



DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES

2024 NORTHERN TERRITORY DIRT KART TITLES

Friday 12th July 2024 to Sunday 14th July 2024

Drivers & Pit Crew it is your responsibility to read & understand the Driver Briefing Notes.

Parents/Pit Crews of Junior Competitors please ensure your drivers have read & understood the below information.

This race meeting will be run in accordance with the current AIDKA 2024 Rule Book as published on the AIDKA website.

1. RACE ORDER

The Race Order is as detailed at the bottom of these Drivers Briefing Notes.

It is the Drivers responsibility to be familiar with the order and to be at the Grid ready to compete. **If any driver is not on their allocated position on the outgrid by the white flag of the preceding race, the grid will be adjusted with all other karts moved up.** If the driver attends the grid after this time, they will start rear of field.

2. EVENT FORMAT

As per the prospectus for this event the format is **6 heats drop your worst**. Winners determined by highest points calculated over the heats after the worst heat is dropped. This process happens automatically within QuickGrid.

Grid Draws as per QuickGrid.

Heats will be 8 laps. Laps numbers may be altered if required by the Chief Steward.

Racing in both directions. Heat 1 will be Anti-Clockwise, with race direction alternating each round.

3. DRIVER REGISTRATION

Registration/Sign in will occur Friday 12th July 2024 between 8.15am and 10.15am. Failure to sign in during this time will result in exclusion from the event (with the exception of Midget & Rookie competitors).

For the Midget & Rookie Drivers who did not sign in on Friday 12th July 2024, they will have the opportunity to sign in: Midgets – Saturday 13th July 2024 between 7.45am and 8.00am or Rookies – Sunday 14th July 2024 between 7.45am and 8.00am.

Three stations will be set up for competitors.

Station 1 – Indemnity Form. Please have your **logbook** and **digital licence** ready when you are registering.

- Any person over 18 MUST sign the indemnity form themselves.
- Any person under 18 will need a parent/guardian to sign the indemnity form.

Station 2 - Engine & Chassis Seals. (refer to section 5 below for more information regarding Engine & Chassis Seals). This is not applicable for Midget & Rookie Competitors.

Station 3 – Fuel & Oil Declaration. If you wish to check what you declared or make a change to what you nominated there will be an official available at Driver Registration to assist you with this.

4. PRACTICE

All competitors will be given 3 laps in the **Anti-clockwise direction**. [Karts to go out for practice using heat 1 groups and using heat 1 grid positions.](#)

All Travelling Competitors (Interstate & Top End Dirt Kart Members) will also be given 3 Laps in the **Clockwise direction** (to be completed in race order.) There will only be 1 group per class for this practice.

5. ENGINE & CHASSIS SEALS

Engine & Chassis Seals will be issued during Driver Registration. They must be fitted to the engine/chassis prior to the first heat.

Blue Seal = Chassis

Red Seal = Engine

If you need another engine seal during the meeting, please see Lawrie Tucker (Lawrie will be introduced at Drivers Briefing on Friday and will be located by the Ingrid). Only 1 replacement engine seal will be issued per class (or 2 engine seals for twin engine classes).

Drivers & Pit Crew please familiarise yourself with Appendix F ahead of attending the Titles.

When fitting the seals to the chassis and engine do not pull the seal tight (like you would a cable tie). You should be able to put a finger through the middle of the seal gap. It should be relatively loose fitting with 10 -15mm of cable left after trimming the excess.

6. FUEL TESTING

Fuel Testing will be conducted over the weekend. Drivers will be chosen randomly for Fuel Testing.

7. SCALES

Drivers will be instructed to go to the scales by the Scales Marshall and/or Ingrid Marshall. Drivers will be chosen randomly for weighing.

Please follow instructions and attend when requested. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from your heat race.

Maximum kart weight will be checked during the meeting. This may be done after individual karts are placed on the outgrid.

8. CAUTION FLAGS

Flags will be used for signalling around the track.

Yellow flags to control form up and will warn of any on track incidents. When a yellow flag is shown, drive with caution and do not overtake, until past the next Flag point not showing a yellow flag.

Red flags will be used in the case of a red flag incident. In the case of a red flag stoppage, no unauthorised persons are to enter the race arena unless instructed by an official.

9. **PUSHERS AND BAULK LINES**

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure you have pushers when attending the Outgrid.

All karts must enter the track from the outgrid. No karts are to be placed on the track to be pushed away.

If your kart is not under its own power by the marked location (baulk line), you are required to remove your kart from the track. This is indicated by a **BLUE PAINTED MARKINGS** and will be identified by Chief Steward during the Driver's briefing on Friday.

As per Appendix A Rule 25 any karts stopping due to contact on the formation laps will be given an opportunity to restart. No kart is to receive assistance to start once the baulk line is passed in all other situations (excluding assistance to start following a red-light situation). Pushers will be released from the Outgrid under the instructions of the Outgrid Marshall as and when required.

If your kart comes to a stop once on track, the driver is to raise their hand to signal to other drivers, and when safe to do so, remove their kart from the track.

10. **STARTS**

Approach the starter at a **consistent** speed in two straight lines. The pole position holder determines the speed of the rolling start. This speed shall not be excessive as to make it difficult for the karts at the rear of the field to keep formation.

No kart, including the pole position holder, will accelerate or break formation until the start signal is given.

Karts are to remain in formation during the form up laps. From the S Bend on the back straight on the approach to the main straight in both directions, breaking formation to weave on the track (e.g., clear motors etc) is not acceptable, and karts doing this may be penalised.

11. **RESTARTS**

As per Rule 14.10 a restart will occur when 3 or more of the field stop in the first corner following the start of the race.

The first corner is defined by **FLURO PINK MARKINGS** on the outside of the track and the infield in both directions. The Chief Steward will point these out during the Driver's briefing on Friday of the event.

As per Appendix A Rule 25 any karts stopping due to contact on the formation laps will be given an opportunity to restart.

12. **JUNIOR ASSISTANTS**

Officials require eight (8) Parents/Pit Crew on the infield of the track to assist Drivers remove their karts from the track if they come to a stop. The pushers for the karts on the first 8 grid places will be required on track for this role. A maximum of 8 parents or guardians are required on the infield.

Parent/Pit Crews to stand behind infield tyre barriers and are to provide assistance in kart removal. They are not permitted to coach, take photos, video, or offer advice to officials or drivers.

13. RED FLAG STOPPAGES

In the event of a red light:

- the drivers shall raise their hand, reduce their speed safely to a slow pace and return to the main straight (finish line).
- Where they will stop to the inside of the track.
- If the accident is between themselves and the finish line, then they must safely stop their kart **prior** to the accident/incident and not pass the accident/incident.

Drivers are **NOT** to block the ambulance entry point onto the track. Please ensure you stop clear of the entry gate (which will be pointed out to you during the Drivers Brief on Friday) Please keep this area clear.

Karts will remain within the race arena for the duration of the red flag stoppage, and pushers/pit crew will only be released under the instruction from the Outgrid Marshall. Please follow the instructions of the officials. Please note as per Rule 14.17 all restarts are to go back to the lap prior to the incident causing the race stoppage. Only drivers that are recorded as completing this lap will be eligible to restart provided, they have not been the kart which has rolled over or deemed to have caused the race stoppage.

If required drivers will be permitted to add tear offs during the stoppage. No kart is to be allowed to have any mechanical adjustments made to it that requires tools of any kind once the kart has been pushed off from the outgrid, including (but not limited to) fuel, chain lube and cable ties.

14. RACE FINISH

Once the chequered flag is shown, slow to a reasonable speed to return to the Ingrid. Slow your kart on track before entering the Ingrid. Await further instructions from the Ingrid Marshall.

No parents or pit crew are permitted to enter the Ingrid until advised by the Ingrid Marshall. No items are to be passed to any driver's whist they are on the ingrid.

Upon the karts entering the Ingrid, the driver is to remain seated in their kart until the all clear is given by the Ingrid Marshall or appointed Official.

15. REPORTING TO OFFICIALS

Should you be required to report to the Officials you will receive a slip from the Ingrid Marshall. Please report to the Officials Tower with a Drivers Representative. In the case of a competitor being under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian is also required to attend.

Please ensure you bring your AIDKA digital licence and logbook when attending the Official's tower.

16. RACING INFRINGEMENTS AND PENALTIES

Rule infringements that result in a penalty will be by points deduction.

17. GROMMETS

Please ensure your tear offs are secured. Failure to so may result in a penalty.

18. KART RETRIEVAL

A utility vehicle with a trailer will be used for kart retrieval. Karts will not be restarted on the track.

19. TRANSPONDERS

Transponders are mandatory for all drivers excluding Midget & Rookie drivers.

Every driver for which transponders are mandatory must have a functioning MYLAPS Karting compatible transponder fitted to their kart for the purpose of timing/scoring during each race at this event. Drivers who fail to comply will not be permitted to enter the racetrack.

Please familiarise yourself with rules 13.13 with special attention to rules 13.13.8, 13.13.8a, 13.13.8b and 13.13.8c.

We would also like you to understand rule 13.13.10 – *If for any reason a driver has to change their transponder at any time during the event, they must notify the Lap Scorer and/or Chief Steward to change the details before participating in any other races at that event. This must be done at least 1 full race before that driver is scheduled to race.* This includes if you have nominated the incorrect transponder ID on your nomination.

Transponders are compulsory for all Practice Sessions.

20. KART NUMBERS

Remember as per Rule 13.13.12 the use of transponders does not negate the requirement for legible numbers. Please ensure your numbers are clean and legible at all times during the meeting.

Ensure the kart number you nominated (available to be viewed via the nominations listing on the AIDKA App) matches what is on your kart. This is your responsibility.

21. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Fire extinguishers are located on the

- 1 on the Outgrid
- 1 on the Ingrid
- 1 on the starters box,
- 1 by the scales
- 1 on each flag point on the infield.

These locations will be pointed out during the Drivers Brief Meeting on Friday.

22. RESULTS BOARD

The results board is located on the back of the Lap Scorers Box on the main straight.

Any driver who has any concerns in reference to their class results has 60 minutes (from the time the results are posted) to contact an Official via a Drivers Rep. No issues outside of the timeframe will be reviewed.

23. DRIVERS REPRESENTATIVES

All Drivers must be accompanied by a Driver Representative when called to Chief Steward. Or alternatively if you have any issues or questions, please speak to a Drivers Representative.

The Drivers Representatives for this meeting will be introduced during the Drivers Brief Meeting on Friday. Drivers Representatives will be wearing an orange vest.

Additional Drivers Rep's may be appointed as required during the weekend.

24. ENGINE MEASURING PROCESS

At the completion of heat 6 karts will be held on the ingrid until the final points are calculated, and provisional Top 6 Point scorers determined. In the event of a split field, the first group will be held on the Ingrid until the completion of the second groups heat. Please be patient during this process.

Once this is completed the Top 6 Point Scorers will receive a tag for their engine with the overall finishing positions listed.

These karts & drivers will then be directed through to scales and fuel testing. Once this is done the karts will be taken through to engine measuring. ***Please ensure you follow the instructions of the officials.***

Whilst in the engine measuring compound area please note only the driver, and a maximum of 1 pit crew is permitted.

Please note: Any engine used over the event must be presented to engine measuring with the engine seal intact.

Whilst we understand the excitement (or disappointment) around competitors receiving their overall placings we require that **ALL PIT CREW, FAMILY AND FRIENDS** stand away from the ingrid area whilst we clear the ingrid and scales area and get the required karts into the engines measuring compound area. Please allow our officials to work without interruption or interference. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Any Junior Parents exiting the track must remain outside of the Ingrid until the all clear is given. They must enter via the Outgrid.

No items are to be passed to any driver's whilst they are on the ingrid.

25. CODE OF CONDUCT / BEHAVIOUR

All persons attending the titles need to familiarise themselves with the AIDKA Code of Conduct as outlined in the AIDKA 2024 Rule Book. The expectation is that all will adhere to the Code of Conduct as written, this includes the documented social media Policy.

The plan is for everyone attending to have a fun and enjoyable weekend with their mates and fellow competitors. Please familiarise yourself with rules 11 to 11.7 of the AIDKA Rule Book.

26. CLUB GROUNDS

Please respect the club facilities at all times.

General Rubbish Bins & Can Bins will be located around the premises. Please use these bins and leave nothing but footprints.

27. WATER TAPS

Water taps can be found:

- 1 near the Ingrid
- 1 at the end of the Outgrid

Please turn taps off after use.

28. MIDGET & ROOKIES

Midgets will compete Saturday 13th July 2024, and Rookies will complete Sunday 14th July 2024 only.

Midget & Rookie competitors are able to sign in during Friday mornings Driver Registration Session. However, if you are not attending on Friday, there will be other short registration session run for Midget & Rookie Competitors at the following times:

Saturday Morning between 7.45am and 8.00am

Sunday Morning between 7.45am and 8.00am

Midgets & Rookies have been scheduled into the race order on the relevant days (see below). However please note this is a guide only, and the number of runs may be altered if required.

29. ADDITIONAL DRIVERS BRIEFING NOTES

The Officials of the meeting may need to issue additional Drivers Briefings at the completion of each day's racing. Updates will be advised via AIDKA App, and the AIDKA Facebook Page.



RACE ORDER

125 Light (2 Groups)

ROOKIES (Sunday Only)

Statesman

125 Medium (2 Groups)

ROOKIES (Sunday Only)

KT Light (2 Groups)

ROOKIES (Sunday Only)

KT Heavy

MIDGET (Saturday Only)

Junior Heavy

KT Medium (2 Groups)

ROOKIES (Sunday Only)

Outlaw

Junior Light

MIDGET (Saturday Only)

KT Twin

100 Open

125 Heavy

Midget and Rookie Parents/Guardians – Midget & Rookies have been included into the above race order for Saturday/Sunday. However, the number of runs may be altered as required, the above race order is purely a guide.

Race order may be subject to change if required.