

Motorsport Ireland Karting Championship Races

Drivers Briefing Notes.

Welcome to this Motorsport Ireland Kart Race Meeting – In these strange times of COVID-19 instead of having physical drivers briefings, these notes shall serve as the drivers briefing.

First and foremost, we are here as officials to ensure that you have an enjoyable days racing on a fair and level playing field. This can mean imposing penalties for breaches of the regulations, but we don't want to, and you don't want us to, so stick to the rules, don't crash into each other and, please – have a great day's racing! Enjoy yourselves – that is why you are here!

We had got into the habit of shaking hands within each class at drivers briefings. It is a great shame that we don't know when we can start this practice again, but in the meantime, please ensure that you treat your fellow competitors (and everyone at the event) with respect and consideration.

I would remind everyone about the key points of the Motorsport Ireland Respect Initiative

Relationships: Should be one of mutual respect between all of us.

Everyone counts – We all count. We should be judged on how we treat everyone.

Support – Support your volunteers and competitors. Provide an environment that is positive and free from intimidation and bullying.

Please and thank you – because they really are the magic words!

Encourage every competitor and volunteer to grow and develop to their full potential.

Care – Yes, that's right, CARE about your fellow competitors and volunteers.

Treat people how they want to be treated, not how you want to be treated.

Motorsport is a NON CONTACT sport. Unnecessary/deliberate contact may be investigated and penalised. If necessary, we will not hesitate to use the black flag.

Bambinos – Parents, please ensure that your future formula 1 stars know their flags - in particular the Red and Yellow flags.

Cadet 'helpers' – Rule 20 of the Supplementary regulations covers Cadet helpers going on track. Please remember that when you are on track, you are an official of the meeting. You are there to assist our youngest competitors to get going again in the case of a spin or stall. You are there to help EVERY competitor, not just your own child. You are NOT there to coach your own child. Any helper who fails to assist a competitor or coaches their own child will be deemed in breach of the regulations and will be removed from the track and not allowed act as a helper for the remainder of the event. Don't forget that you must wear a high-viz vest and sturdy footwear while on track. Flip-flops, 'sliders' or wellington boots do NOT qualify as 'sturdy footwear' – you should be able to run at a moment's notice.

Red Flags – Don't forget, in the event that a red flag is shown, the race is already over – it was over the last time you passed the start finish line, so you do NOT continue racing, you do not have to

defend your position until you next cross the start/finish line. Ease off, no overtaking, slow down to a crawl and follow the marshals' instructions.

Race Start procedure – Please be aware of some small changes to the start procedure. This weekend we only have rolling start classes. For rolling starts, the grid will approach the start line in two columns, maintaining grid order to a maximum of 1/3 full revs. No acceleration is permitted from when the karts enter the tram tracks until the race starts. All drivers must stay within their 'tram tracks' and must not move outside these markings until the race starts, penalties will be applied as per jump start penalties. Races will start when the starter is satisfied that the grid has formed correctly and he will signal the start by RAISING the flag. The flag will be either a green flag or the national flag.

You will see additional sections in the supplementary regulations regarding Covid-19. Please remember – Motorsport is a community, and a 'family' – it is up to us to look after each other. This means maintaining social distancing at all times. If you are unable to keep 2m apart, then wear a face mask – even outdoors. DO NOT get offended if you are asked to wear a face mask. Make sure you have a face mask/face covering with you for the dummy grid AND parc ferme, I know that after the races you are hot and want to get the helmet off, but you must put a mask/face covering on immediately. If you are a mechanic/crew trying to watch the race, make sure you have a mask handy and wear it if you cannot keep 2m apart – even outdoors. Breaches of guidelines will be dealt with severely, and severe breaches may involve the Gardai, so please, just make sure there are no breaches to be dealt with – look after yourselves and everyone else out there. For clarity – A breach is a deliberate breach or a refusal to cooperate, not someone who forgot a mask and as soon as they were asked put one on or went back to their car/paddock spot to get one.

Results: Due to COVID-19 restrictions there will be NO NOTICE BOARD at this event. Results will be available at <https://www.timing.ie/events/mi-karting-round-1-tynagh/> shortly after each session.

Don't forget – we are all here to enjoy ourselves, so play your part in protecting our sport, and have a great day!