

# Motorsport Ireland Karting Championship Races

## Drivers Briefing Notes.

Welcome to this Motorsport Ireland Kart Race Meeting in Athboy. This is the Third round of the Motorsport Ireland 2021 Karting Championships.

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 still 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 – Don't forget – everyone has to go to work/play tomorrow!

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.

All drivers MUST be in a position to see where they are going on track at all times. This means that the practice of putting your head down to try to improve aerodynamics will not be allowed. If you have your head down you cannot see what is directly ahead of you. Drivers found to be doing this will be penalised with time penalties and points on their licences for careless driving.

Paddock Assembly/Dummy Grids – Please ensure you are at paddock assembly/Dummy Grids in plenty of time for your session. Once the chequered flag is shown for the previous race the gate will close and you will not be allowed on the grid. Please note that the Grid is strictly 1 driver – 1 mechanic.

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

RED FLAGS – Just to remind you – If you see the red flags, please bear in mind that we may need to get the ambulances on track, so we need you all to slow down as much as possible and to EXPECT to be stopped at the start finish line. You may be asked to stop earlier to allow rescue services on track, so please keep an eye on the marshals around you. Parents, please explain this to your children.

Cadet 'helpers' – Rule 14 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 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 – do NOT continue racing. You don't need to defend your position. Ease off, no overtaking - Overtaking under red flags is a serious offence, slow down to a crawl and follow the marshals' instructions.

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 – THIS IS IMPORTANT - EVEN OUTDOORS, IF WE CANNOT KEEP 2M APART WE MUST WEAR FACE MASKS. 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 on a virtual notice board at <https://www.timing.ie/events/mi-karting-2021-round-3-athboy/> 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!