

WHEN SHOULD A NEW DRIVER START RACING ?

Some new drivers get their first kart and start racing straight away, whilst others spend months practicing before their first race meeting. Which is the right approach? Here are a few tips that may help you.

Although it is an exciting time when you buy your first kart, Tiger Kart Club recommends you get the feel of your new toy and some laps under your belt before you attend your first race meeting as a driver.

Even on club days, there are many experienced drivers in all classes, racing for a club championship, and the difference in speed between these drivers and a new inexperienced driver can be very large and quite dangerous. New drivers travelling at low speed can easily be intimidated by much faster karts and often make sudden moves that endanger themselves and other drivers. At open meetings, this speed difference is even greater.

The club has practice afternoons every Saturday at both tracks, and on alternating Tuesday nights to enable new members to gain some experience behind the wheel. We strongly recommend you have at least 6 practice sessions (and more if you think you need them) before entering your first race meeting.

As a rough guide to what sort of lap times you should be able to do, so as not to be a danger to other drivers, here is a list of “starting times” for each class

COCKBURN

Midgets	61.5 seconds
Rookies	60.5 seconds
Junior National Light	59.5 seconds
Junior National Heavy	60.5 seconds
Senior National Light	60.5 seconds
Senior National Heavy	61 seconds
Sportsman 100 Light	55.5 seconds
Sportsman 100 Heavy	56 seconds
Over 40's	56.5 seconds
Sportsman 100 Super Heavy	57 seconds
Restricted 125 Light	56.5 seconds
Restricted 125 Heavy	57 seconds

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Junior National Heavy	62 seconds
Senior National Light	62 seconds
Senior National Heavy	62.5 seconds
Sportsman 100 Light	57.5 seconds
Sportsman 100 Heavy	58 seconds
Over 40's	58.5 seconds
Sportsman 100 Super Heavy	59 seconds
Restricted 125 Light	58.5 seconds
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