



GUIDE TO YOUR FIRST RACE MEETING

Club Day Meeting

A Club Day Meeting is for Tiger Kart Club members only. The driver lodges their Entry and Scrutineering forms on the day of the meeting. There are no Supplementary Regulations for this type of race meeting.

<u>CLUB DAY TIMETABLE</u>	
<u>Saturday meetings</u>	<u>Sunday meetings</u>
Gates open: 12 noon Officials brief: 1.00 pm Scrutineering and entries lodged: 12.30 – 1.30 pm Practice: 1.15 - 2.00 pm (5 mins per group in race order) Driver Brief: 2.05 pm Racing commences: 2.15 pm	Gates open: 7.00 am Officials Brief: 8.00 am Scrutineering and entries lodged: 7.30 – 8.30 am Practice: 8.15 - 9.00 am (5 mins per group in race order) Drivers Brief: 9.05 am Racing commences: 9.15 am

Open Meeting

An Open Meeting involves all Kart Clubs throughout Western Australia. Competitors send their Entry Form in to the club that is hosting the meeting prior to the actual day of the meeting. Supplementary Regulations will be available for every Open Meeting – it is important to read them so that you have all of the important information you need before you arrive at the track, they will also inform you of deadline and contact details for sending in your Entry. Entries for Open Meetings will not be accepted at the track on the day of the meeting.

Prior to your first race meeting read up on the Flag Signals in the AKA Karting Manual. It is a requirement of the Australian Karting Association (AKA) that all new drivers complete a Flag Questionnaire prior to competing. Get to the track at least 1½ hours before racing starts so that you have time to complete the Flag Questionnaire Form and have it checked, passed and signed by an AKA Steward. Ask the AKA Steward to endorse your Licence. After completing your Flag Questionnaire the next important step is to:

- Have your kart scrutineered to make sure it complies with the rules. Take your **kart, helmet and licence** to the scrutineering area. If you don't know where that is – ask someone to help you. A Scrutineering Form must be completed and signed by you. Have it ready by the time you reach the race day scrutineer officials. When you have passed scrutineering, your kart will be marked and your Scrutineering Form signed by the Scrutineer.
- After scrutineering go to the registration area and lodge your entry for the day's racing. If you're not sure where to lodge your entry – ask someone to direct you.

Once these essential jobs are done, you are ready for pre-race practice.

When you come in from practice, check your weight on the scales, and adjust it if necessary. Always be a couple of kilos over your Class weight, to allow for loss of body weight and fuel used during the race.

When practice has finished get ready for the Drivers' Brief. It is compulsory for all drivers to attend the Drivers' Brief, for it is here that important information on how the meeting is to be run, is passed on to drivers. Take note of the race order, so that you know when you will be required to come to the out-grid. When this briefing is finished, racing can commence.

When everyone is ready to race, the Classes are called to the grid by the Grid Marshall, so be alert and move to the out-grid when your Class is called. Try to organize someone to push you (if required) before you go to the grid. If you ask around you are likely to find people in other Classes who also need a push.

When you are sitting on the grid waiting to race, take note of the kart number in front of you. Quite often when pushing out, some karts don't start straight away and the grid positioning becomes mixed up. If you know who is supposed to be in front of you, you can regain your correct position in the roll-up laps. The most important thing to remember is that there is always someone to assist you. All of the other competitors no matter how good they are, had a 1st race day at some stage, just like you. Whether it's an official or another competitor, ask for help and you will get it.



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As a 'P' Plate Driver you are required to complete three (3) race meetings starting from the rear of the field for a Senior Driver and four (4) race meetings starting from the rear of the field for a Midget, Rookie or Junior. Hand your Licence to the Clerk of the Course after the Drivers' Brief. If your driving is satisfactory, your licence will be endorsed but it is the drivers responsibility to ask for the endorsement as they will not be given it automatically. If you want to upgrade you must remember to ask for endorsements at every race meeting until you have progressed to B Grade. The AKA will not upgrade a Licence without the correct endorsements and endorsements can never be back-dated. Please take note of the following information regarding upgrading off your 'P' plates (D Grade):

Senior Driver: to upgrade from Provisional D Grade to a 'C' Grade you must have completed a Flag Questionnaire and had your Licence endorsed, completed a Flag Marshall Duty and had your Licence endorsed and compete in three (3) race meetings, you must have your licence endorsed for each of the three (3) race meetings.

Midgets, Rookies, Juniors: to upgrade from Provisional D Grade to a 'C' Grade you must have completed a Flag Questionnaire and had your Licence endorsed and compete in four (4) race meetings. You must have your licence endorsed for each of the four (4) race meetings.

When you have obtained all your endorsements contact the Tiger Kart Club office to request an upgrade. Once the AKA have approved your upgrade to 'C' you can remove your 'P' Plates. Whilst on 'P' Plates, concentrate on finishing each race, the AKA Stewards are more impressed by finishing all your heats in last position, than by passing half the field and ending up in the sand.

The AKA Rule Manual will provide you with upgrade procedures and requirements. Please read the information carefully as it will be important to you as a D Grade Driver right through the progression to B Grade. The AKA will not back date any endorsements – it is the drivers responsibility to ask for endorsements on the same day that you race, this also includes endorsements for the Flag Questionnaire and the Flag Marshal duty – your licence must be endorsed on the same day that you complete them.

Reminder to Junior Drivers:

Junior National Drivers must reach a B Grade status and then must compete in an additional 6 x race meetings if they wish to apply for an upgrade to the Junior Sportsman level. Remember to ask for a licence endorsement after each of the additional 6 x race meetings – the AKA will not back date endorsements - they must be done at the track on the same day.

Information about State Rules, Addendum to the Rules and the AKA Rule Manual can be found on the AKA (WA) website www.kartingwa.com.au . You will also be able to download Scrutineering and Entry Forms and have them filled out before you head of to the track saving you time on the day. You can read and download the Supplementary Regulations for many of the Open Meetings and there are also links to other informative websites.

GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY RACING!

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