
6 th	11	10 th	6	DQ	0

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Final Points:					
1 st	25	6 th	13	11 th	8
2 nd	20	7 th	12	12 th	7
3 rd	17	8 th	11	DNF	0
4 th	15	9 th	10	DNS	0
6 th	14	10 th	9	DQ	0

7.4 At the end of the championship if points are tied after the drop rounds the winner will be decided of the number of 1st places in the final if still undecided the number of 2nd places and so on until the winner is decided

8. EQUIPMENT

8.1 All competitors will be using karts provided by TeamKarting, these karts will be tested before the event and deemed acceptable and competitive to use, the rotation and availability of karts may change from race to race.

8.2 All drivers minimum must wear overalls, gloves and a helmet that meets or exceeds our minimum requirements.

8.3 Drivers may use additional equipment such as rib protectors and neck braces but these must be used as intended by the manufacturer and not modified in any way and fit for purpose.

8.4 Video Footage: Personal recording equipment such as GoPros or visor cams are not permitted.

8.4.1 The championship will be issuing all drivers with an official helmet camera which will be attached to the driver's helmet, if you do not wish for it to be attached to your helmet the driver must wear a helmet which TeamKarting can provide.

8.4.2 These cameras will be used by the clerk of the course to monitor and review driving standards. Drivers have access to the footage post-event for a £5 charge.

8.5 Communication between the driver and spectators is not permitted at any time during the event, this includes but is not limited to radios, digital displays, hand signals, pit boards and shouting.

8.6 All Karts will be tested before use in the championship to ensure competitiveness.

8.7 Karts will be allocated to competitors using the rotation system that is designed to make sure that competitors do not drive the same kart more than twice during a meeting.

8.7.1 In the unlikely event that you are in a kart more than twice in the same round you may request a different kart, competitors may also request the same. If this is requested a reshuffle of the full grid will take place.

8.7.2 Should a kart fail due to a mechanical issue during a race, the race will be red flagged (stopped) and a replacement kart will be issued restarting from as close as possible to when the issue took place.

8.7.2.1 Race results will not be altered due to a mechanical failure.

8.7.2.2 Should we receive more than two reports regarding the performance of one of karts, it will be withdrawn from the round and inspected by our mechanics.

8.7.2.3 Competitors will not be allowed to select their karts.

9. FILMING AND PHOTOGRAPHY

9.1 By entering into the championship you are agreeing that TeamKarting may use any photos or videos taken by a team member or authorised contractors at an event in promotional activity and marketing literature, such as but not limited to Websites, social media and advertising. This applies to spectators and it is your responsibility to make any members of your group aware.

9.2 Competitors also have the right to use any content that is captured.



10. CANCELLATION OF AN EVENT

10.1 TeamKarting reserves the right to modify the racing programme in the lead-up to an event including changing the date and times If necessary to do so due to unforeseen circumstances.

10.2 Event management has to uphold the safety of its competitors and to prevent unnecessary danger in the event of safety concerns the clerk of the course has the right to postpone, abandon or stop the events at any time.

10.2.1 Irrespective of how much of the event was incomplete participants will not be entitled to a refund.

10.2.2 TeamKarting shall not be held liable for any loss damage or expense which may occur due to cancelling all postponing an event.

10.3 If an event is postponed we will endeavour to re-arrange at the earliest possible opportunity, a postponement will result in the event being paused and rerun from his finishing position at a later date. If an event is cancelled no points can be scored for that round regardless of how much the event was completed.

10.4 Depending on the severity of an injured party, Teamkarting hold the rights to cancel the event this decision will be made by the race director.