

**TYRO KART RACING
ORGANISERS GUIDELINES**

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Tyro kart racing is primarily as entry level karting, from the age of 11 years, and is primarily to bridge the gap between non-MSA and MSA Karting. The equipment may be hired to them or they may provide their own. The conditions of Permit and Licence are contained within the MSA Competitors' Yearbook, which remains the same for as for any Kart meeting.

Clubs and organisers should recognise that Tyro Karting is not a practice event for experienced drivers. Competitors must hold the minimum of a Kart Clubman licence.

Technical requirements

The tyro class can use any recognised chassis and engine, but the engine or engines, in total, must not exceed 10 hp for Juniors (11 to 16 year olds) and 15hp for Seniors (16 years of age and over).

The karts, engines, tyres, race suits, gloves and helmets must comply with MSA Regulations and be passed as safe and fit for purpose by the scrutineer of the meeting. All these items plus the driver must conform, at post race scrutineering, to any eligibility requirements that are laid down for the meeting or are required by way of the Kart Race Yearbook (Gold Book) or Competitors' Yearbook (Blue Book) for the equipment used. Special application (U1.1.3 (Tyro)) is required for a class not listed in the current MSA Kart Race Yearbook, on an individual basis.

Procedure

- All drivers must be in possession of a Kart Clubman licence, as a minimum, that is valid for the event. Anyone who does not have a licence may apply by one of the following methods:
 - By application to MSA by completion of the Competition Licence Application.
 - By handing-in a fully completed Competition Licence Application on the day of the event to the Secretary of the Meeting.

Note; for drivers under 18 a Kart PG or Entrants licence is also required.

- Drivers must sign-on on the appropriate forms presented by the competition secretary.

After registration the drivers must report to the Clerk of Course for a meeting at a time designated by him or detailed in the SRs or program. At that meeting the Clerk of Course will brief the drivers on the following:

- All aspects of the meeting and in particular the safety requirements of the track where the meeting is being held.
- He should outline the format of the meeting (race).
- The briefing should also include a detailed description of all flag signals to be used.
 - The procedure used to start races
 - What to do in the event of a Red Flag situation.
 - Details of the expected course of action at the conclusion (chequered flag) of a race should be explained.
- A short video presentation that outlines kart racing should be shown to novice drivers. The Clerk of Course must ensure that his instructions have been understood.
- The Clerk of the Course should ask questions of the drivers, in particular novices, to make sure that they totally understand his instructions.

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Prior to racing the drivers must complete at least 5 laps of the circuit in their karts. These laps should be at racing speed and the Clerk of Course must be satisfied that the driver is capable of handling his/her kart and competent enough to race.

If there is any doubt at all the Clerk of Course may give further instruction to the driver and ask for a further 5 laps to be completed.

If the driver fails to satisfy the Clerk of Course as to his/her competency then he will not be permitted to race.

Additionally the Clerk will review the practice times for new drivers and if their best lap time exceeds, by more than 10%, that of the lap time achieved by the quickest driver they will occupy the rearmost grid position.

It will be up to individual clubs to determine whether or not a partial or total refund is given to a driver who is refused permission to race.

At the conclusion of a race the Clerk of Course may speak to individual drivers and make them aware of any faults that he/she has witnessed. The driver should take note of these comments and endeavour to correct the faults before competing in another race. Normal Competitor Yearbook regulations will apply and penalties may be applied with the appropriate record being inscribed on the Stewards Report.